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MEMORIAL TO ST. PAUL CHURCH DEDICATED

A memorial to St. Paul Catholic Church stands at the corner of Washington and Fairfield in Fort Wayne after its dedication on Oct. 22. The ground where the old church stood from 1864 to 2003 now belongs to Trinity English Lutheran Church.

POPE BENEDICT XVI AND BISHOP D’ARCY MEET


ST. PIUS X breaks ground for educational center

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

GRANGER — Rain on Sunday afternoon was a blessing, said Father Bill Schooler, pastor at St. Pius X Church in Granger.

Through it God showed he would rain down his blessings on a new parish education center at St. Pius, Father Schooler predicted.

The parish gathered Oct. 22 for a groundbreaking ceremony with Bishop John M. D’Arcy presiding, parishioners turning shovels of dirt to mark the occasion.

Father Schooler said construction on the estimated $10-million project would officially begin Oct. 23.

The 58,000-square-foot St. Pius Parish Education Center is an expansion to accommodate the growth of the church, according to Betsy Quinn, director of evangelization and stewardship. She said the project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2008.

With 1,200 children enrolled in religious education classes and seven classrooms in which to teach them, the center is necessary, she said.

“We have the happy problem of growing from 1,500 families to over 2,700 families since 1992 when the church was dedicated,” said Father Daniel Scheidt, associate pastor.

The education center will also include a kindergarten through eighth grade parochial school, adult education and athletics.

According to Scheidt, the parochial school is the first newly-built kindergarten-through-eighth-grade school to be constructed in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend since the Second Vatican Council.

A second, larger gym will be added as well as a new outdoor football practice field. Later outdoor basketball courts, soccer and baseball fields will be added as well as a half-mile path for jogging and Stations of the Cross.

Father Dan Scheidt, associate pastor at St. Pius X Church, left, Bishop John M. D’Arcy, center, and Father Bill Schooler, pastor at St. Pius X Church, are the first to break ground for the new St. Pius Parish Education Center. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2008.
The last few days in Rome

The Mass of thanksgiving offered at St. Paul’s Outside the Walls was certainly a highlight of our time in the Eternal City. It was another one of those 75-degree days in Rome, warm and pleasant followed by a delightful evening. This particular Mass focused entirely on our new saint. Everywhere one could see the Sisters of Providence with their white crosses. Here we discovered that Father Michael Heinrich was also in Rome, having come with another group. We were able to arrange for his transfer to Domus Sanctae Marthae, where we were staying and where the cost was more reasonable and we were only a few steps from the sacristy of St. Peter’s Basilica.

On the last days in Rome — Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday — I celebrated Mass at St. Peter’s. How special to enter St. Peter’s early in the morning before any pilgrims arrived. If you are celebrating Mass there, you must arrive between 7 and 8 a.m., but you are well taken care of. Here again, we met pilgrims in Rome for the canonization.

On Tuesday, I had a number of appointments with different cardinals, including Cardinal Arinze, the chair of the theology department at the University of Notre Dame and other Catholic universities. It was a delight to meet with Cardinal Arinze after our meeting with the theology department over the Internet. This is a great responsibility of the theology department at Notre Dame and other Catholic universities — to present the great tradition of Catholic theology to places where there is little or no theology — to present the great tradition of Catholic theology to places where there is little or no theology.

The arrival of another guest

It was a joy to have Professor Cavadini from the University of Notre Dame over the Internet. This is a great responsibility of the theology department at Notre Dame because of his responsibilities of teaching, including an all-day session with students at Columbia, Harvard, and other great universities who had joined the Notre Dame theology department over the Internet. This is a great responsibility of Notre Dame and other Catholic universities — to present the great tradition of Catholic theology to places where there is little or no reflection on religion and on revealed truth.

It was a joy to have Professor Cavadini with us even for this short period.

