Bishops approve new Order of Mass with U.S. adaptations

BY JERRY FIETEAU

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — In what Bishop Donald W. Trautman called “a truly important moment in liturgy in the United States,” the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a new English translation of the Order of Mass and adopted several U.S. adaptations during a national meeting June 15 in Los Angeles.

The new translation of the main constant parts of the Mass — penitential rite, Gloria, creed, eucharistic prayers, eucharistic acclamations, Our Father and other prayers and responses used daily — will likely be introduced in about a year or two if it is approved by the Vatican, said Bishop Trautman, a Scripture scholar who heads the Diocese of Erie, Pa., and is chairman of the USCCB Committee on the Liturgy.

He said he thought the bishops would wait until they have approved — and received Vatican confirmation of — an entire new Roman Missal in English before implementing the new Order of Mass.

The text that the bishops approved included only the main parts of the Order of Mass, the daily prayers with which people are most familiar.

The bishops still have to receive and approve other parts of the Order of Mass, such as the prefaces, and the major portion of the Roman Missal comprising the proper prayers for each Sunday or feast throughout the year. These are still in the early stages of translation and consultation among English-speaking bishops.

Dwenger breaks ground for the future of Catholic education

BY DENNIS FECH

FORT WAYNE — Bishop John M. D’Arcy joined Bishop Dwenger High School Principal J. Fred Tone and other school and diocesan officials as the school broke ground to add a 26,000 square foot fine arts addition to the existing building on June 13.

The fine arts wing will house three visual arts classrooms as well as separate vocal and instrumental music areas. The band room will accommodate up to 120 students and the choir room 90 students. The space will also include storage space for uniforms, instruments and music. There will also be individual practice rooms and an ensemble room to help accommodate the growing demand for the arts at Dwenger.

Additional space will allow for the relocation of some office staff as well as a new maintenance facility.

Dwenger has already generated nearly $4 million in gifts and pledges towards its reality. Additional funding is still needed to begin construction of the classroom wing, which will add thirteen new classrooms to the school. The school is hopeful it will be able to begin construction of this 43,000 square foot academic wing in late fall of this year.

The fine arts wing is expected to be completed by August 2007 and with continued success in fundraising efforts, the academic wing will be completed around the same time.

Once expansion is complete, the school will be capable of housing up to 1,200 students. Expected enrollment for the 2006-07 school year is 1,050 students. Enrollment has grown steadily over the past 15 years.

Continued growth in the areas surrounding Bishop Dwenger especially in the Leo-Cedarville area as well as Perry Township have contributed to the increased demand for Catholic secondary education on the north side of Fort Wayne.

NEW ALTAR DEDICATED

The new altar at St. Gaspar del Bufalo was dedicated recently completing the renovations to the sanctuary. Sacristans Sharon Wilsey, Rosemary Grist, Kitty Pratt and Joan Weaver wipe the holy chrism from the altar after the blessing by Bishop John M. D’Arcy. Pastor Matthew Josefak and Father Dan Durkin joined in the celebration.
Today’s Catholic was a Catholic newspaper published by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana. The content of the newspaper included articles, letters to the editor, news, and other information relevant to the local Catholic community. The newspaper was published weekly and covered various topics related to the Christian faith, including religious teachings, church events, and devotional practices. The content was written in English, with occasional Latin phrases and quotes from religious texts. The newspaper aimed to provide faithful translations and a deeper understanding of religious texts and practices. The editors and contributors were dedicated to maintaining a sense of reverence and holiness in their writing, reflecting the mission of the Catholic Church.
The following is a revision to the assignments made in the June 18 issue of Today's Catholic. This revision includes new assignments with the new appointments.

Today's Catholic

By Carol Glatz

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI reached outside the Vatican diplomatic corps and appointed Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone of Genoa as his new secretary of state.

The Vatican's June 22 announcement said Cardinal Bertone, 71, will succeed Cardinal Angelo Sodano, 78, on Sept. 15 when the pope will hold a special audience with the staff of the Secretariat of State to publicly thank Cardinal Sodano for his 15 years “of generous service to the Holy See.”

Also June 22, the Vatican announced that Pope Benedict has accepted the resignation of 78-year-old U.S. Cardinal Edmund P. Whalen of Wysconsin as the chairman of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith under then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict.

Father Giuseppe Cacace is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in October, has been assigned to St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this appointment will be Aug. 24, 2006.

• Deacon Anthony Steindeker, who is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in October, has been assigned to St. Anthony Parish, South Bend. The effective date of this appointment will be July 6, 2006.

• Deacon Derrick Sneyd from pastor of St. Jude Parish and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, South Bend, to pastor of St. Anthony Parish, South Bend. The effective date of this appointment will be July 25, 2006.

• Bishop D'Arcy has accepted the retirement of Father Robert Yast as pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka. The effective date of this retirement will be July 24, 2006.

• Father Ken Fisher from pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, South Bend, to pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka. The effective date of this appointment will be July 24, 2006.

• Bishop Joseph Gaughan from associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, to pastor of Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this appointment will be July 11, 2006.

• Father John D Variant from associate pastor of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, to associate pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this appointment will be July 19, 2006.

• Father Jude Uwakwe has been appointed administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Garrett. The effective date of this appointment will be July 6, 2006.

• Father Thomas Lombardi from pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Garrett, to pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Hessen Cassel. The effective date of this appointment will be July 6, 2006.

• Bishop D'Arcy has accepted the retirement of Father Robert Vast from pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka. The effective date of this retirement will be July 24, 2006.

• Father Jerry Paprocki from pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, to pastor of St. Jude Parish and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, South Bend. The effective date of this appointment will be July 26, 2006.

• Father Christopher Smith from associate pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, to pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen. The effective date of this appointment will be July 27, 2006.

• Father Edward Eppehimer from pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Hessen Cassel, to pastor of St. Mary Parish, Avilla. The effective date of this appointment will be Aug. 24, 2006.

• Msgr. William Lester, PA, from administrator of Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne, to administrator of St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this appointment is Aug. 4, 2006.

• Deacon Anthony Steindeker, who is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in October, has been assigned to St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne. The effective date of this appointment was June 15, 2006.

The two deacons who have one year remaining in the seminary have been assigned to summer assignments. They are:

• Deacon Bob Lengerich has been assigned to St. Mary Parish, Decatur.

• Deacon Jason Freiburger has been assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Ft. Wayne.

Bishop D'Arcy has accepted the recommendation of Father David Tyson, CSC, provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, and has made the following assignments.

• Father Bradley J. Metz, CSC, has been appointed associate pastor of Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parishes, South Bend. The effective date of this appointment will be July 6, 2006.

• Father Robert J. Nogosek, CSC, has been appointed associate pastor of St. Adalbert and St. Casimir Parishes, South Bend. The effective date of this appointment will be July 10, 2006.

• Father Andrew M. Sebesta, CSC, has been appointed associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame. The effective date of this appointment is July 1, 2006.

• Father Gregory Haake, CSC, after ordination on Aug. 27, has been appointed deacon at Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus Parishes, South Bend. The effective date of this appointment will be Aug. 27, 2006.

Internationaly, though, Cardinal Bertone is best known for his work in the doctrinal congregation. As a secretary of the congregation from 1995 to 2002, he helped work out details of norms employed in U.S. dioceses in cases of sexual abuse by priests.

In 2000, he coordinated the publication of the third secret of Fatima, a symbolic prophecy of the church's 20th-century struggles with evil political systems and its ultimate triumph. The pope had sent him to Portugal to review the Vatican's interpretation with Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos, then the only surviving Fatima visionary.

When Sister Lucia died in February 2005, Pope John Paul II asked Cardinal Bertone to preside at her funeral in his name. In 2003, Cardinal Bertone had helped guide Zambian Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo back into communion with the church, following a brief rebuff to the archbishop in him friendship and trust,” Cardinal Bertone told the Italian Catholic newspaper “L’Osservatore Romano” recently. The cardinal said Cardinal Castro paid a visit to Cuba to Pope Benedict on the trip.

He participated in the final stages of the revisions of the Code of Canon Law, released in 1983, and was editor of the Italian translation of the code.

Cardinal Bertone was born Dec. 2, 1935, in Canaves, a town near Turin. He entered the Salesians in 1950 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1960.

Named to the Genoa Archdiocese in December 2002, he took office there the following February and was made a cardinal in October 2003.
Sisters of St. Francis celebrate jubilees with Bishop D’Arcy

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

SOUTH BEND — “Today we give thanks to God for them who have sacrificed their lives for the sanctification of the church,” said Bishop John M. D’Arcy to those present at the jubilee Mass celebration held for the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Saturday, June 24.

Six sisters celebrated their jubilees including four who had their 60th anniversaries — Sister M. George Ann Fronick, Sister M. Cecilia Godfredson, Sister M. Doris Ann France and Sister Robertann Lanthrop. Entrance date for these sisters was August 12, 1946. Sister M. Arlene Gonsiorowski celebrated her golden jubilee of 50 years. Her entrance date was Aug. 12, 1946. Sister M. Elise Kriss celebrated her 40th anniversary. Her entrance date was Aug. 10, 1961.

Pictured at the Bishop Dwenger High School groundbreaking are Phil Laux, president Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce; Melanie Bush, Miss Fort Wayne; Mike Dahm, Jack Krouse, Dee Dee Dahm, Fred Tone, Bishop John M. D’Arcy and Tom Niezer. Jack Krouse and his wife Cathy are co-chairs of the campaign. Mike and Dee Dee Dahm are two of the honorary campaign chairs along with Jim and Margaret Shields who were unable to attend the ceremony. Tom Niezer is president of the school board.

Clergy and others also present for the celebration included Father Dan Garland of St. Lawrence in Lafayette, Father Greg Holicky, chaplain St. Margaret Mercy Hospital, Hammond; Father Michael Heintz, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, and Father Henry Whelan, Conventual Franciscans and nine Conventual novices.

Bishop D’Arcy said the jubilee celebration helps remind everyone of the “intimacy Christ seeks in everyone who seeks his will. It gives us a moment to ponder the holiness of consecrated life, which strengthens the holiness of the whole church,” a reminder of the intimacy “that everyone is called at baptism.”

Pope Benedict wrote, in his first encyclical, “the call of every person to a relationship, a love with Jesus Christ,” Bishop D’Arcy said, and added, St. John also believed that everyone should come to love Jesus “as someone loves a friend and to believe in that love. It’s a life of faith in the love of Jesus Christ for us,” noted Bishop D’Arcy.

