Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin, three others to be canonized Oct. 15

Mother Theodore is the first canonized from Indiana

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin, the 19th-century foundress of a religious order and numerous schools in Indiana, will be canonized by Pope Benedict XVI Oct. 15 along with a 20th-century Mexican bishop and two Italian religious founders.

The date for the canonization Mass was established when the pope and cardinals living in Rome met at the Vatican July 1 for an “ordinary public consistory,” a meeting which formally ends the sainthood process. Earlier in the year, the pope had recognized the final miracles needed for the canonizations of the four candidates.

Sister Ann Margaret O’Hara, the Sisters of Providence general superior, made the announcement to an assembly of sisters early July 1 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, vice postulator and promoter of Mother Theodore’s cause, and Sister Mary Ann Phelan, associate promoter of the cause, were in Rome to represent the congregation for the announcement.

“It was a solemn ceremony in a beautiful room. This announcement signifies the culmination of the great effort of the congregation for almost 100 years. It was a wonderful feeling, truly a moment to be celebrated,” Sister Marie Kevin said.

Institute for Black Catholic Studies opens at Notre Dame

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

NOTRE DAME — The rhythms of an African drum turned up the heat inside and outside the chapel in Keenan Hall.

It was part of the warm welcoming ceremony the Xavier Institute for Black Catholic Studies community received at an opening Mass at its temporary home on the University of Notre Dame campus.

Father Edward Branch, Atlanta University chaplain, and Father Bryan Massingale, associate professor of moral theology at Marquette University and the Institute for Black Catholic Studies, enjoyed the moment. Father Branch was the celebrant at the opening Mass while Father Massingale delivered a powerful homily.

The priests were adorned in their kente cloth stoles that identified them as truly black Catholics.

Father Massingale’s message was about being strangers in a strange land.

“What I mean by ‘in a strange land,’ when you’re used to being in an all-black environment in New Orleans and you arrive at Notre Dame, it’s a cultural shock,” he said. “At the same time, we (black Catholics) can make a powerful contribution to the University of Notre Dame as well. Pope John Paul II encouraged black Catholics to share our uniqueness with the whole church, and I believe John Paul’s vision of change can be achieved right here.”

Xavier’s Institute for Black Catholic Studies was moved to Notre Dame this summer because its longtime headquarters were ruined by Hurricane Katrina last summer.

Some 60 students arrived last week for the summer session.

The students can look forward to three jam-packed weeks of classes, seminars, speakers and preachers. Another longstanding tradition of the Institute is the Ancestors Celebration, hosted by Sister Patricia Haley, SCN, the coordinator of Black Catholic Ministry, Diocese of St. Petersburg, Fla., and an instructor at the institute.

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A day in Walkerton

What better way to start off a summer vacation than a delightful day in Walkerton. With this in mind, on a rainy and humid Sunday morning, I headed west bright and early to help St. Patrick Parish, Walkerton, to celebrate their 150th anniversary. Yes, 150 years; one year older than our diocese. It was also just about a year since Father Chris Yeong assisted the pastor of this oldest old parish. The town was also celebrating its 150th anniversary, and it was the 50th anniversary of St. Patrick School.

This parish was originally settled by those of German descent, and was called St. Henry. Before that, for many years, Mass had been said in homes. A priest came from Notre Dame in the late 1840s on horseback. Then the railroad and, with it, the Irish. Let us make sure “the good news of the Gospel” gets to those in need. It came to the United States. They sent letters for legal and other concerns. We reserve the right to edit what we receive, we strive to provide a balanced representation of expressed opinions and a variety of reflections on life in the church. We choose letters for publication based on interest, timeliness and fairness. Readers may agree or disagree with the letter writers’ opinions. Letters must be no more than 500 words. All letters must be signed and include a phone number and address for verification.

Valencia, Spain (CNS) Surrounded by hundreds of thousands of families from every corner of the globe, Pope Benedict XVI urged mothers and fathers to be open to life and to create a home based on love, acceptance and mercy.

The city was set to close from 3:30 p.m. on Sunday as a result of severe rain that left 42 people dead and dozens more injured, the Christian apogee being the pope’s July 8-9 visit was full of joy and celebration.

The pope journeyed to Spain’s third-largest city to help close the Pope’s 1-9 Fifth World Meeting of Families and to focus on its theme, “The Transmission of Faith in the Family.”

In his July 9 closing Mass, which was celebrated in front of some 100,000 people, the pope emphasized this during a festive July 8 vigil when he told parents that every child has his or her own “personality and character” and, no matter what, parents need to accept their children, including adopted children.

He urged people to “be sensitive, loving and merciful like Christ” even to people outside the family.

Families should not be “closed in on themselves,” the pope said, while he also added that “every person is worthy of love, and that there is a basic, universal right to love and to live in community.”

The late-evening vigil was marked by testimonies from families and experts from all over the world, interspersed with singing and a dance performance by the Taiwan Ballet. The vigil closed with a fireworks display that shimmered over the arts center’s gigantic reflecting pools.

In an address to the city’s seminarians July 8, Pope Benedict stressed that “a loving, harmonious home life is also good for vocations since the love, devotion and fidelity of one’s parents create a fertile space for men and women ‘to hear God’s call and to accept the gift of a vocation.’”

The pope reemphasized the church’s teaching against divorce and insisted marriage is based only on a union between a man and a woman. Spain has passed laws that made divorce quicker and easier and allowed homosexual couples to marry and adopt children.

The church in Spain has been at loggerheads with the govern- ment led by Socialist Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero for what the church sees as promoting same-sex lifestyles. The pope also complained that the entire potato crop was destroyed by the blight of 1846. Ten of thousands died of starvation, or were weakened and died of disease. Even before the famine, large numbers of Irish came to the United States. They sent letters home, making America sound like heaven. Following the potato blight, hundreds of thousands of Irish entered our country through the ports of New York and Boston. This will be a little chance of where to go, as few had money or a desire to move west. Most stayed in the port cities. Resident of these new immigrants grew strong, and the Irish had few job opportunities. They faced signs which read ‘No Irish Need Apply’ when they looked for work. They found employment digging canals and building railroads, and were known for their strength, courage and willingness to work. It is important also to build a new road through Walkerton. Some chose to remain, and Kryan Devery and 10 other men were able to buy land from the federal government for 50 cents an acre. They were pleased with their new home, but missed the opportunity to practice their religion by hearing Mass.

On Sunday morning in June in 1856, a horse and rider traveled to Walkerton from South Bend, coming 20 miles on a wagon road. The rider was Father Paul Gillen, a Holy Cross priest from Notre Dame. He celebrated Mass in the log cabin home of Kryan Devery, 1, on the other hand, celebrated Mass in an open area under a tent. Over 300 people were present before Mass, a significant number of people walked from the home where the first Mass was celebrated. Some rode in wagons, others walked, praying the rosary and singing hymns, led by the pastor, Father Chris. After Mass, there was a wonderful luncheon—a hog roast.

So, it was with joy that I drove back for the first day of what I know will be a grand and restful vacation.

Blood, the gift of life

I made my annual visit to the Red Cross Blood Services branch in South Bend, where Rabbith Jonathan Katz, Pastor Daniel May and another professor from Lutheran Seminary, I was pleased to hear from my friend, Marka Roberts, about the large number of parishioners from Catholic parishes who have donated blood in recent years. This is part of our gift of love for those in need.

As you read this, I am either walking along the ocean, sitting on my back porch or at Fenway Park cheering on the Boston Red Sox who have completed a 12-game winning streak. I look forward to this period of much-needed rest and the chance to visit my sisters and some priests/friends, my companions of a lifetime. I look forward to coming back to this blessed labor that I am privileged to do with you.

See you soon.
At Mass in Valencia, pope uses what tradition says is Holy Grail

**By Carol Glatz**

VALENCIA, Spain (CNS) - King Arthur's knights and Indiana Jones looked for it, and most recently Dan Brown's sleuths, but for 2,000 years Valencia's grail has been described as a chalice, a cup Jesus drank during the Last Supper.

Pope Benedict XVI waves as he attends the Fifth World Meeting of Families in Valencia, Spain, July 8. The pope reemphasized the church's teaching against divorce and reaffirmed that marriage is based only on the union between one man and one woman.

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VALENCIA, Spain (CNS) - The age of the stone chalice and documents tracing its history back to 1671 "leads us to believe that this beautiful cup was in the hands of the Lord" during the Last Supper.

The custodian of the “Santo Caliz,” or Holy Grail, said the chalice’s stem and handles are made of fine gold, and its alabaster base is decorated with pearls and other precious gems.

Msgr. Sancho wrote in the Vatican paper that tradition says after Christ instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper St. Peter took the cup to Rome, where it was protected by successive popes.

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Soup kitchen volunteers celebrate 20 years of service

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Watching the early morning preparation that takes place to ready the soup sacks inside St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen is like watching a well-oiled machine. Under the outstanding management of director Diane Day, soup is prepared in enormous vats and ladled into containers, and breads and sweets are separately packaged, all before bagging the food for those in need waiting outside the soup kitchen window.

It’s the dedicated volunteers, Day says, that sustain the heart of this ministry that has offered soup seven days a week since 1993 at that window. Six of those volunteers were recognized this summer for 20 years of service.

Fort Wayne natives Bob Gorman and Bob Heiny have been friends since their days in Catholic grade school. They each began their volunteer work at the soup kitchen shortly after their retirement. Gorman, a member of St. Vincent de Paul Church and no stranger to volunteer work, eagerly began his service 20 years ago by enlisting food donations from local shops to be packaged for the soup kitchen.

She became a volunteer at St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen 20 years ago following her retirement at the suggestion of a senior pastor. She has worked in the clothing bank and soup kitchen over the years, among the many other volunteer services she is involved in and feels the time spent has been worthwhile.

Another 20-year veteran, Dick Berghoff, is a member of St. Mary and began his volunteer career after retiring as well. He and the two Bobbs were high school chums and continue to enjoy each other’s company as he dips the soup into the containers. He also works at the window dispensing the sacks of food.

There’s never a dull moment,” says Berghoff. “It gives you a good feeling to help.”

Jim Ringswald is a parishioner at St. Jude Parish and began volunteering at the soup kitchen 20 years ago with his wife, Dorothy, after his retirement. He continued even after Dorothy’s death three years ago, packing the sacks with soup and bread and dispensing them as well. He will continue his service to the community as long as his legs hold out and says, “It’s a good project, worthwhile. I do the best I can.”

The oldest member of the six veteran volunteers, Vic Kaminski, is 91 years young. He and his wife, Anne, volunteered together until her death in 1984. He finds satisfaction in getting the job done and enjoys the contact with the group. “This is a great bunch of people, compassionate, helpful and nice to talk to,” he says, adding that he hopes to work at the soup kitchen as long as he can.

This dedicated group, with 120 combined volunteer years between them, speaks collectively of the joy of fellowship and of community service. A cake and coffee reception was held in honor of the six 20-year volunteers on May 25.

St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and is located at 1101 South Lafayette St. in Fort Wayne. For more information call (260) 426-1217.

South Bend gay rights ordinance defeated

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — In a 5-4 vote at its Monday night meeting, the South Bend Common Council rejected a proposed ordinance that would have added sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protected classes in the city’s human rights ordinance. The vote took place close to midnight in the standing-room-only council chambers, after nearly five hours of intense but orderly discussion by council members and 35 citizens who spoke during the public portion of the meeting.

