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## Father Steve Kempinger named superintendent of Catholic schools

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — When Holy Cross Father Steve Kempinger was a sophomore geology major at the University of Notre Dame, he volunteered to tutor children through a neighborhood study program at Saint Mary's College. That experience hooked him on a career in education that now has taken him to the top education job in the diocese—superintendent of schools.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy has appointed Father Kempinger to the position, effective July 1. He will be the first Holy Cross priest to serve the diocese as superintendent of schools, although diocesan priests have served in that role previously. He will replace outgoing superintendent Michelle Hitte, who is retiring after 25 years with the diocese — first as a teacher, then principal, and then superintendent.

Father Kempinger has been her associate superintendent for the past two years and credits Hitte with handing over a school system that is in excellent condition.

"We always look for improvement," Father Kempinger said, "but I think we have a very sound school system, and I really appreciate the good shape it's in."

Father Kempinger has followed a similar career path in education as Hitte. While studying geology at Notre Dame, he also took education courses at Saint Mary's College, and when he graduated from

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Holy Cross Father Steve Kempinger will split his time as superintendent of schools between the South Bend and Fort Wayne schools offices. He is pictured here on the grounds of Moreau Seminary at Notre Dame, which will remain his primary residence, although he plans to spend a couple of nights a week in quarters in Fort Wayne.

## BISHOP LUERS CELEBRATES CLASS OF 2006



TIM JOHNSON

Bishop John M. D'Arcy leads graduates of the Bishop Luers High School class of 2006 from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception after the baccalaureate Mass on May 19.

## St. Martin de Porres renovation continues

BY DENISE FEDOROW

SYRACUSE — The unique "overturned boat" architecture of St. Martin de Porres Church in Syracuse was built in 1966 and, according to the administrative associate and director of religious education, Liz List, "nothing has been done since."

That is until last September, when construction on a renovation project began. The renovation, by Kaiser-Spraker in South Bend, is basically doubling the square footage on two levels as the expansion wraps around the existing church.

"The architect said it was challenging in all aspects," according to List. "They didn't want to take away the uniqueness of the church with the capsized boat design for the lake area."

List said the price tag for the original project was 2.2 million. The project was dovetailed on the Annual Bishop's Appeal and the goal for the parish was to raise \$1 million, but she said they were only able to raise \$800,000, causing them to modify the original plans. Initially plans called for a new rectory and tearing down the existing religious education-parish office building

moving both to the expanded church.

"Everything was to be in one building — one central location — which would have been much better," List said.

The modified plans do not include any improvements to the rectory and four of the religious education classes will remain in the current building outside the church. Parish members were hoping to remove that building to gain parking.

List said there were two driving factors that spurred the renovation project. "Over the years the parish was concerned about the elderly not being able to go downstairs to enjoy festivities — such as our Ash Wednesday soup and salad luncheon, so we've been trying to get an elevator," she said. "The parish council has also decided the way we handle our religious education is not feasible anymore. Four classes are held in the (church) basement and they're just storage rooms, so we decided it's time to do something about it."

With the building project a religious education wing will be added in the addition towards the lake. Only the top floor will be finished with classrooms at this time.

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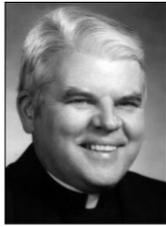
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# Graduation, anniversary events fill calendar in last weeks of May



## NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

### The history of our diocese

Among the interesting meetings last week, was one with Joseph White, Ph.D., who is currently writing the history of our diocese. Joe has a doctorate in history from the University of Notre Dame, and he is nearing completion of this work, which will be several hundred pages. I have read some of it and find it altogether fascinating. The committee members who recommended him were present. A problem has arisen, and maybe you, dear reader, can help us. This, after all, is the history of the past 150 years commissioned for our jubilee, so we need to bring it up to the present. The only problem is that the bishop of the last 21 years is still quite active, and as far as we can tell, pretty much alive. Historians are always reluctant, understandably so, to write a history of a contemporary time. Joe White told me that he found the last 20 years quite interesting, with so many new initiatives. Having lived it, I find it interesting as well; fascinating may be an even better word.

So much of what has gone on in the diocese involved significant challenges. Joe has written a fine account, taken mostly from this newspaper. It is more an account of a reporter than that of a historian, like the earlier chapters. I read it and thought we might find another way of presenting these years. Perhaps I should write a shorter reflection, touching on the important themes as I have known them, trying to be objective. The other way is to accept Dr. White's reflections. He is open to both approaches. What do you think? Although as I ponder this, I do not know where I would find the time, but I do not think it would be all that difficult once I got at it. What do you think, dear reader? Please let us know. I have asked our history committee, who recommended Dr. White, and I have some varied suggestions from them. I hope to ask some professional historians as well, including some at the University of Notre Dame; but I would like the readers of this column to give me their advice also.

As for the rest of the history, I think it will be absolutely fascinating. It will include many photos. This has been a historic diocese, with national implications, because of Our Sunday Visitor, Archbishop Noll, University of Notre Dame, Congregation of Holy Cross — priests, brothers and sisters, the presence of Mother Theodore Guerin, soon to be canonized, and so much more.

Dr. White has put his heart and soul into this book; and while it is slower in finishing up than we had wished, we still hope to have it ready within the first three to four months of the Jubilee Year 2007.

### The coming of graduations

It began as it always does, with morning Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for Bishop Luers' class of 2006. What a joy to realize that we now have two deacons who are at the last step of their priestly formation, both of whom are graduates of Bishop Luers High School. Anthony Steinacker (Luers Class of 1991). Tony will soon be receiving an assignment as deacon, which will probably continue into the early years of his priesthood. He has completed his academic work at the Pontifical Josephinum Seminary in Columbus, Ohio.

The second Bishop Luers' graduate is Jason Freiburger (Luers Class of 1996), a member of St. Therese Parish. Although a deacon, he has one more year of studies at the Josephinum before being assigned to a parish in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood.

Shortly after this baccalaureate Mass, I headed north. I celebrated, I believe for the 22nd time, the baccalaureate Mass of Saint Mary's College. In my homily I focused on the encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est," of Pope Benedict XVI and was pleased to hear the positive reaction. Saturday afternoon I attended the always beautiful baccalaureate Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame, and said my usual words at the end of Mass. On Sunday, I attended the graduation at the University of Notre Dame; and while it is always beautiful, it was marked by something special this year — the singing of the Irish National Anthem in the Irish

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language. I do not know all the words, but I know some of them in English. A special joy for me was to meet briefly with the President of Ireland Mary McAleese. We had a brief discussion about the "Men of 1916," who were the great heroes of my dear dad, himself an Irish patriot — and also of my mother. I hope to be able to share some of our conversation with you at a later time.

### The day not over

Earlier in the day, I was at an event that I have attended the last several years. My good friend, Professor Lawrence Cunningham, traditionally invites to his home the School of Theology majors; that is, those undergraduates who are majoring in the study of theology. This year the gathering was held at the home of a new friend, who is a brilliant and devoted professor at Notre Dame. I refer to Gary Anderson, professor of Old Testament. Gary and his wife, Lisa, in a home near Notre Dame, hosted a large number of these young men and women who have majored in theology and who were accompanied by their families.

Professor Anderson is a teacher of the

Old Testament, who previously taught at Harvard. He is a convert to the Catholic faith, and a great deal of his focus is on the Book of Genesis. He had been an ordained pastor in the Methodist community before becoming a Catholic. He is a real treasure, and it was a joy to be at his home with Gary and his wife, Lisa, and their two sons and so many devoted to the pursuit of "Faith seeking Understanding." Especially moving, was to see these exemplary young men and women who have become drawn to the study of theology, and I was so pleased to be in the presence of many members of the theology faculty, and to experience first hand their good work.

### A golden jubilarian

After the visit with the graduating theology majors, I was able to make a stop at St. Joseph Church, Mishawaka, and the golden jubilee Mass of Father Robert Yast. Father Bob is an exemplary priest — beloved wherever he has been stationed; such as, St. Anthony, South Bend; St. Patrick, Walkerton; St. Joseph, Mishawaka; and St. Peter, Fort Wayne. He came a little late to the priesthood, having served in the United States Army. He is known for his self-deprecating wit, but also his devotion to the sick and the dying in hospitals all throughout the diocese, especially in the South Bend area. Father Bob, realizing the serious situation we have in our diocese, stayed on several years beyond his 75th birthday, the normal time for retirement according to canon law. And I was pleased to have him remain active. Finally having reached his golden jubilee, this great priest is preparing for his retirement. I was privileged to drop in to his Mass and see, once again, how beloved he is — a standing-room only crowd at the beautiful St. Joseph Church in Mishawaka. Father Yast is a thoroughly authentic priest, and it was my privilege to say a few words at the end of Mass in his honor.

### Our coming retreat

Next week, our priests will come together for their annual retreat, and I intend to be with them for most of the retreat; and, if possible, for all of it. The retreat master this year will be Father John Coughlin, OFM. Father John is a Franciscan friar, who is also a professor of canon law and ethics at the University of Notre Dame. He holds a doctorate in canon law from the Gregorian University in Rome and a civil law degree from Harvard. He is a much sought-out confessor and spiritual director for many of the young people at Notre Dame, and I am sure he will present an excellent retreat for our priests. I look forward to being there.

In addition to prayer, I hope to get a little rest. It has been an intense time, but beautiful as well. I give thanks every day that I am a priest and that I have been able to carry on through this very intense and busy spring, and to do it with thanksgiving and joy in my heart.

Still in first place; and, at this writing, still looking down on the Yankees who we have beaten four out of five. May it ever be so. See you all next week.

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Notre Dame, he had earned certification as a high school science teacher.

He taught science for one year in a public high school in his hometown of Indianapolis, where he had grown up in St. Barnabas Parish, and then he answered a call to the priesthood.

Holy Cross Father Andre Léveillé had noticed the young man's dedication during his senior year of college and had asked him if he had ever considered becoming a priest.

That question planted a seed that flourished, Father Kempinger told *Today's Catholic*, and after considering the diocesan priesthood, he chose the Congregation of Holy Cross.

"I fell in love with the philosophy and strength of the Holy Cross founder, Father Moreau, and the emphasis on education, especially 'educating the mind and the heart' that he preached, and it just seemed a good match," he explained.

After his novitiate year, Father Kempinger asked to be assigned to a high school to get a sense of what it would be like to live and work in community. At Notre Dame High School in Niles, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, he taught religion and was director of student activities for the 780 male students. During his two years there, he earned a master's degree in educational administration from Loyola University in Chicago. He presently is pursuing a doctorate in education through part-time class work at Indiana University.

After his ordination, Father Kempinger was assigned as associate pastor at Christ the King Parish in South Bend. When the parish school lost its principal during his second year there, Father Kempinger was pressed into service, and what was to have been a temporary position as principal turned into four years in the job.

"I just loved it," Father Kempinger told *Today's Catholic*. "For me it was the best of both worlds because I was in education, and I was doing parish duties, too."

Two years ago, Father Kempinger became associate superintendent of schools for the diocese, with his office in Mishawaka. In that position, Father Kempinger visited the South Bend and Mishawaka area Catholic schools frequently, and enjoyed being back in a school setting and being present to the students and staff.

One of his personal goals in the new job is to visit as many diocesan schools as he can and spend time with the staff and students in those other schools, too. He will maintain his primary residence at Moreau Seminary on the Notre Dame campus, but will have sleeping quarters at a rectory in Fort Wayne so that he can split his time each week between both ends of the diocese.

"I'm looking at this as hopefully a real benefit of joining the two ends of the diocese," he said.

Something else high on his priority list is what he calls a "vision" rather than a goal: "I wish that we could provide a Catholic education to all those parents who want their child to go to Catholic school," he said. "That's the vision. The goals are: How do we do that?"

While wrestling with that

important question, Father Kempinger also will focus on some other goals, like continuing to provide outstanding professional development opportunities for teachers and working to identify teachers who have the spiritual, educational and managerial qualities and skills to be future principals, and then to prepare those people as future school leaders.

"We have outstanding leadership right now, but as the years go along we need to keep that up," Father Kempinger said.

In fact, the priest credits the current diocesan school principals with providing the support and encouragement he needed to accept the job.

"If I didn't have that (support), I don't know if I could do this," he said. "It means so much to me, and I look forward to working with them. They are my family when it comes to the schools."

Father Kempinger sees his new role primarily as being a good listener and a good communication link between Bishop D'Arcy and the principals, council of teachers and diocesan school board.

"I have to listen and learn in order to get the information to make good decisions," Father Kempinger said.

"One of the things my mom and dad (Gilbert and Kathleen Kempinger) always taught me was that whatever I did in life, I needed to make a difference," he continued. "That's how I got involved in education here at Notre Dame — I wanted to make a difference in some kid's life who was struggling with academics."

"Everything since then has kind of revolved around that, and I hope I can make a difference in this position."

STATEMENT BY BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## On the appointment of the new superintendent of Catholic Schools

May 28, 2006

I am very pleased to appoint Father Stephen Kempinger, CSC, as the new superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I am most grateful to his provincial, Rev. David Tyson, CSC, for granting permission to Father Kempinger to serve in this capacity. It is another step in a long and devoted service by the Congregation of Holy Cross of priests, brothers and sisters in this diocese.

Father Kempinger comes with an excellent background. He has served as principal in one of our schools, and has also served these past few years as associate superintendent of the South Bend area, with responsibilities extending throughout the whole diocese.

During this time, I have worked closely with Father Kempinger on a number of occasions. He comes with an excellent background in education, and has worked very well with our principals and with our pastors. I have no doubt that he will bring strength and energy to his new office.

I thank our excellent search committee, which presented three exemplary candidates, all from within our own system.

I also wish to take this opportunity to thank Michelle Hittie, our outgoing superintendent of schools. Mrs. Hittie has brought a genuine professionalism to our office, has strengthened the central office of our diocese and worked well with our Diocesan School Board, the Council of Teachers and with all our principals on the elementary school level, and with our teachers. She has been a joy to work with, and has brought great strength to our educational program.

I look forward to working with Father Kempinger in the years ahead.

## Opus Dei and Catholic Worker petition zoning board for variances

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — The Board of Zoning Appeals meeting May 18 took on a distinctly Catholic flavor, for both Catholic Worker of Michiana, Inc., and the local Opus Dei group petitioned the city for zoning variances for their South Bend facilities.

Catholic Worker came away with a favorable recommendation for a zoning exception for a house Catholic Worker recently purchased at 515 S. St. Joseph St. The exception would allow Catholic Worker to operate a group home that will house up to eight people, including staff and homeless men.

Catholic Worker had failed to obtain such an exception late last year for a house on West Washington Street, after some neighbors and the Near West Side Neighborhood Organization objected to having a group home in the neighborhood zoned single family. Catholic Worker then sought to find another house in a neighborhood that would be more suitable for a group home.

Unlike the sometimes contentious public hearings last year about the West Washington Street house, no remonstrators appeared



ANN CAREY

**Windmoor, the current Opus Dei center, faces onto Notre Dame Ave. Opus Dei wanted to raze Windmoor and build two new buildings on its double lot, one that would face Notre Dame Ave., and one behind it that would face St. Peter Street. A third building was planned for an adjacent lot on St. Peter, with a new garage to be built on a lot next to the third building. Variances needed for the plan were denied by the South Bend Board of Zoning Appeals.**

at the May 18 meeting to object to the home operating on St. Joseph Street, which is in more of a mixed-use neighborhood than the West Washington Street house.

Catholic Worker also has purchased a house across from the

515 St. Joseph St. home that will house women, but zoning as a group home for that house is already grandfathered, according to petitioner Michael Baxter. The

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## Vatican says Legionaries' founder cannot exercise ministry publicly

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a decision approved by Pope Benedict XVI, the Vatican has said the founder of the Legionaries of Christ, accused of sexually abusing minors, should not exercise his priestly ministry publicly.

The Vatican also said May 19 it would not begin a canonical process against the founder, 86-year-old Father Marcial Maciel Degollado, because of his advanced age and poor health.

The Vatican statement did not get into details about the allegations against Father Maciel, but Vatican sources said the wording of the statement and its call to penance signaled it had found there was substance to the accusations.

In the statement, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the Vatican had investigated the claims made by former Legionary seminarians against Father Maciel, who founded the Legionaries in his native Mexico in 1941.

"After having submitted the results of the investigation to attentive study, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, under the guidance of the new prefect, His Eminence Cardinal William Levada, has decided — taking into account both the advanced age of Rev. Maciel and his delicate health — to forgo a canonical process and to call the

priest to a life reserved to prayer and penance, renouncing any public ministry," the statement said.

Navarro-Valls added, "The Holy Father approved these decisions."

The spokesman also said, "independently of the person of the founder, the well-deserving apostolate of the Legionaries of Christ and of the association Regnum Christi is recognized with gratitude."

In a statement posted May 19 on its Web site, the Legionaries of Christ said Father Maciel, "our beloved father founder," has declared his innocence "and, following the example of Jesus Christ, decided not to defend himself in any way."

As to the Vatican's decision, it said, "with the spirit of obedience to the church that has always characterized him, he has accepted this communique with faith, complete serenity and tranquility of conscience."

The congregation said its founder knows that the restriction on his ministry is "a new cross that God, the father of mercy, has allowed him to suffer and that will obtain many graces for the Legion of Christ and the Regnum Christi movement."

Regain, a U.S.-based organization of ex-Legionaries critical of Father Maciel, praised the Vatican action "as a true and just vindica-

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# Bishop Lennon calls for unity among Catholics, fidelity to teachings

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

CLEVELAND (CNS) — Calling for unity among Catholics and urging adherence to the teachings of the church, Bishop Richard G. Lennon became the 10th bishop in the Cleveland Diocese's 159-year history May 15.

In a two-hour-45-minute liturgy filled with centuries-old tradition, Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati presented the new bishop with his crosier, symbolizing his leadership of the country's 16th largest diocese.

