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BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER

The power of the Holy Spirit permeated the gymnasium at Saint Joseph High School, South Bend, when Bishop Rhoades gave the sacraments of initiation to numerous members of the school community during a pastoral visit on Tuesday, April 18.

Bishop Rhoades baptized

six, received one into full communion, and confirmed a total of 10 during the celebration of Mass that morning. During his homily, Bishop Rhoades related the evangelizing mission that the Risen Jesus gave to the apostles to the sacrament of baptism.

“Baptism is not a mere formality or like joining a club. It is a holy mystery, a sacrament. In the first reading from St. Paul’s

letter to the Romans, we learn what Baptism accomplishes. It is an immersion ‘in that inexhaustible source of life which is the death of Jesus, the greatest act of love in all of history.’ And it is being touched by the power of His resurrection from the dead.”

He continued, “Baptism is a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, the reception of new life, eternal life, in Christ. Here

is how St. Paul describes it to the Roman Christians: ‘Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in

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A Taste of Heaven in a Eucharistic Concert in Granger

BY PHIL NISWONGER

On Sunday, April 23, more than 200 faithful sat at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Granger nearly stunned by the "Eucharistic Revival and Easter Sacred Music Concert" performed by the St. Pius X Choir and Orchestra and the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir. There were dozens of joyful comments heard from impressed people — all reflecting upon their heavenly experience of angelic carol and canon, which expressed the eternal beauty of the Holy Eucharistic.

St. Pius X Music Director Jeremy Hoy, along with his assistant, Beth Habas, stated that it took about 80 hours of preparation for the 75 members in the choirs and orchestra. This was in addition to the preparation of the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir directed by Dr. Andrew McShane.

Bishop Rhoades in his written comments, and Monsignor William Schooler, Pastor of St. Pius X, wished the assembled to experience the Eucharistic Lord, Jesus, in this sacred music of worship. And indeed, they did via 23 deep theological oratorios both ancient and contemporary, including "Pange Lingua," "Tantum Ergo," "Hail, True Body," "I am the Bread of Life," and "Taste the Joys of Paradise" that were raised to the impressive fullness of the Gospel's Eucharist, beyond what most had ever heard.

The hope in doing the concert was that people may no longer be silent but will speak of and seek Jesus' Body and Blood so that they too will be resurrected in their body and blood.

Especially appreciated were soloist Madeline Murphy, who angelically sang "Panis Angelicus" (Bread of Angels); guest composer and soloist Francesca LaRosa, who beautifully sang "Anima Christi"; and composer and soloist Sherrie Hoy, who rejoiced in singing with her choir "The Joys of Paradise," which was specially written for the dedication of Saint Pius X Church in 2017. St. Pius X Choir and Orchestra with timpani also majestically presented Beethoven's "Hallelujah."

The faithful in attendance gave the musicians two standing ovations, yet the aura lingered long afterward as revealed by many reflections. Father Arthur Ssembajja, Pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in South Bend, said that he was amazed by such enjoyable music. Chris Kirby, whose husband, Rick, is in the St. Pius X Choir, said that



Photos by Phil Niswonger

The Notre Dame Liturgical Choir performs in the Eucharistic Revival and Easter Sacred Music Concert on Sunday, April 23, from the loft at St. Pius X Parish in Granger.

the concert drew her more into the meaning of the Eucharist. Greg Danner, also of St. Pius X said that it was most beautiful. Karen Orłowski of Holy Family Catholic Church in South Bend expressed it profoundly that the concert was simply a "fore-taste of Heaven" and that she could envision angels coming down the aisles rejoicing. Marti Skrzyszewski of St. Pius X most cheerfully agreed. Many who attended said they are most thankful that they now have dramatically "tasted" Paradise in sacred music and will ever desire Paradise in love and charity.

The concert was recorded and will be available soon to be joyfully shared.



Attendees of the Eucharistic Revival and Easter Sacred Music Concert at St. Pius X Parish stand and follow along with the program.



The St. Pius X Choir performs in the Eucharistic Revival and Easter Sacred Music Concert.

Progress Made Protecting Minors, but Adults Remain Vulnerable to Clergy Abuse, Say Experts

BY GINA CHRISTIAN

(OSV News) — The Catholic Church in the U.S. has made progress in the past two decades in confronting sexual abuse against minors within the Church, but has only begun to address the vulnerability of adults to sexual abuse by clergy, religious, and lay leaders, experts told OSV News.

"We've accomplished a tremendous amount in the area of (creating) safe environments," said Suzanne Healy, Chairwoman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Review Board, a lay-led group that advises the bishops on preventing sexual abuse of minors.

At the same time, "there's still a lot more work to be done" in extending safeguards to adults, said Healy, a licensed marriage and family therapist who served as the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles from 2007 to 2016.

At present, two key documents lay out broad protocols for the response of the Catholic Church in the U.S. to sexual abuse by its clergy, religious, and other pastoral leaders.

In 2002, as a number of clerical abuse scandals emerged, the U.S. Catholic bishops implemented the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People." The document — commonly called the Dallas Charter — lays out a comprehensive set of procedures for addressing allegations of sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. The charter also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and prevention of abuse.

A year after the charter's most recent revision in 2018, Pope Francis issued the motu proprio "Vox Estis Lux Mundi" ("You are the light of the world"), outlining global legal procedures for how the Church should deal with clergy sexual abuse, including procedures for investigating bishops.

The document, implemented for a three-year experimental period beginning June 1, 2019, included the term "vulnerable person," defined as "any person in a state of infirmity, physical or mental deficiency, or deprivation of personal liberty which, in fact, even occasionally, limits their ability to understand or to want or otherwise resist the offense."

On March 25, Pope Francis published an updated version with the specific term "vulnerable adults," without altering the



OSV News photo/Dylan Martinez, Reuters

A child is pictured drawing during a therapy session in this file photo. The Catholic Church in the U.S. has made progress in the past two decades in confronting sexual abuse against minors within the Church, but has only begun to address the vulnerability of adults to sexual abuse by clergy, religious, and lay leaders, experts told OSV News in recent interviews.

previous definition. The revised text also was broadened to include investigations of leaders of Vatican-recognized international Catholic lay associations and movements.

Protecting vulnerable adults represents "a new frontier" for the Catholic Church, said Deacon Bernard Nojadera, Executive Director of the USCCB's Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection.

"The landscape is continually changing," he told OSV News. "You're looking at issues such as power differentials among adults, the relationships of those who are in positions of authority, and the responsibilities for creating boundaries so that relationships that develop are healthy and holy."

Pastoral counseling and spiritual direction are particular areas of concern where adults are vulnerable, explained Deacon Nojadera.

Counseling professionals are aware of the potential for human weaknesses on both sides to derail appropriate interactions — a dynamic known as "transference and countertransference," Deacon Nojadera explained — with client and counselor at risk of projecting unmet needs upon each other. However, Deacon Nojadera stressed, "The counselor or director needs to set that boundary, regardless of the vulnerable adult."

In the U.S., professional counselors and therapists face criminal and civil penalties for sexualizing a relationship with a patient; increasingly state jurisdictions are updating laws to explicitly include clergy as

well.

In January of 2018, then-Father Jacob Bertrand of the Diocese of San Diego was convicted under a Minnesota state law of sexually abusing a woman who placed herself in his spiritual care.

According to The San Diego Union-Tribune, Bertrand's "holy conversations" led to a sexual relationship he told his victim was "the second holiest sacrifice next to Jesus and Mary on Calvary."