Bishop John M. D’Arcy had issued a statement on the proposed ordinance, which was published in the May 14 Today’s Catholic, noting that: “While I do not question the good intentions of those involved in this effort, my concern as a Catholic pastor is that this ordinance appears to be more about valuing in law homosexual lifestyles and behaviors than it is about addressing unjust discrimination.”

Bishop D’Arcy added that the ordinance goes beyond an individual’s self-identity to also include “appearance, expression or behavior,” thus giving homosexual activity as well as homosexual orientation special status and special protection.

Among the members of the public at the meeting, most of the opponents were affiliated with the group “No Special Rights.” They wore stickers and carried posters reading “Special rights are not civil rights,” and it was a great way to plead a case, but not a good way to make a decision,” Varner said, adding that civil rights protection works best at the federal level, where it must first meet a certain criteria. “Just because we voted against the ordinance, calling the ordinance ‘purposely vague’ and said ‘it opens the door to abuse and exploitation,’” Varner said.

In explaining his vote against the ordinance, council member David Varner said that he accepted Rice’s argument that there was more to the ordinance than just providing status for discrimination. “It’s a great way to plead a case, but not a good way to make a decision.” Varner said, adding that civil rights protection works best at the federal level, where it must first meet a certain criteria. “Just because we voted against the ordinance, calling the ordinance ‘purposely vague’ and said ‘it opens the door to abuse and exploitation,’” Varner said.

Supporting the defeated ordinance were council members Charlotte Pfister and Redmond Kelly, who had proposed the ordinance. Also in favor were Ann Puzzello and Al “Buddy” Kirsis.

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Parish nurse program teaches stewardship of health

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Church has become diligent in recent years in providing more opportunities for spiritual growth at the parish level. But what of the physical needs of its members? One program, relatively new to this diocese, is working on that.

The parish nurse ministry was initiated in Fort Wayne in March of 2003 after longtime friends Deb Andrews, of St. Vincent de Paul Parish and Deb Sterling, a parishioner at St. Peter, spoke of the program to their pastors. Both priests were immediately enthused and a formal letter of invitation from St. Vincent Catholic Parish accepted.

Charlyne Wirtner sits at her desk at St. Joseph Parish where she coordinates the parish nurse ministry. The program was initiated in Fort Wayne in 2003 and assists parishioners in finding the spiritual side to health and wellness. There are 12 parishes in the Fort Wayne and surrounding area that offer the program to their parishioners.

Charlyne Wirtner, a member of St. Joseph Parish, who joined Andrews and Sterling in forming the Parish Nurse Council of Fort Wayne and surrounding area, meets monthly to network and exchange ideas. The three nurses use their combined experience to assist the nurses of other diocesan parishes who have taken on this worthwhile ministry, including the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Queen of Angels, St. Charles, St. Jude, St. Mary, St. Therese, St. Mary, Avila, St. Paul, Columbus City, and St. Peter and Paul, Huntington.

The program stems from the practices of a Lutheran clergyman, Rev. Granger Westberg, whose work in the 1970s with holistic health centers led him in 1984, to link an Illinois health system with six local congregations, two of which were Catholic, in an effort to form a partnership for a parish nursing project. The International Parish Nursing Resource Center (IPNRC) was established in 1985 and the parish nurse ministry, a resource referral program for parishioners, has since been promoted in workshops and seminars across the country.

Deb Andrews, a 28-year-veteran of registered nursing, has been coordinator of the parish nurse ministry at St. Vincent Church for over three years and finds it very worthwhile. “This is the most fulfilling job and the best nursing I’ve ever done,” Andrews says. With her background in case management, Andrews has resources readily available for use in the program. Add her belief in treating patients as whole persons, body, mind and spirit, and there lies the foundation for the parish nurse ministry. In this “resource type situation,” Andrews says, about 80 nurses within the parish have been available to assist her in parish nursing activities.

Her friend, Deb Sterling has been in nursing since 1974 and earned her certification in parish nursing in 2003. Facilitating the nursing program at St. Peter, Sterling works with coordinator, Colleen Smith, for the past three years and has spent 10 hours a month coordinating five other nurses with clinical assessments and referrals. Of the program she says, “There is a great future for it. People are finding the spiritual side to wellness and that comes from the church.”

Charlyne Wirtner, who has been an registered nurse for almost 50 years and is certified in parish nursing, holds that belief as well. She has been coordinator of the parish nurse ministry at St. Joseph Parish for three years and brings her background to the program. And like Andrews, Wirtner has community resources that form the foundation for her ministry. St. Joseph has as many as 10 active nurses who assist with monthly blood pressure screenings, free and low cost sports physicals for students and health information dissemination. Wirtner uses two medical boards in prominent locations on St. Joseph campus to displays information on a “disease of the month.” Phone calls are field in her small office on the St. Joseph campus and she, in partnership with area medical personnel, has organized events for nurses and parishioners alike including workshops on living wills and nutrition, the Fort Wayne Walk a Million Miles health initiative, the St. Joseph Rosary Walk and Focus on Health for Children.

For this volunteer position, Wirtner spends about four hours a week in the office but likes to make appearances at church events to facilitate the program’s success. Her “Parish Nurse Notes” in the weekly bulletins help update the parishioners on health services and events. She documents everything she does with file upon file of resources and projects in hopes that her eventual successor will be able to step in and keep the program going. Sixteen to 20 hours a week are spent at her home computer working on program events and information, including a Spanish translation of the bulletin bulletins help update the parishioners on health services and events. She feels the program is spirit driven. “The Holy Spirit works in my life. He never lets me down.” These three dedicated nurses and those who assist all agree that this program successfully brings a much needed spiritual dimension to meeting the health needs of the faithful.

SOUTH BEND — On Thursday, July 20, St. Adalbert Parish in South Bend will host the relics of six Mexican priests-martyrs of the 1500s to 1930s.

Relics are the material remains of a saint or holy person after their death, as well as objects sanctified by contact with their body. Relics have long been a part of Catholic devotional practice. Since the days of the apostles, Christians have preserved and honored the physical remains of men and women recognized as saints.

Father Christopher Cox, CSC, pastor of St. Adalbert, said, “I sincerely hope that prayer in the presence of the relics renews the spirit of the faithful, that we have greater courage to live our faith publicly as these saints so heroically lived.

The relics are from Fathers of the East Mexican River are Chicago, Philadelphia, New York City, Washington, D.C., New Haven, Conn., and Orlando, Fla. This visit truly honors St. Adalbert Parish and South Bend.

St. Adalbert Church will begin a time of prayer with the relics at noon on July 20 in the church. At 6 p.m., the parish will host an bilingual Mass. The Mass will be followed by a dinner in the parish’s Heritage Center. Tickets for the dinner are $15 per person and may be purchased at the parish office. All are invited.

For more information, please call St. Adalbert Parish at (574) 288-5708. For more information, please visit www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/d etail.cfm?id=54020.

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**BRITISH OFFICIALS AND PRIEST HONOR VICTIMS OF LONDON TERRORIST ATTACKS**

British officials and a priest pay tribute to commuters who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on London’s bus and rail system July 7, 2005. On the one-year anniversary of the attacks, Catholic officials in London joined others in prayer and celebrated special Masses in memory of the 52 people left dead by the attacks.

**Pope appoints St. Louis archbishop to Vatican’s supreme court**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Archbishop Raymond L. Burke of St. Louis to the Vatican’s Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature. The archbishop, who had worked for the court during 1989-94, was named a member of the body July 8. According to Pope John Paul II’s 1988 apostolic constitution, “Pastor Bonus,” the Apostolic Signature functions as the Vatican’s supreme court and is charged with ensuring justice is administered correctly in all tribunals and by all offices of the Roman Curia. Many of the cases handled by the court are appeals to sentences of the Roman Rota dealing with marriage annulments. The Apostolic Signature also promotes and approves the establishment of interdiocesan tribunals around the world.

**Chinese church leaders welcome Vatican delegates, Vatican-China talks**

HONG KONG (CNS) — Chinese church leaders welcomed a Vatican delegation’s visit to Beijing to discuss relations with the Holy See. Church authorities, although details of the meetings have not been disclosed. Archbishop Claudio Celli, secretary of the Vatican’s delegation of the Patrimony of the Holy See, and Msgr. Gianfranco Rota Graziosi of the Vatican Secretariat of State were in Beijing June 25-July 1 and conducted “informal talks” with the Chinese officials, sources told Catholic News Service. The Vatican delegation’s agenda was not made public, but different sources told UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand, that the delegations met with Chinese government officials and visited eastern China’s Shandong province. Beijing welcomed the visitors during a time of tension between the Vatican and China, after the Chinese government appeared to force the illicit ordination of a bishop in Haining. Kunning Diocese April 30, the other in Anhui Diocese May 3. The Vatican had not approved the ordination, the church authorities said, as a violation of religious freedom.

**Pittsburgh auxiliary bishop elected to administer diocese**

PITTSBURGH (CNS) — Pittsburgh Auxiliary Bishop Paul J. Bradley was elected administrator of the diocese over the diocesan Curia June 26. He will head the diocese until a new bishop is installed to succeed Bishop Donald W. McCord, who has been Pittsburgh bishop since he was installed as the new bishop of Pittsburgh Diocese June 26. He will head the diocese until the end of June 2008. According to the directory, the diocese of Pittsburgh in December 2004 and was ordained a bishop Feb. 2, 2005. He was diocesan vicar general and general secretary of the diocesan curia under then-Bishop Wuerl.

**Vatican says documents from Pius XI’s papacy to be available Sept. 18**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has authorized the Vatican Secret Archives to make available to researchers all the documentation from the pre-World War II pontificate of Pope Pius XI. The documents of the 1922-1939 pontificate — documents held in a variety of Vatican archives, including those of the Secretariat of State and the Vatican Secret Archives — will be available to scholars beginning Sept. 18, said a statement published June 30 by the Vatican. In 2002, Pope John Paul II ordered the archives to begin preparing the material, particularly with a view to responding to requests for information about Vatican diplomatic contacts with Germany after Adolf Hitler came to power in 1933. In addition, he authorized the archives to make available to scholars the material from Pope Pius’ pontificate that deal directly with Vatican-German relations.

**Theologians discuss concerns at first Catholic ethics conference**

PADUA, Italy (CNS) — More than 400 Catholic moral theologians from 63 countries gathered in Padua July 8-12 for the first international conference on Catholic ethics. Jesuit Father James Keenan, a professor at Boston College, organized the gathering as an opportunity for the scholars to share the major ethical concerns they face and exchange ideas on how to deal with them. Because “Among the theologians, we are the most practi- cal,” Father Keenan told Catholic News Service. “We look at the principles of Catholic moral tradi- tion and how they apply to every- day life.” Because moral theology deals with everyday concerns, it has to be able to address the ques- tions and quandaries posed by dif- ferent people in different parts of the world, he said. A moral theolo- gian in North America or Europe cannot possibly understand all of an African’s or Asian’s concerns and all of their resources for addressing them, he added.

**Holy Cross priest elected president of Mariological Society**

EASTON, Mass. (CNS) — Holy Cross Father John Phalen was elected to a two-year term as president of the Mariological Society of America’s board of directors. Father Phalen is president of Holy Cross Family Ministries in Easton. The organization, spon- sored by the Congregation of Holy Cross, promotes daily prayer through the rosary. Under the organizational umbrella are Family Rosary, Family Theater Productions, Family Rosary International and the Father Peyton Family Institute. In his new role, Father Phalen will preside at annual meetings and help direct studies about Mary and her role in the church. By publishing the proceedings of its annual meeting, the society aims to pro- mote original research in Marian doctrine and devotion.