Bishop Anthony M. Pilla, the man whom Bishop Lennon succeeds, sat near his side throughout the afternoon ceremony in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Twice during the liturgy he was recognized for his 25 years as head of the Cleveland Diocese, each time receiving thunderous and sustained applause.

Also present were Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States; Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, a Lakewood, Ohio, native; Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore; and two dozen archbishops and bishops from across the country, including prelates of the Byzantine rite.

Archbishop Pilarczyk was joined by Archbishop Sambi in installing the Boston native.

It was Archbishop Pilarczyk who greeted Bishop Lennon at the main entrance — the holy door — of the cathedral and introduced him to the standing-room-only congregation of more than 1,200 people. Archbishop Sambi read Pope Benedict XVI's April 4 letter appointing Bishop Lennon, previously a Boston auxiliary who was vicar general and moderator of the

curia under Cardinal O'Malley.

"The role of the bishop as the spiritual leader of the flock is to promote and strengthen the unity of God's family," Archbishop Sambi said.

In his homily Bishop Lennon, a native of suburban Arlington, Mass., said he was pleased to begin his work in Cleveland. He asked for the diocese's prayers and support and pledged to work with all the faithful throughout the diocese.

Demonstrating the pastoral leadership that has endeared him among clergy and laity alike in Boston, Bishop Lennon issued a call for unity among all the faithful through the building of the community — both within the church and society at large.

Drawing from the liturgy's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, he noted how "the brothers and sisters devoted themselves" to building community. To do that, he called upon the church in Cleveland to uphold the "teachings of the apostles" as expressed by the church today.

"As (the) church founded by our great priest, Jesus Christ, it is imperative that his teachings be embraced and lived," he said. "Let us, as a diocese, commit ourselves to a genuine fidelity to the 'teachings of the apostles,' thereby enriching our personal lives and offering to the wider community a contribution for the well-being of all."

Bishop Lennon also stressed the importance of communion, both in responding to the needs of others, especially the poor and vulnerable, and the unity of Catholic life.

"Today we see in the church disagreements which in some

cases lead to divisions. This is not what the Lord desired, and thus he prophetically prayed that there be unity among his followers," he said.

"While in some areas there is room for diversity, in other areas of our Catholic life there needs to be unity. Only when we respect one another and listen to one another and have an openness to hearing as a community may we become a community," he said.

The bishop discussed the importance of communion with the wider society, including others of different faith traditions as well as public officials, to "build up our way of life."

Continuing on the topic of communion, Bishop Lennon said that celebrating Mass and receiving holy Communion is the most important activity of his priestly life. He invited the congregation to join him in that, citing Second Vatican Council documents that called the celebration of Mass and Communion both the summit and the source for Catholics.

"It is my hope that Mass and receiving holy Communion as a member of Christ's body will indeed be the center of our lives as Catholics," he said. Bishop Lennon also expressed hope that Catholics who do not attend Sunday Mass regularly will return to worship God "and be fed with his word and sacrament, thereby strengthening us by their presence as we do for them."

Bishop Lennon ended the celebration by walking through the cathedral blessing the congregation. The audience applauded his gesture.



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**Bishop Richard G. Lennon of Cleveland listens to the words of welcome from representatives of the various secretariats of the diocese serving the 798,000 Catholics of northeast Ohio during his May 15 installation at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. Bishop Lennon was appointed the 10th bishop of Cleveland April 4. He is the former rector of St. John Seminary, Boston.**

## OPUS DEI

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Catholic Worker petition now will go before the South Bend Common Council for final approval, which is expected.

Opus Dei, however, did not fare as well. The Board of Zoning Appeals voted to deny variances the group sought for demolition and new construction at its South Bend center on Notre Dame Avenue. The Opus Dei group wanted setback, buffer and height variances that would have allowed it to raze its present 6,000 square foot building and build three new buildings and a garage on the four lots it owns at the site. The current building, called "Windmoor," consists of two older homes which had been joined together on a double lot and which houses 14 men — eight male students and six professional men.

The Opus Dei facility also has a chapel and study room and hosts monthly meetings as well as occasional other events. Windmoor is in a single-family neighborhood just three blocks south of the Notre Dame campus, but its use as a group home is grandfathered. The grandfathering exception would cease if the current building is razed; hence the group was asking for a new exception.

In place of and adjacent to Windmoor, Opus Dei wanted to construct three new, more up-to-date buildings for their housing and activities that would be joined by breezeways. The square footage of those three buildings was proposed to be 4,500, 3,500 and 2,500 square feet, with architecture similar to existing houses on the block.

Opus Dei attorney Mark Boveri assured the board that the Opus Dei center would not negatively impact the neighborhood, and in fact the \$3 million project would enhance the neighborhood. He said the group did not plan to expand

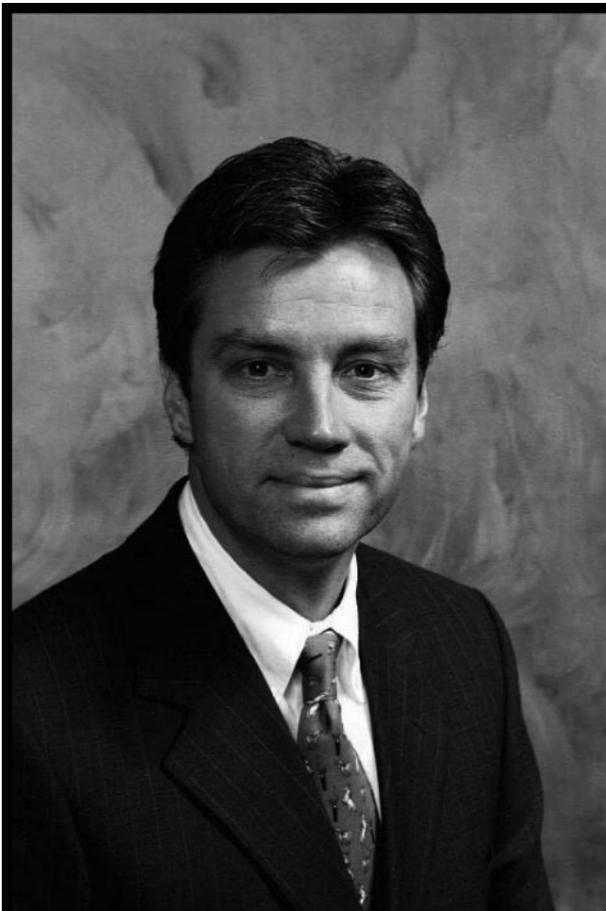
the number of residents or its activities and had no intention of doing anything differently than it had done for the past 46 years it has been at that location.

One neighbor spoke in favor of the petition at the zoning board meeting, saying Opus Dei was a positive influence in the neighborhood, but several other neighbors voiced their objections to the proposed plan. Most of the remonstrators noted that the Opus Dei residents were friendly, responsible neighbors. However, the neighbors raised concerns about the impact of an institutional setting — what one neighbor called a "compound" — being built in a single-family district. Some neighbors cited safety concerns about increased traffic, and some said they feared that property values in the neighborhood would be adversely affected by the proposed plan.

The stretch of Notre Dame Avenue where Windmoor is located has undergone a recent revitalization since the University of Notre Dame started selling lots it owns for faculty members to build new houses. Greg Hakanen, director of Asset Management and Real Estate Development for the university, told the zoning board that the university has had trouble trying to interest people in the lots adjacent to Windmoor because people are worried about future Opus Dei expansion. Hakanen was among those who asked the zoning board to deny the petition.

The Board of Zoning Appeals voted unanimously to deny the requested variances for the planned new buildings and to recommend that the common council not grant a zoning exception for a new group home at the site.

Jeff Langan, director of Windmoor Center, told *Today's Catholic* that the Opus Dei group would like to keep its site near Notre Dame to accommodate students who can easily walk to or from campus. He said the Opus Dei group is discussing possible alternative plans for their facility.



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**A new entrance to St. Martin de Porres Church in Syracuse is being added on. The statue of St. Martin de Porres is being protected during construction under the wooden box.**

## DE PORRES

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"Hopefully in the future we can raise more funds to finish the additional classrooms and have all the religious education classes in one central location," List said.

There are 115 students currently enrolled in the parish's religious education program, K-12.

"Our main concern was getting the kids out of the storage rooms and adding an elevator, with as many elderly as we have, it's a must."

List said improving the parking situation was also a high priority for the project. In the summertime, Mass attendance increases when vacationers arrive at their lake homes. There are 302 registered parishioners year-round at St. Martin and in the summer that number doubles. On long holiday weekends that number increases even more.

The parish was hoping to gain 80 parking spaces with this project but instead will actually gain about 35-40 spaces. A narthex is being added to the church to alleviate crowding during busy times and will allow room for parish members to congregate and visit after Mass. The plans do not call for additional pew seating, which caused a few concerns among parishioners, according to List. However, she said statistics taken over 40 years showed it was not feasible to do so when the extra seating was only really needed four times a year.

The majority of parishioners believe the renovation is a great idea. "They believe it's a real positive step for our church," Liz said.

Father Place and his parishioners may not have too much longer to wait. The completion date for the project is Aug. 28 and List said she was told at a recent construction meeting that they're still "looking good for that date."

## MACIEL

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tion of so many of Maciel's victims."

Glenn Favreau, Regain board member, told Catholic News Service the Vatican "was trying to satisfy everybody" with its decision. It disciplined Father Maciel without applying the maximum penalty while it praised the work of the Legion and Regnum Christi, he said.

Favreau added that one of the accusations against Father Maciel was that he absolved in confession people who were his accomplices in sexual sins and that this is punishable by automatic excommunication.

Such a penalty is contained in Canon 1378 of the church's Code of Canon Law.

Favreau, who is not among the accusers of Father Maciel, was a Legionary member from 1984 to 1997. He had been ordained a deacon before leaving.

The U.S.-based Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests said it welcomed the Vatican's disciplinary measures but added that Father Maciel should have been removed from the priesthood.

According to the Vatican's 2006 yearbook, the Legionaries have 1,917 members, of whom 642 are priests. Regnum Christi is a lay movement associated with the Legionaries.

The Vatican statement said accusations against Father Maciel were brought to the doctrinal congregation in 1998.

In 2002 Father Maciel issued a public denial of the allegations of sexual abuse, it said.

"In 2005, because of his advanced age, Father Maciel

retired from the office of superior general of the Congregation of the Legionaries of Christ," the Vatican said.

It said that in consideration of "all of these elements," then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, prefect of the doctrinal congregation, "authorized an investigation into the accusations" in accordance with new norms issued by Pope John Paul II in 2001 with regard to clerical sex abuse and serious abuses of the sacraments.

Msgr. Charles J. Scicluna, an official of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, traveled to Mexico and the United States early in 2005 to interview adults who said they were abused by Father Maciel when they were teenage seminarians.

A May 2005 statement by the Legionaries repeated Father Maciel's denial: "I can categorically state that the accusations brought against me are false. I never engaged in the sort of repulsive behavior these men accuse me of."

One of the accusers is Juan J. Vaca, a psychology professor at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and a former priest of the Legionaries of Christ.

In a January 2005 interview with Catholic News Service, Vaca said that when he was being abused in his seminary days he once told Father Maciel that he needed to go to confession about those incidents. Vaca said Father Maciel tried to dissuade him, but when he was insistent the priest said, "Here, I will give you absolution," and made a sign of the cross over him.

Vaca said several other seminarians reported similar incidents.

After earlier complaints to the Vatican brought no response, in 1998 the eight living accusers drew up another case against Father Maciel, accusing him of giving absolution to an accomplice in a sexual sin.

Vaca said they were informed early in 2005 that the Vatican was looking into the case.



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**Father Marcial Maciel Degollado, left, founder of the Legionaries of Christ, is pictured meeting students at Regina Apostolorum university in Rome in 1999. In a decision approved by Pope Benedict XVI, the Vatican said May 19 that Father Maciel, who has been accused of sexually abusing minors, should not exercise his priestly ministry publicly.**

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## Pope sends Cardinal Sepe to Naples; Cardinal Dias goes to Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Italian Cardinal Crescenzio Sepe to be the new archbishop of Naples and named Indian Cardinal Ivan Dias to succeed him as prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. The appointments were announced May 20 at the Vatican. Cardinal Dias, 70, is a former Vatican diplomat who has been archbishop of his hometown since 2001. Cardinal Sepe, who will turn 63 June 2, was named prefect of the congregation the same year. He was born in a rural village not far from Naples and told the Italian Catholic newspaper *Avvenire* May 21, "I feel like a son who, having left home many years ago, is returning with his heart filled with many experiences providence allowed me to have." Cardinal Sepe succeeds Cardinal Michele Giordano, 75, who retired for reasons of age.

## Bishops urge Congress to assist more hurricane victims, Haitians

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairmen of two key bishops' committees urged special attention to the poor in Haiti and to U.S. hurricane victims in need of housing as a House-Senate conference committee began work on a supplemental appropriations bill. In a May 19 letter to the conference committee, Bishops Nicholas DiMarzio and Thomas G. Wenski urged support for those "two essential areas of funding" in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror and Hurricane Recovery 2006. Bishop DiMarzio, of Brooklyn, N.Y., heads the U.S. bishops' Committee on Domestic Policy, and Bishop Wenski, of Orlando, Fla., chairs the Committee on International Policy. The bishops said the reconciled appropriations bill should include at least \$100 million for rental housing assistance for low-income households in the Gulf Coast region and \$40 million "for the urgent needs of Haiti," the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

## Church officials critical of plans to legalize abortion in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (CNS) — Catholic Church officials are critical of an Argentine proposal to legalize abortion under certain circumstances as part of a wide-ranging legal reform. The proposal was drawn up by a team of legal experts working on draft outlines for a revised penal code. Abortion is illegal in Argentina except in the case of the rape of a mentally disabled woman or when the mother's life is in danger, but human rights groups believe at least 500,000 illegal abortions are performed annually. The issue of legalizing abortion under specific circumstances remains highly divisive in Argentina, and government officials were quick to make it clear they were not officially endorsing these proposals. Media reports

# NEWS BRIEFS

## POPE ADDRESSES ITALIAN BISHOPS' CONFERENCE



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Pope Benedict XVI addresses members of the Italian bishops' conference in the synod hall at the Vatican May 18. He told them that part of the church's duty is to help people see what public policies are helpful or harmful to the dignity of individuals and to the common good.

quoted church sources as saying a government official had called Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, head of the Argentine bishops' conference, to assure him that the government was not planning any change to current abortion laws. The Justice Ministry has invited the public to submit comments on the penal code proposals on its Web site.

## Orthodox official sees quicker resolution of tensions under this pope

ROME (CNS) — The head of ecumenical relations for the Russian Orthodox Church said he expects the resolution of Catholic-Orthodox tensions to speed up under Pope Benedict XVI. Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad met May 18 with Pope Benedict, then presided over the May 19 blessing of the new Russian Orthodox church in Rome, St. Catherine the Martyr. He told reporters later that he had "a deep and important conversation" with Pope Benedict "about possibilities for our churches working together," particularly in Europe. "The Catholic Church and the Russian Orthodox Church must work together to bring to light again the Christian roots of Europe," Metropolitan Kirill said. While the centuries-old theological differences separating Catholics and Orthodox must be overcome, he said, "people today want answers to the questions that are closest to them, and they want one answer. They want the churches to speak with one voice." He said the pope agreed that promoting moral values in Europe — especially the value of human life and the importance of the traditional family — should be a priority for the two churches.

## Pope says media can be used to draw attention to people in need

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic Church is attentive to the media not only because they can be used to help spread the Gospel, but also because they can promote solidarity and draw people's attention to situations of serious need, said Pope Benedict XVI. Addressing pilgrims gathered at the Vatican May 21 for the midday recitation of the "Regina Coeli" prayer, the pope looked specifically at the media's ability to inform people about "the plague of hunger that still afflicts humanity." He praised participants in the May 21 Walk the World marathon sponsored by the World Food Program and, in connection with the event, spoke about the May 28 celebration of World Communications Day. The marathon, he said, is designed to raise awareness about the need for quick, concrete action "to guarantee everyone, particularly children, freedom from hunger."

## Pope says some religious order reforms threatened by modern culture

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Reforms undertaken by religious orders aimed at ensuring deeper fidelity to the Gospel, to the church and to the poor are threatened by too many adaptations to a modern, materialistic culture, Pope Benedict XVI said. The pope met May 22 with some 1,500 superiors of women's and men's religious orders representing hundreds of thousands of priests, nuns, brothers and consecrated virgins around the world. "To belong to the Lord: This is the mission of the men and women who have chosen to follow

the chaste, poor and obedient Christ so that the world would believe and be saved," the pope told the superiors. Consecrated men and women, he said, are called to be a "credible and shining sign of the Gospel and its paradoxes," which encourage humility, self-giving and the renunciation of earthly goods for the sake of spiritual goods. "The Lord wants men and women who are free, not bound, able to abandon everything to follow him and who find everything only in him," the pope said.

## Author, spiritual director Father Edward Farrell dies in Detroit

DETROIT (CNS) — Cardinal Adam J. Maida celebrated a funeral Mass May 13 in the chapel of Detroit's Sacred Heart Major Seminary for Father Edward J. Farrell, a well-known author and spiritual director. Father Farrell, 75, died during an early afternoon nap May 9 at the Holy Trinity Oratory in Detroit. The author of 12 books on spirituality, Father Farrell was in demand as a retreat director, having conducted retreats in more than 70 countries. But many also sought him out for personal counseling. "There were just thousands who sought him out for guidance, or for a word of comfort, or for forgiveness or healing," said Sister Marcella Clancy, co-director with Father Farrell of the Holy Trinity Oratory. Father Farrell was active in work for evangelization, ecumenism, social justice and peace, and had a deep devotion to the Eucharist, Sister Clancy said. "The core of Father Ed's person and priesthood was Eucharist," she said. "He would no more consider not celebrating Eucharist each day than he would consider not breathing, not having his heart beat for a day. Eucharist was the breath and heart of his life."