Belief must always be strong and present as “one does not always feel the closeness. But belief strengthens us. When God feels distant and when projects are overwhelming” that belief needs to stay strong, he noted.

Christ’s love is always there no matter what trials we experience. “He loves us as a man loves — a human love,” said Bishop D’Arcy who also noted that his love is also “infinite and everlasting.”

“God is always loving, always forgiving. If we can look to that as the heart of God, we can find love,” said Bishop D’Arcy.

Those who enter religious life “continue to say ‘Yes’ to Jesus Christ, giving up something beautiful for even something more beautiful,” he added.

“We give thanks to these sisters making their presence for hundreds of years” and for all religious “who have been a blessing for these sisters for these sisters was August 12, 1946. Sister M. Arlene Gonsiorowski celebrated her golden jubilee, Sister M. Elise Kriss, 40th anniversary, and Sister M. Robertann Lanthrop, 60th anniversary along with Sister Cecilia Godfredson and Sister George Ann Fronick, both 60th anniversary jubilarians.

Celebrating their jubilees, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration stood with Bishop John M. D’Arcy, far right, and Sister M. Angela Melody, far left front, before the Mass on June 24. Standing in front, from left, were Sister M. Paula Skelly, silver jubilee, Sister Arlene Gonsiorowski, golden jubilee, Sister M. Elise Kriss, 40th anniversary, and Sister Doris Ann France, 60th anniversary. Standing behind them was Sister M. Robertann Lanthrop, 60th anniversary along with Sister Cecilia Godfredson and Sister George Ann Fronick, both 60th anniversary jubilarians.

Consistory to discuss Mother Theodore Guerin canonization ceremony

Father Moreau beatification likely next year

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS, NOTRE DAME — The Vatican has announced that the next consistory, a meeting between the pope and cardinals in Rome during which significant papal matters are considered, is scheduled for Saturday, July 1.

The date for the canonization ceremony for Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, will be set at that time.

Mother Theodore was beatified in October, 1998, and in April of this year, Pope Benedict XVI signed a decree acknowledging a second miracle healing attributed to her intercession through prayer. She founded the Sisters of Providence in 1840. She died in 1856.

Sister Ann Margaret O’Hara, general superior; Sister Denise Wilkinson, vicar; and Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, vice postulator for Mother Theodore’s cause were invited to attend. Sister Marie Kevin and Sister Mary Ann Phelan, associate promoter of Mother Theodore’s cause, will be in attendance at the Consistory.

“We are very grateful to the Holy Father and Vatican officials for moving forward with Mother Theodore’s canonization,” said General Superior Sister Ann Margaret O’Hara. “We are hopeful that the ceremony will occur near her feast day (Oct. 3) or near our Foundation Day (Oct. 22).”

Sister Ann Margaret said once the date for the canonization ceremony at the Vatican is established, information will be made public about travel opportunities to join the celebration. An identical ceremony will take place at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on the same day as the canonization.

According to a recent announcement by the Congregation of Holy Cross, its euphoniously named founder, Basile Antoine Marie Moreau, is likely to be beatified next year. This news is of particular interest to the University of Notre Dame, which was born as a project of the Holy Cross order in 1842 and continues to rely on Moreau’s followers for its administration, inspiration and communion in the Catholic Church.

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Bishops adopt new Mass texts, study reorganization

BY JERRY FILTEAU

LOS ANGELES (CNS) —
Meeting June 15-17 in Los Angeles, the U.S. Catholic bishops approved a new translation of the Order of Mass and studied a proposal to downsize the committee structure, and eventually the staffing, of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

They approved an extension of the annual national collection for retired religious until 2017.
They approved a 2007 assessment of dioceses, equal to the 2006 assessment, to help fund USCCB operations.

The bishops agreed to a proposal that their Committee on Stewardship draft brochures on stewardship for teenagers, one in English and a separate one in Spanish adapted to differences in the relationship many Hispanic youths have with the church.

During their public sessions the first morning and afternoon, they heard a brief report on the work of CRS and lengthier reports on post-hurricane relief in the South; the relationship of Catholic bishops and Catholic politicians; and the rationale behind new Vatican rules for translating Latin liturgical texts into modern languages.

Vocations

They viewed a new 18-minute DVD on priests and priestly vocations, titled “Training the Men.” It was produced nationally but can be adapted for local use by inserting contact information for local vocation offices and vocation directors.

New papal nuncio, immigration

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, new papal nuncio to the United States, addressed the gathered bishops for the first time. During the private portion of their meeting they also heard a report from Cardinal Jaime Ortega Alamino of Havana.

The day before the meeting several leading officials of the USCCB held a press conference urging comprehensive, humanitarian reform of U.S. immigration law, an issue currently being hotly contested in Congress.

The next day, at the start of the meeting, Los Angeles Archbishop, Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., issued a statement regarding immigration reform with the endorsement of the bishops.

In it he said the current immigration system “is seriously flawed” and “the status quo is morally unacceptable and must be changed.”

English translation of the Order of Mass

For Catholics in the pew, the most important event of the meeting was the debate and vote on a new English translation of the Order of Mass — the exchanges between priest and people and the prayers such as the penitential rite, Gloria, creed, eucharistic prayers and Lord’s Prayer that are used regularly in daily or Sunday Masses.

The bishops approved the Order of Mass by a vote of 173-29. They also adopted some American adaptations, mainly extra prayers not found in the Latin edition of the Roman Missal, by a vote of 184-8.

Catholics and politics

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, recently retired but still apostolic administrator of the Washington Archdiocese, delivered to the bishops the final report of his Task Force on Catholic Bishops and Catholic Politicians.

He announced that through the task force’s work, the USCCB, with Vatican approval, recently published “the first comprehensive book of ‘Readings on Catholics and Political Life,’” copies of which were sent to every Catholic in Congress.

He closed his report with a warning to the bishops not to let “the intense polarization and bitter battles of partisan politics” seep from the secular world of politics into the inner life of the church.

Hurricane recovery

Recently retired Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the bishops’ Task Force on Hurricane Recovery, reported that Catholics made massive donations of humanitarian aid for victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

But the Catholic Church in the areas hit by the storms — particularly the New Orleans Archdiocese and the Diocese of Biloxi, Miss. — suffered such catastrophic property damage that they still face serious needs, he said.

He suggested that in future collection campaigns for such major disasters, care should be taken to define more carefully the charitable purposes for which the aid can be used.

Bishops offer each other the sign of peace during Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles June 16. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops concluded its spring meeting after approving the new Order of Mass in English and discussing the reorganization of the conference.

When the new translation of the texts the bishops adopted in Los Angeles takes effect, with possible Vatican modifications, U.S. Catholics will find that many of the familiar prayers and responses they have been using at Mass for the past 35 years or so will be changed.

After approving more than 60 amendments to the universal English translation of the Latin Order of Mass proposed by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, the bishops approved the revised version by a vote of 173-29.

They then approved a set of American adaptations — alternate prayers or ritual wording from the original Latin version — by a vote of 184-8.

Although only about 80 percent of the 254 Latin-rite bishops in the country were at the Los Angeles meeting, the votes of members in attendance represent the tw thirds majority (170) of all the nation’s Latin bishops that is required to pass liturgical decisions.

Some of the changes people will see when the new version eventually takes effect include:

• Whenever the priest says “The Lord be with you,” the people will respond “And also with you.”

• In the first form of the penitential rite, the people will confess that “I have sinned greatly . . . through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.” In the current version, that part of the prayer is much shorter: “I have sinned through my own fault.”

• The Nicene Creed will begin “I believe” instead of “We believe” — a translation of the Latin text instead of the original Greek text.

• During the offertory prayer, the priest will pray that “the sacrifice which we make will be acceptable” instead of the current prayer that “our sacrifice will be acceptable.”

• Before the preface, when the priest says “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,” instead of saying “it is right to give you thanks,” the people will respond “It is right and just.”

• The Sanctus will start “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts.” The current version says “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.”

The bishops’ actions June 15, the first day of their three-day spring meeting at the famous Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, capped years of debate within the U.S. church and other parts of the world about the new translation.

The translation version that U.S. English-speaking Catholics around the world have been using since the early 1970s was based on Vatican rules issued shortly after the Second Vatican Council that encouraged relatively free translations emphasizing adaptation to forms of expression in the receiving language when the grammar or syntax of the original language is different — what linguists call dynamic equivalence translations.

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In an address to the bishops before the committee was conducted on the new text and American adaptations, Bishop Arthur Roche of Leeds, England and president of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, argued that the dynamic equivalence approach came under increasing criticism from linguists in recent years and said that the more literal translations in many cases will restore scriptural references that disappeared or were less evident in the earlier liturgy translations into English done in the dynamic equivalence style.

ICEL, a commission composed of representatives of the main English-speaking bishops’ conferences in the world, oversees common English-language translations of Latin liturgical texts to be presented to the bishops’ conferences for their approval. The bishops’ conferences then decide whether to approve the ICEL texts or to create their own translations, but whatever text a bishop conference chooses it must ultimately meet Vatican approval before it can be issued for liturgical use within their country.

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He predicted that the bishops will treat the occasion as a “major catechetical moment” to try to educate Catholics about the changes and to help Catholic politicians understand and accept the changes in a constructive way that helps them deepen their appreciation of the liturgy.

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First U.S. Catholic-Sikh dialogue held

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The first national Catholic-Sikh religious dialogue took place in New York May 20. Representatives of the World Sikh Council-America Region and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops discussed shared concerns such as secularism in America and problems facing immigrants during the landmark daylong meeting at the Church Center at the United Nations. Religion for Peace-USA hosted the meeting. Sikhism, or Siri, was founded in northern India about 1500 by the guru Nanak. A monotheistic religion that rejects idolatry and the Indian caste system, it has 25 million adherents mostly in Asia, but including about 600,000 in North America. In opening remarks Manohar Singh, the chairman of the Sikh council and leader of the Sikh delegation, said: “The universal message of Sikh respects pluralism and we welcome our Catholic friends with open arms. This dialogue is an opportunity for our communities to begin a conversation at the highest level on how we may be able to work with each other in trust and friendship to make our communities a more harmonious and peaceful and just place for all.”

Pope tells Filipino president ‘well done’ for outlawing death penalty

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — “Well done,” Pope Benedict XVI told Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as she handed him a signed law that signed out the death penalty in the Philippines. At the end of a June 26 meeting with the pope, Arroyo gave the pope a statue of Our Lady of Guidance and a copy of the law in a leather case, telling him, “It may not be an expression of the faith of the Filipino people.”