A holy woman

What remains from this trip is the remarkable life and spirit of our new saint, Mother Theodore Guérin. We must think of ways to honor her. Her feast day will be observed in early October. She experienced the cross in many ways. Like Father Edward Sorin, of whom she was a contemporary, she had an extraordinary sense of the Providence of God. She was a joyful person, warm, affectionate and very giving to others. What we learned from her is that the cross of Christ is an instrument of salvation and that our cross and suffering, when joined with his, advance the work of redemption.

An unforgettable week in Rome. Thanks be to God.

Off to South Bend

The next evening, not fully recovered from the famous jet-lag, I was off to South Bend. On Sunday, I was pleased to preside at the official installation of Father John Delaney as pastor of St. Jude Parish and St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, South Bend. St. Jude’s is a vital parish with a strong school, but many decisions lie ahead for the diocese and the bishop in the southern part of the city. Father Delaney has been well received and will be an excellent pastor at his parishes.

After a gracious reception, I was off to St. Pius X Parish, Granger for a groundbreaking for a new catechetical center, which will be a place for instruction of adults and children, and a new school. This important parish now has about 2,700 families and is well cared for, from a priestly point of view, by Father Bill Scholfield and Father Dan Scheidt. This school represents a major undertaking. St. Pius has already raised over $6.5 million in pledges toward this effort. It was a joy to meet some of the young families who hope that their children will be in this school in a few years.

Some visitors

Four classmates, my friends of a lifetime, who, like myself, are living the 50th year of their priesthood, were in for the weekend. In fact, three of them, Mgrs. Peter Martocchio, Father Tom Foley and Father Paul McPartland, took care of all the Masses at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish for the weekend. Father McPartland has been helping there for several months. Also with them was Father Ed O’Brien, a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn. Each one has been a faithful priest and all are still working 50 years after that day when hands were imposed upon us, consecrating us and extending to us our priestly mission. It was a joy to be with them for a few hours along with four other priests from the Archdiocese of Boston who come to a game every year. We certainly saw an exciting one this year.

A coming event

I am preparing now for the ordination of Anthony Steinacker at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. After Anthony is ordained, we have 18 young men studying for the priesthood. It remains our greatest pastoral challenge. As always, I count on your prayers asking God to send us more such fine young men for the work of Christ. See you all next week.
**VATICAN CITY — Bishop John M. D'Arcy's entourage in Rome found that a pilgrimage could bring unexpected perks along with the excitement of the canonization of Indiana's first saint, St. Mother Theodore Guérin. Today's Catholic editor Tim Johnson and Bishop D'Arcy's secretary Maureen Schott were invited to follow along documenting the historical moment for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. St. Mother Theodore Guérin is considered the foundress of Catholic schools in Fort Wayne. Her sisters staffed the first school, St. Augustine Academy, which was a part of the Cathedral Square in Fort Wayne. Mother Theodore accompanied the sisters to Fort Wayne and made sure they were settled in their new comfortable mission before returning to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

A pilgrimage group consisted of Father Robert Schulte, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and diocesan vicar general, Msgr. J. William Lester, diocesan vicar for retreats, Father Tom Shesheker, pastor of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, Msgr. James Wolf, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw; and Father David Carkenord, pastor of St. Michael, Waterloo. Later, Father Michael Henry, pastor of St. Matthew Cathedral Parish in South Bend and Professor John Czestochowa, chaplain from the theology department at the University of Notre Dame, joined the pilgrimage.