**ArchbishopInstalls Joliet’s Fourth Bishop**

JOLIET, Ill. (CNS) — Wavorships gathered at the Cathedral of St. Raymond June 27 as their new shepherd. Bishop J. Peter Sartain, installed as the fourth bishop of Joliet. Along with hun- dreds of priests, retired Bishops Joseph L. Imesch of Joliet and Stanley G. Schlarman of Dodge City, Kan., and retired Auxiliary Bishop Roger L. Kusz of Joliet celebrated the installation Mass. Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago was also present. The bishop-elect, a native of Illinois, Cardinal George thanked Bishop Sartain’s predeces- sor, Bishop Imesch, for his years of faithful service and wel- comed the new bishop to the Minne- stote. Upon his 17 appointment to Joliet, Bishop Sartain had headed the Diocese of Little Rock, Ark., since he was installed there in March 2000.

**Most U.S. Catholic figures show decline**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic population appar- ently rose by more than a million last year according to figures in the 2006 Official Catholic Directory, but it may actually have fallen once a correction is made for the thousands of errors in the 2005 figures for the Boston Archdiocese. The 2006 figures are also skewed by a lack of any data from the New Orleans Archdiocese, which was devastated by Hurricane Katrina last Aug. 29 and unable to provide statistics in time for this year’s directory. Even with adjustments to account for lack of data from New Orleans, the U.S. church clearly registered declines in Catholic school enrollments and in almost every area of sacramen- tal life, particularly between 2005 and 2006, according to the directory. The 2,043-page tome, also known as the Kenedy Directory after its New Jersey publishers’ imprint, came out at the end of June. It lists all ordained U.S. Catholic clergy, parishes, missions, schools, hospi- tals and other institutions. It also gives statistical data on the church by diocese and nationally.

**New oratory at national shrine honors patroness of Malta**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Oratory of Our Lady of Ta‘ Pinu, a shrine in Malta that has long been a tool of U.S. foreign policy, was ex-head of CRS, Bishop Broderick died after a long illness, but it did not say what the illness was. He had lived at the Teresian House in Albany since May 2005. Up to then he was a resident of New York City. The Times Union daily newspaper in Albany reported he was hospitalized in March 2005 after a bad fall, and a month later fell again while visiting Albany. The paper said he had brain surgery after the second fall. A funeral Mass was to be celebrated July 7 at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville, N.Y., fol- lowed by burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, N.Y.

**BY DAY**

**TODAY’S CATHOLIC**
New social group welcomes mature singles

FORT WAYNE — “The GAP” a new faith-based social group for widowed, divorced, separated and single men and women who range in age from the 40s to the 60s, will hold a picnic Friday, July 21, at 7 p.m. on the St. Elizabeth Parish grounds. Those attending are encouraged to bring a dish or drink to share.

The group has been meeting on the third Friday of every month with additional activities scheduled as they occur. The mission of this ministry outreach is to provide a safe environment where mature single Catholic-Christian men and women can enjoy Christian fellowship in a ship with group activities. For more information please e-mail gap45650@msn.com or call (260) 432-7346.

Large reelected grand knight

SOUTH BEND — Kevin Larg has been reelected grand knight of Santa Maria Council 533, Knights of Columbus, which this year is marking its 105th anniversary. The council was the fifth to be chartered in Indiana on October Sunday, Jan. 6, 1901, and today the largest of five councils in the South Bend area.

Other officers elected were: Nick Jones, deputy grand knight; K.C. Pocisk, chancellor; John Shanley, warden; Joseph Mauk, secretary; Charles Lomski, Joseph Ortega and Eric Snyder, guards; Gerald Purpich, trustee; Brian Masterson, treasurer; and Fred Everett, advocate.

The council will host its annual family corn and sausage roast on Sunday, Aug. 20, at its downtown headquarters, 553 E. Washington Blvd.

The elected officers will be formally installed at a later date by district deputy Vincent Feck. — EJD

Slomski elected president of K. of C. wives

SOUTH BEND — Ann Slomski has been elected president of the K. of C. Wives of Santa Maria Council 533, Knights of Columbus, for the coming fiscal year, beginning in September.

Slomski heads the organization, which was the first of its kind to be chartered in the South Bend area nearly 50 years ago.

Other officers elected were: Cathy Riordan, vice president; Barbara Kozier, secretary; Doris Towne, treasurer; and Rose Braundorf, financial secretary; Marilyn Toepf, Joan Fahey and Barbara Wincek, trustees.

Meetings will resume in September. — EJD

English as a New Language program to be initiated

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program and Institute for Educational Initiatives will launch a Teachers of English as a New Language (ENL) program beginning this month.

The program will be offered to licensed teachers serving in Catholic schools with at least 10 percent of students for whom English is a new language, and to bilingual teachers in the U.S. and abroad who teach at schools where the primary language is not English. Thirty-eight schools in which ACE teachers currently serve have a population of English language learners that is greater than 10 percent, and 16 of those schools have more than 25 percent.

This month, the ENL program will be offered as a pilot course to ACE graduates. Thirteen teachers will spend two weeks on campus taking the first two of six mandatory classes. The following two classes are to be completed online during the fall semester, and the final two will be taken next spring. Upon completion of the program, the teachers will receive ENL licenses from the state of Indiana, which are reciprocal with other states that offer the program. In 2007 the program will be offered to all Catholic school teachers nationwide.

“As the principal of an inner-city Catholic school with a large English language learner population, I have seen the benefit of having teachers who are trained as instructors of ENL students,” said Penny Morton of St. Anne Catholic School in Chicago, which is sending three of its teachers to campus this month. “This new initiative is a reminder of Notre Dame’s commitment to Catholic schools and the immigrant church community.”

Founded in 1994 by Father Timothy R. Scully, CSC, and Father Sean McGraw, CSC, Notre Dame’s ACE program provides college graduates an opportunity to earn master of education degrees while serving as teachers in under-staffed Catholic schools nationwide. The program expanded in 2002 to include a Catholic principal licensure program. Established in 1997, the Institute for Educational Initiatives conducts research on schools and the educational process to help improve American educational policy and practice. A major focus of its research is the education of students from disadvantaged backgrounds. It offers graduate and undergraduate level courses in the sociology, economics and history of education, educational psychology and education policy.

Summer Shakespeare’s Young Company to open July 16

NOTRE DAME — Summer Shakespeare at the University of Notre Dame will open its 2006 season July 16 with the Young Company performing the rollicking play “The Brothers Menenachus” at St. Patrick’s Park in South Bend. Four more performances will follow at various venues in the area.

The play, written by Plautus in B.C. 220, inspired Shakespeare to write “The Comedy of Errors,” which will be performed by Notre Dame’s professional theatre in residence in August.

The Young Company is comprised of theater students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College who are mentored by professional actors from the main stage production, and who participate simultaneously in the main stage production and in a show produced specifically for them.

All performances of “The Brothers Menenachus” are free and open to the public. Dates, times and locations are as follows:

- July 16 (Sunday) at 6:30 p.m., St. Patrick’s Park in South Bend
- July 23 (Sunday) at 5 p.m., Battell Park in Mishawaka
- July 28 (Friday) at 7 p.m., Dewey Cannon Park in Three Oaks, Mich.
- Aug. 5 (Saturday) at 7 p.m., Naughton Park in Elkhart.
- Aug. 21 (Monday) at 7 p.m., DeBartolo Performing Arts quad-
- Ranger on campus

Presented in an accessible, modern translation, “The Brothers Menenachus,” adapted by Richard Prior, a classics professor at Furman University, is a fast-talking comic tale of mistaken identity that threatens to disrupt an entire town.

A complete schedule of Summer Shakespeare performances is available at: http://shakespeare.nd.edu.

Forever Learning Institute relocated to Little Flower

SOUTH BEND — The Forever Learning Institute officially moved to its new location at Little Flower Parish in July 1. An open house for new and incoming students will be held Wednesday, Aug. 23. Registration for new classes will be Sept. 11-13, and classes begin on Sept. 18.

The move to Little Flower ends a 30-year history at St. Patrick Center in South Bend. The institute for senior citizens of 50 years or older was established by Holy Cross Father Louis J. Putz.

All of the institute’s teachers and counselors are volunteers and many will begin their new semester assignments with more than 60 years of experience. Joan Loranger is the executive director of the institute. — EJD
Nick Jones elected first African American deputy grand knight of Council 553

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BNE — Nick Jones is proud to be associated with the Knights of Columbus. And earlier this month, he was the first African American to be elected deputy grand knight for Council 553 in South Bend.

“I think it’s a great honor because it shows that the Knights of Columbus are open to change because it shows that the Knights of Columbus are open to change by including all ethnic groups,” he said.

The deputy grand knight acts on behalf of the grand knight in his absence and also serves as general programs director for 553.

Jones’ family also was named Family of the Year 2006 by the Knights of Columbus.

Father Carl Frisch ordained to the priesthood

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — June 10 was a special day for the Frisch family of Fort Wayne. It was the day Carl, the middle son, was ordained into the priesthood. The ordination took place at Holy Trinity Monastery, motherhouse of the Order of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinitarian Order) in Baltimore, Md. Holy orders were conferred on Father Frisch by Bishop Mitchell Rozanski with family and friends in attendance.

Father Frisch, a native of Fort Wayne, was born to Mark and Brenda Frisch on Nov. 2, 1972. He attended St. Patrick Elementary School and graduated from Bishop Luers in 1991. Immediately following graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and worked in aviation medicine for six years. While in the service the calling to the priesthood he had felt as a child was affirmed by friends and mentors Fathers Peter Sousa and Gary Lamb, both military chaplains. While discerning his calling, he completed his military contract and in 1997 officially joined the Trinitarian Order as a postulate.

The Trinitarian Order was founded in 1198 by St. John De Natha who was instrumental in liberating prisoners of the Crusades. The order embraces 70 brothers in the United States and 700 worldwide.

Father Frisch says, “I chose the Trinitarian order because it is a small religious community with good connection between the brothers. It’s like a family. And it has a diverse ministry.”

The foundation of the order, he says, is finding liberation and redemption in the modern world. Father Frisch earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy, Spanish and ancient history from the University of Maryland in College Park in 2001. He then attended St. Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore and received his masters of divinity this year. While studying for his masters he traveled to Sucre, Bolivia, in 2001, where he worked at Holy Trinity teaching language skills and learning about missionary life. Other assignments during his formation include a one year novitiate at Trinitarian Parish in Texas, summer parish placements at St. Paul Church in Ellicott City, Md., and St. Lawrence Martyr Parish in Jessup, Md., and a teaching assignment in India.

Father Frisch is looking forward to his new assignment as a priest. “All these things have been an ongoing affirmation that this is the right call for me. God gave me the ability to work with new things and a variety of people and backgrounds,” he says.

Working at his new parish in Dallas, Texas, with the immigrant families, he adds, gives him the opportunity to meet the needs of the Spanish community. “We can connect with the people and help them know each other and know God.”

Father Frisch’s family including twin sisters, Marti and Ann, and brother Matthew are excited for him to begin his new assignment. “It’s another home for them to come to, another way to know the Trinitarian family,” says the young priest.

His mother, Brenda, says she and his father are very proud of their son and believe “he was born for this.”