After the pope gave her some medallions and a copy of a cursive poem moments dragging in her purse before pulling out her rosary and asking Pope Benedict to bless it. Earlier June 26 in Manila, Filipinos, members of the opposition parties filed an impeachment motion against President Arroyo in the House of Representatives, alleging that she has condoned political assassinations parties filed an impeachment motion against President Arroyo in the House of Representatives, alleging that she has condoned political assassinations.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, left, and Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, right, accompany Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl to the bishop’s chair for his installation as archbishop of Washington during a Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington June 22.

Cardinal, British prime minister discuss abortion debate

LONDON (CNS) — Cardinal Keith O’Brien of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Scotland, has told British Prime Minister Tony Blair that the time had come for a public and parliamentary debate about abortion, said the cardinal’s spokesman. Blair responded to the cardinal by admitting there were new grounds to reopen the 1967 Abortion Act, including “some troubling issues” surrounding the age that babies could survive independently outside the mother’s womb, the spokesman, Peter Kearney, told Catholic News Service June 19. However, the prime minister, who has voted in favor of abortion throughout his career, stopped short of giving any promises to the cardinal, Kearney added. Under the act, abortion is permitted with the consent of two doctors up to the 24th week of pregnancy, the limit at which a fetus was said to be able to survive if born. Abortion up to birth is permitted for babies with serious handicaps. A study of premature babies conducted last year by the University College Hospital, London, found that most born at 23 and 24 weeks gestation survived. Figures also revealed that about 50 babies each year survive botched abortions in Great Britain.

Vatican publishes decrees advancing more than 150 sainthood causes

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has advanced the sainthood causes of scores of Spanish martyrs, an Italian martyr killed in the name of religious orders, three women religious, and two 19th-century laypeople. The Vatican published decrees the pope promulgated June 26 in the presence of Cardinal Jose Saravia Martins, head of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes. The pope advanced the cause of 149 Spanish martyrs, mostly men religious, killed during the country’s 1836-1839 civil war. The Vatican also published a decree recognizing the martyrdom of the Italian missionary of the Servants of the Poor, Father Francesco Spoto. Born in 1924, the missionary priest died in the Democratic Republic of Congo despite the risk of impending political upheaval at the start of the 1960s. He was wounded and later died in 1964 during the civil war in what was then called Belgian Congo.

Catholic, Orthodox have a relationship as sister churches, says pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Just as Sts. Peter and Andrew were brothers, the Catholic and Orthodox churches have a special relationship as true sister churches, Pope Benedict XVI said. After Christ’s death and resurrection, St. Peter left Jerusalem for Rome in order to carry out the universal mission Jesus entrusted to him, the pope said during his June 14 weekly general audience. St. Andrew, fluent in Greek, went to the Gentiles and “was a preacher of the Gospel, often used the word ‘apostle’,” he said, and became the “apostle of the Greeks.” The Gospels show that in their life and death, Sts. Peter and Andrew were “true brothers” and that their brotherhood is expressed “symbolically in the special rapport between the sees of Rome and Constantinople, churches (that are) truly sisters,” Pope Benedict said. Before a crowd of more than 35,000 pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square, the pope continued a series of talks on the apostles by turning to St. Andrew, patron saint of the Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinople.

Although his main job will end, U.S. cardinal to remain at Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When U.S. Cardinal Edward M. Egan retires as president of the commission governing Vatican City State in September, he will be moving out of his post at the Vatican governor’s palace — but to another apartment inside the 109-acre city state. Pope Benedict XVI announced June 22 that he accepted Cardinal Soko’s resignation, but asked him to remain on the job until Sept. 15 when Archbishop Giovanni Lajolo, the Vatican’s foreign minister, would take the helm. While Cardinal Soko said he someday might spend part of the year in Rome and part of the year in Detroit, where he served as archbishop, he will stay at the Vatican for at least another year. The cardinal said, “I am a member of five different Vatican congregations, some of which meet every month.”

No one should be put to death, not even Saddam, says pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — No one should be put to death, not even former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, said Cardinal Paul Poupard, president of the pontifical councils for Interreligious Dialogue and for Culture. “The Catechism of the Catholic Church, the church itself and the pope reaffirm that every person is a creature of God and that no one but the creator can claim the right to establish birth and death of another,” the cardinal said June 21 in an interview with the Italian news agency ANSA. “Every creature, even the most wretched, was created in the image and likeness of God,” the French cardinal said. “God is the master of life and death.” The cardinal made his comments after Jean-Paul II, the Italian bishops’ daily newspaper, published an editorial June 20 calling for the life imprisonment and not the execution of Saddam and his co-defendants, who are on trial in Iraq.

Patients said to offer stem-cell solution ‘we can all live with’

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the U.S. Senate prepared to consider competing proposals on the funding of stem-cell research, a representative of the U.S. bishops’ pro-life office said the presence of four people who have been treated successfully that “there are solutions we can all live with.” Deirdre McQuade, director of planning and information in the bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, participated in a June 20 press conference organized by Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and featuring four patients who have been treated successfully for a variety of illnesses with stem cells from those of umbilical-cord blood.

The four were Jackie Rabon of Waverly, Ill., a paraplegic who received a successful treatment with adult stem cells; Ryan Schneider of Chicago, who received a cord-blood treatment for cerebral palsy; Abby Pohl of the Washington area, who was treated with her own cord blood for brain damage she suffered at birth; and David Foeger of Naples, Fla., who was successfully treated for heart failure with adult stem cells.

Conference: Priest facing east at Mass won’t ensure focus on Jesus

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Having the priest face east, usually away from the people, when celebrating Mass is not a way to ensure that both the priest and the congregation focus on Jesus, and participants at a conference in northern Italy. Enzo Bianchi, prior of the Bose ecumenical community and founder of the monastery, summarized the discussion in the June 14 edition of L’Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper. The conference brought together Catholic liturgists, theologians and church architects from the U.S., Europe, North and South America and liturgical experts from Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant churches. The theme “Liturgical Space and Its Orientation” was chosen because of renewed research and debate about the placement of the altar in churches and the direction the priest and people face. Bianchi said participants agreed that something must be done to help celebrate and communications focus more firmly on Jesus.
SOUTH BEND — Jack Jezreel, the founder and director of the JustFaith process, will be in South Bend on Saturday, July 29, offering his introductory workshop at Christ the King Parish from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The introductory workshop and presentation will reflect on the ministries of Moses and Jesus and our call to discipleship.

JustFaith, an intensive and successful model of justice education and formation, has had dramatic results in over 250 parishes across the country. JustFaith is an eight-month program that involves participants in a panorama of learning experiences that form contact for personal transformation and commitments to justice and parish social ministry. JustFaith has partnered with Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services and the National Roundtable.

For more information on JustFaith visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/justfaith.

Jezreel makes deep connections with Scripture, social justice and the mission of the entire church. He recently received the Rev. Harry Fagen Award from the nation’s Roundtable.

The workshop is sponsored by Christ the King, Little Flower Parishes in South Bend and Sacred Heart Parish in Notre Dame.

Registration for the workshop are due by July 26. Christ the King will have the event in the lower level of the church, 52373 State Road 933, South Bend. Cost is $20 per person. For information or to register, contact Deanne Reedon at (574) 272-3113 or e-mail at diancri317@msn.com or Chris Miller at (574) 631-7195 or e-mail at cmiller4@nd.edu.

Father Gabriel Musya of the Apostolic Life Community of Priests in Tanzania stands with Patty Becker, St. Vincent de Paul parishioner and Redeemer Radio personality, during his visit to Fort Wayne in June. Father Musya’s community has been aided by the contributions of International Seminarin Support, a program started by Becker and her husband John when they lived in the Archdiocese of Portland.

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‘Hammerin’ Irish’ Habitat Blitz Build to benefit Katrina family

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame Alumni Association’s ninth annual “Hammerin’ Irish” Habitat Blitz Build took place June 19 to 23 in Shreveport, La., marking the first time the program has taken on a project outside of South Bend.

Fifty Notre Dame alumni volunteers and 15 students participated in “Building on Higher Ground,” a 100-unit housing project for displaced Hurricane Katrina victims. The Alumni Association partnered with Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity and current president of the Fuller Center for Housing, to construct a new home in fewer than five days.

“Building on Higher Ground” was established last year as a partnership between the Fuller Center and Shreveport-Bossier Community Renewal to provide permanent homes for evacuees from the hurricanes that devastated the Gulf Coast. The Notre Dame alumni will represent the project’s largest organized volunteer effort and the first group to construct a home in less than a week.

“In the wake of unprecedented hurricane destruction throughout the Gulf Coast, the calls for help continue to pour in, and the Notre Dame family has responded most generously,” said Sean O’Brien, director of Alumni Community Service. “The Hammerin’ Irish” Blitz Build offers another opportunity to restore hope and rebuild lives for those who have lost everything.

Established in 1998, the “Hammerin’ Irish” program has resulted in the construction of eight new Habitat homes in South Bend.

Christopher Mueller named executive director of Catherine Kasper Life Center

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Christopher Mueller has been appointed executive director of Catherine Kasper Life Center, (CKLC), a not-for-profit corporation sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. CKLC, a health care continuum comprised of Catherine Kasper Home, an 81-bed licensed long-term care facility and Maria Center, a 28 apartment complex for independent living, is operated in accordance with the mission and values of the Poor Handmaids. Mueller began his duties on June 19.

Sister Nora Hahn, provincial of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, said, “Mr. Mueller comes to us with a wealth of experience in long term care. His own personal values fit very well with our values of dignity of the person, community, openness to the spirit and simplicity. Some of our coworkers at the Catherine Kasper Home have worked with him in other facilities and praise his calmness and fairness in difficult situations. We welcome him as the new executive director.”

Mueller’s extensive healthcare background includes: administrator, Cardinal Healthcare, Inc.; administrator, Meridian, Inc.; regional operations director, Cardinal Group; administrator, Lifecare Centers of Fort Wayne and most recently vice president of operations/co-owner of Living Legacy and Associates, Inc.

A graduate of Indiana University and a 25-year member of the American College of Healthcare Administrators, Mueller has also been an unlicensed administrator with a fellow classification.

Mueller said, “It is an honor and a privilege to provide quality care at Catherine Kasper Life Center. I’m looking forward to the unique challenges that this ministry provides.”

St. Jude hosts 20th annual parish festival

SOUTH BEND — This year marks the 20th parish festival for St. Jude Catholic Church on the south side of South Bend. The festival will be held Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15.