## Court rejects Spokane Diocese's \$45.7 million sex abuse settlement

SPOKANE, Wash. (CNS) — U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Patricia Williams has thrown out the Spokane Diocese's proposed \$45.7 million settlement with 75 people who have sued the diocese for clergy sexual abuse. She said the proposal violated a rule of fair treatment because it did not include some 100 other claims still under review or provide for possible future claims. Williams made her ruling during a telephone conference hearing May 18. Earlier in the week lawyers for claimants who were not covered by the proposed settlement submitted a proposal that would assess parishes nearly two-thirds of the market value of their church and school properties in return for not forcing them to close and be put up for sale. Williams ruled last year that the parishes and schools in the diocese belong to the diocese and must be counted among its assets in the bankruptcy proceedings. The diocese has appealed that ruling to the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Washington. The diocese had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in December 2004.

## Catholic radio making imprint in Kansas City

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo. (CNS) — When Jesus and his Apostles preached to their followers, they would travel from town to town, covering several miles every day. Thanks to today's technology, Catholic radio can spread the Word of God in a nearly 100-mile radius of Excelsior Springs, using the AM dial. KEXS (1090 AM) is the only Catholic radio station in Kansas City. KEXS has long been known as a religious radio station, but became a Catholic radio station nearly two years ago, on May 19, 2004, the late Pope John Paul II's birthday. Jim O'Laughlin, president of KEXS' owner, Kansas City Catholic Network, remembers the day well. He also said the coincidence of starting on the pope's birthday was not lost on him, since Pope John Paul called for a "new evangelization."

## Jesuit granted France's highest honor for human rights work in India

NEW DELHI (CNS) — The French government has awarded its highest honor to Jesuit Father Cedric Prakash, an outspoken advocate for human rights in western India's Gujarat state. Father Prakash was awarded the Legion of Honor for his "commitment to the defense and promotion of human rights in India," the French government said in a May 15 statement to the priest. "I feel humbled. This is not an honor for me but for all those who have work(ed) for human rights in the difficult situation here," the Jesuit told Catholic News Service May 17. Father Prakash has been fighting for human rights in Gujarat state as the head of Prashant, a Jesuit social action group.

## Eagle Scout Burrell to be honored

FORT WAYNE — Zachary Burrell, 18, of Boy Scout Troop 19 will be honored at a special Eagle Scout ceremony Wednesday, May 31, at 7 p.m. at the St. John the Baptist Pursley Activity Center.

To earn Scouting's highest award, Zachary had to earn 21 merit badges, serve as a leader in his troop and complete a major community service project.

Zachary's service project was organizing the renovation of the Girl Scout meeting room at St. John the Baptist Church. Renovation included taking up the old carpet, painting the walls and laying new carpet.

Zachary has been a member of Troop 19, chartered to St. John the Baptist Church, for seven years. He has served the troop as Scribe and Troop Guide. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow in 2001. Zachary participated in a troop trip to Charles L. Sommers National High Adventure Base, Ely, Minn., in the summer of 2000 with a trip to Philmont Boy Scout Camp, N.M., the following summer.

Zachary is a senior at Bishop Luers High School. He will graduate in the top ten of his class and has been active in Key Club, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, World Culture Club and is captain of the cross country and track teams in his senior year. He plans to attend Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Bloomington, this fall.

## Eagle Scout honored in May 21 ceremony

SOUTH BEND — Ben Domonkos from St. Matthew Scout Troop 111 was honored as an Eagle Scout on Sunday, May 21, at Our Lady of Hungary. Domonkos, a senior at Marian High School, plans to attend Indiana University of South Bend or Holy Cross College.

Ben's Eagle project involved tearing out old plaster and re-plastering at Our Lady of Hungary Church. He thanks the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Hungary for their effort in the project.

In 1994, Ben began his Scouting career in first grade as a Tiger Cub. He was a charter member of Pack 433 sponsored by Immanuel United Methodist Church. He earned his Arrow of Light — the highest honor earned in Cub Scouts — and also earned the Order of the Arrow Brotherhood. He worked three years as a camp counselor at Camp Tamarack.

Scouting is a family tradition in the Domonkos family. Ben's father, Steve, is the Scout master. Ben's older brother, Sam, earned his Eagle Award. Younger brother Jake is also a Scout.

Ben's parents are Steve and Denise M. Domonkos.

## Saint Joseph's senior recognized as Presidential Scholar

SOUTH BEND — Neehar Garg, a graduating senior from Saint Joseph's High School, was recently notified that he had been select-

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## SCOUTS RECEIVE RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS



PROVIDED BY LAURA RAY

The 52nd annual St. George Day Mass and award ceremony was celebrated recently by the Scout chaplain, Father Chris Young, at St. Anthony Church in South Bend. Laura Ray, the Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCOS) vice chair, presented Scouts their medal for earning their age appropriate religious emblems: Joseph Larson, Troop 563, Ad Altare Dei; Liam Wilcox, Pack 750, Parvuli Dei; Miguel Canda, Pack 750, Parvuli Dei; Jonathan Mauck, Troop 750, Ad Altare Dei. Also honored were scout leaders James Knopick and James Liponoga of Troop 750 who received the Bronze Pelican, a diocesan award to recognize dedication to providing a quality Catholic Scouting program to youth. Dr. James Mauck was presented the St. George Medal, a National CCOS award given to lay persons or clergy who foster the total personal and spiritual growth of Scouts and encourage them to actively live out their Catholic faith.

ed a 2006 Presidential Scholar. The letter sent to Principal Susan Richter reads, "I am pleased to announce that, after wrestling with many difficult choices, the Commission on Presidential Scholars has selected the 2006 Presidential Scholars.

"Neehar N. Garg is one of these outstanding students. One young man and one young woman have been chosen from each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Two students have been selected at large, and 20 students have been chosen from the visual and performing arts. The scholars have all demonstrated leadership, scholarship, contribution to school and community, and outstanding accomplishment in the arts, sciences, and other fields of interest," the letter said.

"Recognition of your scholar will emphasize the importance of achievement in secondary education. On behalf of the President's Commission and the U.S. Department of Education, thank you for broadening the exposure of the Presidential Scholars Program and celebrating the accomplishments of these outstanding young people," the letter adds.

Scholars will be recognized in Washington D.C. during National Recognition Week in June. A high

point of the week will be the presentation of the Presidential Scholars medallion to each Scholar, to commemorate their being chosen for this prestigious award.

The scholars are chosen from a pool of approximately 2,600 candidates identified for the academic component of the program, based on having scored exceptionally well on the College Board SAT or the ACT Assessment. Approximately 20 females and 20 males are selected as candidates from each state, the District of Columbia, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and from families of U.S. citizens living abroad. Application is by invitation only; students do not apply individually to the program, nor do their schools nominate them.

Of the 550 semifinalists, only 11 were from Indiana. Neehar is the 11th student in South Bend to receive this recognition since the program's inception in 1964, and he is the only student from Saint Joseph's High School to be awarded this distinction.

Each Presidential Scholar is asked to identify the one teacher who has most influenced him or her. The "distinguished professional" chosen and honored by Neehar for her efforts is Julie Chismar.

Chismar exemplifies the excel-

lence in teaching and the excellence that continues to be a tradition at Saint Joseph's High School. The letter to Richter concluded with, "We appreciate your school's commitment to cultivate excellence in all of your students."

## USF awards high school essay winners

FORT WAYNE — The School of Health Sciences at the University of Saint Francis recently sponsored an essay contest for high school students interested in health careers. The contest was open to all high school juniors enrolled at Bishop Dwenger High School, Bishop Luers High School and Anthis Health career students of Fort Wayne, Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend and Marian High School, Mishawaka. Two students, Stephanie Woodruff of Bishop Dwenger High School and Chrissy Ruich of Bishop Luers High School, were chosen as award recipients of \$500 and a USF hooded sweatshirt. The topic of the essay was to describe how the Franciscan Value, Reverence the unique dignity of each person, applies to your interest in a health care profession. Both Chrissy and Stephanie aspire to become registered nurses. Chrissy is the daugh-

ter of Cindy and Ron Ruich and Stephanie is the daughter of Karen and Steven Woodrum.

## 'Lower Your Nets' for Catholic Youth Camp

The Office of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is sponsoring a Catholic Youth Camp for boys and girls entering grades 4-6 from June 14-18, at Bair Lake in Jones, Mich. (about an hour and a half from both Fort Wayne and South Bend).

The camp will provide an outstanding opportunity for young Catholics to have fun, pray and enjoy the summer camp experience. It will include swimming, canoeing, frisbee golf, a climbing wall, crafts, fishing, camp fires, hiking, daily Mass, prayer, soccer, basketball, putt-putt golf and more.

Registration is \$175 per child with a sibling rate of \$150 per child. Space is limited to 100 campers. For more information, contact Chris Culver, associate director of the Office of Youth Ministry at [cculver@fw.diocese-fwsb.org](mailto:cculver@fw.diocese-fwsb.org) or Dave and Jan Torma, camp directors, at (574) 291-3381.

## Queen of Peace Ministries to host Marian conference at Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME — Queen of Peace Ministries in South Bend will host the 2006 National Medjugorje Conference at the University of Notre Dame, May 26-28. This year's conference will feature Msgr. Ben Franzinelli, Tony Melendez, Eduardo Verastegui, Dr. Thersa Karminski Burke and other inspiring speakers and performers.

There will be a candlelight rosary procession to the Lourdes Grotto, opportunities for prayer and Mass attendance, music ministry and more. Housing is available both on-campus and at many area locations. This year the International Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will also be on display.

Speakers at the 2006 National Medjugorje Conference include internationally known singer and guitarist Tony Melendez; cofounder of the Medjugorje Information Center in Las Vegas, Nev., Msgr. Ben Franzinelli; popular Mexican singer and actor Eduardo Verastegui; Brother Jason Lewis, MIC, a convert to Catholicism and seminarian with the Congregation of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception; Dr. Theresa Karminski Burke, who was instrumental in producing the first video presentation of the events in Medjugorje; David Leatherby, who had a conversion experience in Medjugorje; and Father Anthony Bus, CR, author of "A Mother's Plea."

For information, visit [www.queenofpeaceministries.com](http://www.queenofpeaceministries.com) or telephone (574) 288-8777, fax: (574) 288-879 or e-mail: [maryconference@hotmail.com](mailto:maryconference@hotmail.com)

## Correction

The names of the Bishop Dwenger High School valedictorian and salutatorian were reversed in the May 21 issue of *Today's Catholic*. Claire Ensley is the Bishop Dwenger valedictorian. Hailey Gardner is the salutatorian.

## More than 2,800 Notre Dame students received degrees May 21

NOTRE DAME — More than 2,800 students received degrees May 21 at the University of Notre Dame's 161st commencement exercises, which were held at the Joyce Center on campus.

Mary McAleese, president of Ireland, was the principal speaker and the recipient of an honorary doctor of laws degree. Jazz pianist and composer Dave Brubeck received the 2006 Laetare Medal, Notre Dame's highest honor and the most prestigious award given to American Catholics.

Catherine Distler, a double major in anthropology and pre-professional studies from Leawood, Kan., delivered the valedictory address.

Degrees were conferred on 1,935 undergraduates, 318 master's and doctoral students in the Notre Dame Graduate School, 380 master's degree students in the Mendoza College of Business, and 191 Notre Dame Law School students.

Other honorary degree recipients are: Landrum R. Bolling, higher education leader and international peace maker; Kevin Cahill, internationally known expert on tropical medicine; Anthony F. Earley Jr., chairman of the board, chief executive officer, and president of DTE Energy Company; Norman C. Francis, president of Xavier University; Pulitzer Prize-winning author Harper Lee; Gil Loescher, emeritus professor at Notre Dame and international expert on refugee and humanitarian issues; Francis C. Oakley, president emeritus of Williams College; philanthropist Karen Rauenhorst; John F. "Jack" Sandner, retired chair of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange; Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, N.M.; Matthew V. Storin, noted journalist and retired associate vice president at Notre Dame; and Thomas P. Sullivan, trial lawyer and former U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois.

## IRISH PRESIDENT PRESENTS ADDRESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME



BRYCE RICHTER

Mary McAleese, president of Ireland, presented the commencement address at the University of Notre Dame on May 20.

## BISHOP CELEBRATES BACCALAUREATE MASS AT SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy was the celebrant of the baccalaureate Mass at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, on May 19.

## Msgr Faber celebrates 70 years as priest

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — June 6 will mark the 70th jubilee anniversary of ordination into the priesthood for Msgr. William Faber, who celebrated his 97th birthday in March. In his years he has witnessed many changes, both culturally and within his beloved church.

Born in Evanston, Ill. on March 26, 1909, to Susan and Michael Faber, sixth of eight children, Msgr. Faber and his siblings were very close, one brother being "like a twin." The children helped out during the Depression years by selling vegetables at a roadside stand.

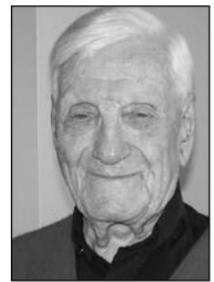
Msgr. Faber and his "twin" spent their time together caddying at the local golf course where he learned to love golf, a sport he played well throughout his life. His family, he says, have all lived good long lives, including one sister who is a retired nun.

"Longevity is in our genes," says Msgr. Faber brightly. "Six of the eight lived 90-plus years and the other two made it to 87."

Msgr. Faber attended Catholic grammar and high schools in Evanston where he remembers being taught by tremendous nuns and priests. He felt an influence from these religious, yet had "no inclination" for a vocation until after graduation when he prayed to the Blessed Mother for guidance.

He began his studies in Rensselaer at St. Joseph College, where he came to know the priesthood was where he belonged. Following two years of study there, he attended St. Gregory in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he earned a baccalaureate in philosophy. And after four years of study in theology at St. Meinrad Seminary, the young Faber was ordained into the priesthood in 1936 by then Bishop John F. Noll at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The young priest's first assignment was at Holy Angels Parish in Gary. After six years as associate pastor there he was assigned to the marriage tribunal in Chicago. Another move took the priest back to Fort Wayne where he spent seven years as chaplain at St. Vincent Village Orphanage. There he ministered to over 300 children, some of whom he is still in contact with today.



MSGR. WILLIAM FABER

During that time, Msgr. Faber was asked by then Bishop John F. Noll to start a new church in Fort Wayne and after working with contractors, the plans for Queen of

Angels Parish were drawn up.

Msgr. Faber's vision was to build the church that July of 1947 for later use as a gymnasium, with a new church building to come later.

"But the school became so popular that we kept building new classrooms instead," says Msgr. Faber, who reports there were eventually 17 classrooms. Msgr. Faber's 25-year pastorate at Queen of Angels occurred during the time of Vatican II and he recalls, "I was deeply moved by the efforts of Vatican II and had all the necessary changes made immediately." He was named monsignor by then Bishop Leo Pursley in 1966.

Following his pastorate at Queen of Angels, Msgr. Faber moved to Kendallville where he spent eight years shepherding the flock at Immaculate Conception Parish before his retirement at age 71. His sister Betsey was his housekeeper there.

He soon began to winter in Florida, along with his sister, where he ministered to the people there for 13 years.

In 2001, Betsey's failing health had them both returning to Fort Wayne, when they moved into St. Anne Home and Retirement Community. "I'm happy here," says Msgr. Faber.

Msgr. Faber believes the priesthood is a great gift, and has pledged his life "to try and make Christ realistically present in the lives of the people."

He humbly adds, "It means everything to me. I was always involved in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. I believe priests are ordained for the preference of the people."

A special recognition dinner was held by the Knights of Columbus for Msgr. Faber's jubilee on April 27, where he was presented with a certificate of appreciation for 70 years in the priesthood.

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# Students find comfort with canine counselor

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The school counselor must be exceptionally creative when working with the issues that plague today's students. Use of puppets, talk and play therapy are all viable ways to guide students to problem resolution. But occasionally, it takes a little more.

Beth Keen, school counselor for St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Fort Wayne, knows that all too well and has found a unique and somewhat furry solution. Keen's dog, Annika, accompanies her to school each day. She is a certified therapy dog.

Annika was a year old when she came to the Keen family as a pet six years ago. "She had been bred as a show dog, but her shoulders were too narrow," says Keen. But that doesn't seem to matter to this school counselor who is quick to point out how much she and her family love the dog. Following a lengthy interview process and two meetings with the breeder, Annika was soon home with Keen, husband Bob and 16-year-old son Brendan, who welcomed Annika wholeheartedly to their existing animal menagerie, which includes a cat and a horse.

Though Annika was well trained as a show dog, Keen felt an obedience class would be fun to participate in. The Whippet did so well that she moved up to the advanced class and earned her good canine citizenship award from

Mike Rowland, owner and trainer of Animal Training and Development Center. Rowland liked what he saw in Annika and encouraged Keen to enroll Annika in therapy dog training. "We look for stability of temperament, a curiosity by nature and calmness,"



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**Beth Keen, left, school counselor for St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School in Fort Wayne shares her dog, Annika, with first grade students Karsyn Kleinrichart, center, and Joseph Spangler, right. Annika, a six-year-old Whippet, has been trained as a therapy dog and accompanies Keen to work each day for participation in counseling sessions with the students there. Research shows that petting and interacting with animals has a beneficial effect on health, including lowering blood pressure and relieving stress.**

says Rowland of the dogs he recommends for therapy training. The dogs can then be used in a variety of settings including nursing home visits, hospitals and schools.

The eight-week training Annika received at the center involved desensitization to anxiety, learning to be leashed on either side of the owner and using a paw or nose as directed. "We also help people see and appreciate the gift in the

dog and how to use it," reports Rowland.

Upon earning certification, Keen and her therapy dog began making nursing home visits where Annika became a comforting presence. The following year, in 2001, Keen was hired for the three-day-

loves to chase squirrels. "It's her hobby," she jokes. "She's so fast, she catches them with her paws, but then lets them go. She's a princess." Whippets are also known to "kiss" with their noses, that is, touch nose to nose, rather than the traditional canine licking. Another interesting fact about this breed is they normally sleep up to 22 hours each day.