Father Frisch celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving in Fort Wayne on July 2 at St. Peter Parish, where his parents and grandparents were married and he and his siblings were baptized. July 15 will mark the beginning of his new assignment at St. Claire Parish in Texas.
This brings us to the beautiful concept of spiritual parenthood, to which every person is called in one form or another. Pope John Paul II described it as “a sign of the inner maturity of the person” and “a certain fullness, which the person wishes to share with others.” It therefore seeks “children,” that is to say other people, particularly young people, who will take what it offers.” — “Love and Responsibility,” p. 260.

In recalling this concept, the church wants to remind couples who suffer from infertility that marriage retains its full value as a vocation even when procreation is not possible. The mutual gift of self of a man and woman to each other for life is what makes what a marriage, not a couples’ ability to have children. Their mutual gift of self is meant to be fruitful, but it might not be in the way that marriage, not a couples’ ability to have children. Their mutual gift of self is meant to be fruitful, but it might not be in the way that

Physical sterility in fact can be for spouses the occasion for other important services to the life of the human person, for example, adoption, various forms of educational work, and assistance to other families, to poor or handicapped children.” — #14.

While many couples naturally feel called to adopt children, the scope for service to the human person that might be considered is vast. In his 1994 “Letter to Families,” Pope John Paul II suggested that the traditional works of mercy contained in Matthew’s description of the Last Judgment could be broadened to include other situations, which contemporary families and children face:

“’Come, O blessed of my Father ... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was an orphan and you welcomed me, I was an abandonded child, and you welcomed me.’ Or again: ‘You helped mothers filled with uncertainty and exposed to wrongful pressure to welcome their unborn child and let it be born;’ and ‘You helped large families and families in difficulty to look after and educate the children God gave them. We could continue with a long and detailed list, including all those kinds of true moral and human good in which love is expressed. This is the great harvest which the Redeemer of the world, to whom the Father has entrusted judgment, will come to reap.” — #22.

Dietrich and Alice von Hildebrand are a well-known and inspiring example of a Catholic married couple who were unable to have children but who enthusiasti-

The document “Donum Vitae” gives voice to this compassion of the church and calls on the Christian community to support couples in this situation: “The suffering of spouses who cannot have children ... is a suffering that everyone must understand and properly evaluate. ... Whatever its cause or prognosis, sterility is certainly a difficult and properly evaluate. ... Whatever its cause or prognosis, sterility is certainly a difficult.

“This is meant to be fruitful in many different ways. While this is a high-powered example, it points to the rich legacy of spiritual parenthood. Whether by adopting children, becoming teachers, coaches, mentors or missionaries, or by whatever path God leads them, married couples who cannot have children of their own enrich the lives of others in lasting ways. In giving of themselves for the good of others, especially those who are young, they witness in a powerful way to the spiritual parenthood to which all married couples are called, and in this way “will come particularly close to God when the spiritual parenthood of which God is the prototype, takes shape in them.” — Pope John Paul II, “Love and Responsibility,” p.261.

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FAITH AND FERTILITY
WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES AND WHY

BY LISA EVERETT

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LISA EVERETT is the co-director of the Office of Family Life for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

“Life ... It’s Irreplaceable.” is the stirring theme of an outdoor billboard sponsored by Saint Joseph County, Inc. Right to Life of South Bend.
My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In a short time, we will begin our 20th Annual Bishop’s Appeal. How well I recall the previous years when we were hard-pressed to meet the needs of those early years to take on this initiative, and those who have assisted over the years. I have always considered it a work of love. Love involves generosity and sacrifice. I was always advised that, if we share with our people the appeal of the appeal, they would be a worthy response. It has proven to be true.

This year, I am presenting a kind of dual report, one that speaks of those most recent appeal, the 19th, and it will also share the results, so far, from the historic in 2004. This could be the Legacy of Faith. You will recall that the Legacy of Faith campaign included the Annual Bishop’s Appeal for that particular year. As always, the largest recipients will be the parishes. That has been part of our philosophy from the beginning. I have always believed that if the parish can be helped and strengthened, the whole diocese will be stronger.

The 19th appeal

For the fourth time, the appeal exceeded $5 million. Thus, we were able to complete what had been planned over the past year; namely, a significant increase in salaries for the teachers in our schools, scheduled over five years. You will recall that an increase of $1,000. The first year, every teacher received an increase of $1,000. For the next two years, every teacher received an increase of $2,000. In each of these years, the teacher received an increase of 10 percent, thus giving substantial help to our senior teachers. In the final year of the schedule just completed, there was an increase of $2,000 for every teacher.

This intense increase in salaries is now complete. It means that every teacher in our school system who remained through these five years, from kindergarten through grade 12, will have received an increase of at least $9,315 over five years. Many will receive more, depending on their progress toward academic achievements and their years of service. For some, the total increase over five years will be in excess of 38 percent.

How to pay for these increases

While it is true that some large, suburban parishes can fund these increases, almost half of our schools cannot meet such an increase out of tuition. Of course, a tuition increase alone to carry these increased salaries, it would set tuition at a rate that many of our schools cannot meet. We need the Bishop’s Appeal. The generosity of the people during these last 20 years has been astounding. Even now, four of our Catholic high schools have begun, in this year of the Lord, the second year of the Bishop’s Appeal. The Bishop’s Appeal stands at a central place in our diocese. It is our main fund-raising effort. I am ever so grateful for what has been granted every year for those in need. This is in keeping with the recent encyclical “God Is Love.” Pope Benedict XVI has written, “For the church, charity is not a kind of welfare activity which could equally well be left to others, but is a part of her nature, an indispensable expression of her very being.”

Priests

The blessed and beautiful relationship between priests and parishioners in our diocese continues to show itself in the Annual Bishop’s Appeal. As I mentioned earlier, we will have 18 young men studying for the priesthood in the coming academic year. One of them is scheduled to be ordained on Oct. 11, 2006, and two more in the fall of 2007. I am still interviewing new candidates. The appeal makes this possible and also funds our vocation office.

In recent years, we have been blessed with Catholics from countries to our south. You have made it possible to find exemplar priests from Russia and other countries, fluent in the Spanish language, who have come and helped us and have been able to preach the Gospel to these new immigrants.

Currently, 16 of our parishes are being cared for by priests from overseas. The appeal has enabled us to bring these priests here so that more people may have the holy Eucharist, the word of God and the example of a good shepherd.

Lay leadership

In addition to Jack and Cathy Krouse, I also thank John and Marjorie Bycroft of St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, South Bend; Michael and Jeanne Marie of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, South Bend; and Jeannelle Brady of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkhart, and John and Julie Kemeny of Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne. Most recently, Peter and Nancy Baranay of St. Pius X, Granger have joined our team. This wonderful group, working throughout the year in concert with your bishop, has been a blessing, I thank them with all my heart.

For the Bishop’s Appeal is a year-round responsibility. I undertake it each year with joy, as do the priests and laity who work with me.

150th anniversary

We are preparing for our sesquicentennial in 2007. With the help of a grant from Our Sunday Visitor, Dr. Joseph White, Ph.D. was commissioned to write a history of our diocese. This is well along. We will make this a spiritual preparation following the guidance of Pope John Paul II and the new evangelization. “New,” he said, “not in content but in ardor, method and expression.” We will focus on bringing people back to the church. We believe in their faith and move toward a Eucharistic Congress to be held, we hope, at the University of Notre Dame, similar to what we did in the Year 2000 in observance of the Great Jubilee.

We need to bring the appeal up nearer to its highest achievement, which was $5 million. Also, in the most recent appeal, perhaps because of the Legacy of Faith, the number of givers has declined. The goal of the present appeal is to increase substantial-ly the number who give. This is a responsibility, indeed an obligation, for all of us. God has entrusted us to one another.

Report for Bishop’s Appeal indicates excess of $5 million

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal has stabi-lized this year high school Catholic education, including what will be paid this year, has given to our schools over $3 million so far in 2007. With the help of a grant from the Legacy of Faith, the number of givers has declined. The goal of the present appeal is to increase substantial-ly the number who give. This is a responsibility, indeed an obligation, for all of us. God has entrusted us to one another.

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He has also written, “Love for widows, prisoners and the sick and the needy of every kind, is as essential to the church as the ministry of the sacraments and the preaching of the word.”

Comparative Appeal summaries as of April 30, 2006

16th Appeal (02-03) 17th Appeal (03-04) 18th Appeal (04-05)
Total amount pledged $5,280,321 $5,627,144 $5,048,100
Total number of pledges 24,272 24,490 21,426

Parish Percent
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St. Michael, Waterloo 189%
St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart 189%
Blessed Sacrament, Albion 183%
St. Simon, South Bend 176%
St. Catherine, Nix Settlement 173%
St. Louis, Besancon 169%
St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel 166%
Sacred Heart, Lakeville 165%
St. Mary of the Lake, Culver 162%
St. Paul, Clear Lake 162%
Holy Family, Auburn 158%
St. Mathew Cathedral, South Bend 157%
Immaculate Conception, Auburn 152%
Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne 149%
St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart 147%
St. John the Baptist, South Bend 145%
St. Joseph, Mishawaka 145%
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St. Anthony, Angola 144%
St. Mary of the Presentation, Geneva 142%
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Bishop’s Appeal School Income Committee
Grant Recipients for 2005-06 School Year

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Amount Returned to Parishes $3,062,558

Funding Our Lady of Guadalupe from Legacy Of Faith:
- $2,000,000
- $4,000,000
- $1,789,636

Total Pledged $48,595,574.72

Total number of gifts 22,278

Total number of families 6,241

Legacy of Faith

A bishop has the obligation to prepare for the future, as parents look ahead to provide for their children and grandchildren. So together we established the Legacy of Faith. It was linked to the request of Pope John Paul II that the church have courage, or as he put it based on the command of Christ and the apostles, to “put out into the deep.” So, we did in order to establish endowments so the church would have resources for the future and so our institutions, especially our parishes, might flourish.

Attached is a complete financial report of the Legacy of Faith as of June 1, 2006. I would especially like to note the following two points.

- $3,062,558 has been returned to parishes. Remember, the parishes receive 20 percent of the amount pledged and 50 percent when they go over goal.
- The endowment for elementary schools is now $30,467,431. Two questions remain.
  - When will the fruits — that is, the interest — of these endowments begin to be returned to parishes without schools for religious education?
  - It is the intention that the interest will begin to be given on July 1, 2007. It will be distributed under a three-level plan which was recommended by a committee of priests and laity. This plan will also be explained in Today’s Catholic.

Legacy of Faith financial report

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LONDON (CNS) — The bishop whose diocese includes the Bosnian village of Medjugorje has urged six alleged Marian visionaries to stop claiming that Mary has been visiting them for 25 years.

Bishop Ratko Peric of Mostar-Duvno, Bosnia-Herzegovina, said the church “has not accepted, either as supernatural or as Marian, any of the apparitions” said to have been witnessed by a group of people from Medjugorje.

“As the local bishop, I maintain that regarding the events of Medjugorje, on the basis of the investigations and experience gained thus far throughout these last 25 years, the church has not confirmed a single apparition as authentically being the Madonna,” he said. Then he called on the alleged visionaries and “those persons behind the messages to demonstrate ecclesiastical obedience and to cease with these public manifestations and messages in this parish.”

“In this fashion they shall give them up to the church, by placing neither private apparitions nor private sayings before the official position of the church,” he said.

“Our faith is a serious and responsible matter,” he added. “The church is also a serious and responsible institution.”

The bishop made his comments June 15 during a homily at a confirmation Mass in Medjugorje’s St. James Church. The diocese published the homily in English and Italian July 3.