Many Church jurisdictions have yet to adopt the standard set by Archbishop Charles Scicluna, a key figure in the Church's fight against clergy sexual abuse, for the Maltese Ecclesiastical Province. The archbishop of Malta also is Adjunct Secretary of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Those 2014 directives make clear that sexual contact or sexualized behavior between a "pastoral functionary" (including any bishop, cleric, religious, or lay person) and adults in a pastoral relationship "is considered to be always abusive, whether with or without consent."

Similar to the Minnesota law, the 2014 Maltese directives recognize the clergy are responsible for maintaining boundaries in their pastoral relationships, and prohibit a defense alleging the sexual relationship was consensual.

Reporting and information sharing regarding allegations of the sexual abuse of adults within the Church remains



Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Monday, May 1: 11 a.m. — Mass with Blessing of the Oratory of the Holy Family and Dedication of the Altar, Southold Center for Education, South Bend
Tuesday, May 2: 11 a.m. — Funeral Mass, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Wednesday, May 3: 1 p.m. — Meeting of Seminary Admissions Committee, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
Thursday, May 4: 2 p.m. — Meeting of Our Sunday Visitor Admissions Committee, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
Thursday, May 4: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn
Sunday, May 7: 2 p.m. — Confirmation Mass, St. Pius X Church, Granger



Forty Hours Devotion



Parishes are Listed in Order by Date

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Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw: May 3-5

JUNE

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St. Patrick, Ligonier: June 11-13

St. Pius X, Granger: June 11-13

St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend: June 11-13

St. Mary, Huntington: June 11-13

Sacred Heart, Notre Dame: June 16-18

SS. Peter and Paul, Huntington: June 25-27

St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr, South Bend: June 25-27

St. Catherine, Columbia City: June 26

St. Joseph, Roanoke: June 27

For the complete schedule, visit diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

THE BLESSING OF our faithful mothers

In honor of Mother's Day on May 14, Today's Catholic will feature a section that shares one of your memories of how your mother practiced her Catholic faith or made the faith meaningful to you.

If you'd like to share a memory, send an email (200 words or less) and attach a high-quality photo to editor@diocesefwsb.org or mail to P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne, IN 46856 no later than May 1.

Due to the volume of responses, it may not be possible for Today's Catholic to publish all memories. Mailed photos will not be returned.



Catholic Education, Evangelization Focus of Bishop's Sharathon Hour

BY JOSHUA SCHIPPER

Catholic education, communications, and memorable stories were the focus of an hour of Redeemer Radio's Spring "Sharathon" on Thursday, April 20, when Bishop Rhoades visited the station. Zachary Coyle, Principal at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne, hosted the hour with Bishop Rhoades, asking questions about the various ministries within the Diocese of Fort-Wayne South Bend, as well as where the needs of the diocese lay.

The Sharathon raises money for the Catholic radio station by hosting numerous parishes, guests, and hosts for several days. In addition to evangelizing to the diocese through the airwaves, Redeemer Radio plays an important role in the execution of Bishop Rhoades' responsibility as the chief teacher of the diocese.

"How do I teach? Well, obviously I can only reach certain people through the homilies I give because I'm in different parishes. And so, I'm always teaching, always preaching, or I can reach them through printed text in Today's Catholic, our diocesan newspaper. But then, there are people who I would not be able to reach just by those media, but radio is another way, or by podcasts."

He said that he is aware of people who, after interacting with the media he publishes through Redeemer Radio and Spoke Street Media, led to conversion and bolstered belief in the teachings of the Church.

"A woman this year, who came into the church at the Cathedral, she didn't know hardly anything about the Catholic faith. And she started listening to the program and it was her conversion. So, the better we can reach more people, we're fulfilling our evangelizing mission. I think we can use the media for these purposes."

He continued that one of the most important parts of the mission of Redeemer Radio is evangelization. "And really, evangelization — which is the fundamental mission of the Church — is also important for our Catholic schools."

"I just had Mass on Tuesday at St. Joseph High School, and did my pastoral visit. I spent all day there, and we had Mass. Mass lasted more than two hours because I baptized six students. Six students I baptized and gave them their first Holy Communion and their confirmation. In addition, there were five others, one was receiving full communion in the Catholic Church and the



Bishop Rhoades sits behind the microphone at Redeemer Radio for an hour on Thursday, April 20, during the station's Spring Sharathon fundraiser to talk about topics ranging from Catholic education to the best use of media in the mission of evangelization. At right, Kyle Heimann, Chief Content Officer for Redeemer Radio, joins Bishop Rhoades for his hour of the Spring Sharathon.

others were confirmed. It was such a joyful experience."

He said that, when that happens in Catholic schools, it shows that the school is "living the mission."

"And we don't proselytize in our schools, but we invite. They're exposed to the truth and the beauty of Catholicism. I just was really uplifted by that."

Coyle recalled the bishop's 2022 visit to St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, where he answered questions from curious students for more than an hour after Mass had ended. Coyle said that, typically, it is difficult for the younger students to sit still or to be engaged for long periods, but when Bishop Rhoades visited, they exhibited uncanny attentiveness.

"They were focused, they were excited, they were having a blast," Coyle said. "That's such a happy memory."

The conversation shifted to vocations, particularly that of women religious in the diocese.

"A lot of young women today have never met or experienced religious sisters," Bishop Rhoades said. "Unlike when I was a kid, every grade except 2nd grade, my teacher was a sister. I think we need to really work hard to not just publicize it, but hopefully to



show how important sisters are in the mission of the Church."

Coyle and Bishop Rhoades discussed this in the context of the Beloved Daughters retreat for young women, a recent diocesan-sponsored event where young women can interact with women of a variety of vocations, from mothers to sisters, even a consecrated virgin.

The mission of Redeemer Radio is to "amplify the voice of the Creator by fostering content that invites." The station is available to stream online, as well as at 106.3-FM in Fort Wayne and 95.7-FM in Michiana. Spoke Street Media, a spinoff organization founded



Photos by Joshua Schipper

in 2019 as an international podcast network and media company, offers a wide variety of podcasts to strengthen faith and evangelize to those who may not actively seek Catholic content on the radio. Their podcasts, including Bishop Rhoades' "Truth in Charity," can be found by visiting spokestreet.com.

Zachary Coyle, Principal of St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne, hosts the hour with Bishop Rhoades, guiding the conversation and asking questions about where the needs of the diocese lay.



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Supreme Court Blocks Lower Court's Restrictions on Abortion Pill, Leaving Drug on The Market During Litigation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (OSV News) — The U.S. Supreme Court said on April 21 it would block a lower court's restrictions on an abortion pill, leaving the drug on the market while litigation about the drug proceeds. The court's order was an apparent 7-2 vote, with Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito publicly dissenting. The decision froze a lower court's ruling to stay the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval of the drug. The Justice Department and a pharmaceutical company that manufactures the abortion pill mifepristone previously asked the Supreme Court to intervene in the case after an appeals court allowed portions of the ruling by U.S. District Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk to take effect. A coalition of pro-life opponents of mifepristone, the first of two drugs used in a medication or chemical abortion, had filed suit in an effort to revoke the FDA's approval of the drug, arguing the government violated its own safety standards when it first approved the drug in 2000. However, proponents argued mifepristone poses statistically little risk to women using it for abortion early in pregnancy, and claim the drug is being singled out for political reasons. In an April 21 statement, President Joe Biden said he would continue "to stand by FDA's evidence-based approval of mifepristone, and my administration will continue to defend FDA's independent, expert authority to review, approve, and regulate a wide range of prescription drugs." On April 22, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, called the Supreme Court's interim order "a tremendous disappointment, both for the loss of innocent preborn life from chemical abortion, and for the danger that chemical abortion poses to women."