Keen, who holds an art degree from Notre Dame and a master's degree in school counseling from the University of Saint Francis, uses the dog in individual and group counseling at school, as a relaxation tool. "If a student is not ready to talk, it's a nice way to calm themselves. They just sit by the dog and relax," says Keen, who notes that research indicates the benefit on blood pressure rates during interaction with animals. She also uses the dog as an ice breaker to establish rapport with new students and parents who visit with concerns. Keen has become known as the "dog person" among the students and feels Annika has made her more accessible. "The dog gives them an excuse to come down to see me if they really need to talk," says Keen. The dog accompanies Keen

to retreats for children as well.

Annika and her owner are housed in a small office located in the lower level of St. Joseph School. Her bed, a large stuffed pillow, is located near the window by the hall where the students can stop by or wave to the counseling duo. On work days Annika accompanies Keen in the hallways at the end of the school day, where the departing throngs will stop to give her one last pet. "Though she's very calm, she prefers one or two kids at a time," says Keen. "Sometimes in the crowds she shakes and puts her head down. I tease the kids she'll get an academy award for her acting. They love it."



Of the job as school

counselor Keen says, "It's a great job. No day is ever the same. I just love the kids and there's a great school atmosphere. I feel like Annika and I are making a difference. And the great perk is, I get to bring my buddy to work!"

**For more information** on therapy dog training contact Mike Rowland at Animal Training and Development Center at (260) 432-3999 or visit his Web site at [www.animaltrainingdev.com](http://www.animaltrainingdev.com)

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BETH KEEN

a-week school counseling position at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School and she immediately approached then-principal Mary Schreiber about the use of her dog. Schreiber welcomed the dog and the rest is history.

Annika is a Whippet, considered the middle-sized canine of the Greyhound family. She weighs in at 23 pounds, which her owner says is a good weight for her build. Her sleek coat is "orange brindle," which is the most common color of the breed. Bred for speed, these agile dogs have been clocked running, or "coursing," up to 35 miles per hour. Annika, reports Keen,

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# Moral principles involved in treating infertility

So far in this series we have focused on the Christian vision of marriage, sexuality and procreation, the meaning of responsible parenthood and the morality of the various means which can be used to avoid pregnancy. As we turn now to the topic of infertility, we will see how many of the moral principles we have already considered also apply to issues in this area.

The first principle, which puts this whole question into perspective, is the affirmation that a child is always a gift, never a right. While marriage gives spouses the right to express their love for each other through the language of the body that sex is supposed to be, we do not have a "right" to a child. A child is, rather, a gift from God that flows from and is the fruit of the mutual gift of self that marriage is called to be. This point was eloquently expressed in the 1987 document "Donum Vitae," which was issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith under Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger after being approved by Pope John Paul II:

"A true and proper right to a child would be contrary to the child's dignity and nature. The child is not an object to which one has a right, nor can he be considered as an object of ownership: rather, a child is a gift, 'the supreme gift' and the most gratuitous gift of marriage, and is a living testimony of the mutual giving of his parents. For this reason, the child has the right ... to be the fruit of the specific act of the conjugal love of his parents, and he also has the right to be respected as a person from the moment of his conception." (# 8.)

Notice that this paragraph begins by affirming that a child is not a right and ends by affirming the rights of the child. The first of these rights is the right to be conceived through an act of sexual love between his or her parents. This brings us to the second principle, which the church teaches, regarding the treatment of infertility: the sexual union of spouses is the only setting worthy of the "coming to be" of a new human person.

This principle is crucially important because what is at stake is the sacredness of the gift of sex as God designed it and the dignity of the child. We have seen that the love-giving and life-giving meanings of sex are intimately linked because they image the inner life of God, in which the love between the Father and the Son is literally personified in the Holy Spirit. God designed sex so that the moment in which the two become one flesh is the means by which the two become one flesh in the person of their child. In other words, the church is saying that the act that expresses most intimately the mutual gift of self between husband and wife is the way in which God wants to give spouses the gift of a child.

If we reflect on our own experience, we can easily see that some settings are not suitable for the giving of priceless gifts. Suppose that your parents have a precious family heirloom that they would like to pass on to you. Imagine them making reservations at a nice restaurant, or perhaps inviting you into their home to present the gift. Whatever setting they choose, you can be sure that it will be commensurate to the specialness of the occasion and the value they place

on the gift. Somehow, passing on a priceless family heirloom in the parking lot of a convenience store just wouldn't seem to fit. Well, in a similar way, the church is saying that the setting in which the gift of a child is given matters greatly, and the only place worthy of the passing on of that priceless gift is the mutual love of husband and wife expressed in the act of sexual union. This goes way beyond what is simply ideal to what is morally required: a child must never be simply the product of a technical procedure.

Notice also, however, that the setting in which the gift is passed on does not change or diminish the value of the gift. A family heirloom passed on in the parking lot of a convenience store is no less precious than if it were formally presented in a fancy restaurant. In the same way, a child conceived outside the setting of the sexual union of spouses is still a priceless gift from God. This brings us to the second right of the child affirmed in the paragraph from "Donum Vitae" previously quoted: regardless of the way in which a pregnancy is achieved, a child has the right to be respected as a person from the moment of his or her conception.

As we have seen before, these principles reflect a profound reverence for the holy ground that we are standing on when it comes to marriage, sexuality and procreation. This reverence also determines the essential moral difference between scientific technologies which are acceptable in treating infertility and those which are not. The principle, which the church teaches in this regard, can be stated like this: technologies which assist sexual union between

spouses to achieve conception are acceptable, while technologies which substitute for sexual union are not. "Donum Vitae" describes the difference in these words: "If the technical means facilitates the conjugal act or helps it to reach its natural objective, it can be morally acceptable. If, on the other hand, the procedure were to replace the conjugal act, it is morally illicit." (#6.)

Next time we will apply this principle to the various reproductive technologies available today.

## FAITH AND FERTILITY

WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES AND WHY

BY LISA EVERETT

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS



KRISSY POGUE

St. Joseph School in Decatur recently announced scholarship winners for the 2006-2007 academic year. They include, front row, from left, Scott Alberding, Katlyn Cook, Vincent Faurote, Zach Fitzgerald; second row, Brock Weber, Emily Pierce, Abby Stimpson and Gabby Weaver; and third row, Principal Karla Hormann, guidance counselor Frank Whitacre and pastor Father David Voors.

DECATUR — St. Joseph School presented scholarships and awards to several returning students based on their Christian attitude on May 12.

St. Joseph students received from the St. Vincent de Paul Society three \$200 awards in memory of past member Dick Callow. Because of their Christian attitude, third grader Vincent Faurote, seventh grader Emily Pierce and sixth grader Brock Weber were chosen as the recipients.

Three additional students received a \$1,000 Dan Klepper Memorial Scholarship. The Klepper's established this fund in memory of their son Dan Klepper who was killed in a car-train accident over 30 years ago. This scholarship has been awarded to three St. Joseph School students

who demonstrate outstanding Christian attitude for the past three years. The \$1,000 scholarships cover part of the students' tuition and the staff of St. Joseph School nominated the candidates for this award. This year's winners are Abby Stimpson, Zach Fitzgerald and Katlyn Cook.

In addition, this was the first year for the All American Award. This award is in memory of Al Lindahl who was very active both at the church and the school. All American Award winners were based on not only academic excellence but also Christian attitude and an interest in athletics. The first time winners were Gabby Weaver and Scott Alberding. Each of these students will also receive \$200 towards next year's tuition.

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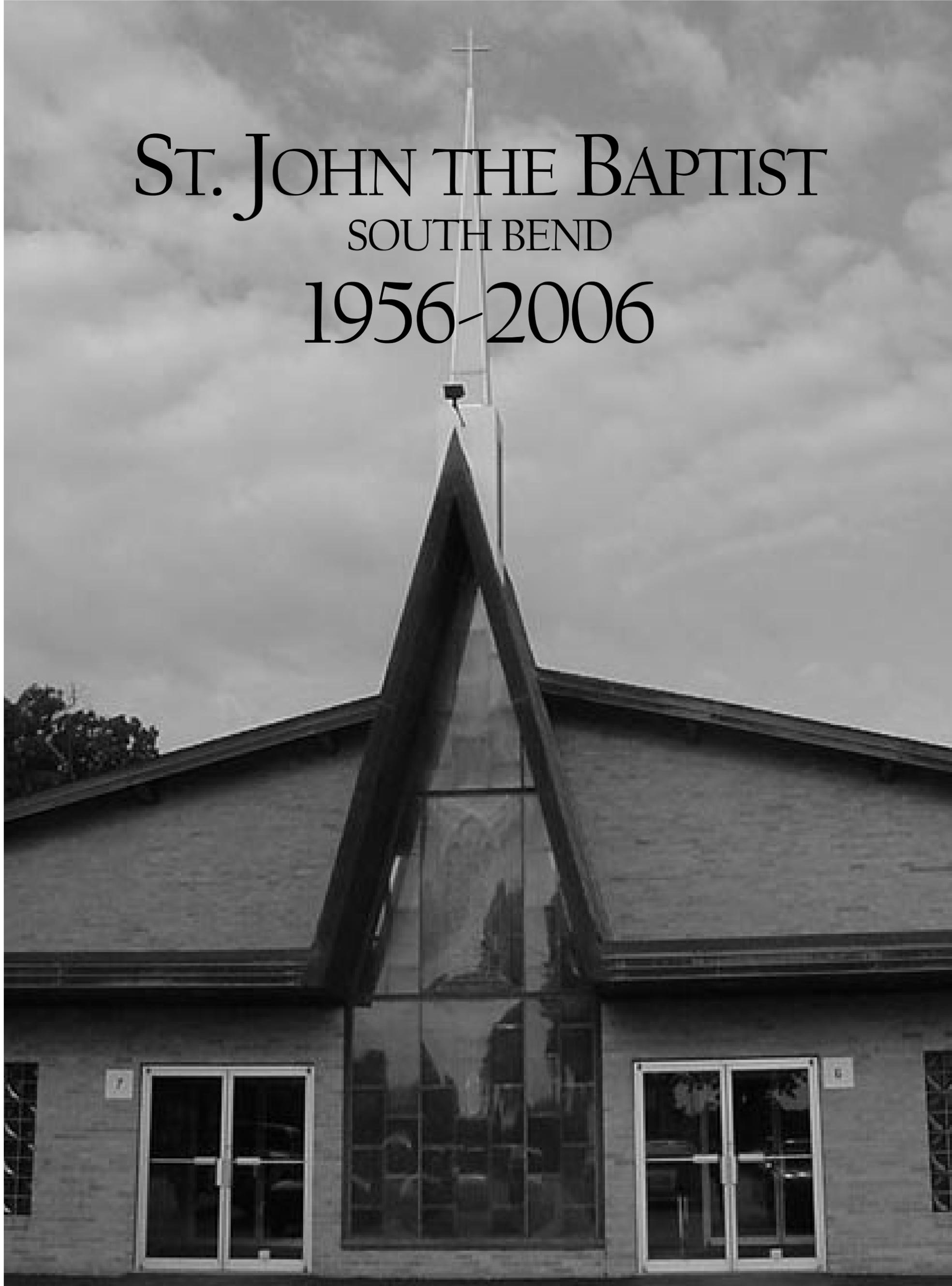
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# ST. JOHN PARISH CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

## A brief history

**SOUTH BEND** — Fifty years have seen St. John the Baptist Parish in South Bend remain steady.

And this year, the parish is celebrating its jubilee.

Like most churches, there have been downs — like when a fire gutted the church in 1969. But there are always ups — like when the St. John School opened in 1957.

St. John became official June 8, 1956, according to Rose Gullifor, who is helping to work on the memory book for the 50th jubilee celebration.

And while Gullifor is no longer a parishioner since her family moved out of the parish, she was parish secretary for over 17 years for the parish's first priest, Father Joseph A. Jacobs, and her family was part of the parish for about 30 years. She's seen those good times and bad, and even though she's now a part of another parish, she said Father James Seculoff, who is now pastor at St. John, calls her his "honorary member."

When the church opened, there were about 437 parishioners, Gullifor said, and another count was taken sometime around Oct. 1957. At that time, St. John had about 508 parishioners, but it seems that the church was a growing and thriving one, with 626 just a year later in 1958.

Today, St. John sits at just over 500 parishioners.

Though he wasn't a parishioner at the time, Bill Sorukas said he remembers when St. John was being built. He knew some guys his age, who had vandalized and burglarized the newly built church, and the police came to talk to him about the suspects, who were later arrested. Sorukas said he found out three clocks — pretty expensive ones — were stolen because the guys had shown them to him. Who knew just a few years later, Sorukas would convert to Catholicism and be a parishioner at St. John?

But indeed he did. His first Communion was at St. John and it's also the place he was married. Sorukas, like many other parishioners, have stuck with St. John through thick and thin, including

five priests serving at the parish.

Father Jacobs served from 1956 until 1972, when he was transferred to Fort Wayne, Gullifor said.

He was replaced by Father Christopher Hinckley in 1972 for a year, when Father Jacobs returned, and Hinckley was transferred to Fort Wayne, she said. Father Jacobs retired in 1991 and was replaced by Father Terry Place, who was replaced by Father Lourdino Fernandez in 2002, who was replaced by Father Seculoff in August 2004, Gullifor said.

Three priests were also ordained at St. John, Gullifor said. Father Joseph Rulli was ordained in 1992, Father Donald Woznicki in 2002 and Father Bradley Metz, CSC, in 2002, she said.

But the parish has also lost one of their most beloved figures. Father Jacobs died July 4, 2003.

According to Gullifor, Father Jacobs still found time to help around St. John the Baptist — named for Father Jacobs' father's patron saint — even though he was at St. Joseph Parish in Mishawaka.

He was at St. John so often helping out that "we took for granted" all he did, Gullifor said.

"We were use to seeing him after he retired," Gullifor said. "It was very traumatic for people. We were use to seeing him."

Services for Father Jacobs, she said, were held at St. John and many of his colleagues — about 20 priests — came to pay their respects along with parishioners.

In 2005, the St. John social room was renovated with new light, a drop ceiling and air conditioning, and it was renamed Father Jacobs Hall in memory of the founder of St. John, according to Gullifor.

Parishioners remember Father Jacobs with fondness, including Joseph Radecki, who said Father Jacobs was always about his duties and that he holds good memories of the parish members working together.

"It was a happy group," Radecki remembered.

And he likens Father Seculoff to Father Jacobs.

"Father Seculoff is just fantastic," Radecki said. "He's another Father Jacobs."

And Sorukas remembers of Father Jacobs that he was quick with a Mass.



PHOTOS FROM TODAY'S CATHOLIC ARCHIVES

A sunken baptismal highlights the entrance to St. John the Baptist Church in South Bend.

"People would come all over to hear Father Jacobs 20 to 25 minute Mass," Sorukas joked. "He was known for his quick Mass — especially if was a warm summer morning."

The church didn't have air conditioning at the time.

Because of the growth of the

church early on, a school with four grades — with a double first grade — was built in 1957, with an enrollment of about 185. Sister Clarice, OSF, was the first principal, Gullifor said. Because of increased enrollment over the years, grades were continually added until a kindergarten was added in 1978. Now the school boasts kindergarten through eighth grades, with a full-day of kindergarten instituted during the 1992-93 school year.

Gullifor said the first lay principal, Janet Wroblewski, was hired in the fall of 2003.

Despite the growth of the church and school, one moment in the church's history seems to stand out.

On April 23, 1969, a flash fire gutted the church after school let out. It was caused by a faulty motor in a fan at the church, which sustained \$288,000 worth of damage.

That didn't stop parishioners. First Communion was held outside in May 1969 because the church was not useable.

But they weren't outside for long.

They rebuilt, and the church was dedicated as a new church on Jan. 25, 1970, Gullifor said.

now since the church could use more room for a social hall. Right now two classrooms, he said, are used for the social hall and only about 100 people can fit into it.

Despite having to rebuild the church, it has gone through relatively little renovation over the years.



INTERIOR OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

And everyone in the parish worked together to rebuild the church. That fact alone attracted the attention of the local community, and the *South Bend Tribune* wrote an article about the volunteer effort to rebuild the church.

Gullifor said the original church was built as a gymnasium with the hopes that one day the parish would build a new church. But when the fire tore through, the original church was simply rebuilt. Radecki sees that as a mistake

Gullifor said some updates were added under Father Place, including new pews, altar and carpet. A center isle was eventually added and, in 1992, air conditioning was added.

All in all, Gullifor said, she and others are pleased to see the jubilee of St. John the Baptist Parish.

"It's been a very big part of my life," Gullifor said. "And it probably always will be."



EXTERIOR OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

# OF A THRIVING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



A flash fire caused by a faulty motor in a fan gutted St. John the Baptist Church in April of 1969. First Communion was held outside that year; the rebuilt church was dedicated in 1970.



## Jubilee events are planned for St. John

SOUTH BEND — St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, in South Bend, is celebrating its 50th jubilee with the following events:

- June 8: Opening festivities with adoration and benediction at 7 p.m. followed by social hour.
- June 10: School open house-ice cream social for all alumni and teachers from 2 to 4:30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome.
- June 11: Mass with Bishop John M. D'Arcy at 11 a.m. followed by a banquet at Holy Family Hall at 2 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under, with a cash bar. For reservation, call Pat at (574) 291-7077, Carol at (574) 232-3186, John at (574) 232-5913 or Joe at (574) 234-5820. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on the weekends of May 27-28 and June 3-4.

Also, after Mass on June 11, coffee and doughnuts will be available in Father Jacob's Hall.

## What's in store

St. John parishioners look to the future with steady confidence

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — As much as things change, they certainly stay the same.