On June 25, thousands of pilgrims converged on Medjugorje to mark the 25th anniversary of the onset of the alleged apparitions.

The church has not received the document from the Vatican’s role to issue an official judgment on the alleged apparitions there.

More than once in recent years, the Vatican has said that dioceses or parishes should not organize official pilgrimages to Medjugorje. That reflects the policy of the local bishops. But the Vatican has also said Catholics are free to travel to the site, and that if they do the church should provide them with pastoral services.

Since June 24-25, 1981, the alleged visionaries together claim to have received more than 30,000 messages.

But Bishop Peric said in his homily that “so-called apparitions, messages, secrets and signs do not strengthen the faith, but rather further confuse us that in all of this there is nothing either authentic or established as truthful.”

He said in February that Pope Benedict XVI expressed similar doubts when they discussed Medjugorje during the Roman bishops’ visit to the Vatican.

Bishop Peric told the congregation that because the church did not accept the claims of the visionaries it was illicit for priests “to express their private views contrary to the official position” during Mass, in acts of popular piety or in the Catholic media.

He said Catholics were forbidden from making pilgrimages to Medjugorje if by such visits “they presuppose the authenticity of the apparitions or if by under-taking them attempt to certify these apparitions.”

Bishop Peric said his views, and those of his predecessor, Bishop Pavao Zanic, who was also opposed to the claims, were supported by the pope. He expressed appreciation to Pope Benedict and John Paul II, “who have always respected the judgments of the bishops of Mostar-Duvno, as well as the current bishop, regarding the so-called apparitions and messages of Medjugorje, all the while recognizing the Holy Father’s right to give a final decision on these events.”

He also warned his audience of a schism emerging in the region between the church and more than a dozen Franciscan brothers and priests who have been expelled by the generalate of the Order of Friars Minor in Rome because of their disobedience to the pope.

He said that the expelled Franciscans have not only been actively illegal in these places, but they have also administered the sacraments profaned ... or they have assisted at invalid marriages.

Bishop Peric said he shared the view of Bishop Zanic that the visions and the Franciscan “schism,” which began under Pope Paul VI in the 1970s, are linked.

Throughout the 1980s, Franciscan Father Josko Zovko acted as “spiritual adviser” to the visionaries.

But three church commissions failed to find evidence to support their claims, and in 1991 the bishops of the former Yugoslavia declared that “it cannot be affirmed that these matters concern supernatural apparitions or revelations.”

A short while later Father Zovko was stripped of his faculties to exercise any priestly functions by Bishop Zanic in a decree upheld by Bishop Peric.
Tom Hanlon finds the good life in South Bend

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — He was in the insurance business with former University of Notre Dame football coach Ara Parseghian. He roomed with world famous humanitarian Tom Dooley while the two attended Notre Dame in the 1940s.

But to 80-year-old Tom Hanlon, all of that pales in comparison to one night in 1946 when he went to a dance at the Indiana Club in South Bend. That was the night he met his future wife, JoAnn Hertel. “She’s awesome,” Hanlon says of his wife. And to think it may not have happened if his father hadn’t allowed him to come to school at Notre Dame.

Originally from Worcester, Mass., Hanlon saw his older brother head off to Holy Cross College, and he got to thinking about possibly attending Notre Dame. His father warned him that it was expensive, but the two struck a bargain. Son would work for father for no pay if son could only apply to go to school at Notre Dame.

Hanlon applied and was accepted. He arrived on campus in November of 1943. “That was a very special time for me,” Hanlon says. He decided he would take the pre-medicine track, but he also wanted to play golf. And while he was successful at golf — he was a member of the 1944 Notre Dame golf team that won the national championship — he may have spent a little too much time on the course instead of at his studies. He didn’t make the grade to continue on, so he went back to Worcester and joined the Navy during World War II and served on the U.S.S. Amsterdam, which was part of the final push to defeat Japan. “I tried to get in to the medical core, but it was full,” Hanlon remembers. So, instead, he operated the six-inch guns on the ship.

But his heart was still at Notre Dame. After the war, Hanlon went back to school in 1946. And that’s when he and Dooley became roommates, though he had seen Dooley around campus when the two were in school before they went into the Navy. “He was very outspoken, and he was a really sharp guy,” Hanlon says. “He called a spade a spade.” And he admits that he was a little surprised when Dooley, who helped Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laos refugees in the 1950s and 1960s, became a humanitarian. “I felt that he would become a society doctor,” Hanlon says. “But he saw what happened, and it bothered him greatly.”

Dooley, who was from St. Louis, served as a doctor in the Navy, and after his stint in the Navy, he founded the Medical International Cooperation Organization, or MEDICO. “Dooley and I worked together in class and helped each other out,” Hanlon says. Hanlon says he had every intention of going on to medical school, but love seemed to get in the way. He and his future wife began dating in 1946. “I had no plans to marry before medical school,” Hanlon says, and after he graduated from Notre Dame he applied to go to school at Tufts University and was put on a waiting list.

He went back to Worcester to wait it out. But, he found he couldn’t. He waited and waited for a spot to open up at Tufts, but he was afraid that JoAnn could not wait for him. He traveled back to South Bend for her and the two married April 10, 1950. “I was fearful that if I didn’t come back, she wouldn’t be able to wait another year,” remembers Hanlon. “And the two have had eight children — five sons and three daughters. “They’re all so special to me,” Hanlon says. “And he’s the proud grandpa- ther of 18. “They’re terrific,” Hanlon beams. And once the Hanlons started having a family, they had to make a living.

Hanlon thought he might try out teaching. He did for a year and found he couldn’t make ends meet. So he went into the insurance business. He eventually went into business with Parseghian. That lasted about six years before the two went their separate ways.

He eventually began teaching again and coaching elementary school basketball and track, while still selling insurance. “I worked my tart off,” Hanlon says. “And we managed. But (JoAnn) did all the hard work. She raised those kids beautifully. And (all the Hanlon’s children) say she’s a saint. She’s going straight to heaven.”

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Question: What tax provisions were included in the recently passed tax bill? 

**Alternative Minimum Tax Relief.** The alternative minimum tax or AMT was originally enacted in order to prevent wealthy individuals from escaping the payment of income taxes. AMT does not permit many of the deductions allowable under the regular tax system.

In recent years, however, AMT has started to affect more and more middle-income taxpayers. This provision too was scheduled to sunset at the end of 2008 but now has been extended through 2010.

**Expansion of Kiddie Tax.** A planning technique at one time was for wealthy parents who were in a higher tax bracket to shift investment assets to their minor children who were taxed in a lower income tax bracket. The result was that the tax on the income from such assets was lower when taxed under minor children.

Therefore, the “kiddie tax” rules were then enacted, which stated that children under the age of 14 who had more than a certain amount of unsponsored income had to pay tax at their parents’ tax rate. The threshold amount at which kiddie tax applies is twice the standard deduction for a dependent claimed on another taxpayer’s return. For 2006, that amount is $1,700 in unsponsored income.

The new law raises the age limit from 14 to 18 (with some exceptions), effective retroactively for all of 2006. The child is entitled to an $850 exemption, and the next $850 is taxed at the child’s rate before the kiddie tax applies.

**Roth IRA Conversion.** In a traditional IRA, the taxpayer typically contributes pre-tax dollars, and earnings grow tax free. Withdrawals are subject to ordinary income tax. With a Roth IRA, contributions are made with after-tax dollars, earnings grow tax-free, and withdrawals are not subject to income taxes.

Under current law, taxpayers can convert their traditional IRA to a Roth IRA but must pay income tax on the amount converted. However, only taxpayers with $100,000 or less of modified adjusted gross income can convert to a Roth IRA.

TIPRA removes the $100,000 adjusted gross income cap on individuals qualified to convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. This provision though will not become effective until 2010. To make such conversions more attractive in 2010, the new law allows taxpayers who make the conversion to spread the income and tax payments over two years — 2011 and 2012. By converting a traditional IRA to a Roth and paying current income taxes, the IRA holder can avoid income tax on all future income and appreciation in the IRA.

For information on will bequests, contact Elisa Smith, director of planned giving with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at (260) 422-4611 or e-mail her at esmith@fw.diocesefwsb.org.
Diocese accounts for financial operations

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Dear brothers and sisters: Every year I charge our financial office and all our department heads with the responsibility of seeing that we live within our budget and that we do everything we can to avoid a deficit. We also ask our parishioners to live their lives within their budget and that we do everything we can to avoid a deficit. We also ask our parishioners to live within their means. Every year, I charge our financial office and all our department heads with the responsibility of seeing that we live within our budget and that we do everything we can to avoid a deficit. We also ask our parishioners to live within their means.

I am most grateful to the parishes involved in twinning. It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop’s Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a sustained reality. The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 19 years since the appeal began, 82 parishes have reported a major capital fund drive. Since the appeal began, fund drives for parishes have brought in over $76 million. Also, $90.5 million, which would have been paid out in health insurance for the diocese in health insurance was $76,134,434. We are self-insured, with an excellent health insurance program, but, as is true nationally, this represents an ongoing fiscal challenge.

The Guardian Angel Society

A group of people devoted to our schools has formed the Guardian Angel Society, which has already raised $1,078,803 in its first seven years to help with tuition for students in their elementary schools which have a genuine need. In addition, $115,000 is pledged for its eighth campaign. There are no administrative costs for this initiative. All of the capital is used entirely to pay tuition. Special appreciation goes to William Dotterweich, who guides and oversees this important project.

Assistance for teachers’ salaries

As has been reported in the past, we have completed a five-year or six-year commitment for our beloved teachers. Many parishes could not afford this. After intense consultation with pastors and parishioners, we agreed that the Annual Bishop’s Appeal, which is a part of the Legacy of Faith, would also be increased to sustain these increases in some parishes. Remarkably, our Annual Bishop’s Appeal rose from $4.7 million to $5.6 million in three years, an increase of almost a million dollars in what was, according to many, the highest per capita annual appeal of any diocese in this country.

As a result of this increase and increments from other areas, the annual budget includes funds for parishes schools over the past five years. This historic and generous initiative shows that we are a truly Catholic school system with the more affluent among us helping those in need.

A word of caution

However, this past year, our Annual Appeal once again exceeded $5 million, it must be noted that it was down over $1 million from the previous year’s results. As the appeal was folded into the Legacy of Faith. Also, the number of givers declined significantly. Many indicate that this was because of the Legacy of Faith. This is probably true; however, we look now in restoring these losses so that we can keep our Annual Bishop’s Appeal at a steady level.

I also appeal to you, with the results of our parish offertory income. In the year for which we are reporting, 2004-05, the appeal given by parishioners in the Sunday collection rose from $54,386,000 to $34,976,250. This is a total increase of $590,190 in one year, approximately 1.7 percent.

Parish reviews

Every year, our finance office performs careful financial reviews of the parishes to ensure that every parish receives a financial review at least every two years. We do this to assist our parishes and help them put in place appropriate financial controls.

High schools

Our high schools continue to flourish; but not without challenges. The Annual Bishop’s Appeal gives $1.7 million to the high schools each year, which has created a significant financial impact on our high schools. The appeal provides that every parish receives a financial review at least every two years. We do this to assist our parish and help them put in place appropriate financial controls.

The road ahead

On May 1, I began my 21st year as your bishop. I am also living my 50th year as a priest. Another important milestone is just ahead. In a few months, we will observe our 150th anniversary as a diocese. I trust that it will be a year of grace. Our plans are well developed. We believe that through this year, many people will be returned to the practice of their faith. A jubilee year cross carried by young people is traveling among our parishes. The high point will be the Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame on Aug. 18, 2007.