Friday night is Adult Night featuring a hog roast dinner, casino games, music, food and refreshments. Festivities run from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday is family day. Games and amusement rides begin at 12:30 p.m. Casino games will run from 3 to 11:30 p.m. Live entertainment featuring “Art and the Appetizers” gets underway at 7 p.m.

Raffle tickets are currently on sale. The grand prize winner will receive a Ford Mustang or a cash option.

St. Jude Catholic Church is located one half mile south of the U.S. 20 bypass and one block east of U.S. 31 South.

For more information, call the St. Jude Parish Festival committee chairpersons, Brian and Theresa Wisen at (574) 291-2446 or the church office at (574) 291-0570.

Masterful Prints show opens at the Snite Museum of Art

NOTRE DAME — The Masterful Prints from the Permanent Collection will run June 25-July 30 at the Milly and Fritz Kaser Mestrovic Studio Gallery at the Snite Museum of Art at the University of Notre Dame. This exhibition of some 25 prints highlights recent acquisitions by celebrated artists of the 16th through the early 20th centuries. Also currently open at the Snite Museum is the Images of Struggle and Oppression in the Art of the Taller de Grafica Popular in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery. This exhibit, which runs through July 16, features the works of a group of Mexican printmakers of the 1930s and ’40s who experimented a need for social and political reform for the Mexican oppressed.

Bishop Luers students collect funds for Heifer International project

FORT WAYNE — What began as an Advent activity for two Bishop Luers High School students became a challenge that would end just as they had hoped. After being divided into teams, they had to decide what came from passing a hat and collecting $210, seniors Mindy Monfort and Monica Swergart wanted to try and collect enough money to get an “ark” from Heifer International.

Heifer International is an organization that began over 60 years ago after WWII when a soldier stationed in Italy helping to feed the poor returned to America and decided that he wanted to continue to help the poor, so he sent a cow to his parents in an “ark.”

An ark was two camels, two heifers, two pigs, two goats, two sheep, two chickens, 300 quail and enough seeds to send to 30 famili es.

The cost of an ark is $210. Enough animals to send to 30 families.

Mindy and Monica decided to continue collecting money until the end of the school year and they included all the students at Bishop Luers in their passion of an “ark.”

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The cost of an ark is $210, and all the students had collected so far was $210.
Sacred Heart Second Graders Raise Money for Cancer Research

The second grade class at Sacred Heart School in Warsaw had a book read to them titled “Alex’s Lemond’s Stand.” The story details the desire of very young girl who had cancer to raise money for cancer research. Alex and her brothers set up a lemonade stand in the family yard. As news spread about Alex’s stand, other children became involved and more stands were set up. The second grade class was very impressed by this story and saw this as a stewardship opportunity. They, along with their teacher, Carole Rutledge, set up a stand on the school lawn for one day and raised $323.

Father James Dugal celebrates 50 year jubilee

CARTHAGENA, Ohio — The missionaries of the Precious Blood are pleased to announce the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Father James Dugal, CPPS.

Father Dugal, 76, a native of Jackson, Mich., entered the society in 1948 and was ordained on June 30, 1956. Father Dugal has served in parishes and in retreat and renewal ministries.

After his ordination he was in parish ministry in Fort Wayne, then an instructor at Bruner College, the society’s high school seminary in Canton. In 1965, he was named spiritual director of St. Charles Borromeo Academy. Father Dugal entered retreat and renewal work in 1970 at the Maria Stein Retreat House, a ministry that he continues to this day. He returned to parish work in 1978 as the pastor of Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne, where he served until 1983, when he returned to retreat and renewal ministry. In 1990, he was named pastor of St. James the Less Church in Columbus, where he served for three years. In 1999, he became pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Montezuma, Ohio, where he still ministers.

Father Dugal also serves in leadership with the society and has been a member of its provincial council since 1998.

Father Dugal’s 50th anniversary, along with the milestone anniversaries of 10 other Missionaries of the Precious Blood of the Cincinnati Province, signifying hundreds of years of ministerial service to God’s people, was celebrated in a special liturgy on June 30 at St. Charles Center.

“In this world that so needs signs of the love of God at work, we honor these men who have been faithful servants of the people of God,” said Father Angelo Anthony, CPPS., provincial director of the Cincinnati Province. “We thank God for the example that they give us, and we look forward to celebrating their many ministries, which have brought so much good to so many.”

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood is a religious society of priests, brothers and lay associates founded in 1815 by St. Gaspar de Ruvigny. Society members work as missionaries in parishes in the U.S. and abroad, in education and in a wide range of apostolates, promoting the cause of God’s reconciliation worldwide. 

FORT WAYNE — Father Dugal’s Redevero Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, launched its first series of “Readings and Reflections”, on June 19. The program features priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and local residents to offer daily Mass, original reflections prepared by the priests and sacred music. Each program is 15 minutes in duration and airs Monday through Friday at 11:45 a.m., immediately following the popular “Doctor In” program.

“One of our listeners are ready for this,” says Redevero Radio’s program director. “They have given great support, both financially and prayerfully. They are excited about hearing their own local priests and pastors on the air. “Readings and Reflections” brings the refreshment of Scripture readings, with insights on those readings,” Becker continues. “As a lay Catholic apostolate, this is what we’re all about. Our mission is to transmit the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith, everyone: Our mission is to transmit the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith, everyone.”
Pope Paul VI Institute helped to have a successful pregnancy

In July of 1998 we were happy to be moving to Omaha as John prepared to take up his first full time position teaching philosophy at Creighton University. We had met and fallen in love as graduate students at the University of Notre Dame and married in 1991.

While still completing our degrees, we lived in the heaven that Notre Dame called married student housing and had begun our family with the birth of our son, William, and our daughter, Kathryn. However, our joy at moving to Omaha to take up a new job and a new stage in our married life was tinged with a certain amount of apprehension, as we were also expecting another baby in March.

After the birth of William and Kathryn, which had gone off without a hitch, we had suffered a stillbirth at seven months, Mary Elizabeth, and a miscarriage at 13 weeks, Timothy. In neither case had we been aware of the pregnancy, and they were not conceived with the babies, and their deaths were utter mysteries to us and the doctors. So, while we had not given up hope of having more children, we were anxious about the new pregnancy, and whether it, too, would end in tragedy.

Fortunately, while still in South Bend, we had heard of the Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha. We had heard and read that the doctors there were committed to living out the church’s teachings on human dignity in reproduction, and so they were committed to trying everything medically possible within ethical norms to help couples both conceive children and bring them to a healthy term.

As it turned out, we did not know how providential it would be. As soon as we had moved in, Mary contacted them, and became a patient. We were both immediately impressed at the good cheer with which the staff and the nurses treated us. They had free child care on site. There were crucifixes everywhere.

We had noticed in the past that sonogram technicians have a way of maintaining a certain emotional distance from the couple and their child until they perceive the attitudes of the parents toward the child. Here they were happy to see us from the moment we came in the door and communicated their excitement for us. There was a chapel on the second floor with the Eucharist reserved so that we could stop and pray before or after the visit. The staff gathered here regularly for Mass during which the intentions of their patients were brought before the altar. And on the stairway there was a beautiful statue of St. Therese with votive candles at her feet. Everything about the place expressed a richly Catholic aura that displayed their deep commitment to the dignity of both parents and child.

We had no doubt that we were in the right place, and we felt a deep confidence that the treatment we were undergoing would be able to help us overcome the difficulties that had overcome us. Little did we know how much we would owe to the doctors and staff of the institute. In early October, when Mary was approximately 17 weeks pregnant, she began to go into labor with contractions that would not stop. We called our doctor at the institute, Michael Sullivan, who told us to go to the hospital immediately and be checked into the maternity floor.

Because it was late in the evening, we went to the emergency room at the local Catholic hospital, only to be told that unless the baby was viable we would have to wait in the emergency room to see if the contractions stopped, and whether the baby survived. Informed of this policy, Dr. Sullivan called the maternity ward and insisted that they let us up. He told them exactly the course of treatment to take in order to stop the contractions, and that if they did not do so, the death of the baby would be on their consciences. Because of his determination, they relent ed, and we were able to receive the treatment.

After several months of bed rest, and several more months of biweekly visits to the institute, Caroline Grace was born full term, and we joked with Dr. Sullivan about taking her down to the emergency room to show them the baby they thought was simply going to die.

We named her “Caroline” for Karol Wojtyla, who had begun his pontificate with the words “Be not afraid,” and “Grace” because she was conceived in the year of grace leading up to the jubilee.

It is through God’s grace that she is with us. But we have no doubt in our minds that because of their commitment to the dignity of parents trying to conceive, and the unborn children of those having difficulty carrying them to term, that the Pope Paul VI Institute was and is the human instrument of that divine grace.

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Gentleman Jim award celebrates 36 years

SOUTH BEND — It was a remarkable grand finale to the 36-year anniversary of the Gentleman Jim Memorial Award, considered the most unique presentation in the history of the South Bend Community School Corporation.

Named in honor of primary school teacher and Catholic James Pinkowski, who lost his life in an automobile-train crash Dec. 24, 1969, the award was presented to a fourth grade student at Henry Studebaker School by Bernard and Hildegarde Pinkowski, parents of James Pinkowski, at an assembly on the last day of school at Studebaker School, which will go out of existence and later become a vocational institution.

Pinkowski told the assembled students that the award is presented to a student who “exemplifies good discipline and training of children in proper behavior and begin proper upbringing, the best investment in their future, in the future of a better and greater America.”

Pinkowski and his wife instituted the award at Studebaker School, where their son was a sixth grade teacher who was dedicated to his profession and recognized the proper discipline and behavior of students in the classroom.

The award was presented to Marcus Charles, whose home room teacher explained that he was a leader, responsible and dependable, willing to help anyone in need. He was also on the honor roll for the entire school term.

Bernard Pinkowski has presented the award personally each of the last 36 years, although the last three years, his daughter, Elizabeth Hosinski, was there to assist her 91-year-old father.

In recognition of his personal appearance, school principal James Bankowski presented Pinkowski with a perfect attendance citation award.

Pinkowski’s son attended St. Stanislaus School in South Bend, graduated from Saint Joseph’s High School and later Ball State University.

Former South Bend resident David Shaw ordained to the priesthood in Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore. — Former South Bend native David Francis Shaw, 33, was ordained to the priesthood June 10 by Archbishop John G. Vlazny at St. Mary’s of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Portland, Ore.