Judges Block Texas Executions in Day Hailed by Catholic Leaders as Victory for Life

AUSTIN, Texas (OSV News) — Texas was without any scheduled executions on April 21 after judges intervened in capital punishment cases to allow two men on death row a new opportunity to clear their names. A Texas judge on April 19 canceled the scheduled execution of a death-row inmate in

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New York Nun Celebrates 110th Birthday



OSV News photo/Gregory A. Shemitzister

Francis Dominici Piscatella, a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville, New York, looks at a birthday cake while celebrating her 110th birthday at the Dominicans' motherhouse in Amityville on April 20. The supercentenarian is the oldest nun in the United States and is believed to be the second oldest religious in the world. Also pictured is Sister Piscatella's primary caregiver, Dominican Sister Francis Daniel Kammer, 83. The two nuns share a condominium apartment on Long Island.

the state after a new appeal in the case claimed he was wrongfully convicted on false testimony from two key witnesses in his 2001 trial. The same day, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of another Texas death-row inmate, Rodney Reed, in his efforts to seek DNA testing his appeal argues may prove his innocence. The Catholic Church teaches that the death penalty is morally inadmissible and that the Church is committed to its global abolition. Jennifer Carr Allmon, Executive Director of the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops, told OSV News that, "It's the first time in my life and in my career that we have had a day in Texas where abortion is illegal and there are no scheduled executions on the Texas Department of Criminal Justice website." Allmon said she believed the mood on capital punishment is shifting in Texas, which has a reputation for being one of the biggest death penalty states. "We had a really exciting day," she said. "It felt like life was winning, which was really encouraging."

Musk's Twitter Purges 'Blue Checks' from Pope Francis, USCCB, Other Catholic Accounts

SAN FRANCISCO (OSV News) — On the very day Elon Musk launched SpaceX rocket Starship on its ill-fated maiden voyage toward space, that final frontier, Musk's company Twitter did boldly go purging blue verification check marks from users who had not signed up for its paid Twitter Blue service on April 20, including Pope Francis' Twitter accounts. The nine papal Twitter accounts, first set up under Benedict XVI in 2012, tweet a daily message from the Holy Father in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Latin, French, Polish, Arabic, and German. The Vatican press office, noting that the nine @Pontifex accounts have a total of more than 53 million followers, told CNS Rome on April 21 it understood Twitter was

changing some of its policies. But it added, "the Holy See trusts that they will include certification of the authenticity of accounts." That same day, following the loss of its blue checkmark, each papal account received a new gray verification checkmark designating "a government or multilateral organization account." Other religious entities and organizations that have lost their blue checkmark include the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, National Catholic Reporter, Catholic News Service Rome, and Protestant televangelist Joel Osteen. There is now a triad of checkmark colors on Twitter. Blue marks mean an account has an active subscription to Twitter Blue, gold indicates an official business account through Twitter Verified Organizations, and gray indicates a government or multilateral organization. There also are affiliate account badges for each, as well as automated account labels for bots.

USCCB Reaffirms 'Unwavering Solidarity' with Nicaragua Church Under Government Persecution

WASHINGTON, D.C. (OSV News) — The U.S. bishops on April 20 reaffirmed their "unwavering solidarity" with Nicaragua's bishops, priests, faithful, "and all men and women of goodwill" who are suffering "an intensification" of religious persecution by Nicaragua's government. Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, Illinois, Chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace, issued the statement, which noted the government's restrictions imposed on the Catholic Church especially during Holy Week and Easter. Amid the crackdown on the Church by the regime of President Daniel Ortega and his wife, Rosario Murillo, who is Vice President, religious processions in the streets have been banned since the beginning of Lent in February. For Holy Week, the government refused to authorize the traditional Stations of the Cross that are celebrated publicly in all dioceses throughout the country. Bishop Malloy also called on the U.S. government "and the entire international community to continue to work for the release" of Bishop Rolando Álvarez of Matagalpa, who was sentenced to more than 26 years in prison after being convicted of treason, undermining national integrity and spreading false news, among other charges.

Cardinal McElroy Formalizes Bond with Rome Parish

ROME (CNS) — Cardinal Robert W. McElroy of San Diego formally "took possession" of the Church of St. Frumentius as his titular church in Rome on April 23, sealing his cardinal's identity as a member of the clergy of Rome. In ancient times, the cardinals who elected popes were pastors of the city's parishes. "Today I come to you as a stranger, but on a deeper level, a brother through one faith in the risen Lord Jesus Christ," he told parishioners — in Italian and English — during his homily at Mass. Just before completing the brief ceremony and celebrating Mass, Cardinal McElroy told Catholic News Service that while serving as a member of various dicasteries of the Roman Curia is a concrete way for a cardinal to serve the universal Church, having a titular parish gives him a real connection with the Diocese of Rome. And, he said, "I hope the people of San Diego will find in this parish a particular embodiment of the universal Church, so that it's not so vague a concept."

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Instituted as Acolyte in Rome



Provided by Becky Monnin

Nicholas Monnin, a Seminarian studying at the North American College in Rome, is from St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. In this photo he was being instituted as an Acolyte.

Instituted as Lectors



Deacon Michael P. Pray

Samuel Martinez, Johnathon Hickey, Noah Isch, and Greenan Sullivan were installed on Friday, April 21, as Lectors. They are joined by Most Reverend Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Monsignor Andrew Baker, Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

Instituted as Acolyte in Maryland



Deacon Michael P. Pray

Andrew Barnes was installed on Saturday, April 22, as an Acolyte in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Most Reverend Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore was serving as Presiding Prelate and was joined by Monsignor Andrew Baker, Rector.

Easter Eggs Gathered at St. Felix Catholic Center



Provided by Laura Hinen

The Knights of Columbus Council #1014 Ladies Auxiliary in Huntington held their 11th Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the St. Felix Catholic Center on Saturday, April 1. Newborn babies and children up to age 10 were invited to collect as many eggs as they could find for everything from candy to bigger prizes.

Career and College Preparation

BY ERIKA BARRON

Bishop Rhoades arrived at Saint Joseph High School for his Mass and pastoral visit on Tuesday, April 18. Father Geoffrey Mooney, Chaplain, and Bethany Burgun, Director of Mission Advancement, were waiting to greet him. Bishop Rhoades was then welcomed by Principal John Kennedy, who asked if the bishop would deliver the morning message, prayer, and lead the pledge over the P.A. system, kicking off an exciting morning for the students and staff.

After the morning announcements, Bishop Rhoades made his way to a breakfast of fruit and pastries with the Peer Ministry students and Religious Club leaders, where they discussed their roles in the school's recent play, their various duties in altar serving, liturgical choir, and aiding in preparing those who would be coming into full communion with the Church later that morning.

"I am really excited about the bishop visiting today" said Hillary Jackson a student at St.

Joe and parish-ioner of St. Jude in South Bend. "I look up to him, and I love

learning how it all works."

Bishop Rhoades then met with the 11 members of the St. Joseph Community who would be receiving their sacraments. They spoke of what the morning would entail and what it means to be part of the St. Joseph Catholic community. Gabi Braden, a sophomore receiving the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation, grew up going to Catholic school. "I'm really excited! I've been a part of this faith for a long time and it makes me really excited just to be here." She shared what it meant having Bishop Rhoades administering these sacraments to her, saying, "The connections he has to Christ are so memorable to me."