Through a grant from Our Sunday Visitor Institute, Joseph White, PhD, with the history of the University of Notre Dame, is nearing completion of the history of this beloved local church, which was especially significant because of this sesquicentennial. I hope this year will be a moment of grace for our diocese.

I present this report on the solemness of Sts. Peter and Paul, those two intrepid apostles who gave their lives for their faith. They saw the risen Christ face to face and gave their lives as witnesses to his resurrection. We are also living our 150th anniversary as a diocese. I trust that it will be a year of grace. Our plans are well developed. We believe that through this year, many people will be returned to the practice of their faith. A jubilee year cross carried by young people is traveling among our parishes. The high point will be the Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame on Aug. 18, 2007.

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## Diocesan High Schools

**Tuition/Fees** 12,494,046  
**Diocesan Assistance** 1,668,241  
**Other Grants/Scholarships** 1,591,901  
**Fund-Raising/Athletic/Other** 3,418,602

**TOTAL INCOME** 19,172,790

### EXPENSES

#### Administrative
- Cost of Employee 2,421,952  
- Other Administrative 1,731,824  
**Total Administrative** 4,153,776

#### Instructional
- Cost of Employee-Teaching 7,625,384  
- Academic Department-Cost 155,861  
- Other Expense-Teaching 326,571  
- Cost of Employee-Supportive 933,247  
- Other Expense-Supportive 656,261  
**Total Instructional** 9,697,324

#### Operational
- Cost of Employee 824,258  
- Other Expense-Operational 1,250,792  
**Total Operational** 2,075,050

#### Miscellaneous
- Capital/Miscellaneous 0  
- Other Miscellaneous 2,693,078  
**Total Miscellaneous** 2,693,078

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 18,619,228  
**SURPLUS/(LOSS)** (53,562)

### 84 Diocesan Parishes

**TODAY'S CATHOLIC**

### Central Departments

**Revenues, Expenses and Budgets**

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**TOTAL EXPENSES** $20,414,147  
**SURPLUS** $450,607  
**NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)** $1,838,358  
**TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE** $22,252,505
A waste of time is not

A n entry in Father Edward Hays’ “The Old Hermit's Almanac” references the noted 19th-century Scottish writer, James Boswell, who frequently told his friends about the most wonderful day in his life. It was when his father took him fishing, an unforgettable event that made a lifelong impression upon the young Boswell. In fact, he related telling often of their long hours alone together. Sadly, however, the diary of Boswell’s father has but a brief entry for that event: “Went fishing today with my son; a day wasted.”

A recent revealed 85 percent of Americans reporting they have no spare time. Time has grown so scarce, it seems, there is none to spare for the leisure it takes to not only take a child fishing but to create lifelong memories with those we love by spending quality time with them and to refresh our souls. With time thought to be as precious as money, those who are miserly with the moment hate to “waste” one solitary second doing something that is not apparently productive.

These are the “lazy, hazy, days of summer,” but how many refuse to throw away hours and even days in reckless, loving waste, refusing to measure the value of time spent by the amount of money earned or work accomplished. If you do manage this summer to abandon the “waste not, want not” philosophy and make it to the beach or other vacation setting, congratulations!

But notice how many folks are carrying their work with them in the form of laptop computer, cell phone, pager, recorder or briefcase. Blessed are the generous with their time that will waste away their precious minutes watching the sun set or a bee pollinating a flower. Praise be the person who takes the time to thank God for the sensible beauty that surrounds us during the summer, like fragrant flowers, fresh-cut hay and the meadowlark’s melodies.

“Wasting” time: “Returning to the ancients’ sense of leisure, culture will fail and humanity will become inhuman,” states Josef Pieper in his 1952 essay, “Leisure: The Basis of Culture.” Pieper explains how modern society has destroyed the classical sense of leisure. By reducing even philosophy to work, the “world of work” has absorbed intellectual culture. Leisure itself is a sort of paradox, a labor-less state, which nonetheless imparts the fruits of labor. The heart of the paradox is the worship of God, and from here Pieper says we must begin to renew leisure. The author recalls one of the seven deadly sins, sloth (or acedia, a kind of spiritual laziness with an intense boredom of life and existence). Leisure is its antitode. Whereas work is an activity, leisure is a non-activity in the sense that we must be still in disorder to hear. If work is an effort, then leisure is a celebrating spirit—energetic, but not the kind of energy that strains us.

Treasures from God

Those passing by the St. Therese Parish office last week were greeted with the friendly reminder on the church sign, “You were going to God’s house. You were encouraged to use the bathroom before leaving for church and told that there would be no other relief until you came home. The family would be sure to get there a little early to be assured of sitting together, because as the time for Mass to begin drew near, seating for more than two people together grew very rare. People would acknowledge the presence of God by blessing themselves with holy water on entering the church and genuflecting before entering a pew. The organ would be playing softly. Then in reverential silence you would pray until Mass began. Any talking or distracting in church would get you an immediate, appropriate response. After Mass, you would again greet her. She is already bowing my hands together and bow as I...”
Why some do not belong to a parish

In my recent national survey of American Catholics, I asked people who are not registered parishioners if there is a reason why they do not belong to a parish. Eighty-five percent said there is no particular reason. Only 13 percent had reasons for not being parishioners.

Of the 15 percent who had reasons, the largest group said they are not parishioners because they disagree with the church on too many issues. The second largest group consisted of people who move quite often or have moved into the area only recently. The third largest group were those who have not found a parish they like or fit into. Next were people who said the church just is not important to them right now. After that, there were those Catholics who said they are mad about something the church did to them or some other member of their family in the past. The rest of the nonparishioners say that did not cluster in any meaningful manner or would not say what their reasons are. Perhaps the most important finding is that so many nonparishioners say there is no particular reason why they do not belong to a parish. They do not seem to be hostile toward the church or vehemently opposed to parish life. They just have not got around to joining. If clergy and lay leaders were to approach these people with personal invitations to join a parish, the nonparishioners might give them serious consideration.

Moreover, these Catholics who do have reasons why they do not belong to a parish, there are many of them, seem opposed to church life. They, too, simply have not made connections with the church. I refer specifically to those who say they have recently moved into their area or have moved often, those who have not found a parish they like or feel they fit into, and those who say the church just is not important to them right now.

These reasons cut across many social and demographic groups. However, widows, separated and divorced Catholics are more likely than married and single Catholics to say they have recently moved. Young adult Catholics born since 1983, people of color and separated Catholics are most likely to say they have not found a parish that fits them. Men are more likely than women to say the church is not important to them right now. Certainly, these explanations pose some challenges for church leaders. However, with some imagination, church leaders could locate Catholics who have recently moved into the neighborhoods near their parishes. Once they understand the nonparishioners’ social circumstances and spiritual needs, they could help them find parishes where they could feel welcome and which might demonstrate how the church could be an important part of their lives.

Other responses point to obstacles that would be harder to overcome. Among other things, these people are not married or are single and do not have a particular reason. Only 15 percent who had reasons for not being parishioners.

1. What are some of the reasons why people do not belong to a parish?

a. They disagree with the church on too many issues.
b. They recently moved into the area.
c. They have not found a parish they like.
d. They do not think the church is important to them.

2. Are there any particular social or demographic groups that are more likely to say they do not belong to a parish?

a. Widows, separated, and divorced Catholics.
b. Young adult Catholics born since 1983.
c. People of color.
d. Men.

3. What are some of the challenges for church leaders in addressing the reasons why people do not belong to a parish?

a. Understanding the social circumstances of the nonparishioners.
b. Identifying the spiritual needs of the nonparishioners.
c. Developing church programs that are welcoming and relevant to the nonparishioners.

4. What are some possible solutions that church leaders could implement to address the reasons why some people do not belong to a parish?

a. Personal invitations to join a parish.
b. Reaching out to those who are recently moved.
c. Offering programs that address the social and spiritual needs of the nonparishioners.

5. What are some of the obstacles that church leaders must overcome to help people become parishioners?

a. Personal reasons why they do not belong to a parish.
b. The church is not seen as important by some people.
c. Lack of connections with the church.

6. How can church leaders effectively address the reasons why some people do not belong to a parish?

a. By understanding the reasons and addressing them.
b. By offering programs and services that are relevant and welcoming.
c. By personal invitations and follow-up.

7. In what ways can church leaders encourage people to become parishioners?

a. By offering programs and services that are relevant and welcoming.
b. By personal invitations and follow-up.
c. By addressing the reasons why people do not belong to a parish.

8. What are some of the challenges for church leaders in encouraging people to become parishioners?

a. Addressing the reasons why people do not belong to a parish.
b. Reaching out to those who are recently moved.
c. Identifying the spiritual needs of the nonparishioners.

9. How can church leaders effectively respond to the challenges of encouraging people to become parishioners?

a. By understanding the reasons and addressing them.
b. By offering programs and services that are relevant and welcoming.
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10. In what ways can church leaders effectively respond to the challenges of encouraging people to become parishioners?

a. By understanding the reasons and addressing them.
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c. By personal invitations and follow-up.

11. What are some of the ways that church leaders can effectively encourage people to become parishioners?

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12. What are some of the challenges for church leaders in encouraging people to become parishioners?

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13. How can church leaders effectively respond to the challenges of encouraging people to become parishioners?

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15. What are some of the ways that church leaders can effectively encourage people to become parishioners?

a. By offering programs and services that are relevant and welcoming.
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ANSWERS:

1. a. They disagree with the church on too many issues.
b. They recently moved into the area.
c. They have not found a parish they like.
d. They do not think the church is important to them.

2. a. Widows, separated, and divorced Catholics.
b. Young adult Catholics born since 1983.
c. People of color.
d. Men.

3. a. Understanding the social circumstances of the nonparishioners.
b. Identifying the spiritual needs of the nonparishioners.
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In death the soul is continually conscious and aware of its identity.

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

I enjoy reading periodicals, National Geographic, Commonweal, Catholic Digest, newspapers like NCR and OSV, as well as the Register. I certainly enjoy fiction and many of the favorites would be “Bourne Identity” and the like. I also like to read books focusing on spiritual life. I also like to listen to tapes or CD’s of spiritual works by Richard Rohr and others.

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

Celebrating with the church the only part of the church is the best part with the music added. For me, liturgy without music would be far too bland and would not allow us to rattle off the prayers and encourage minimizing the great beautiful signs that Holy Mother Church so wisely provides for her people. Good liturgy includes good music, able to be sung and shared by the people.

**What is your favorite Scripture passage?**

By far, my favorite is when Jesus calls the little children around him to hold them and bless them, stating that the kingdom belongs to those who are like them. It reminds me that I am to return to the Lord and stand before him as a child, pure and innocent, shedding my complexities and sinfulness, adopting his way.

**What is your favorite food?**

I have so many favorite foods, I would take up the total weekly issue of the Today’s Catholic in order to publish them. I have been known to make really tasty goulash (cabbage rolls), as well as really good bean soup and vegetable or chicken and ham burger soup. I can’t leave out my own auntie’s version of spaghetti and meatballs, which I think I have improved upon in the last 20 years. I love Mexican food, Italian food, Polish food, Greek food, English food, Chinese food, Thai food, Indian food and pretty much most food put before me by any one who wants to cook it for me.

**What is something interesting about yourself that most people might not know?**

I have said it out loud, and no one has a tendency to believe me, that I am seriously and honestly a shy man.