He is the son of Jim and Jean Shaw of Sacred Heart Parish, Lakeville. Born in Lansing, Mich., the second of four children, David was raised in South Bend. He attended Holy Cross, St. John the Baptist and St. Mary of the Assumption Parishes. He served as an altar boy at Holy Cross.

David graduated from Trinity (High) School and attained Scouting’s highest rank, Eagle Scout (Troop 325). He studied at Holy Cross College, Indiana University at South Bend and graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1996 with degrees in both philosophy and theology.

Prior to graduation he also spent a year of religious studies with the Brotherhood of the People of Praise.

The new priest first sensed his vocation during his junior year of high school in 1989. He was drawn to the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. He also felt called to connect people with God through spiritual direction and homilies.

Before he entered the seminary in 2001, David had a wide variety of work experiences. He worked in a factory, as a bank teller; taught chastity, abstinence and family values in Portland; and math, science and religion to students with learning disabilities at Trinity School in Portland.

He spent another year at Christ the King Parish in Portland where he worked with confirmation preparation, RCIA and taught at the grade school.

David was ordained a deacon July 1, 2005, and served at St. Anne Parish in Gresham, Ore., which is also his first assignment as a priest.

As he enters his priestly ministry the new priest looks forward to learning how to better minister to Hispanics. As Oregon has the largest percentage of unchurched people in the nation, Father Shaw hopes to reaffirm his parishioners in the faith and help them to become more evangelistic.

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The unique and prestigious Gentleman Jim Memorial Award is presented to Marcus Charles, a sixth grade student at Henry Studebaker School in South Bend. From left; James Bankowski, school principal; Elizabeth Hosinski and Bernard Pinkowski, both of whom made the presentation.

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Retiring Superintendent of Catholic Schools Michelle Hittie receives a statue of Mary and the child Jesus from Bishop D’Arcy at a reception at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne. The reception honored both Hittie and Beverly Rieger, who is leaving the Office of Worship, for their service to the diocese.

World’s Catholic Network
Spirit of St. Jude School shines always

BY LAUREN PALMER AND SALLY BERGHOFF

There are many things we could say about St. Jude School because it’s such a wonderful school. The main thing we would like to focus on is our athletic and academic achievement. St. Jude School as a whole strives for excellence in both the classroom and on the field.

St. Jude is known as the “power house” for many sports. We are not only athletically talented; we are leaders, good Christians and loyal teammates. That’s what makes us achieve greatness when we play together. Before every practice and game we pray to St. Jude to help guide us as a team. We ask for safety for us and our opponents as we practice good sportsmanship. In the past years, St. Jude has been diocesan champs in many sports.

Not only in sports are we talented, but we are talented in academics too. This past fall we took the ISTEP+ tests, and because of our high achievement scores, our eighth grade class placed in the top 10 percent of Indiana schools. We could not be this successful without the guidance of prayer. Playing sports not only makes you a better athlete it makes you a better person. It challenges you to be the best in all you do. That’s why St. Jude is so athletically talented.

The students in Miss Theresa Yoder’s fifth grade class stand proudly as they begin to hoist the American flag at St. Jude School, Fort Wayne. Holding the flag are Darryn Knueven, Bryce Clevenger and Thomas Ferro. Fifth graders learn how to properly display and care for the flag.

We ask for safety for us and our opponents as we practice good sportsmanship. In the past years, St. Jude has been diocesan champs in many sports.

In conclusion, our school shines in many ways. Whether it is in our community, in extra curricular activities, or the activities we participate in, the light of God is always shining through.

I love having fun with my family and friends at a pool party and the fireworks.

I love going to the pool for a “jumpalings” party where we swim, eat and watch the fireworks.

I love going to Wizard’s Field.

For St. Jude School is located in Fort Wayne. The school has 600 students in grades preschool through eighth. Sister Kathleen Marie Knueven, SND, is the principal. Additional information is available at stjudefw.org, fwastjude@juno.com or by calling the school at (260) 484-4611.

Why I love the Fourth of July

BY MAYA SCHLUENDT, GRADE 4

Fireworks
Parades
Swimming
Ice cream
Boat rides
Zoo
Cook outs
Being at the lake
It’s America’s birthday

God has blessed us

BY MAYA SCHLUENDT, GRADE 4

The colored blooms
Sparkling rivers
And trees evergreen
All beauties of life

Different people
United as one
Living and loving
Like God

I love going to Wizard’s Field.

God has blessed us all
With a finished puzzle
Pieced together
By His hands.
Prayer for America

BY KAY COZAD

Heavenly Father,
Guardian of liberty and peace,
Our hearts are filled with gratitude
for the many ways you bless our great country.
Thank you for the freedoms our forefathers have set forth
that no other country on earth embraces.
We are in awe of the richness of our cultural diversity.
Keep us tolerant of this diversity and give us the grace
to welcome all immigrants who come as our forefathers
once did in search of a better life.
Never let us lose sight of your truth
on which our country was founded.
Help us as a nation to continue the good fight to respect all
forms of life, from conception to natural death.
Draw us close to you as we pray and worship in our churches
across the land and strengthen our families as we work to
uphold the ideals of right and wrong.
Keep us mindful, Lord, of your truth, as we build a future with
our youth where you are the center of American life.
Guide our leaders in making right decisions for Americans both
locally and globally. Continue to provide economic opportuni-
ties for our workforce, that they may prosper
by the honest sweat of their brow.
Guide us not only in respecting the rights of others
but also the resources of this land, from field to sea and sky.
Inspire in us, Father, the patriotism that is due this great coun-
try in the battle for truth and freedom, both living and
dead. Bless the efforts of those who are currently serving and
help us as a nation to continue the good fight to respect all
forms of life, from field to sea and sky.
In your mercy keep us all safe from harm.
Thank you for the freedoms our forefathers have set forth
on which our country was founded.
Never let us lose sight of your truth
on which our country was founded.
Help us to be ever mindful of those who have served our
 nation in the battle for truth and freedom, both living and
dead. Bless the efforts of those who are currently serving and
the sacrifices they and their families make each day.
In your mercy keep us all safe from harm.
Fill us with the grace to reach out to the world
in peace and unity.
Bring prosperity to all who love you, Lord.
And grant us the peace, love and honor that will
flourish forever in the hearts of all Americans.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Teens get entangled ‘in the vine’
at Holy Cross youth conference

BY THERESA THOMAS

NOTRE DAME — In John 15, Christ said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me, you can do nothing.”
This powerful scriptural metaphor was the theme for Holy Cross College’s second annual high school youth conference July 23-25 on its picturesque campus in Notre Dame.

About 75 Catholic teenagers from all over the Midwest converged to praise, learn, examine their consciences, and discuss their faith with each other. They were treated to the talented upbeat music of the popular Pete Cornelius Band, originally from Grand Rapids, Mich., and to enthusiastic Catholic speakers on various topics on the theme of “In the Vine.”

Mark Hart, known as the “Bible Geek,” who currently serves as vice president of LIFE TEEN, an international Catholic organization and ministry that provides resources and training encouraging vibrant eucharistic celebrations for teens spoke on “Vine and Branches” and “Love Each Other as I Have Loved You.” In his pep talk “The World Will Hate You,” Hart told the eager audience that everyone who follows Christ will be hated by the world at some time.

He challenged the youth to do something about it. “There are people in your life who are not going to get to heaven on the current path they are on. God just might want you to use you to help them get there,” he said. “There is no mistake you’re here today. God has a plan.”

In a lighthearted and comedic style, Hart reminded participants that “FAMILY” stands for Forget About Me, I Love You.

He explained how fear paralyzes and that faith in Christ can unleash the courage within everyone. He reminded retreat participants that the church is not anti-sex but anti-selfishness, and he retold the story of the paralyzed man on the mat whose friends lowered him through the roof to see Jesus. Other speakers at the confer-

ence included Amelia Marcum, assistant campus minister at Holy Cross College, with an “Exhortation to Openness”; Lou Paiz, director of a large youth min-
istr y program at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carmel, on “The Holy Spirit”; Robert Kloos, director of campus ministry at Holy Cross College, on “The Holy Eucharist”; and Lisa Manno, director of RCIA at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, on “Chastity and the Theology of the Body.”

“I felt it was a great experience,” said Brendan Swick, conference participant.

Caroline Thomas, another participant agreed, “It was even better than last year,” she said, “I’m looking forward to coming back again.”

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BY GINNY KOHRMAN

Opening prayer

O my God, I love you with all my heart and soul, and I want to love others as you have taught me. But I am sometimes selfish and sad when relationships change or the circumstances of life cause me to be apart from those I love. Please give me the grace and the faith to work through these times and help me to be confident in your divine plan for me and for all those whom I love. Amen.

Scripture: In 17: 6-24

Commentary

I have always been like a blubbery baby when it comes to saying “goodbye.” I remember the first time I realized this about myself. In the small four-room elementary school that I attended, I was fortunate to have Mrs. Minnick as my teacher for grades 3, 4 and 5. She was a wonderful teacher, and I credit my math skills to her insistence on knowing quickly and precisely the famous times tables.

On the last day of the school year, it became painfully evident that I would no longer be with her, day in and day out, in the coming year. I thought my heart would just crumble into little pieces as I continue to think about these times, hoping that the ache will stop. The pain of letting go of my young adult children who are struggling to find their own lives apart from mom and dad. My second son is in the process of discerning a job in Florida, where all the hurricanes are… and the snakes… and the alligators.

And then there are the numerous coworkers and friends who seem to vanish in the night because of job changes, losses or reassignments. It seems as if we allow our hearts to be opened to others only to have our hearts broken when they go away. When you have loved, saying goodbye just plain hurts. “I pray for them. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are.” — John 17: 9, 11b.

Taking care of our souls

The pain of saying goodbye sometimes feels like such a crushing hold on our hearts that it leaves us almost helpless. Initially, it is as if something being ripped from within causes an emptiness or uncomfortable restlessness that simply won’t go away. In reaction to the pain, we try to run away or occupy our minds with useless activities, hoping that the ache will stop. The joy of life suddenly disappears, and we begin to fear changes that lie ahead. Things will never be as they were before. Harold Kushner in his book, “The Lord Is My Shepherd,” tells a story of a safari group in Africa. This group had hired native porters to carry their supplies. After three days the porters asked if they could stop and rest. The tour leader explained that they were not physically tired but that “we have walked too far too fast, and now we must wait for our souls to catch up to us.”