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades shared with the students, "Saint Joseph High School and every Catholic school is a community of faith. Intimately connected to faith is love. Without love, faith has no power. Without love, there is an emptiness that becomes filled with selfishness and egoism. With love, there is a fullness and there is joy and peace. As we celebrate the Eucharist, the sacrament of Christ's love, may we be filled with the grace



Derby Photography

Bishop Rhoades gives the sacraments of initiation to members of the Saint Joseph High School community during Mass on Tuesday, April 18. As part of the Mass, he baptized six, received one into full communion, and confirmed 10.

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newness of life."

The bishop said that, through Baptism, one receives the blessings that flow from the death and resurrection of Jesus, including the forgiveness of sins.

"Baptism, therefore, is not merely a symbolic ceremony — it is an efficacious act, what the Church calls a 'sacrament.' The recipient of Baptism undergoes a death to the bondage of sin and is brought to life again by a reception of grace. There is a spiritual union with the crucified and risen Jesus. Now no one can bring this about by themselves. People can't baptize themselves. They can't make themselves Christians. Baptisms, like all the sacraments, are actions of God. It is Christ who baptizes through His Body, the Church, and the Church's minister."

Through baptism, Bishop Rhoades said, the students would become "our brothers and sisters in Christ, members of the community of the Resurrection, the Body of Christ, which is the Church," adding that the sacraments "presuppose faith. They are gifts from God that we must freely accept."

With reference to the sacrament of Confirmation, Bishop Rhoades cited the Catechism, saying that those

being confirmed that day will be "strengthened in a special way by the Holy Spirit, as the Catechism teaches, 'to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.'"

"Like the apostles on Pentecost," he said, "they will be clothed with power from on high so that they may be Christ's faithful witnesses, like the saints they have chosen as their Confirmation patrons."

Bishop Rhoades also spoke of the third sacrament of initiation, the Holy Eucharist, which he referred to as the "source and summit of the Christian life."

"The Eucharist is the food for the journey of our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ, the 'new manna' for our journey to the promised land of heaven. It is the Church's greatest treasure."

Bishop Rhoades concluded his homily by reflecting on Christian community, particularly within the context of the sacraments.

"Today is a beautiful day in the life of the Christian community of Saint Joseph High School. It is a day of joy not only for those who will receive the sacraments of initiation at this Mass and for their families, but for all of us. This joy springs from love, the love of God that the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts."



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At the end of Mass on Tuesday, April 18, the day of Bishop Rhoades' annual Mass and pastoral visit, Saint Joseph High School Principal John Kennedy announces the monthly awards for faculty and students.



The Saint Joseph High School Choir sings hymns of praise during Mass with Bishop Rhoades.



The Saint Joseph High School community welcomes several of its members into the Church.

Highlighted at Visit to Saint Joseph High School



Saint Joseph award recipients pose for a photo with Bishop Rhoades after Mass.

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of love, the grace to love one another as Christ has loved us."

After Mass, awards were given out to students and faculty members and photos were taken with Bishop Rhoades.

The bishop then enjoyed lunch with members of Student Government, where he discussed what colleges the students would be attending after graduation and the spring musical. Soon after lunch, he visited the classroom of Tom Kostielney, Theology Teacher at St. Joe, where the students covered a morality lesson on freedom.

St. Joe is a school of more than 800 students, making it the second largest school in the Diocese of Fort Wayne- South Bend.

Neatly structured and abundantly joyful would be two accurate ways of describing daily life at St. Joe. The faculty and staff work hard to ensure the students are well prepared for the next steps of their future with academic rigor similar to what they will face in college. "We have so many students that leave St. Joe and come back and say how well prepared they were for college, both in academic skill, knowledge, and in workload," said Kennedy.

St. Joe also follows a "Project Lead the Way" curriculum, which means students can focus their studies on a biomedical, engineering, or computer science track by taking classes specifically pertaining to the careers they may

wish to pursue.

Giving students the opportunity to pursue their passions is another trademark of life at St. Joe. This encompasses athletic, artistic, spiritual, and personal passions, offering many clubs and extracurricular activities. "I think that that all adds up to an education that really educates the whole student," said Kennedy.

Home to a diverse student body, the school is host to the St. Joe Unity Council, a student-led organization that helps the school celebrate diversity and promote inclusion. Kennedy said, "There are student leaders who are dedicated to that, and just to bringing about a joyful and inclusive sort of spirit and mindset to the to the student body." He continued, "With our student body growing in diversity, we feel it's really important to make sure we're embracing all students."

Speaking again about the students, he stated, "We have a fantastic student body. They're talented. They're fun. They're vibrant!"

Along with this vibrant student body comes a dedicated faculty and staff whose passion is to cultivate the hearts and minds of its students to serve Christ in all they do. "It's welcoming and joyful and supportive of all students and staff, and it's a community where you can grow closer to Christ," said Kennedy. "Our mission is to educate students in both heart and mind to serve God, the Church, and the world. Frankly, I don't think there's any better place in northern Indiana to prepare for college."



Bishop Rhoades sits in on a theology class at Saint Joseph taught by Tom Kostielney where students discuss the topic of freedom and what choices can hinder true freedom.



Bishop Rhoades poses for a photo with members of the Theology Department at Saint Joseph after meeting to discuss student development in the faith.



Arch during Mass with Bishop Rhoades on Tuesday, April 18.



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Cardinal: Papal Commission Begins Building Safeguarding Culture in Curia

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The heads of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and a section of the Dicastery for Evangelization have signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at improving assistance to victims of abuse, bishops, and local churches both in mission countries and emerging communities.

U.S. Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley of Boston, President of the commission, and Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Pro-Prefect for "the first evangelization and the new particular churches" section of the dicastery signed the agreement of collaboration at the Vatican on April 21.

The enhanced collaboration will include sharing resources, information, and formation and



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Pope Francis greets Boston Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Papal Foundation, during an audience with members of the U.S.-based foundation at the Vatican on April 21. Cardinal O'Malley and Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle signed a memorandum of understanding to improve assistance to victims of abuse, bishops, and churches.

"promoting concrete structural change to build a culture of safeguarding," according to Vatican News on April 21.

Cardinal O'Malley, who spent many years as "a missionary bishop" when he ministered in the U.S. Virgin Islands, told Vatican News he understands what it is like to run a diocese with very limited resources.

The commission, he said, hopes to work with the dioceses that are under the dicastery's purview and "help them to be able to develop programs, to be able to receive victims" in ways that also offer needed pastoral outreach and care,

not just the correct "juridical practices," and to help them in safeguarding and prevention so that "our churches and schools and communities will be safe places for children and young people."

The Dicastery for Evangelization has contact with so many dioceses, he said. "I think half of the ecclesiastical jurisdictions in the world come under the pastoral care of this dicastery."

And the dicastery has "a very broad mandate" that includes overseeing seminaries and religious men and women, "so we would help them with that" and many other things,

he said.

"We also will be working with the bishops' conferences when they do their 'ad limina' visits to make sure that part of the quinquennial report will be about safeguarding and what have been the challenges and the successes, and give them an opportunity to come and talk about that here" at the Vatican, Cardinal O'Malley said.


Cardinal Tagle told Vatican News that the new collaboration is "a welcome development."

In the spirit of synodality and reform of the Roman Curia, he said, the different offices in the Curia "are asked to work together in an inter-dicasterial manner so that we could learn from each other. We could provide information and then also support each other."

"The other thing is we can offer, we can open to the commission the many so-called ecclesial spaces that the dicastery has been handling," Cardinal Tagle said, "especially in the area of formation" of bishops, clergy, seminarians, and religious.

"At the same time," he added, the papal commission "could assist the dicastery and the episcopal conferences in understanding better ... the impact on human lives and on communities of abuse, abusive behavior."