"We've not really changed much," said Bill Sorukas, who has been with the St. John the Baptist Parish nearly as long as it's been around and who has served in nearly every leadership position of the church including parish council and the finance committee.

It seems that over the years, St. John the Baptist, which is celebrating its 50th jubilee this year, has remained a church that parishioners have come to think of as home — even for those who have moved away.

Rose Gullifor, who is helping to put together the jubilee memory book for the festivities, was at St. John for about 30 years, but recently moved away. But she's still involved in many ministries there, including the rosary makers, which repairs and gives away rosaries for free — for those who are less fortunate — or for the cost of materials.

"It's been a very big part of my life," Gullifor said of the church. "And it probably always will be."

And, for those who are still parishioners at St. John, they're committed.

"I think it's always been a friendly,

welcoming parish," said Sorukas.

St. John was founded by Father Joseph A. Jacobs, and officially opened its doors June 8, 1956.

Of the 50th anniversary, Gullifor said, "It's absolutely wonderful. We knew it was coming, but it took us by surprise. We're anxious to celebrate."

And Sorukas said, "It doesn't seem like it's been that long. I'm surprised it's been 50 years."

Father James Seculoff, pastor at St. John, has been likened to the church's founder, who died in 2003 and is remembered with fondness by parishioners with room in the church recently dedicated in his name — Father Jacobs Hall.

"(Father Seculoff is) just a great priest," said Joseph Radecki, an usher who has been a parishioner for over 40 years and has also served in nearly every leadership position at St. John.

But the things that have changed in Radecki's eyes — not necessarily for the good — haven't had anything to do with Father Seculoff. Rather, it's more due to changing times.

In Radecki's day, parishioners worked together to put on fish fries, dances and festivals, but it seems as if much of that has gone by the way side, he said.

Younger people now, he said, are far busier.

And the neighborhood around St. John, Radecki said, is getting older and older, though Father Seculoff is working to attract younger families.

"He has so much charisma," Radecki said of Father Seculoff.

Despite some downturn, Radecki said he doesn't think this is all happening only at St. John.

"I think a lot of parishes have that problem," Radecki said, though he did admit that there seems to be a small, younger group of parishioners who are really working hard at the church.

But it seems the one thing that is making the parish stand up and take notice is what their priest is doing at the church.

One of the things that Radecki likes that Father Seculoff has instituted is a Latin Mass early Sunday mornings.

"It's the only one in the area" to his knowledge, Radecki said.

St. John students are taught theology

by Father Seculoff, and he makes sure they're in church everyday, Radecki said.

"There's nothing he doesn't go to," he said of Father Seculoff. "He's on the go all the time. Everybody just loves him."

Sorukas said the future for St. John the Baptist Parish is one in which they will be looking for ways to increase enrollment at the school.

"Father Seculoff is determined to keep it open," Sorukas said.

And the parish is going to continue to work on getting new blood into the church.

"We're going to continue to try to attract more and more young families," he said.

# Senior Spirit

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## Forever Learning volunteer to take 27th year of classes

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — "I cannot type, but I can serve as a receptionist and also do other handy jobs around the office."

That was the message of Pauline Menyhart, a member of St. John the Baptist Parish, to the director of Forever Learning Institute 27 years ago to volunteer her services.

Today, one could say that "volunteering" is Pauline's middle name. For at the eighth annual Michiana 55Plus award dinner sponsored by Teachers Credit Union at Windsor Park in Mishawaka, Pauline not only won the prestigious volunteer award for education, but the top overall award as the best volunteer in St. Joseph County.

At the golden age of 87, this mother of six children has been a standout volunteer at FLI. She has words of wisdom for the retired and elderly.

"Remain active as much as possible; keep learning because

you are never too old to learn, and share your life and creativity with others."

She has been active with FLI, having taken classes for 27 years that range from creative arts programs to religion and ancient history.

In addition, Pauline is vice president of membership for the South Bend Serra Club whose primary focus is on hoping to promote religious vocations to the priesthood, brotherhood and sisterhood. Pauline came to the United States at the age of six with her family from Austria. She grew up in South Bend with a family that was devoted to the Catholic Church. She was always a gifted volunteer at the family church, thanks to a family that encouraged such devotion.

When classes start at FLI this fall, she will be among the first to enroll for the 27th year.

"I will take a class I have never had before, because I love the challenge of always being willing to learn," she says.

## The art of charitable planning

Just as the artist creates his/her masterpiece, the philanthropist designs his/her charitable legacy. The artist uses tools such as an easel, canvas, brushes and paint to convey his/her thoughts into a portrait. The donor's instruments though are quite different. The donor reflects upon personal, financial and philanthropic goals, reviews assets and property, and contemplates planning techniques to create a significant gift that will make the world a better place.

### What do you want to do?

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Your gift should create a legacy that lives on forever and assist in fulfilling the mission you believe in. It should meet your goals, provide maximum tax savings, maintain your current lifestyle, and make a truly meaningful contribution. Proper charitable planning is the key in creating your philanthropic masterpiece.

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## ST. MATTHEW STUDENTS HONOR MARY



CATHERINE KNABENSHUE

Students at St. Matthew School in South Bend participated in the annual May Procession on May 19. Students processed from the church to the cathedral. The eighth grade boys stood in the center aisle as the eighth grade girls walked down carrying a flower to place on Mary's altar. They were followed by Angela Watkins, the May Queen, who crowned Mary with a crown of flowers. After the crowning, the eighth grade led the Memorare, followed by benediction.

## RSVP names quilt winner

SOUTH BEND — Mary Lightner of South Bend is the winner of Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of St. Joseph County's Quilt Raffle 2006. She purchased her quilt raffle ticket from an RSVP volunteer while at Beacon Bowl.

As it turns out, Mary is also the sister of a RSVP volunteer, and she is thrilled to win the quilt. "I never win anything," said Mary, "but this quilt is beautiful and I just love it."

This year's quilt, a full-size flower pot design, was handmade by members of the Wisler Mennonite Church in Goshen for the Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale held this past fall, where it was purchased for RSVP's quilt raffle.

Pam Claeys, RSVP project director notes, "This is one charity helping another, and we are proud to have raffled this beautiful quilt."

The quilt has been traveling throughout St. Joseph County since February and the drawing took place May 11 in Fort Wayne at the main office of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort

Wayne-South Bend, Inc.

Proceeds from the quilt raffle support the volunteers and programs of RSVP of St. Joseph County, the RSVP, including Busy Hands, the Miracle Mailers and the RSVP Mentoring Program. In 2005, 413 RSVP volunteers contributed 84,799 hours of volunteer service to the St. Joseph County community.

RSVP would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped sell raffle tickets, and all those who purchased a raffle ticket that made Quilt Raffle 2006 such a success. Over \$2,400 was raised to support the programs of RSVP and Busy Hands.

RSVP of St. Joseph County offers free volunteer placement to people 55 and older to meet community needs and enrich the life of the volunteer. For more information contact Pam Claeys at (574) 234-3111, ext. 24. RSVP is funded in part by a grant from the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS) and is sponsored locally by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc.

## Huntington Catholic secretary bids farewell after 27 years of service

BY KAY COZAD

HUNTINGTON — The bright sun warmed the morning of Friday, May 19, in Huntington after several dark and rainy days. But even if it hadn't, those who gathered at Ss. Peter and Paul Church for 8 a.m. Mass wouldn't have noticed. They had joyfully come to worship together and to honor one of their own.

Margaret Schnepf was honored for 27 years of service as secretary in the primary building of Huntington Catholic Schools. She and her husband David, along with their six children and families were among the congregation there to hear Father Ron Rieder, OFM Cap., celebrate the Mass. Father Rieder opened with congratulatory words and remarked at the appropriateness of the Gospel in honoring Schnepf's "27 years of love giving to the school community." He went on to describe her as a "source of unity and security across the years."

"She has made many sacrifices and made Huntington Catholic much better because of her service. Her legacy will live for a long time," he said of Schnepf after working along side her for 22 years at Ss. Peter and Paul.

Following the Mass celebration this devoted secretary was brought to the front of the sanctuary to receive gifts and messages of love and thanks from each grade and the staff of her beloved school. Among the gifts were a memory book, gift cards and a beautiful handmade quilt depicting all that Schnepf meant to her community. The final gift, presented by Principal Jason Woolard, was a special clock bearing the inscription, "To happy endings and new beginnings."

An all-school reception was held in the auditorium replete with black and gold balloons, punch and cake. The guest of honor welcomed throngs of well-wishers who showered her with hugs and words of gratitude. The students, staff and visitors were in high spirits as they celebrated their beloved secretary.

Margaret Schnepf's Catholic roots are well planted in Huntington. "My mother attended Ss. Peter and Paul School, my siblings and I went there and I sent my six children there, too," she reports. She and husband David were married in 1955 and after the children began to arrive, Schnepf became a stay-at-home-mom. And though her career as school secretary officially began in 1978, she was a fixture there 10 years before as office volunteer, room mother and playground monitor.

The job was very different in the early days, recalls Schnepf. "Then I did lunch count, answered the phone and smiled at visitors. Now I do all the book-keeping for the schools, along with lunch count, phones, ready-



KAY COZAD

**Margaret Schnepf stands with Huntington Catholic School Principal Jason Woolard at an all-school celebration reception honoring her dedicated service to the school. Schnepf has been secretary, nursemaid, bookkeeper and more to the school for 27 years and is retiring at the end of June.**

ing forms, tours and textbook ordering." She has also been the voice of reason for teachers in need of advice and nursemaid to two generations of students.

Those students have much love for their jack-of-all-trades secretary. Sixth-graders Kaitlyn Winters, Kayleigh Hutson and Katlyn Stebing agree that Schnepf was always available with a kind word where "just her voice makes you feel better."

First-grader Justin Schoeff adds, "She's nice. She helps me." Andy Zay, parent, remarks that Schnepf is a steady influence in this ever changing school. "She brings dignity, respect and all the spiritual composure you'd ever want for a school. I'm proud to know her."

On a personal note, first-grade teacher Rita Disler feels, "She is very professional, but like our mom, too. She's a diehard, very special. It's going to be hard to replace her."

Principal Woolard appreciates the help and dedication he received from Schnepf. "She has a quiet strength about her," he says. Martha Bickle, secretary of the middle school building has worked with Schnepf these 27 years and knows her as a wonderful friend. "You can depend on her. She's very strong and has helped hold the school together. I'll miss her terribly."

Husband David, who is recovering from recent bypass surgery, along with their children Mike, Cathy, Dick, Bob, Donna and

Mari, were proud to usher in this new era of retirement with Schnepf who was surprised by all the festivities. She was delighted that all six children and families, including son Dick, who arrived from Florida to escort her up the aisle for Mass, were present to join the celebration. The family agreed with daughter Donna when she said, "It's just awesome."

The Schnepf family also includes 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. One grandson who shared in the festivities, Brian Herber, is a Marine preparing to join the troops in Iraq soon. Of his grandmother he says, "I went to Huntington Catholic and it was cool to have my grandma there at school."

This humble, yet spirited woman says there were very few days when she didn't like her job. "I like my job and the interaction with the kids," she says. But most poignant for her is the respect she has gained for the teachers who "don't just teach, but do so much more."

She sees promise for the future as her husband recovers. "I like to read and do puzzles. But I hope we can travel soon." Then in an instant she smiles and adds, "I'll miss this job. I hope they call me to sub when the new secretary needs a day off." Margaret Schnepf's final day as school secretary will be June 30. So here's to happy endings and new beginnings.

## EDITORIAL

## In vitro fertilization is a Catholic no-no

Perhaps you have read or heard about a Wisconsin Catholic school teacher, Kelly Romeneskos, who had been fired from her job at a Catholic school after she announced that her child was conceived through in vitro fertilization.

The in vitro fertilization procedure violates Catholic teaching and violated Romenesko's teaching contract at the Catholic school.

We won't debate whether Romeneskos should have been fired. What is a concern is a comment she made on ABC's "Good Morning America" on May 12: "I did not know what the Catholic doctrine stated against in vitro fertilization. Yes, I signed a contract, but the contract was vague in my opinion. I didn't know what I was doing as far as in vitro goes that went against doctrine. My understanding was it was the Ten Commandments," Romenesko said.

The church has not been outspoken about its teaching on in vitro fertilization. You may also recall bioethicist Father Tad Pacholczyk's column, Making Sense of Bioethics. In the Feb 26 issue, Father Tad begins, "When I give talks about in vitro fertilization (IVF), I usually ask my audience the following question: 'How many of you know a baby born by IVF, or know a couple who has tried to get pregnant this way?' Usually about half the hands in the room go up. Then I ask them to raise their hands if the couple was Catholic. Virtually all the same hands go up a second time.

"I have the sense that Catholics are making use of IVF at about the same rate as non-Catholics, and that most of them are only vaguely aware of the church's position on making test tube babies.

"When asked why IVF might be immoral, people will usually mention the extra embryos that are frozen or discarded. Such embryos are certainly a serious concern, but they are not the primary reason the church insists the procedure is immoral."

Our goal is to make the issue less vague, to also explain the moral or immoral implications. Please note the Making Sense of Bioethics and the Faith and Fertility columns as fine guideposts to help readers understand the church teaching on bioethical and fertility issues.

As a general rule, as focused in this week's Faith and Fertility column, written by Lisa Everett from the diocesan Office of Family Life, Catholics can use this distinction: "Technologies which assist sexual union between spouses to achieve conception are acceptable, while technologies which substitute for sexual union are not."

More importantly, if a couple is unsure of the church's teaching about fertility treatments, they need to contact their parish priest.

Because of the delicacy of the issue, most Catholics probably will not hear about fertility treatments from the pulpit, but that still does not neglect every Catholic's duty to learn and live out the teaching of the church. One can always refer to the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a source. This topic is also another plank to the value of a Catholic newspaper in your home — these are issues that have been discussed through bioethicists and the Office of Family Life commentaries.

## Housekeeping

The valedictorian and salutatorian from Bishop Dwenger High School were interchanged last week in the special graduation issue. Claire Ensley is the Bishop Dwenger valedictorian for the class of 2006. Her honorable distinction is part of the genetic pool in her family. Her mother and grandmother were also both valedictorians of their high school classes.

Hailey Gardner is the Bishop Dwenger salutatorian for the class of 2006. To all the high school and college graduates, named and unmentioned, be assured of our prayers to wish you a life of blessings and God's grace in the future and, ultimately, eternal joy.

## No newspaper next week

Part of the *Today's Catholic* staff will be attending the Catholic Press Association gathering at the end this week. As a consequence and because of the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no publication on June 4. Our next issue will be June 11.

**Today's Catholic editorial board** consists of Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Ann Carey, Don Clemmer, Father Mark Gurtner, Father Michael Heintz, Tim Johnson, Vince LaBarbera and Msgr. J. William Lester.

# COMMENTARY

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## Ice patch theory doesn't hold up in water

Regarding "Research team says Jesus' walk on water might have been on ice patch" (April 23), I was awed by the resourcefulness of our Savior to make use of a natural phenomenon to fool his apostles.

What really impressed me was that Jesus was able to negotiate these ice floes in "heavy seas" on the Sea of Galilee that night (Mt 15:24-25). Pretty miraculous, if you ask me.

As usual, Peter and company are clueless. They see Jesus walking toward them and are terrified, thinking he's a ghost. How come these professional fishermen don't know about these ice floes? Jesus assures them that he's not a

ghost, so Peter steps out of the boat to try it. But I guess he hasn't practiced walking on ice floes in heavy seas. He slips off, I guess, falls into the water, and Jesus has to save him from drowning.

Hats off to scientists who base their research on nonsense.

Annemarie S. Muth  
Bluffton

## When 'me' + 'me' does not equal 'we'

BY THERESA NOTARE

Just when you thought you'd heard the last re-definition of marriage, a new mutation is born. Apparently, while many were hawking the importance of no-fault divorce, blended families, cohabitation, same-sex marriage and polygamy, a new creature was forming and quietly growing: LATs — Living-Apart-Together.

LATs are relationships where two people claim to love each other, may have an exclusive sexual relationship, may share some financial expenses, but deliberately do not live together.

The bottom line is that LAT "couples" want independence, and don't want to share themselves or their possessions unconditionally with each other.

The number of people in LAT relationships is on the rise in Europe and the United States. Sociologists are at a loss to explain what is causing this trend. Some say it is a reaction to divorce, both from an emotional and economic perspective — "My kids would never get along with him" or "Why bother joining households and lose a great city apartment?" Some point to advantages older LAT couples might have in avoiding the complicated inheritance issues that would arise if they were to marry. Others say it is just a harmless lifestyle alternative for both young and old. Still, insightful people are worried that it may be simply autonomy run amok.

This last point was starkly highlighted in a *New York Times* article (May 4, 2006) which featured interviews with couples in LAT relationships. Most spoke about their need for "alone time" or "personal space," or said they didn't want to "wait on" the other person. In each case, the couples had a fiercely narrow view of personal freedom as freedom from the inconvenience of others. It is a warped understanding of freedom where the individual has absolutely no legitimate ties to anyone, according to Jennifer Roback Morse, author of "Smart

Sex: How to Find Life Long Love in a Hook-Up World." But it also seems like narcissism, taken to another level.

A popular dictionary defines love as "unselfish, loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another." Love points to a person's deep connection to another. It requires things like saying "I am yours."

When a man and a woman love each other as spouses, it goes even further: "and the two shall be one flesh." — Gen. 2:24. "Me" becomes "we." John Paul II said of this love that it "involves a totality, in which all the elements of the person" are present. "It aims," he said, "at a deeply personal unity." — "Familiaris Consortio," no. 13. When a man and a woman recognize each other as "my other half," a whole new self under-

standing is born. A symphony of give and take, mystery and recognition forms a deep sense of mutuality. One need not fear losing one's "individuality." Living a life of love is restorative. It is nothing short of a return to paradise — how God wants us to love!