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

I would always refer to my priest friends as Father (first name). Based on that experience, and so far, currently being the only priest in our diocese with the name of Timothy, I guess I prefer people to call me Father Tim. It seems really formal to be referred to as Father Wrozek. However, you can call me Father, you can call me Father Tim, you can call me Father Wrozek, just don’t call me late for dinner.

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**What is the most rewarding part of your job and with your giving ministry?**

As a deacon, my job and with my giving ministry, many people indicated that they saw qualities in me that would lead them to believe that I should pursue the priesthood. It was not really seeking to do that until enough folks had spoken to me about the possibilities. I should be grateful to God to leave me alone — I was happy in my job and with my giving ministry back to God as a deacon. As I think about that whole movement in my life. I believe that God was trying to communicate with me by speaking to me through the voice of others by whom I would be coming to serve. I also could give credit to the priests in my life at that time. They encouraged me along the way, they mentored me beautifully. They left me with a deep sense of spirituality and God’s action in my life.

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**What are your interests or hobbies?**

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**Do you have a pet?**

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**Parent-child Sports relationship can be rewarding on many levels**

There are many aspects of coaching a team that are challenging, none more than a parent coaching his/her child. The emotions that enter into directing one’s offspring in the athletic arena are unlike any other experienced during the typical coaching process.

When it comes to coaching one’s child, a lean toward either end of the spectrum is a formula for trouble. Expect too much of your child and it can become a combative, demeaning experience for a young person, one that could forever scar a parent/child relationship. Provide your child with the right playing time, particularly one that doesn’t deserve it, and you’re setting yourself up for team unrest. You’re also sending the wrong message to your child.

When my son began participating in athletics at an early age, I made his evening rounds on the basketball court and every at-bat on the baseball diamond a career-determining event. When my son couldn’t play up to my level of expectation, I had difficulty concealing my disappointment, which he observed and absorbed.

It took several baseball and basketball seasons for me to finally come to grips with what my relationship with my son should really be about. He shouldn’t be held to an unfair level of expectation any more than he should be given special advantages. He had his skills and his shortcomings. It was my job to bring out the best of those skills and help compensate for those shortcomings, just like it was for any other player on my team.

If you choose to coach your children in competitive athletics, be prepared to deal with unreasonable judgment by others. Whether your child is the best player on the team or one of the worst, you likely will be judged harshly. It goes with the territory. But you still must make the best decision for the team.

Thus sit his butt down. That’s an easy call.

During the early years, I thought my son didn’t have the skills to be a successful athlete. As he (and I) matured, I realized that he simply didn’t have the same natural aptitude for the game. I took to participating in sports. Every time I played, it was if it were a test of my manhood. When he plays, it’s a valuable life experience, good or bad, as long as he puts his best effort forward. It isn’t life or death; it only seems that way to the coach and parents.

Only then did I realize that my relationship with my son in the sporting arena could be a positive experience, not a constant grinding of teeth. Do I still jump on my son when he makes a bonehead mistake? Absolutely, but I’m an equal opportunity corrector, sometimes needing to be corrected, and if the bark is accompanied by the solution to the mistake just made, then it serves a purpose. That’s true for your child as much as for the two kids sitting on either side of him.

A parent who coaches his/her child must find a happy medium between the outcome of a game and the relationship with your child. You will remember those games for the rest of your life. But the relationship you have with your child as he/she becomes an adult will be much more important than the 10-9 loss during your 10-year-old all-stars.

In the end, it’s not about college scholarship offers, but rather the attitude, how much respect you’ve won from your son or daughter. We may not always be able to reflect on game-winning hits and championships, but we will remember fondly the journey in athletic competition that we took together.

So, choose a coach, and more importantly, as a father, I owe that to you.

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**Meet The Priest**

**Father Timothy A. Wrozek**

Ordained to the priesthood: May 21, 1988

Pastor, St. Joseph the Worker, Fort Wayne

What was the primary influence in your vocation to become a priest?

I was ordained deacon in 1983, I began carrying out ministry for the church as I continued my regular employment. During this work and ministry, many people indicated that they saw qualities in me that would lead them to believe that I should pursue the priesthood. It was not really seeking to do that until enough folks had spoken to me about the possibilities. I should be grateful to God to leave me alone — I was happy in my job and with my giving ministry back to God as a deacon. As I think about that whole movement in my life, I believe that God was trying to communicate with me by speaking to me through the voice of others by whom I would be coming to serve. I also could give credit to the priests in my life at that time. They encouraged me along the way, they mentored me beautifully. They left me with a deep sense of spirituality and God’s action in my life.

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Danielle Landon named all-star at dance camp

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers junior Danielle Landon was recently named an all-star at a week-long Universal Dance Association (UDA) camp. Landon is one of 16 members of the 2006-2007 Lady Knight Dance Team.

Coach Brenda Price said she was very pleased to have another girl from Bishop Luers receive this honor. In her five seasons of coaching, Price has had four all-stars. Landon will be offered an opportunity to perform in London, Paris or at the Macy’s Parade.

Price’s daughter chose to go to New York for the parade when she was an all-star. “We are so excited. It was an awesome experience,” Price said.

The private camp was held at Taylor University with two instructors. Throughout the week, the girls learned team building, various dances, technique and choreography. Price felt Taylor was a great facility and the staff took care of their every need. The squad received a superior rating at the end of the week.

This year’s dance team consists of three seniors, three juniors, three sophomore and seven freshmen. They are Landon, Ciera Vasquez, Terri Pritchard, Nichole Landon, Toni Gasnarez, Erin Conroy, Maddi Carroll, Cally Shaw, Amelia Stauffer, Courtney Litchfield, Amy Sweeney, Lauren Oberley, Linsey Lomont-Coker and tri-captains Angie Peppler, Kristine Knoch and Ashlynn Peggins. Julie Knoch is the assistant coach.

Dance members vary in their skill levels, some beginners and some seasoned, like Lomont-Coker, who has been dancing since she was 4 years old. Price explained that because they are a performance team and not a competition team seasoned dancers are not required. “Beginners are welcome at any age allowing girls to join the team who may not have been able to at other schools or who have been previously involved in other activities,” she said.

The dance team’s main responsibilities are to entertain,

The Bishop Luers 2006-2007 Lady Knight Dance Team practices in the school gymnasium.

Bishop Luers fans and support Bishop Luers teams. They do this by performing during home football games, home girls and boys basketball games and home wrestling meets. By the end of a year on the dance team, Price hopes her girls will learn to be part of a team, improve in their dance skills, and build their Luers spirit.

Brenda Price is on staff as the business manager at Bishop Luers and grew up dancing. She is a Luers alumnus and began coaching when her daughter was in high school.

The Bishop Luers Lady Knight Dance Team also held a three-day camp for young girls ages 3-13. The team taught each age group two routines and held a show for parents and friends on the last day. Over 90 future dancers attended this year’s camp.

Three generations of Schuster family compete in triathlon

BY IDA CHIPMAN

PLYMOUTH — To tell the truth, some of the Schuster family members think that their matriarch, 75-year-old mother and grandmother, Fran Schuster, is nuts.

“When mom said she wanted to get together a team to compete (in a racing coach Russ Schenk’s 2nd Annual Culver Academies Sprint Triathlon), I volunteered to run,” Greg Schuster said.

“I probably did that to keep her from doing it!” he added.

Greg, one of the five sons of Fran and Jim Schuster, graduated in 1985, from Merrillville High School. He played some football and was a member of the varsity track team.

He has scarcely run since — “except after my two daughters, ages 3 and 7 years old,” he said.

He is afraid his once-a-week workouts at his local YMCA are waveformically inadequate for the three mile run.

And he’s probably right.

A really specialist with the U.S. Geological Survey Service and living in Arvada, Colo., Greg is hoping that he will have an elevation advantage coming from an altitude of 5,600 to Culver’s 500 feet.

Fifteen-year-old sophomore at Crown Point High School, Brady Schuster, Fran’s grandson by her son, Patrick, is undoubtedly the fittest of all.

A guard on the basketball team, a soccer player and track star, running the 400 and competing in the long jump, Brady will do the swim in Lake Maxinkuckee. He was a swimmer on a local team for several years when he was younger and is now a licensed life guard at the Crown Point city pool.

An honor student, Brady said that this event will be “a piece of cake.”

And then we have Fran — the redhead female Lance Armstrong of Lake LaTonka.

Fran decided that because she didn’t want to swim — Brady was perfect for that — and she certainly wasn’t going to run — that she would do the bicycling leg for the team.

She rode her daughter-in-law Cathy’s TRER mountain bike. Cathy, wife of son Scott, a Noblesville, participated in the race in the Women’s Division on her back-up bike.

While a student in Washington High School in East Chicago, Fran confessed that she was no athlete. Back in the 1980s, she did run in a couple of short races and participated in the LaVorte Triathlon in 1987 and 1988. “I wanted to do this,” she said, although her Culver Friendship Quilting Club friend, Chris Stubbe fields, begged her not to.

“Your’e going to hurt yourself,” Chris told Fran while driving her around to familiarize her with the Culver bicycle course.

Fran has biked five miles every day for a month to get in shape. She has ridden the course twice and only had to walk up one hill.

“I did wipe out once, scraping my knee and elbow,” Fran said. “And in one piece, if you please.”

And they did.

From left, Brady Schuster, 15, Crown Point, Fran Schuster, 75, Plymouth, and Greg Schuster, 39, Arvada, Colo., prepare for their team competition in Culver Academies’ 2nd Annual Sprint Triathlon held on July 9.

PHOTOS BY IDA CHIPMAN

Cross-country cyclists raising money, awareness for ACE schools

Eight new graduates of the University of Notre Dame’s Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program rode bicycles into South Bend on July 11 as part of a cross-country fund-raising and awareness project called the ACE American Fellowship Tour. The 3,600-mile tour began June 4 in the Los Angeles suburb of Santa Monica and is scheduled to end July 28 in New York City. Along the way the riders are sharing their teaching experiences and working to raise money for and bring attention to the schools served by the ACE program.
Who is Jesus for you?

BY JEAN E. EISERLE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — “God’s Providence is about timing and presence.”

Sister Gloria Ann Fiedler, CDP, former campus young adult minister in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, mentioned this in a lesson about Divine Providence at an associate meeting in May.

This is also a very appropriate summary of the recent mission opportunity that 14 young adults and diocesan staff had the privilege of attending from June 4-10 this summer.

Carrying the spirit of hope and service to the Archdiocese of San Antonio, every young adult intended to substantially donate time and talent to the least fortunate of this southwestern community. Yet no one could fail in the rich treasury of grace, humility and lessons learned from this experience.

On the first day, six Divine Providence Associates, along with four young adults from the Fort Wayne area and two from Michigan, learned about the charism of the Congregation of Divine Providence, including the history and purpose of the Congregation’s current mission.

Everyone became well-acquainted with Blessed John Martin Moye, whose associate education to young people and to the uneducated lower socioeconomic classes in 18th century France.

With the help of one sister, Blessed John Martin Moye developed the spirituality of charity, abandonment to Divine Providence, simplicity and poverty.

This group of young people and educational leaders from 1866, Sister St. Andrew Feltin, became the first superior general of the Congregation in Texas; one of the first projects was to build Our Lady of the Lake University and the Sacred Heart Conventual Chapel, both symbolizing the mission of education and the centrality of the sacraments in this congregation.

In addition to this historical overview, the young adults and leaders were touched by a woman’s story, who explained how ministries, such as Habitat for Humanity, have personally empowered people like her through advocacy and community projects.