Cardinal O'Malley said, according to Pope Francis' new mandate, the papal commission's new role is "to promote a culture of safeguarding in all the dicasteries of the Curia. The agreement with the Dicastery for Evangelization is just the first step of building that culture and "we'll be working with other dicasteries in a similar fashion."




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inconsistent and often murky, said Kathy Kane, Editor of Catholics4Change, which describes itself as an “accountability blog” focusing on child protection issues in the Catholic Church.

“We know there have been a number of investigations under the ‘Vos Estis’ norms, but there is still very little transparency about even which investigations are ongoing, and what the results of the completed ones are,” she told OSV News. “The reality is that there’s been some positive progress in terms of accountability for bishops, but we still have a system where we’re asking bishops to police other bishops, specifically those who are located close to them and often have personal relationships with them. That’s a system that in itself lacks the kind of transparency and accountability we need.”

“I have heard anecdotally of cases where priests ... who are facing allegations of abuse of adults are removed with a false explanation given to their parishes for their absence,” said Sara Larson, Executive Director of AWAKE Milwaukee, an independent nonprofit that supports those who have experienced sexual abuse within the Catholic Church. “They’re simply put on ‘medical leave’ or moved to another parish with no explanation.”

Both Larson and Kane cited instances where priests under investigation for alleged sexual abuse of adults have continued in ministry with a public character. Larson pointed to concerns over Jesuit Father Marko Rupnik, accused of abusing women religious but reported by Italian media in March to have concelebrated a Mass in Rome that, though ostensibly private, was nonetheless open to the public.

Kane noted the case of former Philadelphia priest Kevin McGoldrick, now a defendant, along with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in an April 18 civil lawsuit filed by “Jane Doe,” who claims McGoldrick abused and raped her during his tenure as a chaplain at Aquinas College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Even after Doe advised the Archdiocese of Philadelphia of the alleged abuse, McGoldrick — a singer-songwriter — appeared at a family music festival in the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota.

“When you have a man onstage headlining a music festival, singing the ‘Sesame Street’ theme song while he’s under investigation for the alleged assault of a college student, how is this progress?” asked Kane.

A national database tracking reports of abuse investigations and their outcomes in the Catholic Church throughout

the U.S. could help dioceses and other Catholic entities be aware of red flags about clergy, religious, or lay leaders from outside their jurisdiction, particularly those that may have responsibilities or roles in multiple organizations.

Mike McDonnell, Communications Manager for SNAP (Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests) told OSV News that a national database would greatly enhance transparency, while improving protections for both minors and adults.

“A national database hosted by the USCCB, with oversight by a third party, would absolutely be a great tool,” he said.

“Each diocese would then have the opportunity to say, ‘We cannot take this cleric or professional, because we see there were reports of concerns in the home diocese.’”

Preventing and addressing abuse, while ensuring the healing and affirmation of survivors, is a task for all Catholics, said the National Review Board’s Healy.

“This is not just for the bishops or the people working in the diocese,” she said. “The whole Church needs to be open to this work, helping to create and adhere to policies, saying something when you see something amiss, and helping survivors to heal by believing, affirming, and accompanying them.”

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NOTES: A link to the 2014 Maltese Ecclesiastical Province sexual abuse policy can be found at [ms.maltadiocese.org/WEBSITE/2014/Safeguarding%20Policy%202014.pdf](https://www.maltadiocese.org/WEBSITE/2014/Safeguarding%20Policy%202014.pdf).



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Why Censoring Classic Books is Not the Way Forward

“I don’t believe in that,” widely censored author Judy Blume scoffed in a recent interview with *Variety* magazine, responding to news that Puffin Books would revise Roald Dahl’s works. Dahl — the British author of “Matilda,” “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,” “James and the Giant Peach,” and other beloved children’s books — is being posthumously rewritten. New editions will be issued in the U.K. that remove language (including words like “fat,” “crazy,” and “mad”) deemed offensive by a consulting firm specializing in fostering diversity and inclusion. Due to public outcry, the classic editions will remain available in the United States and elsewhere.

Until recently, teachers and academics approached controversial issues raised in texts by presenting the author’s ideas and narrative for reflection and engagement by students. A text need not fit into the prevailing mores of our day to make an invaluable contribution to education. This is one of the fundamental principles of education: that students be challenged and stretched by the views and norms of the past. Students cannot be taught to be mere consumers of philosophy, media, and art. They must be raised to shape it.

Once the willingness to fight for the integrity of the author’s text is lost, then the battle for

the humanities is lost. The premise of the humanities — here meaning philosophy, literature, history, language, ethics, and more — rests on engagement with different perspectives. The entire purpose of a liberal education is to encounter positions and attitudes different from one’s own.

As the pressure continues to mount to update texts so that they accord with the moral norms of the day, we risk undermining the skills a liberal education offers. We risk the greatest value of the humanities.

If a text always and completely accords with one’s own view, critical thinking will not be taught to students. As Catholics, this is a particularly grave risk, because careful thought and intentionality is needed to navigate how to live out our faith today. As our culture is increasingly de-Christianized, critical thinking will be required on more and more occasions to guide daily Christian living. Critical thinking is especially important online, as it allows the user to try to determine what’s true and what’s not on social media. It guides the reader as he or she consumes written and produced media. A loss of critical thinking reduces a person’s independence and encourages tribalism. Once you adopt a label, you don’t have to think about it because the thinking has been

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done for you.

Moreover, if we consent to the censorship of texts, history will be erased as we rewrite our cultural monuments. For example, part of the genius of Mark Twain’s “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” is that it puts the reader face to face with one of the darkest wounds of American history: racism. The evil of slavery must always be clearly condemned. But the historical moment must also be understood. Literature is one way of entering into that past in order to bring continued healing in the present.

Confronting the realities of the past is not only about accepting the past. Thinking through historically how people thought and lived will help students to learn to communicate with people they think differently from today. It will improve their ability to communicate, foster persuasive argumentation, and nourish desperately needed skills to dialogue.

As a culture today, we are losing a common language.

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How Grandma Made Her Life a Work of Art

Two parts reverence, one part mischief. That’s how I’d sum up my grandma, whose name — Elinor Marcella — captures her mix of poise and playfulness.

She raised five kids with a kind of 1950s ease: neck bows and neatly coiffed hair, family dinners and at-home haircuts, playing Bud & Travis on the record player, and zipping around town in a Ford LTD station wagon.

Grandma died recently — two days shy of her 90th birthday — and we are left to distill her remarkable life, turning memories in our minds, scanning slides frozen in time. It’s 1972 and she’s standing at Glacier National Park, a gold scarf tied around her dark hair. It’s 1992 and she’s playing Solitaire on the porch, greeting all who come and go. It’s 2022 and she’s in the party room of the condo, cooing over her newest great grandbaby.

There was always a twinkle in her eye — a spark of recognition, a sense of fun. She wanted kids to be kids. Her own inner child was alive and well; up until her final weeks, she’d request a corner piece of cake covered in frosting.

You could count on grandma to be your cheerleader. She saw your special gifts and believed in them.

She never sought the spotlight but preferred her supporting role — keeping books for



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her husband’s business, keeping house, keeping it all together. She never sang the melody but always found a harmony, enhancing the other singers.

She took certain fundamentals seriously — her Catholic faith, the sacrament of reconciliation, marriage, education — but wasn’t afraid to take her own approach on all the less-crucial stuff. Reverence and mischief.

Her OB-GYN was strict about weight gain, so she’d schedule her appointments for first thing in the morning and then indulge in a hot fudge sundae on the way home. In her 70s and 80s, when she’d meet girlfriends for lunch, they’d ditch the main course and cut straight to dessert.