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# Catholics who oppose abortion also oppose death penalty

There is a rather widespread myth that Catholics are not consistent in their thinking about life issues. It is often said that those who are pro-life in their opposition to abortion are quite willing to endorse the death penalty, and that those who are pro-life in opposing the death penalty tend to be pro-choice when it comes to abortion.

My latest national survey challenges this myth. With support from the Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, I asked a cross-section of American Catholics to respond to the following statement: "Terminating a pregnancy by having an abortion is always wrong." Fifty-six percent of Catholics agreed, 39 percent disagreed, and 5 percent did not answer. I asked the same 1,100 people to respond to another statement: "The church is right in opposing the death penalty." Fifty-eight percent agreed, 34 percent disagreed, and 8 percent did not answer. The distributions on the two items were remarkably similar.

But, was there a correlation between the two? The answer is "yes." A correlation of .33 indi-



## RESEARCH FOR THE CHURCH

JAMES D. DAVIDSON

cates that Catholics who agreed with one of these statements also tended to agree with the other. More often than not, the response to one statement predicted the response to the other. The correlation was not perfect, but the answers to the two items clearly overlapped.

What factors contribute most to Catholics' views on these two issues? How much effect do demographics factors such as generation and gender have, compared to religious factors such as whether one is a registered parishioner or a weekly churchgoer?

Demographic factors do not have much impact. I examined the differences between four generations: pre-Vatican II Catholics (born in or before 1940), Vatican II Catholics (born 1941-1960), post-Vatican II Catholics (born 1961-

1982), and millennial Catholics (born 1983 to the present). The generational differences are quite small. Sixty-six percent of pre-Vatican II Catholics oppose abortion, but there are very few differences between Vatican II Catholics (54 percent), post-Vatican II Catholics (53 percent), and millennial Catholics (58 percent). With regard to the death penalty, the range of answers is even smaller. At the high end, 60 percent of post-Vatican II Catholics say the church is right in opposing the death penalty. At the low end, 55 percent of post-Vatican II Catholics agree with that statement.

Women are somewhat more pro-life on the abortion item (68 percent vs 55 percent of men).

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# Jesus sends Eleven as final commission



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### Ascension of the Lord Mk 16:15-20

The Acts of the Apostles supplies the first reading for this important feast day in the church, the celebration of the Lord's wondrous ascension into heaven.

This reading begins as if it were a letter. It is addressed to Theophilus, as was the Gospel of Luke itself. Who was Theophilus? Was he a person with this as his name? Or, instead, was he a devout Christian? The second is possible because Theophilus actually may have been a title. In Greek, it means "friend of God".

Regardless, both Acts and Luke were sent, as it were, to the same person, arguing for a common authorship of these two revealed works of the Christian Scriptures.

In this reading, Acts states that it continues the story of salvation in Jesus begun in the Gospel of Luke. It describes the Ascension of the Lord into heaven an event occurring after Jesus had risen from the dead and had been among the apostles and others faithful to God.

As the moment of the Ascension approaches, the apostles still were confused. This confusion simply reveals that they were human. Their ability to grasp the things of God, and the mind of God, was limited to say the least.

Jesus eases their confusion. He affirms that they are limited. But, Jesus also affirms that all is in God's plan. They have been commissioned. To enable them to fulfill their commissions, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will be with them. The Spirit will guide them to proclaim the Gospel even "to the ends of the earth".

The Epistle to the Ephesians provides the next reading. The reading is a prayer. It begs the blessings, and guidance, of God upon the faithful Christians of Ephesus. They need God, as all humans need God. God's strength will be mighty. After all, divine strength raised Jesus from the dead. It is a strength reflecting the power of God, a power over everyone and everything.

St. Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the very last section of Mark. As such, it is the first Gospel's conclusion. It is a Resurrection narrative.

The Lord, having risen on Easter, appears to the Eleven, the surviving apostles reduced by one in number because of the suicide of the despondent, traitorous Judas.

Jesus sends the Eleven as a final commission into the world, far and wide. They are to proclaim the Gospel to all creation. Anyone who accepts this proclamation will be saved. Anyone who believes in the Gospel will be capable of marvelous deeds. The Lord will protect them.

The graphic examples must not be taken literally, but they nonetheless are profound in their meaning. No true believer will ever die an eternal death.

Then, the story says that Jesus ascended into heaven. Faithful to the Lord, the apostles went forward and proclaimed the Gospel as they had been commissioned.

## Reflection

Celebrating the Ascension of the Lord in the form of a special liturgical feast day is very revered in the church. However, seemingly, in its origins, it was celebrated together with Pentecost.

For 17 centuries, however, it has been a feast of its own. Such is proper. The Ascension revealed much about Jesus, as does the response of the apostles. Fittingly, the Eastern Church sees in the Ascension a particularly meaningful revelation for Christians.

Many lessons come from this feast. An important message for us today is to realize that we are not alone. Christ did not leave us. He lives with us, and teaches us still, through the apostles and the structures and sacraments of the church they formed in the Lord's name and at the Lord's command.

Whatever comes against us, the power of God will prevent us from facing everlasting death.

## READINGS

### Sixth Week of Easter

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5ac, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 114:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

## CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

On May 27 the church commemorates St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop. This quiz looks at the famous archdiocese of Canterbury.

### 1. Where is Canterbury?

- a. Scotland
- b. England
- c. Ireland

### 2. Its continuous association with Christianity goes back to this century:

- a. the 6th
- b. the 9th
- c. the 11th

### 3. This continuous association started with Augustine; who was he?

- a. Bishop of Hippo
- b. A Roman missionary
- c. First king of Mercia after Alfred the Great

### 4. According to some sources, Augustine built a church but it was not completely new. Why not?

- a. He had to use the existing building and so evicted the tenants.
- b. He built on an ancient Roman church that had been left there.
- c. The superstitious natives would never enter a completely new structure.

### 5. Ironically Canterbury was not even supposed to be an archbishopric; the original plan was for which city to be the See?

- a. Dublin
- b. Edinburgh
- c. London

### 6. The second most important archdiocese in that country is and has always been

- a. York
- b. Glasgow
- c. Cork

### 7. There was a monastery built near the cathedral. What happened to it?

- a. It was converted into a zoo, becoming known as the monk house.
- b. It was destroyed in WWII by stray bombs.
- c. It was dissolved when King Henry VIII looted and closed all monasteries.

### 8. Due to political anomalies, this French city was at one time part of the Archdiocese of Canterbury:

- a. Calais
- b. Avignon
- c. Paris

### 9. From the 13th century, the Archbishops of Canterbury held the title "legatus natus" which meant they were considered permanent

- a. papal legates or officials
- b. bishops
- c. patriarchs

### 10. This archbishop was murdered inside the cathedral:

- a. Cardinal Wolsey
- b. Thomas A. Becket
- c. Ramey McDonald

### 11. His tomb there became one of these:

- a. a pub, named the unlucky prelate.
- b. a place of pilgrimage.
- c. a castle, as Henry II had the cathedral leveled to erase his memory.

### 12. What famous literary work is centered on that (q. 11) fact?

- a. Chaucer's Canterbury Tales
- b. The Doomsday book
- c. The Chronicles of Narnia

### 13. Despite being the most powerful churchman under Henry VIII, this man was never Archbishop of Canterbury:

- a. Thomas A. Becket
- b. Cardinal Wolsey
- c. Michael Ramey

### 15. The Archbishop of Canterbury's residence is

- a. Lambeth Palace
- b. The Tower of London
- c. Arthur's Seat

### ANSWERS:

- 1.b, 2.a, 3.b, 4.b, 5.c, 6.a, 7.c, 8.a, 9.a, 10.b, 11.b, 12.a, 13.b, 15.a

# If Jesus is truly the Son of God, then he can rise from the dead

**A new book daims it is impossible for Jesus to have risen from the dead. How do we respond to this statement?, A.L., South Bend**

The Catholic Church offers a number of reasons why we believe that Jesus rose from the dead. The first reason is the fact of the empty tomb. After Jesus was taken down from the cross, he was buried in a new tomb hewn out of the rock with the help of Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus and the holy women. When the women went back to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus, they expected to find the body there, but it was gone. They told the apostles, and Peter and John ran to the tomb to see for themselves, and they also saw that the body was not there.

A second reason for believing that Jesus rose from the dead is the fact that Jesus appeared to people in his risen state. Mary Magdalene did not recognize Jesus at first and thought he was the gardener. Jesus appeared to some disciples on the road to Emmaus, and they did not at first recognize him until he

broke bread with them.

In the upper room in Jerusalem Jesus appeared to his apostles, and St. Thomas put his finger into the nailmarks on Jesus' hands and his hand into the gash in Jesus' side from where blood and water flowed out from the piercing of the soldier's lance. St. Thomas then believed in the resurrection and proclaimed: "My Lord and My God."

Jesus also appeared to some of the apostles at the Sea of Galilee where he ate fish with them. On one occasion, Jesus appeared to 500 of his followers at once. These many appearances lasted for 40 days until Jesus finally ascended into heaven.

A third reason for believing in the resurrection of Jesus is the very existence and spread of the church. The apostles were scared to death at the crucifixion of Jesus. They fled the scene, except for the youngest Apostle John. The apostles hid themselves in the upper room, for they did not want to end up on the cross like Jesus. The apostles may have felt all was lost

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and may have wondered if they had wasted three years of their life following Jesus. But when they saw Jesus alive, they completely changed and became brave and courageous.

They gave up their whole life going to the ends of the earth preaching the Gospel and even shed their blood suffering a martyr's death. Similarly, St. Paul who was persecuting the Christians, saw a vision of the risen Christ on the road to Damascus in Syria. He was blinded and fell off his horse. He suddenly turned around 180 degrees, became a Christian, and went on many missionary journeys proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

We also see the remarkable

spread of the early Christian church, even amid the great persecutions by the Roman empire, where many saints were martyred for their faith in Christ. When the persecutions stopped, the church held the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325 where they discussed whether or not Jesus was truly God. It is said that they brought in some of the would-be martyrs who narrowly escaped death, because of the cessation of the persecutions, and they said they were willing to die for Christ because they believed he was God, thus showing their faith in his resurrection.

A fourth reason for belief in the resurrection of Christ is that Jesus is not just a figure of history from 2,000 years ago, but rather the power of the risen Christ has been living and active throughout the history of the church and still is with us today through the grace of the seven sacraments that Jesus himself instituted. Because of the power of the risen Christ, many men and women have become great saints and lived lives of holiness. Because of the power of

Christ, many miracles have been worked throughout the history of the church and even today.

If Jesus is truly the Son of God made man, then he can rise from the dead. In Jesus we have a true inbreak of the divine into human history.

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## Church's prominent face in campaign a reflection of 40 years ago

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Headline-grabbing civil rights marches are adorned with banners of Our Lady of Guadalupe and accented in Spanish.

Catholic bishops top lists of speakers at rallies. Priests take up the campaign's themes of moral responsibility and human rights, preaching on the topic to sometimes unsupportive parishioners who see things differently and don't hesitate to challenge the church's voice.

Work boycotts, hunger strikes and cries of "Si, se puede," or "Yes, you can," become hallmarks of the movement.

Is the year 2006 or 1966?

Many images and voices of this year's immigrant rights campaign could have come straight out of the farmworker rights efforts led a generation earlier by labor organizer Cesar Chavez.

Chavez, a Catholic well-versed in the church's social justice teachings, drew on Scripture, papal encyclicals and the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi as well as the pacifist philosophies of Mahatma Gandhi and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in seeking justice for farmworkers.

One of Chavez's first successful large-scale events was what he called a pilgrimage, a 300-mile walk from the farms of Delano, Calif., to the state capitol in Sacramento in 1966. It began on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, and concluded on Easter, April 10. That procession was dotted with images of Our Lady of Guadalupe, flags representing unions, the United States and Mexico, and large crosses carried by some "pilgrims," some of whom were housed overnight at churches along the way.

Later activities Chavez led for the United Farm Workers prominently featured his strong Catholic faith, as noted in the biography "The Fight in the Fields: Cesar Chavez and the Farmworkers Movement," by Susan Ferriss and Ricardo Sandoval.

A volatile May 1967 strike at a Delano ranch was turned into more of a peaceful prayer vigil, when Chavez asked his brother to quickly construct a portable shrine in the back of a pickup, at which both strikers and strikebreakers prayed. When Chavez stopped eating for 25 days in 1968, again in pursuit of calming violence, he didn't call it a hunger strike but a fast, the term associated with a form of prayer, and broke it only with a few beverages and the Eucharist.

Gaston Espinosa, a professor of philosophy and religious studies at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, Calif., told journalists in a May 9 teleconference that as in the civil rights campaigns of the 1960s, many leaders of today's immigration campaign have been shaped by their religious faith.

Whether by design or coincidence, much of the rhetoric of the campaign for comprehensive immigration legislation "could almost overlay with the rhetoric of the 1960s," Espinosa said.

With the current battle to pass comprehensive immigration legislation, the Catholic Church has been a conspicuous voice amid the hundreds of grass-roots, community, business and religious organizations in one of the most diverse coalitions ever united behind one cause.

A year ago the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops launched its Justice for Immigrants campaign, seeking to educate everyday Catholics and politicians about the church's social justice-based phi-

losophy of the rights of immigrants. Its materials are now in use in dioceses and parishes across the country.

With its programs of legal aid, refugee resettlement and other services for immigrants, the Catholic Church has long been involved in trying to shape immigration policy. But that role has largely gone unnoticed among the majority of American Catholics, not to mention the general public.

That began to change with Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony's widely reported declaration in February that he would ask priests of his archdiocese to break the law rather than comply with provisions of a House-passed bill that would criminalize the act of offering aid to illegal immigrants. The provision is not expected to survive ongoing Senate debate over immigration legislation.

Several other cardinals as well as dozens of bishops and priests have echoed the cardinal's pledge of civil disobedience as well as headlined rallies and hosted prayer vigils.

Bishop Solis and several Los Angeles priests as well as Episcopal, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Muslim and Jewish delegates from Southern California delivered hundreds of thousands of postcards to Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., asking for comprehensive immigration reform.

"We just want our elected officials to see the compassion side of the issue," Bishop Solis said in one meeting. "These are our brothers and sisters."

A few days later, at the annual Keepers of the American Dream awards dinner hosted by the National Immigration Forum, speaker after speaker singled out the role of the Catholic Church in speaking for immigrants.

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for May 28, 2006

John 17:11b-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Ascension Sunday, Cycle B: Jesus' prayer for those who will carry on his mission. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HOLY FATHER	KEEP	NAME
GIVEN ME	MAY BE ONE	ARE ONE
GUARDED	NONE	LOST
SCRIPTURE	COMING	SPEAK
MY JOY	WORLD	HATED
OUT	EVIL ONE	THE TRUTH
SENT THEM	CONSECRATE	MYSELF

## CONSECRATED

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But, the gender difference on the death penalty item is small, with 60 percent of women and 56 percent of men agreeing with the church's efforts.

Religious factors have much more impact. For example, 62 percent of registered parishioners are opposed to abortion, compared to only half of non-parishioners. Sixty-four percent of parishioners support the church opposition to the death penalty, compared to only 53 percent of non-parishioners.

The largest differences are between regular churchgoers and infrequent Mass attenders.

Seventy-two percent of weekly Mass attenders are opposed to abortion versus only 29 percent of Catholics who seldom or never go the Mass. Likewise, 69 percent of Catholics who attend every week support the church's opposition to the death penalty, compared to only 42 percent of those who never or almost never go to Mass.

In short, contrary to what one might hear on the streets or read in some publications, Catholics tend to be consistent in their views on these life issues, and the church deserves a lot of credit for bringing about that situation. The more Catholics are involved in the church, the more pro-life they tend to be.

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# Fetal farming and the new slavery

"Slippery slope" arguments in bioethics are fairly popular, reminding us how initial ethical violations have a way of leading to further violations and misdeeds, and ultimately, to undesirable places. Once you "give away the principle" and start sliding, it becomes difficult to return to the point from which you started.

What is genuinely striking is how far down the biotechnology slopes we have already come. In the 1960s, contraception, or sex without babies, became widely accepted. By 1978, the flip side, babies without sex, arrived on the scene with in vitro fertilization. Human embryos were created in the laboratory and implanted into women. Soon this snowballed into the storage of "spare" embryos in the deep freeze, to the point of nearly a half-million humans "trapped" just in the United States (and still more being produced and frozen each hour, like an assembly line, at fertility clinics around the country).

The destruction of innocent human life in the womb also became commonplace after the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. In the late 1980s researchers began using tissues derived from abortions to try to treat Parkinson's patients, with minimal public outcry or reaction, so that today abortion clinics have few qualms about providing freshly obtained "research material" to scientists at large universities or biotech companies.

In 1998, the next step was to sacrifice some of the previously frozen human embryos to procure their embryonic stem cells. Right on the heels of this development came an even more troubling proposal: making human embryos by cloning, matching them to sick patients, then destroying those embryos to get their stem cells. Because those embryos would be clones, or identical twins of the patient, the stem cells could be implanted into the patient with minimal danger of rejection, since identical twins can exchange organs between each other without immune problems.

Thus, in the short space of a few years, we have arrived at the point of creating human life merely to destroy it, harvesting it as little more than raw material, a commodity, for exploitation. The confluence of these various ethical violations points to the next twist down the

slippery and well-greased slopes of modern biotechnology. Although perhaps ominous sounding today, the prospect of fetal farming looms large, and may likewise become routine in our future if we continue to acquiesce to the coarsening of our moral sensitivities around these important bioethical questions.

Fetal farming is a method to obtain whole organs or other complex tissues. Currently, researchers speak about stem cells as the ideal, flexible cells that will let us make tissues, organs and body parts in the future. The difficulty is that we really don't have a clue how to make whole organs out of stem cells.

Whole organs, like a kidney or a heart, are exceedingly complex structures with many different interacting cell types. There are numerous unknown steps along the pathway of making, say, a kidney from a stem cell. Years, or even decades, of research must first be carried out before whole organs ready for human transplant will become widely available.