Because of the speed with which we live these days, we often take for granted those who mean so much to us. We work, talk, argue, eat, laugh and busily bump elbows with others, rarely cognizant of the depth and meaning of our relationships. When someone says goodbye, it is as if all of our experiences and feelings rush to the surface of our hearts. It is then that we realize that our souls need to catch up and to cherish the depth and the gift of these special relationships. It is in these times that it helps to remember that God is in the relationship as well.

God compassionately sends to us an opportunity to be in using the pain of separation. In these times it is okay to allow ourselves to cry. Jesus surely understood the pain of saying goodbye to his friends and family, and he cried with them. He did the same with us. “But now I am going to the one who sent me, and not one of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ But because I told you this, grief has filled your hearts.” — John 16: 4.

In the Scriptures we read, “It (love) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” — 1Cor 13:7.

Jesus struggled to leave his mother and his friends on earth, but another force from within gave him courage to face the sufferings of goodbye. He tells the apostles, “... the gifts that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his work.” — John 14:10. Jesus wanted to do the will of his Father, despite the personal suffering he endured. And he turned to the Father in prayer to help him bear the human pain of separation.

To me, what this all says is this: we love because we are made in the image of God ... of Perfect Love. Our love matures and is less self-seeking; as we unite our will with the will of God. Our love is always teaching for that perfect love of God. As we learn to love in “greater” or “wider” ways, there is change and growth within. God’s grace calls us to focus more on the good of others rather than our own desires and needs for love.

Sometimes love involves a faithful and faith-filled “letting go” of the one loved. Letting go is never easy. But faith in the perfect love of God, who knows the big picture, helps us to accept the good-yes of life with greater hope, confidence and love. Through prayer and faith in God’s love, we can more peacefully face the pain of letting go of someone dear to us.

For interior renewal

Reflect on the goodbyes in your life. Look for the cherished memories of those relationships … both good and bad … and, in a spirit of gratitude, thank God for the gift of others and the personal blessings that have been given through that relationship.

Reaching out to others

Give those who are experiencing the “letting go” of another the opportunity to talk and share their sadness, anxiety and memories with you. Be a “soft shoulder” for them to cry upon until they can get back on their feet. Share a prayer or Scripture passage that might offer them hope and consolation.

Transforming society

We, as a society in general, fail so often to let “our souls catch up with us,” and we often fail to get in touch with our hearts. During this time of vacations and transitions, give yourself and others the time to “catch up” with those whom you love.

Closing prayer

My God, I thank you. I thank you every moment of every day. I rejoice in you among my people. I praise you for the people I know and for the people I will come to know. I thank you for those I will never know but whom you know in your abiding love. You are enduring compassion. Your faithful concern is never ending.

Amen.


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EDITORIAL

Patriotism for citizens of two worlds

As our nation prepares to celebrate our independence this weekend, we can look back and thank God for the many blessings bestowed on our nation. Our nation is dedicated to the care and guidance of the Immaculate Conception. Our own Bishop John F. Noll, founder of this newspaper, actively sought funds to build the basilica in Our Lady’s honor, Washington, D.C.

It is right that we ask Our Lady to protect our country from every thing from wars to social concerns. “We pray for the church, our true mother. And beg you to watch o’er the land of our birth, we sing in the “Immaculate Mary.”

Patriotism, a love for one’s nation, is a beautiful quality. When it works hand-in-hand with our Catholic faith — which challenges us to show mercy and love — the potential is there to bring peace and protection of the dignity of every human life, to be the hands and feet of Jesus — then patriotism combined with our faith can produce a positive good.

Of course, there are numerous ways in which American society clashes with the Catholic faith. The church’s positions on abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, same-sex marriage, family, pornography, etc. — are often in opposition with the values, or lack of values, that have become entrenched in the mindset of American society. In these instances, the church stands as a beacon of hope to the disenchanted.

In other areas, one example being the Iraq war, the church’s stance comes under fire by American Catholics themselves. Although the Vatican and the U.S. bishops said the Iraq war did not meet the criteria of a just war, other notable Catholic commentators, George Weigel for one, have expressed the view that the war is indeed justified.

Pope Pius XI writing at a time when national socialism was thriving in Germany and fascism in Italy, distinguished between patriotism and nationalism — by which we think he meant jingoism. A feeling of devotion and love for one’s country is a good thing, but as Christians we must remember that the bonds established by our baptism are in fact even stronger than any tie of nation, race, ethnicities.

Allegiance to our faith, in other words, is more important than allegiance to our nation. Our faith prepares us for eternity. Patriotism is imminent in the present. Even such decisions, especially those that have strong symbolism such as the American flag, are carefully scrutinized in the liturgy.

“Built of Living Stones,” the U.S. bishops’ document on environment, does not specifically mention the use of the American flag in the sanctuary of a church. But the document cautions, “Decorations are intended to draw people to the true nature of the mystery being celebrated rather than being ends in themselves.” That is why many parishes, still desiring to honor God for their few sacrifices in opposition to the nation, display the flag in church, but appropriately outside of the sanctuary allowing the focus in the sanctuary on the sacrifice of the Mass and the universality of the church.

The amazing gift of our Catholicism, is that anywhere where we go in the world, the Mass is the same. That means that Mass celebrated in Iran, Korea or Cuba is the same Jesus that we celebrate in the United States. As Catholics, we are united through Jesus.

During times of war, such as the war on terrorism, there may be an inclination for our nation to retrench — to close the gaps in the immigration policy, to treat the enemy with dignity of their person. At these times, we must rely on the teachings of our church to look beyond our nationalistic views and see these people as God wishes us to see them.

Back at home, we must also bear in mind the more subtle value shifts in which the ideals of our country differ from those of the church. For instance, America has long espoused rugged individualism, the “American dream” in which a person goes out and makes a fortune, a perfect life for himself or herself. This is a beautiful concept, and the freedom that underscores it is one of the qualities that makes America a great land of opportunity. But we must be careful not to take this a step farther and assign a “cream rises to the top” value to rugged individualism, that is, a value system in which one believes that those with money and means have earned it and that the poor are not deserving of assistance. The church teaches us that everyone is a member of the human community, worthy of dignity, respect and the assistance of those around him or her in times of difficulty. We are here to help save one another, not leave each other in the capitalist dust.

Indeed, we are fortunate; we live in a country where people risk life and limb to partake of our dreams. We don’t see that happening in other countries. America is indeed blessed. But America must never forget who imparts these graces on our land. It is God who we owe our highest allegiance and devotion, and as citizens of this great nation, we must use our gifts and resources as true stewards of the Lord.

— Tim Johnson, Vince LaBarbera and Msgr. J. William Lester


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COMMENTARY

Garrett parishioners thank Father Thom Lombardi

At least eight years ago we received a phone call that we were getting a new priest, Father Thom Lombardi, an Italian name. He brought his manner of life, and their three cocker spaniels, Pepper, Moise and Bruno.

Living in Italy was quite a change for the Lombardis, with a fenced-in front yard that became an ideal running area for the dogs. His parish, had a spacious open country area for their dogs. The Lombardis raised cocker spaniels.

Father Thom believed in the growth of our parish and our school, the only Catholic school in DeKalb County. He was concerned about religious education. He understood the needs of teachers, the principal and the parents as well. There was a staff meeting weekly.

Renovation of our church was a huge, beautiful success. The professionals this renovation was completed. A Mass of the dedication of the church’s renovation is celebrated every year.

Father Thom’s homilies are wonderful. He is gifted with words — our Lord’s. He studies and prepares for his homilies very well and leaves a lasting impression.

Successful ideas of Father Thom’s — St. Joseph Table, encouraged mom’s group, men’s group, St. Joseph novena every Wednesday morning after 9 a.m. Mass. We have an altar shrine of St. Joseph with a box available to place special intentions. A St. Joseph statue is a well-attended family to take home for nine days.

His dream of a mission for the poor — St. Martin’s Center, which includes a clothes closet, soup kitchen and St. Martin’s Health Care Clinic. These are supported by donations and grants for the operation of the clinic. Volunteers work in these areas.

Father Thom’s mom’s passing was a sad, difficult time. He gave such a wonderful choice of words at the funeral. Delight is a unique lady.

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, on the north side of the old Sacred Heart Hospital, now apartments, was beautifully, successfully renovated by donations and grants for the operation of the clinic. Volunteers work in these areas.

Grateful in our lord, Msgr. John E. Kozar National Director Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States

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Sex, marriage: Pope discusses love, Vatican official discusses sin

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In early June, Pope Benedict XVI drew favorable attention when he said the church does not want to “suffocate” the joy of love by its teaching on sexuality and marriage.

What many noticed was the pope’s positive approach — his recognition that young people, in particular, feel an “urgent call to love” and his insistence that the church’s goal was not to place barriers in their path.

He said the church’s teaching should not be seen as one “no” after another, and urged church leaders to implement a pastoral strategy of intelligence that takes seriously people’s questions and doubts.

The following day, the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Family published — without warning — a 60-page catalog of modern sins against the family and responsible sexuality.

Signalling the council’s president, Cardinal Alfonso Lopez Trujillo, it said that “never before has the natural institution of marriage and family been victim of such violent attacks.” It condemned a long list of practices, including cohabitation, birth control, divorce, gay unions, and the “abusive interference by the state” in sex education programs.

The document shocked many readers when it said couples who limit their family size to one or two children are, in effect, living in a “marriage willingly made sterile.” As for abortion, it said the act itself was an “abominable crime” that should not remain unpunished by civil authorities.

The difference in tone between the pope and one of his top aides did not go unnoticed. The pope was calling for a “genuine teacher; Cardinal Lopez Trujillo came off as an ecclesiastical “Terminator.”

“What this document is missing is love,” said Father Maria Bonalde of Cardinal Lopez Trujillo’s text. The Italian Waldensian’s remark deliberately alluded to the theme of Pope Benedict’s tremendous first encyclical, “Deus Caritas Est” (“God Is Love”).

The contrast illustrated an age-old problem for journalists in Rome: How much weight to give various Vatican pronouncements.

In this case, should the two interventions be taken as complementary sides of a strategy — the pope extending an open hand to potential allies and the cardinal delivering a knockout punch to opponents?

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THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mk 5:21-43

The Book of Wisdom is the source of the first reading. When this book originally was written, the plight of God’s people was not good. They had experienced very much in their history. Among these experiences was the loss of their national independence, with an ongoing humiliation and misery.

Many had left the Holy Land and made new homes elsewhere. But in these new places, if they retained their ethnic and religious identity, they were virtual outcasts. It is not surprising, therefore, that the obviously devout author of Wisdom took pains to insist that “God does not make death.” God does not design the hardships and tortures in their path.