Grandma deferred to grandpa but quietly wielded influence, calling to mind the quote in “My Big Fat Greek Wedding” that “The man is the head [of the house], but the woman is the neck, and she can turn the head any way she wants.”

Grandpa preferred to drink

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The Lord is Truly Our Shepherd



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Fourth Sunday of Easter John 10:1-10

Readings from the Acts of the Apostles frequently occur during the Easter season. They clearly show not just life in general in the first Christian community but quite expressly they reveal the special place among the early Christians of the Apostles, and that Peter was the head of the Apostles.

Always, Peter, and only Peter, speaks on behalf of all the Apostles. Such is the case in this weekend’s first reading. Peter preaches. His sermon goes to the heart of the Gospel message. Jesus is Lord, the

Savior. Christ came among humans as human but also as God’s own Son. He died. He rose. He reconciled humankind with Almighty God.

Humans have an option. They can accept Jesus as Lord and follow the Gospel or they can reject Jesus.

The author of Acts, traditionally believed also to have been the author of Luke’s Gospel, dates the sermon. It was preached on Pentecost, a Jewish holiday. Jewish holidays celebrated God, in relation with humans especially with the Hebrew people. At Pentecost, Jews celebrated their relationship with God. God initiated this relationship. It brought to the Jews God’s constant and uninterrupted mercy, and they knew it. So, the Jews rejoiced in their special relationship with God.

The First Epistle of Peter provides the second reading. Jesus died on the cross to link humanity, forever, and without qualification, with God. Individual persons affirm this reconciliation for themselves by freely accepting Jesus as Lord

and by living as the Lord’s true disciples.

St. John’s Gospel, the last reading, presents a theme that was among the Lord’s favorites, and that always has been beloved by Christians, namely the theme of the Good Shepherd.

Today in this country, this imagery may not be so revealing. Many Americans live in urban, not rural, settings. Shepherding is not that often a livelihood in America, but at the time of Jesus in the Holy Land, everyone would have been familiar with shepherds and sheep.

The nature of sheep is important. They are docile and quiet, vulnerable to predators such as wolves. They need their shepherds. Also, young sheep, or lamb, were the preferred animals for sacrifice in the temple because lambs were gentle and innocent. The meat of lambs was ritually prepared for the Passover meal.

Sheep may wander. The shepherd does not tie them to himself. He leads them, but they can turn away from him.

The Gospel’s message is clear. All humans are apt to stray into danger, as sheep stray when they drift away from the shepherd.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, leading us to pastures rich with nutrition, protecting us from the predators that prowl in search of us, predators that literally kill us by succeeding in tempting us to sin.

Reflection

Several weeks have passed since Easter, but the Church still rejoices in the Risen Lord. He lives! Giving us words once preached by Peter, it calls us to repent, to turn away from sin, and to turn to the only source of life, the Lord Jesus.

Preparing us for this message, the Church frankly reminds us of who and what we are. We are as vulnerable as sheep. Predators lurk on every side, waiting to assail us. The devil is the most vicious, and crafty, of these predators. The devil draws us to sin. Sin brings death.

Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

He leads us to the nourishment that we need for spiritual health. He guides us to the eternal pasture of heaven.

The essence of this weekend’s message is clear and simple. We need the Lord. Otherwise, we shall die. We have a choice. Follow the Lord or go out our own way, just as sheep may wander, but if we turn from Jesus, we flirt with disaster.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 2:14am 36-41 Ps 23:1-6
1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18 Pss 42:2-3;
43:3-4 Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn
10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5
Jn 14:6-14

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,
21-22, 25, 27 Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn
14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4
Jn 14:7-14

Why Did Christ Not Stay After the Resurrection?

After Christ rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples at certain places and times, but did not seem to stay with them continuously. On the first Easter Sunday, He appeared six times in rather rapid succession: first to Mary Magdalene, then to the women at the tomb, third as the women left the tomb, fourth to Peter, fifth to the two disciples going to Emmaus, and sixth to the 10 Apostles in Jerusalem (when Thomas was not present).

In His public ministry, Jesus seemed to be with His disciples nearly all the time. However, after His Resurrection, He would appear, converse, and teach, but then be absent from them bodily. For example, John 20:26 says that “after eight days” Christ appeared to the disciples, suggesting that He was not otherwise present to them during that period.

While it is true that we do not have an exact calendar of His appearances and not every appearance is necessarily recorded, it seems apparent that the Lord was not constantly with the disciples during the 40 days prior to His ascension.

Why is this?

St. Thomas Aquinas reflected on this question and offers two basic reasons. In so doing he does not propose an absolute explanation, but rather demonstrates why it was fitting that Christ was not with them continuously during the 40

days prior to the ascension. While St. Thomas observes that there may well be appearances that were not recorded, he is inclined to hold that there were not a lot more of them. St. Thomas writes,

One reads in the Gospel that after the first day He appeared again only five times. For, as Augustine says (De Consens. Evang. iii), after the first five apparitions “He came again a sixth time when Thomas saw Him; a seventh time was by the sea of Tiberias at the capture of the fishes; the eighth was on the mountain of Galilee, according to Matthew; the ninth occasion is expressed by Mark, ‘at length when they were at table,’ because no more were they going to eat with Him upon earth; the tenth was on the very day, when no longer upon the earth, but uplifted into the cloud, He was ascending into heaven. But, as John admits, not all things were written down. And He visited them frequently before He went up to heaven,” in order to comfort them. Hence it is written (1 Corinthians 15:6-7) that “He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once ... after that He was seen by James”; of which apparitions no mention is made in the Gospels (ibid).

St. Thomas strikes a balance between the Lord’s need to instruct them and summon them to faith in the resurrection, and



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the need for them to grasp His risen glory. Christ did not merely resume His former life. The disciples were not to cling to their former understandings of Him as Rabbi and teacher; now they were to grasp more fully that He is Lord.

Though Thomas does not mention it here, I would add another reason for the Lord’s action of not abiding with them continuously: It was fitting for Him to do this to accustom them to the fact that they would no longer see Him as they had with their physical eyes. Once He ascended, they would see Him mystically in the Sacraments and in His Body the Church. Thus, as the Lord broke the Bread and gave it to them in Emmaus, they recognized Him in the Eucharist (Luke 24). Thereupon He vanished from them. It was as if to say, “You will no longer go on seeing me in the same manner. Now you will experience me mystically and in the Sacraments.”

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CAPECCHI, from page 12

2 percent milk, but skim milk seemed healthier and cost less in the '60s, so grandma poured skim milk into cartons of 2 percent. The head doesn't always realize when the neck subtly turns.

Her love of beauty led her to become an artist in her own right — the kind of quiet, resourceful one who makes a house a home, who makes memories and makes gifts: embroidering personalized shirts for her children, sketching their portraits, crafting whimsical Christmas cards, painting porcelain dolls for each granddaughter in the color of

their birthstones.

Those twinkling eyes never missed flashes of beauty. She'd relish a sunset or a pair of earrings or a beautifully wrapped gift, setting it on display for days before opening it and occasionally re-wrapping it afterwards.

In her final days, I gave her an early Easter gift wrapped in watercolor florals. She was near death and speaking very little, but she admired it as only grandma could.

Her Easter came early this year, skipping the second half of Lent and cutting straight to dessert, her heavenly home.

The rest of us honor her

memory when we slow down and soak up the beauty in our midst, sensing — if not fully grasping — that it points us to God.

Grandma lived out the words from St. John Paul II's letter to artists, who wrote that, “All men and women are entrusted with the task of crafting their own life: in a sense, they are to make of it a work of art, a masterpiece.”