But a convenient shortcut may be possible. Instead of destroying a cloned, five-day-old human embryo to get his or her stem cells, why not simply implant that embryo, allow him or her to grow into a fetus, and schedule an abortion a little while before the baby's due date? Then mother nature will already have done all the hard work of making two kidneys, ready to be harvested from the aborted child, thereby saving a good deal of time and trouble in terms of scientific research.

These kinds of "fetal farming" experiments have already been done in mice and in cattle, and they provide usable tissues and organs. Scientists at a biotechnology company called Advanced Cell Technologies in Worcester, Mass., have published papers where, in one instance, stem cells were obtained by implanting the cloned mouse embryo and gestating it until the human equivalent of the fifth or sixth month. Then the fetal mouse was destroyed to procure its stem cells, which were used to treat the ailing hearts of other mice.

So today we sanction the production of a five-day old human life to destroy it. Tomorrow it's a three-month-old, then an eight-month-old fetus. How far is it, really, from a



## MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

five-day-old cloned embryo to fetal farming — manufacturing fetal humans to harvest their body parts? Not very far, when one recognizes how well the slippery slopes have already been greased. This is why we must safeguard human life from its earliest beginnings, if we wish to avoid its destruction at any later stage.

As Charles Krauthammer, M.D., a syndicated columnist and member of the President's Council on Bioethics has put it: "We will, slowly and by increments, have gone from stem cells to embryo farms to factories with fetuses hanging (metaphorically) on meat hooks waiting to be cut open and used by the already born." Or, as Richard Doerflinger has perceptively noted, this is all about a new slavery, with biotech companies as the plantation owners.

Unless we take legal steps to assure that the rich, the powerful and the self-interested are not allowed to run roughshod over embryonic and fetal humans, we will never be worthy of the claim that ours is a civilized society. Only if we are bold enough to challenge and alert our fellow Americans to the dangers of biotechnology without ethics can we avoid transitioning from the slippery slopes to outright downhill skiing. Before ending up in an irreparable heap at the bottom of the hill, we would do well to respond decisively to those threats that arise whenever science becomes detached from a strong and robust moral vision.

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## The Philistines became Palestine force

### Who were the ancient Philistines that battled the Israelites?

Philistia was an ancient country in southwest Palestine, now Israel, on the Mediterranean seacoast about 50 miles in length and 16 miles at its widest. Its five chief towns or city-kingdoms were Gaza, Ashkelon and Ashdod on the coast and Ekron and Gath inland.

Father John McKenzie says the coastal plain of Philistia is rolling rather than flat. It is swampy and has extensive sand dunes that sometimes cover arable land. The coast has no natural harbors.

The Philistines are part of the Peoples of the Sea that, in the 13th century B.C., invaded Asia Minor or Turkey, Syria and Palestine, and were finally halted at the borders of Egypt by Pharaoh Rameses III (B.C. 1196-1165) in two great battles fought on land and sea. M. Healy mentions that the wall relief at Medinet Habu shows a warship of Rameses III attacking the Sea Peoples whose slain bodies lie in the water. On board ship are prisoners with the feathered head-dresses of the Philistines. Rameses III let the Philistines establish a permanent settlement in Palestine. Another Sea People, the Tjekker, settled in the plain north of the Philistines and captured Dor (c. B.C. 1100).

Scholars debate where these Sea Peoples came from. Father McKenzie says they may have come from the Balkan peninsula to the Aegean basin, because Egyptian art portrays the Sea Peoples as Greek warriors and the armor of the Philistine Goliath

suggests the armor of Homer's heroes. Their pottery is similar to that of the Greek areas of Mycenae, Cyprus and Rhodes and is painted with geometric designs and birds. A. O'Neill feels the Philistines came from the island of Crete with similar pottery. Their movement from home may have been spurred on by the barbarian invasion of Europe c. B.C. 1200 that pushed these peoples to the eastern Mediterranean.

R. Brownrigg says the Philistines became powerful in Palestine because they controlled the manufacture of iron tools and weapons and thus showed arms superiority over the Israelites. The Philistines exhibited good military organization with chieftains possibly modeled on Greek rulers. The giant Goliath suggests a physical advantage.

The domination of the Philistines in Palestine endured from B.C. 1150-1000 when the Israelite monarchy was finally unified under King David. The Philistines reasserted themselves when the Israelite kingdom was divided at the death of King Solomon. But when Sennacherib (c. B.C. 704) and the Assyrians from northern Iraq invaded Palestine, the Philistines vanish. The Philistines left no documents nor trace of their language.

The Philistine city of Ashkelon is 32 miles south of Tel Aviv. G. Freeman says the ancient town was situated above an underground river, the remains of a prehistoric salt lake and it covers 160 acres. This rich agriculture was an attraction to the Israelites. Father



## HIRE HISTORY

FATHER RICHARD HIRE

Jerome Murphy-O'Connor says Ashkelon has no spring, but is rich in wells. It was on the great trade route linking Egypt and Mesopotamia. Ashkelon appears on the stele of Merneptah (B.C. 1230), the only Egyptian text mentioning Israel during the Exodus. H. Vos says at Ashkelon some statues survive, a council house with a hall and courtyard, a Christian basilica with a mosaic pavement, a synagogue and the city wall.

Ashdod or Azotus is 21 miles south of Tel Aviv with a deep-water harbor. G. Freeman says here the god Dagon, half man and half fish, was venerated. Ashdod was a merchant city where textiles were made. K. Prag says excavations have uncovered a mudbrick fortress, houses, shrines and cult figures of this Philistine town.

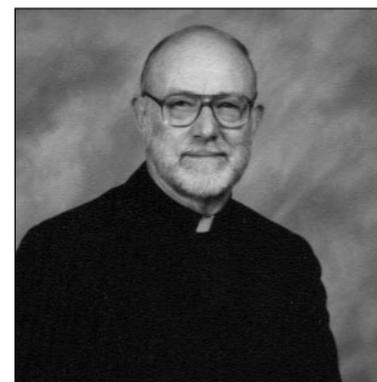
The city of Gath means "wine press." Gath was where the giants originated, like Goliath, slain by the boy David. The city of Ekron lay on a wadi and was the seat of worship of the god Baal-zebub, consulted by King Azariah of Israel (B.C. 853-852).

## Meet The Priest

### Father Ron Rieder, OFM Cap.

Ordained to the priesthood:  
April 20, 1963

Pastor, Ss. Peter and Paul, Huntington



#### What was the primary influence on your decision to become a priest?

I really don't know. I knew I would be a priest from the time I was in second grade.

#### Why do you like being a priest?

I love being a priest. Being able to make a real difference in the world and in individual lives is an opportunity a priest has, more than other professions.

#### Do you have a special interest or hobby?

I have been wood-carving for 55 years. I also love to dabble in little magic tricks. And I would rather golf than eat.

#### Do you have a pet?

No, although I do love dogs.

#### What do you do for relaxation?

I love to wood carve, read and travel. I swim about every day and of course, when possible, I play golf.

#### What is your favorite reading material? Who are your favorite authors?

I love novels, especially his-

torical novels. Lately I read everything Matthew Kelly writes. I love the works of David McCullough. I also read everything written by Ken Follett.

#### What do you think is the best part of being Catholic?

Without doubt, holy Communion and confession, all the sacraments, and belonging to a united, universal church going back to the apostles.

#### What is your favorite prayer or Scriptural passage?

"Don't break the bruised reed." "Don't quench the flickering wick." The passage of Jesus walking through the standing grain with his apostles and eating the wheat on the Sabbath because they were hungry. And Jesus weeping at Lazarus' tomb.

#### How do you prefer to be addressed by the laity?

Father Ron

# Sports

## CYO City Meet results

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

**FORT WAYNE** — In a steady rain, schools from all over the city competed in the 2006 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track meet at Bishop Luers on Saturday, May 13. At the city meet, teams are allowed to enter their top two individuals in each event. The top six finishers earn points for their team (10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 1).

Of the nine boys' teams represented in the CYO this year, St. Jude came out on top scoring 116 points. St. John New Haven (NH) came in second place with 73 points, while St. John-Benoit finished with 66 points for third place.

St. Jude took top honors (10 points) in six different events out of 12. They even grabbed two spots in seven events and scored individuals in every event but one. Luke Momper was a triple winner taking first place in the mile, half mile and running a leg of the 4x200 relay along with Dylan Ng, Michael Farrell and Zach Welkin. His times in all three events were lower than his best seeded time going into the meet.

In the girls' showdown, St. John NH outscored the rest of the field with 115 points. St. Jude finished with 83 for second place and St. Joe-St. Elizabeth took home third place honors with 53. The Raiders won both relays and the high jump and dominated by scoring a red or white ribbon in every other event. Emily Lahrman of St. John NH, St. Vincent's Chris Widner and St. John-Benoit's AnneMarie Shank brought home two blue ribbons each.

Eighth grader, Lauren Palmer was a triple winner for St. Jude taking first place in all of her individual events (100, 200 and long jump). She also anchored the 4x100 relay which came in second to the foursome from St. John NH (Madison Bradley, Rachel Sheperd, Aubrey Thorpe and Katie Kayser).

### Girls 100 meter Hurdles

Maria Peppler	St. Therese	18.04
Aubrey Thorpe	St. John NH	18.21
Julia Lee	St. Joe-St. Eliz.	19.58
Anna McNamara	St. Joe-St. Eliz.	19.68
Mallory Tippmann	St. John NH	20.21
Aubrey Schrader	St. Jude	20.51

### Boys 100 meter hurdles

Bobby Widner	St. Jude	16.65
Mike Gabet	St. Charles	17.75
Stephen Wuest	St. John NH	18.35
Greg German	St. Vincent	18.51
Tony Svarczkopf	St. Jude	18.61
Devin Wyss	St. John-Benoit	19.25

### Girls 100 meter dash

Lauren Palmer	St. Jude	14.04
Emily Lahrman	St. John NH	14.41
Holley Taylor	St. Joe/St. Eliz.	14.51
Christina Yeager	St. John-Benoit	14.77

Courtney Heddens	St. John NH	15.01
Teresa Hilger	Queen of Angels	15.31

### Boys 100 meter dash

Courtney Mitchell	St. John-Benoit	13.12
Chris Lee	St. Charles	13.21
Deangelo Fincher	St. John-Benoit	13.48
Matt Weber	St. Jude	13.55
Nick McCarthy	St. John NH	13.58
Billy Khorshid	St. Vincent	13.59

### Girls 800 meter run

AnneMarie Shank	St. John-Benoit	2:39
Katie Kayser	St. John-St. Louis	2:47
Kate Kinley	St. Jude	2:49
Lisa Weillbaker	St. Vincent	2:51
Morgan Carroll	St. John-Benoit	2:53
Katie Leeuw	St. Jude	2:58

### Boys 800 meter run

Luke Momper	St. Jude	2:21.0
Josh Voelker	St. John NH	2:21.7
Andy Brennan	St. Joe-St. Eliz.	2:25
Andrew Eckrich	St. Jude	2:28
Leighton Painter	St. John NH	2:34
Hughie Baldus	St. John-Benoit	2:40
Xavier Serrani	St. John-Benoit	2:40

### Girls 4x100 relay

Heddens/Tippmann/St. John NH	58.2
Watts/Lahrman	

### Boys 4x100 relay

Mitchell/Mitchell/St. John-Benoit	52.7
Fincher/Cooper	

### Girls 400 meter run

Anna McNamera	St. Joe-St. Eliz.	1:07.83
Rachel Sheperd	St. John NH	1:09.63
Aubrey Schrader	St. Jude	1:11.20
Elizabeth Swygart	St. John-St. Rose	1:12.83
Brittany Niese	St. Charles	1:12.84
Katie Leeuw	St. Jude	1:13.67

### Boys 400 meter run

Nicky McCarthy	St. John NH	1:00.42
Dylan Ng	St. Jude	1:03.22
Alex Yaney	St. Joe-St. Eliz.	1:03.53
Matt Weber	St. Jude	1:03.83
Leighton Painter	St. John NH	1:06.46
Tony Schafer	St. Charles	1:06.93

### Girls 200 meter dash

Lauren Palmer	St. Jude	29.46
Emily Lahrman	St. John NH	30.33
Courtney Heddens	St. John NH	30.43
Christina Yeager	St. John-Benoit	30.80
Holley Taylor	St. Joe-St. Eliz.	31.43
Jennifer Downey	St. Joe-St. Eliz.	31.47

### Boys 200 meter dash

Courtney Mitchell	St. John-Benoit	26.25
Billy Khorshid	St. Vincent	26.82
Chris Lee	St. Charles	26.86
Dylan Ng	St. Jude	27.86
Jamarius Mitchell	St. John-Benoit	28.02
Michael Farrell	St. Jude	28.22

### Girls 1600 meter run

AnneMarie Shank	St. John-Benoit	5:49
Kate Kinley	St. Jude	6:12
Katie Kayser	St. John-St. Louis	6:22.02
Jill Stetzel	St. Charles	6:27
Katie DelBello	St. Jude	6:30.30
Britney Fox	St. John NH	6:30.50

Annemarie Shank of St. John-Benoit broke her old record of 5:57.

### Boys 1600 meter run

Luke Momper	St. Jude	5:23.34
Andrew Eckrich	St. Jude	5:24.30
Andy Brennan	St. Joe-St. Eliz.	5:41.08
Josh Voelker	St. John NH	5:44.66
Josh Whisler	St. Charles	5:49.42
Colin Stuerzenberger	St. John-St. Louis	5:53.08

**ST. JOSEPH STUDENT SETS ICCL TRACK RECORD** The Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) held the 2006 ICCL girls city track meet on May 20. Eleven-year-old Maria Tomlinson from St. Joseph School, Mishawaka, proved that hard work and dedication pays off. Last year going undefeated in the shot put, but losing in the city by a half inch put her on a mission. This year Maria broke the ICCL class-C all-conference record of 25-feet-8-inches by putting her name into the record books with a 28-feet-5 3/4-inch throw.



PROVIDED BY RICK PALMER

**Eighth grader, Lauren Palmer prepares to make her jump as she flies down the runway blasting her seeded best with a jump of 12 feet 7 inches to win the long jump for St. Jude.**



PROVIDED BY CYO

**St. Jude's Andrew Eckrich is followed closely by Luke Momper (St. Jude) and Andy Brennan (St. Joe-St. Elizabeth) as they battle four laps around for the 1600 meter ribbon. Momper took the blue with a winning time of 5:23.34.**

## CORPUS CHRISTI RED BASEBALL WINS MARTIN DE PORRES DIVISION 8-0



PROVIDED BY BRIAN MCMAHON

The Corpus Christi (Red) team finished with the Inter-City Catholic League's best record, 8-0, and won the Martin De Porres Division championship. The team includes the following: front row, from left, Jimmy Reagan, Billy Kinney, Dan Hill, Mario Aversa, David Borntreger, Clayton Bruntz; back row, from left, head coach Brian McMahon, assistant coach Todd Lukens, Tyler Lukens, Dylan McMahon, Tyler Rogers, Andy Klimek, Joe Ryal, Cody Weber, Scott Coppa and assistant coach Kip Klute.

## Christ the King, Corpus Christi Red snare divisions

**SOUTH BEND** — The weatherman raised havoc with makeup games in the final weeks of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL), but it did not deter unbeaten Christ the King from winning the John Bosco Division and Corpus Christi Red from snaring the Martin De Porres Division.

Unbeaten Christ the King snared two victories in as many days, beating St. Anthony, 7-1, and then polished off St. Jude 11-7, thus finishing up with a perfect 6-0.

Corpus Christi Red unleashed a 15-hit attack to overpower St.

Anthony, 11-0, and end the regular season with a 8-0 mark.

The two division champions will have a chance to play each other in the post season tournament since both are in opposite brackets.

The ICCL, for the first time, launched a second chance post season tournament for each of the four teams that finished in the lower half of each division.

In first-round games, St. Anthony defeated Mishawaka Catholic, 22-0; St. Thomas of Elkhart blanked St. Adalbert, 7-0; St. Anthony downed St. Matthew, 15-3; St. Joseph-St. John the Baptist-Our Lady of Hungary beat Corpus Christi, 11-0.

CYO notes a great job to all the schools and all the athletes, and a big thank you to Theresa Dirig who has been coordinating the CYO track meets for the past six years. She has coached track at St. Joe-St. Elizabeth for the past 12 years while her children, Nick and Kristen attended school there. Her hard work and dedication to the sport have helped to make the CYO track program what it is today.

# Coach Kevin Downey finds teamwork on field and classrooms of Saint Joseph's

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Teaching and coaching revolve around certain fundamental principles that are entwined, commingled and are the cornerstones of learning and performance in the classroom as well as on the field.

Saint Joseph's High School head football coach Kevin Downey and IEP/504 coordinator uses his teaching skills in the classroom and funnels them into life lessons to pass on to another generation of Indian football players.

"My job as special needs coordinator is to teach as well as act as an administrator and guidance counselor and work with a wide variety of students," explained Downey. "I have interactions with parents and teachers while being an advocate for our students.

"Our special needs program started in the late '70s and has grown based on the requirements for our every changing student body," continued Downey. "We are a college prep school so we must structure our program into changing curriculum and help teach our students to help themselves.

"I work with two very dedicated teachers in my department in Nancy Pascucci and Josh Comeau," remarked Downey. "We are a team that works together everyday to give our student the opportunity to succeed."

Coach Downey credits his academic accomplishments to special mentors that have deep roots in Saint Joseph's High School lore.

"I have three coaches that I have admired and strived to give back to the kids by looking at their example," described Downey. "I played and became passionate about football under coach Phil Teegarden and then got my coaching start under coach Frank Amato here and then was an assistant under coach Andy Strati.

"All of the coaches had a positive influence on my life that I try to pass on to our players and the future Indian football players," added Downey. "Though a part of each of those coaches is in me, Father Bly has been the constant steadying force in our program for more than 40 years.