St. Paul’s Second Epistle to the Corinthians supplies the second reading. This reading states a fact that humans, even committed Christians, are inclined to forget. This fact is that the greatest treasure is not that stored in vaults, but rather is the knowledge of God, and the insights for living that this knowledge produces.

The apostle continues to say that if anyone has a surplus in the things of this earth, then this surplus should be put at the disposal of those in need.

For its last reading, the church this weekend offers us a passage from the Gospel of Mark. It is a collection of two miracle stories. In the first story, a synagogue official, Jairus, comes to Jesus, saying that his daughter is critically ill. There is no reason to assume that desperation has driven Jairus to sincerity and to faith. He was certainly desperate. He feared that his daughter might die. However, as a synagogue official, he most likely was a religious man.

Always in the Scripture religious devotion ailed a person, Faith illuminated the mind. Faith eased the way for wisdom. So, in his personal goodness, and in his religious devotion, Jairus was able to recognize the divine power within Jesus. Jesus of course went to the girl’s bedside and healed her. She rose and walked around. Everyone saw her recovery. It was not imaginary.

In the second story, a woman with a chronic hemorrhage approaches Jesus. Discretely, the Gospel does not precisely describe the hemorrhage, but if it was gynecological in nature, as likely it was, she was by this fact ritually unclean. This factor set her apart, outside the community. Under the same rules, anyone whom she touched also was unclean. However, she touched the garment of Jesus. He allowed it. No earthly circumstance could render the Lord unclean. He was the blameless Son of God. Jesus realizes her faith. He tells her that faith has cured her. The hemorrhage stops.

Reflection

These three readings all remind us that human reasoning can be flawed. In the first reading, attention obliquely is drawn to the fact that some willingly hurt others, on a modest scale, or on a great scale. The minds of oppressors are distorted, but oppressors often continue to work their evil will.

And, even good people can fail to see that hardships come not from God, but from nature or the evil acts of others. Paul, in the second reading, reminds us that our priorities easily can be confused.

Finally, St. Mark’s Gospel tells us that sickness and anxiety are part of life. Jesus proved possesses the key to eternal life. We access this life by turning to the Lord. However, we must be sincere. Our faith must be real.

READINGS

13th week of ordinary time


Tuesday: Am 3:18-4:11-12 Ps 54:8 Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21:24-26 Pss 50:7-13, 16-17 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17 Ps 198:11 Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9:12 Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 40, 131 Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:1-15 Ps 85:9, 11-14 Mt 9:14-17

ANSWERS:

1. This color is generally used for vestments for martyrs’ Masses in the Latin rite:
   a. red
   b. white
   c. blue

2. Although in art Jesus is often portrayed with blue eyes, this is likely not correct. Why?
   a. We know from the apocalypse that he had green eyes.
   b. Most Middle Eastern men veil their eyes so no one would know.
   c. Most Middle Easterners have brown eyes; blue eyes are rare there.

3. In Western art the Blessed Virgin Mary is commonly portrayed in these colors of garment:
   a. white and/or blue
   b. red and/or orange
   c. blue and/or magenta

4. Esau gave up his birthright for a stew of this hue:
   a. red
   b. white
   c. blue

5. The color red is often associated in the Bible with these region’s name:
   a. Moab
   b. Sarnaia
   c. Edom

6. Solomon used threads of blue, purple and crimson to make this, which also had cherubim embroidered on it:
   a. his coat of many colors
   b. the veil of the temple
   c. the first national flag of an independent Israel

7. In Western religious art angels, if clothed, are almost always clothed in this color:
   a. red
   b. white
   c. blue

8. Catholic Ireland in the 1930s had the embarrassment of having a quasi-fascist organization known as the ___
   a. Red
d. Blue

9. In Exodus, the Lord commands Moses to collect blue, purple and crimson yarns. But some versions of the Bible translate blue as:
   a. violet
   b. brown
   c. molten

10. This army of Our Lady spreads the word about the apparition at Fatima:
    a. Red
    b. White
    c. Blue

11. Baptism garments are most commonly:
    a. red
    b. white
    c. blue

12. What does it mean to say a cleric received a red hat?
    a. He became a cardinal.
b. He was ordained.
c. He was elected pope.

13. After the anti-Christian persecutions ended, seeking an aesthetic life in a monastery was often termed the ___
    a. red
    b. white
c. blue

14. At the end of Mark’s Gospel, the women at Jesus’ tomb meet a man dressed in:
   a. red
   b. white
   c. blue

15. The pope’s zucchetto is white. What does he do with it?
   a. red
   b. white
   c. blue

CATEQUIZ’EM

Coming up to the 4th of July the Catequiz’em is in a patriotic mood so every answer is based on red, white or blue.

Catequiz’em

By Dominic Campilison

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Jesus himself made St. Peter the apostle of the head of his church. Jesus promised to do this at Caesarea Philippi in Palestine when he told Peter “You are rock and on this rock I will build my church, and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it. I will entrust to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” The “rock” refers to the firm foundation on which Jesus will build his church. Peter becomes the keeper of the keys, the power to bind and to annihilate.

The New American Bible says that Peter’s responsibility with the keys is compared to the disciplinary and doctrinal authority of the Jewish Sanhedrin. Peter’s position was a “political disagreement masquerading as a ‘religious dispute.’”

Recent goings-on at B.C. suggest how B.C. students, faculty and administrators feel about Peter and his intention of leading B.C. to the other side of the controversial “political disagreement masquerading as a ‘religious dispute’”.

Boston College’s president, Father William Leahy, SJ, is a man of no small dreams, having publicly declared his intention of leading B.C. to the position of world’s premier Catholic university. (It’s still trying to figure out what B.C. is and doing its best to be Harvard plus Catholic). But Father Leahy’s name is as familiar in Boston as John Henry Newman is in Rome. The point is, Peter’s role as the apostle of the head of the church is comparable to the president of Catholic universities.

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Questions?

How do we know that Jesus wanted Peter to head the church? 

S. N., South Bend

The firm foundation on which Jesus will build his church

The historian Karl Baus says: “Among those holding the office of apostle, Peter displayed an activity, which shows that he, in this turn, occupied a leading place among the Twelve, which could have been given him only by a higher authority... Even though Peter was the only person of the Jerusalem congregation, presided at the Council of the Apostles, Paul clearly needs to understand that Peter’s attitude was the deciding fact in the dispute as to whether the Gentile Christians were subject to the Mosaic Law or not.”

The First Vatican Council expressed the rationale for Jesus placing Peter at the head of the church: “Jesus placed St. Peter at the head of the other apostles that the episcopate might be one and undivided, and that the whole multitude of believers might be governed by means of a well-organized priesthood.”

The new Catechism of the Catholic Church adds that the pope is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole community of the faithful. The pope has full, supreme and universal power over the whole church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered.

The word “pope” simply means “father;” the Latin “papa” meaning “father.” In the early Western church, the word “pope” was used for any bishop, and in the Eastern church it was confined to the bishop of Alexandria in Egypt. The first pope, Peter, was succeeded by Gregory VII, in a council at Rome, formally prohibited its use by any other bishop than the bishop of Rome.

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Activities celebrate the heart of champions

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — In the Olympics, the long jump is measured by meters against the other competitors. During Heart of Champions Day at Saint Joseph’s High School on June 24, the participants’ efforts were calculated by a higher standard, cheers and positive encouragement.

Approximately 60 athletes from The University of Notre Dame and Saint Joseph’s High School worked together to provide a community service venue for local Special Olympians in events ranging from track and volleyball to a water balloon toss.

“The event was hosted by the Life Athlete’s Club at Saint Joseph’s High School,” explained Chris Godfrey, former professional football player, president of Life Athletes and Saint Joseph’s High School board president. “Life Athletes is a national organization that stresses living life with virtue, abstinence and respect for life. We are a fellowship of the heart not of talent,” exclaimed Godfrey.

“Bishop (John M.) D’Arcy introduced me to a group and said some really good things about what our organization has done around the country, and it occurred to me that I hadn’t taken the time to do anything locally within our own community,” said Godfrey. “The service commitment doesn’t fall far in the Godfrey family tree. Mary Grace Godfrey, Saint Joseph’s High School Class of 2006, was the inspiration and idea person surrounding the event. “I have worked with many of these athletes in the Special Olympics in swimming and have truly enjoyed it,” commented Mary Grace. “I have been so happy with the amount of volunteers that have come out for this event, especially in the summer. “My dad did the organizing, and I pitched in with a lot of the dirty work,” commented Phil Langthorne, Saint Joseph’s junior. “It’s not just one thing that makes me feel good about this event, it’s all of the things that you can see with the interpersonal relationships between the athletes and volunteers.”

Carissa Jaquish, a Notre Dame Softball player, left, poses with Heart of Champions Day participant Molly Schmitt, right. The event was hosted by the Life Athlete’s Club at Saint Joseph’s High School. Approximately 60 athletes from The University of Notre Dame and Saint Joseph’s High School worked together to provide a community service venue for local Special Olympians.

“It is definitely an opportunity for our Saint Joseph’s students to see how blessed that they are and not to take life for granted,” explained Eric Golik, athletic director. “It also lets our kids see the innocence and joy that is brought about by the simplest things in life.”

“This is a nice mix of fellowship with community service,” said Dana Godfrey, Chris’s wife and Mary Grace’s mother. “All of the kids are enjoying this event.”

The day went off without a hitch. The event featured a fantastic turnout, great weather and maybe a little overzealousness with the water balloons, but one message that was emphasized again was mutual respect. “We are a fellowship of the heart, not of talent,” exclaimed Godfrey.

“By working with community service, we all share the same heart, which is really the most important thing. We set our standards high, and then make the sacrifices necessary to achieve them.”

Puma Volleyball day camp offered for girls in grades 3-8

RENSSELAER — St. Joseph College (SJC) volleyball coaches and members of the women’s volleyball team will help improve and teach new skills to interested female campers from grades 3-8 in the Puma Volleyball Day Camp on July 26-28. The camp, which runs from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. CST each day, features three three-hour sessions for skill instruction, practice and competition.

Sessions will focus on ball-handling, service, passing, footwork and hitting skills, and participants will receive small-group instruction and training.

The camp fee is $45, which includes a t-shirt, skill instruction and competition.

To register, mail the child’s name, address, age, grade (entering fall 2006) and adult t-shirt size (M, L, XL) to St. Joseph’s College, Puma Volleyball Day Camp, P.O. Box 875, Rensselear, IN 47978. A $20 deposit must accompany the registration. Checks may be made payable to St. Joseph’s College.