She painted nine decades with such vibrance and joy. Masterpiece, indeed.

Christina Capecci is a freelance writer from Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

OSV, from page 12

Because we do not understand one another on the most fundamental levels, we are losing the ability to speak to one another. As language evolves with increasing rapidity — partly due to advancement of technology but more significantly because of the prevalence of various ideologies — the very meanings of words themselves are changing. Resisting the censorship of books is one way to work toward the preservation

of the ability to communicate in our society. Common texts help rather than hinder dialogue by sharing the very nature of words.

Artificial intelligence cannot think the way that human beings do. Computers cannot navigate ethical dilemmas through reasoning and reflection with compassion of one soul facing another soul. All the more reason for us to use every available resource at our disposal as AI plays an increasingly important role in daily life.

Adapting and modernizing Roald Dahl, Agatha Christie, Ian Fleming, and any other author's works might appear at first look to be a good thing. But the rewriting of texts has grave consequences, and we would do well to oppose it for ourselves and for our children.

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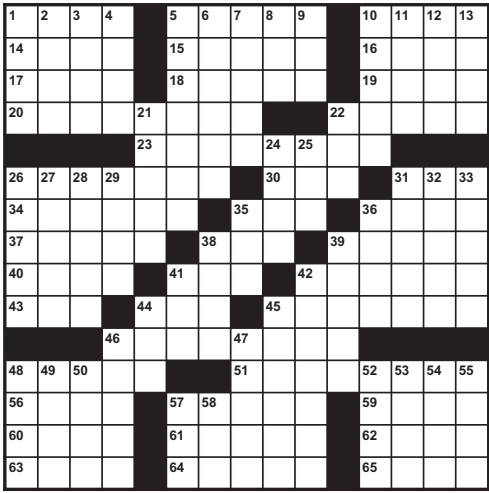
Gospel for April 30, 2023
John 10: 1-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: What makes a true shepherd. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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- 1 The Baptist
- 5 Pretty ones were all in a row
- 10 Son of Adam
- 14 Pertaining to Mars
- 15 Pond sound
- 16 Alphabet string
- 17 255, to Nero
- 18 Mary Poppins, for one
- 19 The Alphabet
- 20 Desert region in Africa
- 22 King David sent him into battle to be killed
- 23 Pay by the course
- 26 Attack
- 30 "But ____ to the solitary person! If that one should fall there is no other to help." (Ecc 4:10)
- 31 Slicker
- 34 Describes some sins
- 35 The feast of St. Polycarp is in this month (abbr.)
- 36 Annoyed
- 37 "Piece of cake," for example
- 38 Liturgical color
- 39 Stormed
- 40 Attends to

- 41 Church ____
- 42 Hour part
- 43 Talking Tolkien tree
- 44 Christmas month (abbr.)
- 45 Nestled together
- 46 Shelves for books
- 48 Hot drink
- 51 Catches the eye of
- 56 Topping in a tub
- 57 Main artery
- 59 Cordon ____
- 60 Blink
- 61 He fell asleep while Jesus prayed
- 62 Incline
- 63 A great deal
- 64 Flat slab of wood
- 65 Yellow of an egg
- 7 Grecian architectural style
- 8 Tribe of Israel
- 9 Firmament
- 10 Luce who converted to Catholicism
- 11 Both (prefix)
- 12 South American Indian
- 13 Snack
- 21 Single stem
- 22 Native American
- 24 Impressed
- 25 Steal from
- 26 Something to stop on?
- 27 Family car
- 28 Model of virtue
- 29 Fussies
- 31 Influential person
- 32 Mountain ridge
- 33 Yielded
- 35 "Many are invited, but ____ are chosen" (Mt 22:14)
- 36 Quartz grains
- 38 Tiered shelves
- 39 Horseman
- 41 Pope of the fifth century
- 42 The ____ Seed
- 44 Morgue letters
- 45 There was a mad one in Wonderland
- 46 There are 27 in the New Testament
- 47 Magna ____ (Runnymede document)
- 48 Monk cover
- 49 Potpourri
- 50 Penny
- 52 Skillfully
- 53 Queen of the Nile, to her friends?
- 54 Small dabbling duck
- 55 Beyond help
- 57 Police call letters
- 58 US government agency

Answer key can be found on page 15

Queen of Angels Parish Sets Record with 17 Baptisms at Easter Vigil

BY CHRISTOPHER LUSHIS

The Blessed Virgin Mary's miraculous apparitions throughout history have often been to young children, teaching about the depths of God's love and imploring them to pray for the salvation of others. Such experiences reveal the Lord's confidence in children as individuals capable of receiving divine truths and communicating them to others.

This year at Queen of Angels, one of Fort Wayne's parishes under the patronage of Mary, it was precisely the response of youth which drew attention at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8. On this night, 14 new Catholics were baptized and confirmed, 10 of whom were grade school-age students. The four adults who also entered the Church are parents of Queen of Angels School students, having been drawn into the faith by the invitations and accompaniment of their children.

Since arriving at the school in 2019, Principal Dennis Wiegmann has aimed to make Catholic identity a key aspect of the curriculum. Daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration are offered multiple times a week for the students, while a culture of evangelical zeal is present in many of the classrooms.

Wiegmann shared, "We have a strong Catholic community here while also welcoming in a number of students who may be encountering Catholicism for the first time in their life. Others, for one reason or another, did not receive the sacraments at the customary times. In light of this, we made a particularly concerted effort



Shay Kahn

Brayden Kahn is baptized by Father Spenser St. Louis at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8, at Queen of Angels Parish. Kahn is a 2nd-grader at the school.

to invite parents and students who still needed sacraments of initiation to consider receiving them this year. It led to a large response and presented a beautiful witness of faith to our entire school."

The Church's Rite of Confirmation, as well as the Sacramental Norms for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend state that "adult catechumens and children who are to be baptized at an age when they are old enough for cateche-

sis should ordinarily be admitted to confirmation at the same time that they receive baptism." For this reason, the young people considered at the age of reason (at least seven years

old) who expressed a desire for baptism also received confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil, just as the adults did.

While many parishes in the diocese also saw an uptick in the number of people entering the Church, this was a particularly strong year for Queen of Angels. In addition to these 14 catechumens, another three young children — siblings of children in the OCIA class — were also baptized at the Easter Vigil. Altogether, the parish saw 17 baptisms on this night, the most this parish has had at one time in its 75-year history. The most comparable year was in 2000, when 15 people were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil, but a few of those individuals had been previously baptized in another Christian denomination.

Father Spenser St. Louis, Pastor of Queen of Angels, shared, "It has been a true gift from the Lord that so many have sought to enter into the Catholic faith this year. Witnessing these parents and their children take on a new identity in Christ and become sealed with the Holy Spirit together was profoundly beautiful. I am grateful to have accompanied them on their journey of faith, which now will continue in a new way. Additionally, I am deeply grateful to all those who have helped

evangelize these students and parents, both currently and throughout the past few years. As we know, this did not all happen overnight, and many of these seeds of faith were planted years ago. We are privileged to now participate in the fruitful benefits of this labor."

One of these seeds of faith was planted in the heart of 3rd-grader Mason McDougall. McDougall began to desire Catholicism when his class was taught about First Holy Communion last year. This interest became so fervent in him that it led to his mother, father, and three siblings to also join him in the OCIA journey culminating at Easter. His mother Kamille shared, "This experience really changed my life and our family. The guidance we received throughout this experience was life changing and I can't thank my son Mason enough for opening these doors for us."