"Father Bly has been instrumental in our football program, more than anyone else at any school in the state," Downey said. "Having played and graduated from Saint Joe and being surrounded by my mentors, to be



JOE KOZINSKI

**The Saint Joseph's High School football players gather with their coach. From left are Ray Winkler, Joey McClintock, Coach Kevin Downey, Troy Swift and Mark Arsenault**

honest, this is my dream job."

To keep the traditions alive at Saint Joe isn't easy, and has many behind the scenes activities to make a team successful in the fall.

"We have had the most productive off-season since I have been here," explained Downey. "This is the first time we've shown gains and have been unified in doing things that are important."

"We've opened up our conditioning with crossover athletes and have started the Indian Iron Club that takes into account three parts; attendance, intensity (how hard they work) and leadership (how they help others to be better)" explained Downey.

"We've worked to redo our weight room so the kids are proud to work out in a great setting," continued Downey. "The staff has put the time in and the kids are following."

Another important part of the off-season work is tied up into the students that are attending the feeder schools of Saint Joseph's.

"Great things are happening with all the diocesan schools," commented Downey. "I respect what the Inter-City Catholic League coaches do with the kids and appreciate how they spread the love of the game.

"Coach Reggie Glon of Mishawaka Marian and I have worked well together in promoting football," said Downey. "The better we work together the stronger both schools will become.

"We have seen a constant growth in the Saint Joe summer football camp numbers," Downey added. "Last year we had players from 19 different schools repre-

sented in our camp, my long time connection with Saint Joe helps me to describe to the kids and the parents how great our school is."

While the Indians have put in a solid off-season, the program is continuing to get better under the tutelage of Coach Downey.

"He and his staff have improved every game," stated Eric Gohlke, Saint Joseph's athletic director. "He will continue to get stronger as a coach and mentor as he defines and redefines his game."

"Coach Downey does a great job relating to the players," continued Gohlke. "He has the best interests of the students as well as the school when he's coaching."

"With everything that you're passionate about, there is sacrifice," explained Downey. "Both my wife, Kathy (Kloska) who is a Marian graduate, and I are committed to Catholic education.

"Sometimes I put pressure on myself because it's my alma mater." Downey added "I will get calls from guys I played with after a game or I'll see them around town and they will ask me how 'their' program is doing."

While the ship that is Saint Joe football is on a steady and reliable course, the coach that has worn and lives and dies Columbia Blue and White still has more to give to the students, parents and alum.

"Consistency over time is the one way you and your program can be judged," remarked Downey. "Passing on Saint Joe traditions and life knowledge to the young men and women of this school is another way to access your contributions."

The winning team points came half an hour after all but one event was completed. Then Dustin Lauer finished sixth in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles, and teammate Wes Chamblee finished eighth to account for the most valuable points that made history for the Indians.

Winning coach Mike McCarthy of the Indians said, "This was one of those track meets where every point meant a lot." — EJD

## MARIAN SOFTBALL HOSTS BISHOP'S CUP



JOE KOZINSKI

The Second Annual Bishop's Cup was played at Marian High School in Mishawaka on May 20. The participants featured teams from Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne, Bishop Noll Institute in Hammond, Andean High School in Merrillville and host Marian High School. The ceremony celebrated Marian's 30 years of softball. Andean won in the championship game against Marian 4-0. Father Mike Heintz is shown blessing the new field.

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## Saint Joseph's track wins sectional meet

SOUTH BEND — Thursday, May 18, was a historical day in track and field at Saint Joseph's High School.

Its track athletes clad in black as a motivational play, the track team won the sectional meet of

the Indiana High School Athletic Association for the first time in the 53-year history of the school.

The Indians won only two events, the 400 meter dash by Kante Kamanda, and the 1600 relay with the foursome of Kyle Magyar, Connor Kruggel, Taylor Summerlin and Kante Kamanda nipping Mishawaka, 96-94, and also ending 19 consecutive years of victories by Penn, which finished third. Mishawaka Marian was fourth.

# The church calls us to live more fully as Christ invites

REVIEWED BY YORK YOUNG

If you're looking for Catholic writing with clear understanding and a conversational tone, yet filled with theological depth that will knock your socks off, pick up anything by Father Richard John Neuhaus. Even pick up his journal *First Things*, which does focus on some highbrow theological issues, and thumb past the pages until you get to "The Public Square," his thoughts for the month on anything and what may seem like everything related to religion and civic discourse.

His most recently bound volume of reflections is "Catholic Matters" (Basic Books, \$25), which takes a look at much of what is current about the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, as well as why it is the 'Church' (yes, with an uppercase C) that all Christians are ultimately called to. As a convert, he

writes as one of the called, but also explains how the truths of the church call us all to more fully live as Christ invites us.

Although many may read political motives into much of what Father Neuhaus is expositing on — a *New Republic* magazine diatribe attributes everything about Father Neuhaus to politics — it's the faith components that hold readers captive. The background of Neuhaus' upbringing, in the opening chapter, is most edifying. In fact, it sets the tone for the book and gives hints of how the young man from Pembroke, Ontario, Canada — raised a Lutheran and later a minister of that denomination — found his way into Catholicism and a year later ordination.

Those who want to look at Father Neuhaus' prose through the political lens will focus on his description of how the church changed during the tumultuous

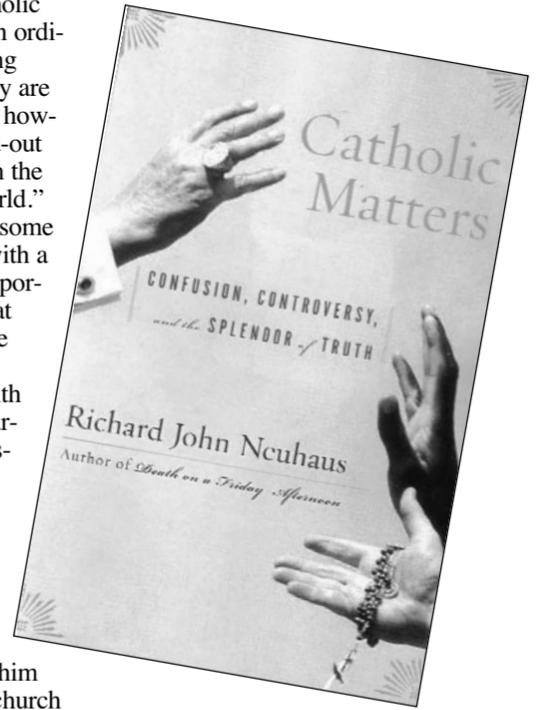
1960s and as a result of the overzealousness of those fomenting change after the Second Vatican Council. The problem here, though, is that those pushing for change did undertake their efforts for political, or pseudo-political, reasons, when the focus should have been on what could be done to better impart the faith during those turbulent times.

Father Neuhaus does spend a few chapters referring to this unfortunate chain of events, but never in a fashion that praises conservatives (there's a political word again). For example, when he talks about what many would consider the regrettable decision by the U.S. bishops in the 1960s to do away with the abstinence measures related to meat on Fridays and fasting during Lent, he doesn't cast it in political tones of a battle between liberals and conservatives in the church. He explains, in faith terms: "There was also a powerful link

between fasting and a Catholic sense of being dislocated in ordinary space and time. Fasting reminds Christians that they are people of the cross, and is, however inadequately, an acted-out statement of solidarity with the poor and hungry of the world."

By using that example, some will charge this reviewer with a myopic view of what is important about the faith. But that decision may have been the beginning of a downward slide that minimizes the faith as merely one of many characteristics that we each possess. Being a follower of Christ, who found the one church, should be the core of who we are, not merely an affectation.

Father Neuhaus focuses on that core, which has contributed to making him one of the best writers on church matters today.



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**"Over the Hedge" (DreamWorks)**  
Computer-animated comedy about a rascally raccoon (voiced by Bruce Willis) who offers to "help" a group of woodland creatures (humorously voiced by Steve Carell, Wanda Sykes, Garry Shandling, William Shatner and Eugene Levy, among others) stockpile food for the coming winter by raiding the suburban housing development that has sprung up on their forest doorstep, but not telling them that he intends to use the purloined provisions to save his own fur. Based on a comic strip, directors Tim Johnson and Karey Kirkpatrick's good-naturedly entertaining and visually cheery fable relies on nutty sight gags over story, but imparts a commendable message about family and acting unselfishly, while offering some funny commentary on our consumer society. Some mildly crude humor, a few rude expressions and innuendo, and recurring comic action violence. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

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**Daughters of Isabella announce June events**

South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella Notre Dame Circle 572, will honor 25-year members on Monday, June 5, at 6 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner at the Knights of Columbus on Linden Ave. On Sunday, June 11, a Corporate Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church followed by brunch at LePeep's on Michigan St. A tour of the Hope Rescue Mission Family Life Center, 432 S. Lafayette Blvd. is set for June 14.

**Germanfest kicks off with Mass**

Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church will celebrate Germanfest with a German Mass on Sunday, June 4, at 11 a.m. Father Charles Herman will be the celebrant with music by the Fort Wayne Mannerchor and Damenchor directed by Jeffery Manns with Greg Vey as organist. A German lunch will follow in the Pavilion after Mass.

**Concert presented at St. Matthew Cathedral**

South Bend — St. Matthew Cathedral will present Cantus Cathedralis (Cathedral Chant) in concert on Sunday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. Cantus Cathedralis concentrates on works from the 16th century. The group aspires to bring the Catholic Church in Michiana historic liturgical art music, sung at the highest possible level. Admission is free.

**Quilt raffle benefits Hannah's House**

Mishawaka — Hannah's House will have a quilt raffle on Wednesday, July 12. Tickets are \$10 for seven tickets. The king size "Mariner's Compass" quilt was crafted by a Mennonite quilter in Middlebury. Call (574) 254-5309 for information or to buy tickets.

**Memory care unit to open at St. Paul's Retirement**

South Bend — An open house will be held on Wednesday, May

31, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to showcase the newly renovated Good Shepherd Memory Care Community at St. Paul's Retirement Community, 3602 S. Ironwood Dr.

**Port-a-Pit chicken and ribs on menu**

South Bend — A Port-a-Pit chicken and rib sale sponsored by the Our Lady of Hungary Holy Name Society will be held at Ritter's Frozen Custard, 4540 Miami Rd., on Saturday, June 3, at 10 a.m. Tickets guaranteed until 1 p.m. Chicken — \$5 day of sale or \$4.50 presale; ribs — \$6.50 day of sale or \$6 presale. Presale tickets may be purchased before or after Sunday Masses or at the Our Lady of Hungary rectory (574) 287-1700.

**Annulments: Get the facts**

Notre Dame — Rev. John P. Riley, CSC, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish will discuss the legal aspects of the marriage tribunal and Father Paul Doyle, CSC, associate rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart will discuss the pastoral aspects of the annulment process on Tuesday, June 6, at 7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Enter from 933 and go east on Douglas Road due to construction. Call (574) 631-4139 for information.

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**South Bend**

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Nicholas J. Jakab, 83, St. Matthew Cathedral

Ethel M. Poulin, 92, St. Anthony de Padua

### DEVOTIONS

**Secular Franciscans plan open house**

Mishawaka — The Secular Franciscan Order local fraternity is hosting a "come and see" open house on Sunday, June 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Francis Convent, across from Marian High School on Dragoon Trail. Learn about this order for laypeople pursuing the Gospel path in the footsteps of St. Francis. Relaxed setting, video, conversation, prayer. RSVP to Bill Schmitt at (574) 232-6777.

**Day of reflection at convent**

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be at St. Francis Convent, (across from Marian High School) on Wednesday, May 31, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The cost of the day is \$15 and includes lunch. Register by Friday, May 26, to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

**Family rosary held**

Fort Wayne — First Sunday Rosary for families will be held on Sunday, June 4, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at MacDougal Chapel. Father Daryl Rybicki of St. John and Sister Jolene Heiden from the Diocesan Office of Spiritual Development will be attending.

**Little Flower Holy Hour**

Fort Wayne — Deacon Jason Freiberger will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, June 6, at 7:15 p.m. Following the Holy Hour, Seminarian, Terry Coonan will give a brief talk.

### GARAGE SALES

**Garage Sale benefits St. Patrick Closet**  
Fort Wayne — A garage sale will be held on Friday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m. to noon, at 6214 Catbird Ave. on the northwest side of town. All proceeds benefit St. Patrick's Closet.

**Garage Sale to support Christ Child Society**

Fort Wayne — A garage sale will be held on Friday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, June 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at Queen of Angels Activity Center, 1500 W. State Blvd.

**Garage sale at Corpus Christi**

South Bend — A garage sale is planned at Corpus Christi Parish on Saturday, May 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Held inside the school if raining.

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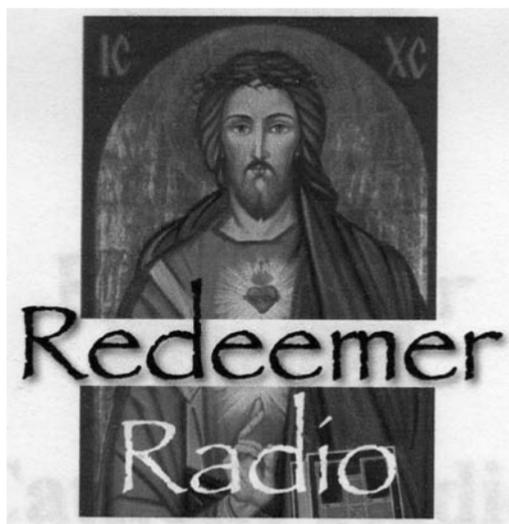
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June 4	Pentecost	Father Dom Carboneau St. Aloysius Yoder	Father Patrick Maloney, CSC  Notre Dame	
June 11	Holy Trinity	Father David Voors St. Mary of the Assumption Decatur 6:30 a.m.	Father Chris Young St. Patrick Walkerton 6 a.m.	
June 18	Corpus Christi	Father Chris Smith St. Charles Borromeo Fort Wayne	Father Steve Gibson Notre Dame	
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BY MARK WEBER

## Corpus Christi, South Bend, Est. 1961

In a stirring procession with four men carrying a canopy over the Divine Presence in a monstrance borne by their pastor, parishioners of Corpus Christi Church in South Bend celebrate that patronal feast day with a walk through the neighborhood, which includes a street called Corpus Christi Drive.

The procession stops in front of four selected homes and prays one decade of the rosary. They then move on to the parish grounds and recite the final decade at a statue of the Blessed Mother encircled by a rosary. This statue was designed by a parishioner Madelyn Dowinski, who also designed all but one of the stained glass windows in the church.

Corpus Christi Parish came to be in 1960, when due to the migration of families from South Bend's inner city, Bishop Leo Pursley suggested that Sacred Heart Church, established in 1898, on

Thomas Street, be closed and reestablished as Corpus Christi Parish on the northwest side of the city.

Msgr. Elmer Peterson found the location and the diocese bought a 29 acre farm.

At a present level of 800 families, Corpus Christi is considered young, with most activ-



ities centered around its school, which has eight grades and preschool for 3- and 4-year olds and all-day kindergarten.

At this stage in its history, the parish may average one funeral per month.

Corpus Christi Chapel, seen through a wall of glass from the main body of the church, and has a separate outside entrance, becomes a cry room on Sunday mornings. On weekdays it is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Responsibility for opening the chapel each morning and lockup at night is assigned to various parishioners. The diligence with which this task is performed is testimony to the fact that Corpus Christi church has been called The House That Prayer Built.



MARK WEBER

Symbolizing the name of the parish, this window appears left of the main altar in Corpus Christi Church. It was designed by parishioner Madelyn Dowinski.



MARK WEBER

The Last Supper in a stained glass window was displayed at the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 before it was installed in the new church of St. Joseph in Mishawaka. At right is pictured the original church of St. Joseph in Mishawaka built at Third and Spring streets, 1861.

## St. Joseph, Mishawaka, Est. 1848

In 1845, Mass was said in Mishawaka once a month by priests of the Holy Cross in private homes. In December 1848, a house not yet completed, became the first Catholic church in Mishawaka under the name of Holy Guardian Angels, later, Holy Angels.

The first name listed on the baptismal register was a convert, 36-year-old Samuel Black. By August, he was dead and became the first name on the death register of the new parish.

Just how the Mishawaka parish was transferred from the Holy Cross priests to the secular clergy is unclear; the principle reason seems to be that a German-speaking priest was needed, and Father Sorin had none to send.

Strangely enough, the priest who filled this requirement, German-born Henry Koenig, had his seminary training in Ireland. Things went well for the first 14 months of his pastorate until his church was destroyed by fire with arson suspected.

Before a new church could be built, there was disagreement about its location. Farmers who had to

cross a marsh and a hill on bad roads, insisted on a more favorable spot. A compromise was reached, with two lots purchased at Third and Spring streets. Meanwhile, Mass was celebrated in an old corn crib at the northwest corner of Main and Fourth

streets.

It was at this time that the parish dropped the name of Holy Angels and placed itself under the patronage of St. Joseph. The cornerstone for the first St. Joseph Church was blessed by Bishop Luers in June, 1861, the first year of the Civil War.

Plans for the present church were first discussed in June of 1885. By 1892, it was well enough along to hold a fair inside the nearly completed church. Big prizes were offered: a \$600 piano, two horses, two plows, a cow, a saddle and a suite of bedroom furniture. The fair brought in \$3,124.28.

Although there was never an official connection, one of the most significant steps in the development of the city of Mishawaka, the founding of St. Joseph Hospital, came about through the efforts of Father Louis A. Moench, who as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, was a matchmaker between the nursing order of the Poor Handmaids and the Physicians Club of Mishawaka and who, by his endorsement of the hospital project, brought about a successful public fund drive from individuals, business and industry.

St. Joseph's also became the mother church for other Mishawaka parishes — St. Bavo, St. Monica and Queen of Peace. Thus, thousands of the faithful who have passed, first through the doorway of the tiny frame house known as Holy Angels and its descendent churches finally reached the mansion of many rooms.