For more information, call Jill Schopieray, SJC head volleyball coach, at (219) 866-6334 or e-mail jills@saintjoe.edu.
Books tell of Founders’ fight for religious freedom, beliefs

BY BEN GRUVER

WASHINGTON (CNS) — This Fourth of July, Americans not only can celebrate their independ-ence but also their religious liberty, thanks to our Founding Fathers.

“The Founders on Religion: A Book of Quotations” and “Washington’s God” both illustrate the truth about the Founders’ faiths and religious beliefs.

James Hutson, chief of the manuscript division at the Library of Congress, is the editor of “The Founders on Religion.”

He spoke at a luncheon on Capitol Hill at the Rayburn House Office Building June 13. Hutson said many books of quotations only mention one or two things about the Founders’ religion and try too hard to make a case for what they believed by using anec-dotes that are false, which he said damages the credibility of what is true.


In it, he showed that the Founding Fathers were Christian and that religion was indispensable to the nation’s institutions. He also urged his audience to go back and study what the Founders believed and the way they put their ideas into practice.

For instance, he said, John Adams was a Unitarian and George Washington was an Episcopalian who believed in providence — the guiding power of an invisible hand.

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Some of them had opinions about Catholicism. For instance, John Jefferson, Thomas Jefferson’s father, responded that Catholics wanted to be free from religious tests for public office.

Novak said, “They’re asking God’s favor — they better behave like God’s people.”

As we face the court threats against ‘In God we trust’ and ‘under God,’ it’s important to go back and study Thomas Jefferson and Washington and John Adams,” Novak said. “It’s a violation of the First Amendment to force people to pray against their will.”

Fans of Armistead will appreciate the trademark multi-character canvas, and naturalistic setups (with lots of overlapping dialogue), used to mourn the passing of a gentle age. The country-styled tunes are a highlight. Some brief crude humor, mild irreverence, some innuendo and risque song lyrics, and an instance of profanity.

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Novak said, “The great role that religion played in giving people a sense of purpose, a direction in fighting for liberty.”

“Cats” (Disney)

Delightful computer-animated movie set in a world of anthropo-morphic cats about a cocky race-car driver (voiced by Owen Wilson) which, while en route cross-coun-try to compete in a prestigious championship, is similarly detained in a neglected desert town, where his growing friendship with the town’s four-wheeled residents (voiced by Paul Newman, Bonnie Hunt and Larry the Cable Guy, among others) effects a change of heart and rising fame in the fast lane. Co-directed by John Lasseter and Joe Ranft, the film has a full tank of humor and emo-tions — not to mention bar-raising visuals — while its solid story-telling imparts a charming message about taking the time to appreciate what really matters in life. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G.

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**What’s Happening?**

**MISC. HAPPENINGS**

*Living history day to celebrate St. Patrick anniversary*

Walkerton — A living history day will celebrate 150 years of St. Patrick Parish at the Freedom Fest at Hester’s Farm, 71880 SR 23 on July 1-4.

St. Hedwig plans parish festival

South Bend — The St. Hedwig Parish festival will be Sunday, July 2, beginning with Mass at 11 a.m. Polish wedding food, cash bar, games, raffles and music by Soundstations will be held in the air conditioned Memorial Center until 5 p.m.

Our Lady of Hungary Parish Festival

South Bend — The Our Lady of Hungary Parish Festival will be held on Saturday, July 15, from 4 to 10 p.m. with entertainment by the Jim Deka Trio. Food includes Hungarian Langoslo, Kolacho, cabbage and noodles, goulash, sausage, hotdogs and beer. A bake sale, tips, raffles, kid’s games, dancing and music. The band is located at 829 W. Calvert St. (Corner of West Calvert and South Chapman).

**Knights plan fish fry**

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, July 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $6 for adults, $3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

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South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, July 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults $7, children (5-12) $3. Chicken strips for $7 and shrimp for $8 will be available.

**Rummage sale**

Bristol — St. Mary of the Annunciation, 411 W. Vistula St., will have a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, July 7-8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Annunciation Hall.

**Blood drive at St. Joseph**

Roanoke — St. Joseph Church, 641 N. Main St., will have a blood drive from 2 to 7 p.m. All donors will receive a t-shirt. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule an appointment.

**First Sunday rosary for families**

Fort Wayne — The first Sunday rosary for families will be at MacDougall Chapel on Sunday, July 2, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Father Christy from St. Vincent de Paul will be attending.

**Center for Hospice invites Volunteers to Serve**

Plymouth — The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. will have volunteer training at 112 South Center St., July 17, 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Training will focus on the hospice philosophy, communication skills, spirituality, family dynamics, patient care, bereavement, and more. Volunteers will assist patients and families with respite, transportation, laundry, errands, companionship, or bereavement. Scheduling for volunteers is flexible. For information, contact Ellen Brown, Volunteer Coordinator, at (574) 935-4511 or (800) 774-2784.

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**Mr. Greg Martin dies at 76**

Mr. Greg Martin, a retired priest of the Diocese of Gary, died June 5 at 76. William Martin was born Aug. 10, 1929 in Fort Wayne and raised on the east side of town.

His parents were William F. Martin and Lucille C. Kinti. William was the oldest of six children: Barbara, James, who died in 1957, Darlene, Donna and Richard. He studied for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Seminary, Our Lady of the Lake Seminary and St. Meinrad’s and was ordained in Fort Wayne at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on May 26, 1956. The following year, the Diocese of Gary split off the Diocese of Fort Wayne, and Father Martin would spend the rest of his career as a priest of the Diocese of Gary. He served as associate pastor at St. Peter in Laporte 1956-59. Early assignments as pastor took him to the inner city, serving at St. Luke, St. Monica and later at Sts. Monica and Luke, all in Gary, for 26 years. His final pastorate was at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish Community from 1985 until his retirement in 1999.

On May 28, 2006 Msgr. Martin celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination at Queen of All Saints Church in Michigan City with his fellow priests and hundreds of friends.

He is survived by sisters Barbara (Bob) Garrett, Darlene (Jim) Stapleton, Donna (Dave) Hawthorne and brother Dick (Rosie) Martin as well as numerous nieces and nephews.
FLAG DISPOSAL CEREMONY HOSTED BY KNIGHTS

Members of the Anthony Wayne Assembly Honor Guard conducted a flag disposal ceremony on June 14 at Council 451 Knights of Columbus in Fort Wayne. This annual ceremony provided the dignified disposal of the American flag.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON HOUSE DEDICATED

Father Bob Schulte reads from Scripture at the dedication of a house adjacent to the Vincent House property in Fort Wayne while Ann Helmke, left, executive director of Vincent House and others listen. This house was sponsored by parishioners of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to honor Father Schulte, their former pastor, by providing a home for a family in need.

Catholics can get indulgence for praying for families in early July

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — To encourage Catholics to attend the Fifth World Meeting of Families in Valencia, Spain, and to recite prayers with their families, Pope Benedict XVI is offering a special spiritual gift, the Vatican said.

“The gift of a plenary indulgence” will be given to those who participate in the July 1-9 meeting in Spain or who gather their own families together in early July to pray for families, the Vatican announced June 27.

An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment deserved for sins.

In order to receive the indulgence, Catholics must attend the meeting in Spain, go to confession, receive the Eucharist and offer prayers for the intentions of the pope.

If they cannot go to Spain, the decree said, “they will obtain the same plenary indulgence under the same conditions,” but rather than going to the meeting they are to “recite as a family the Our Father, the creed and other devoted prayers” asking God to strengthen their families.

Both those in Spain and those remaining at home are to promise to “dedicate themselves generously to conforming their families ... to the holy rule of the Gospel,” said the decree, which was signed by U.S. Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court responsible for regulations governing indulgences.

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Fifth annual Magee 3 Triathlon set July 22

PLYMOUTH — On July 23, the third weekend of the month in 2000, tragedy struck the lives of Krysta and Mike Magee.

The young couple, both Plymouth High School graduates, had married in 1998. Krysta was seven months pregnant with their first child. She was driving a Jeep Cherokee with three passengers: her sister-in-law, Melanie Davis of Lafayette, and her two children, Michaela, 5, and Elaine, 3, when, at the Pear Road crossing near Culver, she struck a Norfolk and Southern train, causing the Jeep to spin.

“Everyone was wearing a seat belt,” she said. Nevertheless, the backs of the two front seats broke and the two young women in the front were thrown out of the car over the top of the youngsters in the back seat.

The Plymouth Emergency Medical Service arrived in short order. Melanie and her children were airlifted to Fort Wayne’s Parkview Hospital and Krysta was initially transported to Saint Joseph Medical Center, Plymouth. Krysta was quickly transported to Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

During the ambulance trip she felt a very sharp pain in her lower back, an indication that something was terribly wrong.

Ultrasounds at the hospital diagnosed her condition as a placenta abrupta.

It confirmed the fear that Michael Noel Magee had died in his mother’s womb as a result of the trauma suffered just hours earlier.

“Noel is the reason that, on the third weekend in July, since 2002, we hold the Magee 3 Triathlon,” Krysta said.

“It is nice to be with our family and friends on that day. It helps us realize what is really important in life.”

Money raised at the event — nearly $6,000 so far — is donated to the Marshall County Dive Team and the Plymouth Emergency Medical Service.

“We wanted to do something to thank them,” she said.

The first Magee 3 Triathlon drew 30 participants. The fourth saw 70 people compete. Mike expects more this year.

“It’s a lot of fun,” Krysta said. People can enter as individuals or teams. The unofficial course is a 440 yards swim, a 10 mile bike ride and a 3.5 mile run. The race starts at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 22. Registration at 7 a.m.

This year, Team Lafayette has challenged Team Plymouth. The Lafayette group has Eric and Melanie Davis and brother, Kyle Davis while the Plymouth Team is made up of Mike and Krysta and David Fortin.

“I’m a little bit worried,” Krysta said. “I haven’t trained at all and Melane does the San Francisco to Alcatraz Triathlon in addition to several others.

“We may be outmatched.”

Marc Laudenman of Bremen has captured the title and the trophy in the individual men’s race all four years. Last year he finished a full minute ahead of the pack with a time of one hour and three minutes.

The food will be supplied by Opie’s Deli, the new eatery in town, operated by Krysta’s brother, Nate. Dr. John Hill, superintendent of Plymouth schools, is the official time keeper.

“We’re not sanctioned or anything,” Krysta said, “but we have a great time.”

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