Andrew Kahn also entered the Church this year with his son Brayden, a 2nd-grader at Queen of Angels, and one-year-old, Parker. Kahn shared, "I'm so blessed to be able to have gone through this experience. I feel extremely grateful for my family, and I continue to grow our relationship with God and the Catholic Church!"

More information about Queen of Angels School can be viewed at school.queenofangelsfw.org.



Brittany Moore

Dahriella Grenader, a 3rd-grader at Queen of Angels, stands with Carolyn Pacora, one of her godparents and the school's Spanish teacher. Grenader also came into the Church this night with her mother, Brittany, also a staff member at the school. Dahriella's younger sister was baptized earlier this year at an all-school Mass.

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Christ Child Society of South Bend Information Coffee

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Vickie Sleevi at 574-288-6028 or info@christchildsb.org for information.

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ROANOKE — The St. Joseph Rosary Society is holding a used book sale in conjunction with the town-wide garage sale on Friday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church basement at 651 N. Main Street. Cost is \$1 per hardcover book and \$3 per bag of paperback books. Bags are provided. Large selection available such as cookbooks, fiction, nonfiction, history, and more. All proceeds go to the honor flights. Contact Kathleen Wisel at 260-437-2489 or kwisel8@yahoo.com for information.

O Beautiful Mother

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Catholic Leaders, Laity Join in 'Linking Arms for Change' to Push for Gun Safety in Tennessee

BY KATIE PETERSON

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (OSV News) — Thousands upon thousands of Nashvillians, representing multiple faiths and backgrounds, came together on Tuesday, April 18, to create a three-mile human chain from Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University Medical Center to the Cathedral of the Incarnation to the Tennessee State Capitol, in honor of the victims of The Covenant School shooting and to urge legislators to pass multiple gun safety measures.

Among the thousands who came together were Bishop J. Mark Spalding and several clergy and laity from around the Diocese of Nashville. The Diocese of Knoxville held a similar event simultaneously that encircled Market Square in downtown Knoxville.

The event was put together by Voices for a Safer Tennessee, a newly formed "nonpartisan statewide coalition dedicated to prioritizing gun safety and advocating for common sense gun laws to make communities across Tennessee safer for all of us," according to the official website, safertn.org.

Erin Hafkenschiel Donnelly, whose family members are parishioners of Christ the King Church, was one of the founding members of the coalition. She was in a meeting on March 29, two days after the tragic shooting in which six people, including three 9-year-old children, were killed, when she found that she couldn't focus on the topic at hand.

"I just kept focusing on the school and the families and feeling like we had to do something," Hafkenschiel Donnelly told the Tennessee Register, Nashville's diocesan newspaper. "And one of the things that struck me is the group of women that I'm really close with are all just really incredible working moms that have so much going for them, yet the comments that I kept hearing is they felt really hopeless and there wasn't anything we could do to create change, and that was a really terrible feeling."

Recalling podcasts she had been listening to about other groups around the world standing up for various issues, she thought, "If they can do it, then it is possible for us to do something, too."

Reaching out to a friend, they quickly made a plan and hosted a lunch the very next day for anyone interested in joining the effort. More than 35 people showed up to that meeting.

"It was just an incredibly



OSV News photo/Katie Peterson, Tennessee Register

From right, Father Eric Fowlkes, Pastor of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Bishop J. Mark Spalding of Nashville, and Father Pat Kibby, Senior Priest at St. Henry Church link arms outside the Tennessee Capitol in Nashville on Tuesday, April 18. Voices for a Safer Tennessee organized a three-mile-long human chain ending outside the capitol. The goal of the event, which drew more than 8,000 people, was to urge the Tennessee Legislature to take steps to address gun violence.

passionate and talented group of people that were willing to drop what they were doing and volunteer their time to make our communities safer," Hafkenschiel Donnelly said. "I was completely overwhelmed by their passion and talent."

From that first meeting, Hafkenschiel Donnelly said, they divided people into committees as they researched gun safety, got a website and social media ready, and started planning the human chain, which had been suggested during the first lunch. They also connected with another group of moms who had attended a rally at the Tennessee Capitol on March 30, and Voices for a Safer Tennessee was formed with more than 600 people working together.

Many of those members include parents of St. Bernard Academy students, where Hafkenschiel Donnelly's oldest daughter attends school.

"It has just been this incredibly organic forming of people that are really passionate about this issue, and everyone is bringing their skill sets to the table," Hafkenschiel Donnelly said. "Everyone is volunteering their time in really incredible ways."

Along with the "Linking Arms for Change" event, Voices for a Safer Tennessee drafted several letters to Governor Bill Lee and the Tennessee General Assembly urging passage of gun safety

measures. The various letters came from faith leaders, educational leaders, health care professionals and musicians.

The letters support Lee's "investment in school safety and funding" and urge legislators to take several steps including allowing authorities to temporarily remove guns from those who pose a risk to themselves or others by implementing "extreme risk laws; require background checks on all purchases and closing the background check loophole; and mandate safe storage and report lost and stolen guns.

Among the more than 120 signatures on the faith leaders' letter, which was delivered just a few hours before the event, were the three bishops of Tennessee — Bishop Spalding, Bishop David P. Talley of Memphis, and Bishop Richard F. Stika of Knoxville, as well as The Tennessee Catholic Conference.

A separate letter signed by educational leaders included Nashville diocesan educators, like Leigh Toome, Head of School at St. Bernard Academy, who said, "Our children are our number one priority, and they deserve to go to school, or anywhere for that matter, without fear. They deserve a safer Tennessee."

Chris Donnelly, a parishioner of St. Henry and mother-in-law of Hafkenschiel Donnelly, said she was proud of her daughter-in-law Erin for helping create

Voices for a Safer Tennessee.

"Honestly, I didn't see this happening at first, but it is happening and in such a short amount of time. To get thousands of people together, it really is the work of the Holy Spirit," Donnelly told the Tennessee Register. "Just from our block (in the three-mile human chain) and to be standing across from the cathedral is so inspiring."

Donnelly also noted the importance of Bishop Spalding's presence and courage as well as those of the other priests in the diocese, including Father Eric Fowlkes, Pastor of the cathedral, who stood with the bishop.

"The support of the bishop and his determination and his presence is so encouraging to everybody here," she said. "He is such an example of what Christ wants us to be."

The Reverend Randy Lovelace of Christ Community Church in Franklin was leading the chain in prayer. The prayer was livestreamed so people all along the three-mile route could follow along and recite the prayer together.

"God of all faiths, strengthen us to protect our children," the prayer read. "Use our voices to create a safer Tennessee. We believe change is coming. Amen."

The event "was an invitation to raise awareness and to get people to start thinking about solutions and talking

to each other and listening to one another, and, hopefully, participate in helping to solve the problem," said Father Mark Beckman, St. Henry's Pastor, who was among five Catholic priests who signed the faith leaders' letter.

"It really will take a very broad base in the community to resolve these long-term problems that we have, and I'm all about the leaders of different faith traditions praying together for solutions to these challenging problems," he said.

Brian St. Germain was part of the chain near the cathedral. "The harm and the sadness that has been brought to so many people's lives because of gun violence have got to end now, and so I just wanted to come out and be part of that. I feel it very deeply."

St. Germain is a member of the Blessed Martyr Bishops Byzantine Catholic mission that was recently established in Nashville.

"I hope our government officials see this expression of solidarity of the citizens of Nashville and that it sends a strong message to our local leaders as well as our national leaders that something has to get done," he said, "and we're not going to stand for it any longer."

Katie Peterson is a reporter with the Tennessee Register, newspaper of the Diocese of Nashville.