The spirit of exerting physical labor in the southwestern neighborhood of Palo Alto in San Antonio was often penitential, at least overtly. In temperatures climbing to the upper 90s and above, the young adults, along with some Divine Providence sisters, built four storage sheds and painted houses for five to six hours during the days.

One potential homeowner, Felicia, joined everyone on Thursday, which illustrated the power of collaboration among different socioeconomic classes to begin the elimination of the cycle of poverty through projects like these. Yet, even in the oppressive heat, powerful spiritual symbols from the work site were manifested, and these symbols were offered with explanations of their significance during the commissioning Mass held on Friday, which closed the time shared in a Spirit-filled liturgy.

The items taken from the Habitat work site included soil, a rock, wood, a nail, a shingle, a water cooler and a multicored hat. The spiritual significance each related to the work completed on this mission, especially reminding the participants that all of humanity was “raised up from the dust” and built upon a firm foundation of “toughness, endurance” and “sacrifice.”

Because of this, the team “joined together in this project” with what they were given; (they) drew closer in (their) relationships with one another, and (their) work was transformed into a gift for the new residents. The gifts were offered in thanksgiving for the “blessings received” and in petition that “blessings will multiply for those who will be living” in the houses built by volunteers.

Maria Pirrie, staff member of the diocesan department of Campus and Young Adult Ministry and team member on this trip, summarized the experience in three words: “Spirit, service and social.”

It is true that to call this travel experience simply a vacation or simply a mission opportunity or simply a pilgrimage would be an incomplete description of the full encounter shared by all in San Antonio; in essence, it was a combination of all three.

“Opportunities for liturgy, prayer and sharing were part of our daily routine. We endured the 100-degree temperatures with many unexpected blessings,” continued Pirrie.

All of the participants extend “many thanks to Sister Gloria Ann and the Congregation of Divine Providence for their hospitality.”

Young adults journey to Texas for Habitat for Humanity mission trip

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Catholics who use time at Mass to think about doughnuts or their Sunday afternoon yard work or who are reluctant to exchange the sign of peace, squander a divine opportunity, says Michael Dubruiel, author of two books on how to get more out of the Mass. In a stimulating presentation at St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, he used the word “sacrifice” as a memory aid to describe steps on how Mass becomes a Christ-sharing period of spiritual awareness, which can enrich all other activities through a soul-building experience.

Using the letter F, as in eucharistic fast, Dubruiel described how our fast becomes a hunger for the Lord, the bread of life, the incredible gift given by our savior so that we can share his presence on earth.

Dubruiel explained how, with simple preparation, Mass becomes a peacefully fulfilling experience and one in which we offer ourselves along with the Divine Victim.

The author’s talk was made to a group known as Adults and Young Adults, which meets monthly at St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne, St. Joseph Parish and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Jenny Murray is president.

Don’t like the sign of peace? Try this …
for the jolly back in the Jolly Roger. A British bureaucrat and pirate hunter named Lord Cutler Beckett (Tom Hollander) who presses them into tracking down Sparrow and swapping his magic compass. They all end up questing after the same object: Jones’ legendary locker, the content of which will give its possessor control of the briny main.

Amid the swashbuckling slapstick there are some slightly darker elements that, while mostly harmless, preclude giving the film an A-I classification. There are also a few scenes involving a tentacled sea monster known as the Kraken — a computer-generated cousin of the giant squid in Disney’s “20,000 Leagues Under the Sea” — that may be too intense for the wee ones.

The story and characters have about as much flesh as a peg leg, but the skeletal plot is kept afloat by several notorious set pieces pulled off as before with flair by Verbinski, imaginative effects and makeup, and some solid supporting performances by Nighy and a barred-stained Stellan Skarsgård as Bootstrap Bill, Will’s long-lost father. There are also funny turns by Lee Arenberg and Mackenzie Crook as a pair of bungling buccaneers.

“Dead Man’s Chest” is a bit too long. But while it plows many of the same comic waters as the original — and granted, the idea based on a Disney theme-park attraction is stretched thin — its good-natured goofiness demonstrates that there is still enough wind in the franchise’s sails to justify the third installment set up by the cliffhanger ending.

If crustacean-limbed ghost crew and comical cannibals don’t ruffle your timbers, you may want to think twice about dropping your anchor, but if you liked the first movie this pirates’ life is for ye, matey.

The film contains recurring action-adventure violence and peril, including a nongraphic throat cut and off-screen executions, a fleeting gruesome image, some intense sequences and frightening supernatural effects, voodoo hokum, lightly suggestive humor and innuendo, and a mildly rude expression. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents.

Johnny Depp stars in a scene from the movie “Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest.” The USCBB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.
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Fully Human! Fully Alive! retreat set
Donaldson — All women of faith are invited to a special retreat at scenic, hospitable Lindenwood Retreat Center in Donaldson, from July 26-28. Father Tom Wrozek, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne, will be the retreat director. His topic will be “Fully Human! Fully Alive!” with a focus on how we live out the Sabbath in our weekday lives. In addition to several conferences, there will be time for group and private prayer and reflection, the sacrament of reconciliation, daily Mass and communal meals. The retreat begins at 1 p.m. on Wednesday and ends at 1 p.m. on Friday. The cost is $190 per person and accommodations are required by July 18. For information or registration call Patty at (260) 483-2285 or Cheryl at (260) 747-7006.

Legacy Luncheon held
South Bend — The St. Vincent de Paul Society will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a Legacy Luncheon to be held at the University of Notre Dame Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center on Thursday, Sept. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Edward ‘Monk’ Malloy, CSC, President Emeritus of the University of Notre Dame. Unique items will be available at a silent auction. For information contact Sean Wendlinger at (574) 251-4908.

JustFaith Workshop at Christ the King
South Bend — Jack Jezeel, nationally renowned speaker and award-winning Catholic educator, will facilitate a workshop introducing JustFaith on Saturday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Christ the King Parish. JustFaith explores the Biblical underpinnings of Catholic Social Teaching on peace and justice and helps participants to see how their Catholic teaching can build up the kingdom of God and become good disciples. Contact Dianne Reardon (574) 272-3113 or Chris Miller (574) 631-7508 to register before July 26.

Little Flower Holy Hour
Fort Wayne — Deacon Bob Lengerich will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel Tuesday, July 18, at 7:15 p.m. Join in prayer with the intention to pray for priests and vocations.

Living the Faith Series
Fort Wayne — Young adults of the cathedral, St. John the Baptist, and St. Joseph will host an event at the Cathedral Center on Sunday, July 30, at 6:30 p.m. Come at 6 p.m. (after the 5 p.m. Mass) and enjoy food and refreshments. The speaker this month will begin at 6:30 p.m. Meg Hanlon, mother of four and high school religion teacher, will share stories and practical tips on how to raise children in today’s world. Relying on God and a sense of humor, she will try to help you navigate the parenting waters.

Raffle and euchre event
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will have a euchre tournament Friday, Aug. 25, under the tents in the parking lot. Check-in at 6:30 p.m., tournament begins at 7 p.m. Donation is $10 per person (no partner needed.) Adults 21 and over only. For tickets call David Faulkner (574) 246-1593. A family or death of someone they love. Erin’s House offers support Fort Wayne — Erin’s House has openings for grieving children and their parents/guardians who are grieving the terminal illness of someone they love. Erin’s House offers free peer support groups for children and young adults ages 3 to 25. Families or friends may call Erin’s House for Grieving Children at (260) 423-2466 to schedule an appointment.

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Confirmation students take a look at the past

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

BREMEN — The confirmation class of 2006 from St. Dominic Parish in Bremen not only received the gift of the Holy Spirit, but also were surprised by items they found in a time capsule “buried” in their church the year of their first holy Communion.

The tradition of “burying” a capsule began with this year’s confirmation class and continued for “about three or four years,” started by teachers Kristi Burkins and Lisa Baker who co-taught first communion classes. The teachers thought it would be a great idea for the kids to put together items including photographs, hand-drawn pictures and other items for a class capsule that they could then open together, which would bind them even closer as a class and religious community. They originally hoped that possibly the capsule could be opened during “a pizza party or something,” but because of the late date of the confirmation, after school was dismissed for the summer, many students and their families could not plan for such an event. So instead, the capsule was opened and then items distributed the day of their confirmation.

“The pictures that we put in it were probably the best part. You can see how the people have changed, yet stayed the same,” laughed Nathaniel O’Dell, of the photos that the teachers had taken of the class throughout the year of their first Communion. O’Dell is one of the students who definitely has not only grown spiritually, but physically since they hid the capsule many years ago.

“We hosted him (Nathaniel) up to put it up that high,” said Burkins who said she and Baker lifted him up to the top of one of the lower walls of the confession of church. “Now, he is a bit taller and maybe could have even reached it,” she notes.

Nathaniel says he is now “6-foot, 2-inches tall and 14 years old. It really hit me how I have grown seeing the pictures.”

Besides the pictures, items placed in the plastic capsule included holy cards, religious items including a scapular and letters that the children wrote concerning things that they liked about each other, their teacher and their hopes of accomplishment for the coming year.

“It was cool to read it. I was hoping to get straight A’s in school, and I did it,” said O’Dell happily.

“Wow, look at this one!” noted classmates, Alex Buck, who also said while looking at the capsule items that “these pictures are really great!”

“Definitely it was a great thing to do. It’s great to see how much has changed and how much things have stayed the same,” added O’Dell.

Pope says next world family meeting to be in Mexico City in 2009

BY CAROL GLATZ

VALENCIA, Spain (CNS) — At the end of the Fifth World Meeting of Families, Pope Benedict XVI announced the next world family meeting would be held in Mexico City, thus ushering in the possibility of a papal visit to Mexico.

Before praying the noonday Angelus July 9 before hundreds of thousands of faithful gathered at Valencia’s outdoor City of the Arts and Sciences center, the pope said the sixth world family meeting will be held in 2009 in Mexico’s capital.

The international gathering is held every three years and is organized by the Pontifical Council for the Family. The meeting, which aims to celebrate and help families live their Christian vocations, was established by Pope John Paul II in 1981.

The first world meeting was held in Rome in 1994. Since then it has taken place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1997; Rome in 2000; and Manila, Philippines, in 2003. Each meeting has drawn more than a million people.

The pope chooses the venue for each world families’ meeting, and Pope Benedict directed his greetings “to the beloved pilgrim church in the noble nation of Mexico” when he made his announcement. The pope also thanked Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera of Mexico City “for his generous offer” to host the next gathering.

The announcement opens up the possibility that the 79-year-old pope will put Mexico on his itinerary for 2009, when he will be 82 years old.

The only time Pope John Paul failed to attend an encounter was in 2003, when he spoke to participants at the close of the meeting via satellite from the Vatican.

Advancing age and limited physical mobility prevented the pope, then 82, from making the journey to Manila.

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This is the 26th summer the institute has offered classes toward a master’s degree in theology as well as certificates in continuing education programs. “I usually stay for the whole three weeks, but I won’t be able to stay but one week this year,” said Veronique Dorsey, 15, of New Orleans, “I’m back at my school and things are coming together for us in New Orleans. “I’m really going to enjoying my time here at Notre Dame. It’s something different.”

From left, Roxanne Clavo, New Orleans, Kuukna Dzigbordi Yomekpe, Ghana West Africa, and Dr. C. Vanessa White, Chicago, dance outside of Keenan Hall where the opening Mass was held for the beginning of the Xavier Institute of Black Catholic Studies summer session on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.