Here's a day-by-day roster of the pilgrims:
- The pilgrims left Fort Wayne on Monday, Oct. 9, and flew to Cincinnati. From there, some traveled to Paris and then to Rome. Others flew direct to Rome.
- The arrival in Rome was around noon on Oct. 12. From there, the group was escorted to Domus Sanctae Marthae, a religious house in Vatican City that is the hotel for cardinals during a conclave. The rooms are simple with polished wood floors. Each room had an office area. Behind pocket doors was a simple bedroom with a nice, firm mattress and the bathroom. The rooms had no television. Those who asked which cardinal lodged in their room during the conclave were kindly told that was kept secret.
- The pilgrims had a taste of living like a cardinal for a week. The lodging is much more comfortable than the cots that the cardinals slept on in the Sistine Chapel in previous conclaves.
- Friday was a busy day picking up tickets for the canonization, checking in with the Vatican Press Office and testing the Internet capabilities, which proved to be a bit challenging.
- Some of the pilgrims visited the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. A highlight of the morning was an early Mass in the Chapel to Our Lady of Czestochowa. Many of the Polish saints, whose names are familiar at many of the west side South Bend parishes, were featured there. Near the chapel was the tomb of Pope John Paul II. A stop there was praiseworthy for the pilgrims.
- Saturday was defined by a gathering with Mother Theodore pilgrims in the Church of the Gesu, the church known as the mother church for the Jesuits. Like St. Peter's Basilica, the size, magnitude and artwork of the church is impressive.
- Some of the pilgrims had Mass at St. Mary Major that day and had grand views of the city of Rome. Some toured the city's ancient ruins.
- Sunday activities revolved around the canonization Mass. Reporters were placed on the upper portion of the colonnade with the statues of the apostles and saints. The view to the audience and the altar was grand. And the Mass celebrants including Bishop D'Arcy and the pilgrim priests who helped with distribution of Communion were easily found from the colonnade.

**Pope urges world leaders to help Iraqis rebuild troubled nation**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI called on religious and political leaders in Iraq and around the world to help the Iraqi people rebuild their country which is so troubled by insecurity and “savage violence.”

The pope expressed his deep concern for Iraq's Christian community as well as all victims of the increase in violence and intimidation throughout the country.

After praying the Angelus Oct. 22 with thousands of the faithful gathered in Peter’s Square, the pope first sent his “cordial greetings” to Muslims around the world who were about to celebrate the end of the holy month of Ramadan, wishing them all “serenity and peace.”

This “joysful atmosphere” of celebration, however, has been clouded by the “very serious situation of insecurity and savage violence” faced by so many innocent people in Iraq solely “because (they are) Shiites, Sunnis or Christians,” he said.

The pope said he was aware of the tremendous worry running through Iraq’s Christian communities, adding that his thoughts and prayers for “strength and consolation” were with them as with all victims in the conflict.

The pope prayed that God would grant Iraq and the world’s religious and political leaders “the needed faith and courage” to help Iraqis rebuild their country and reach reconciliation between factions by realizing that “the plurality of its components is an integral part of (the country’s) wealth.”

Church leaders in Iraq have expressed concern about a marked increase in violence, especially against Christians. Since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, numerous churches have been bombed, and Christians have been kidnapped, killed or threatened.

Half of all Iraqi Christians have fled their country over the past three and a half years, according to Chaldean Catholic Auxiliary Bishop Andreas Abouna of Baghdad. Before the invasion there were about 1.2 million Christians in the predominantly Shi'ite Muslim state; since then the overall number has dropped to about 600,000, he said.

Chaldean Patriarch Emmanuel-Karim Delly of Baghdad has said that violence, persecution and instability together with the world’s apparent indifference to the plight of the country’s Christians have forced them into exile.

In an Oct. 16 interview with the Rome-based missionary news agency AsiaNews, the patriarch criticized the “role of the international community that is unable to control the dramatic situation in the country.”

He said Christians and Muslims had lived harmoniously in Iraq for more than 1,000 years and, “like Lebanon and Syria, (had been) a model of peaceful coexistence.”

Losing Christians to emigration would represent “a big loss not only for Iraq, but for the cause of humankind, and it will have serious consequences for Muslims, too,” he said.

Christian patriarchs of the Eastern churches said their churches have always been an invaluable link between Christianity and Islam. During an assembly in Lebanon, the Catholic patriarchs said their churches help make dialogue possible, and this link between religions should not be broken.
Rejecting teaching precludes receiving Communion, draft says

BY NANCY FRAZIER O’BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Catholic who “knowingly and obstinately” rejects “the defined doctrines of the church” or its “definitive teaching on moral issues” should refrain from receiving Communion, according to a document that will come before the U.S. bishops at their Nov. 13-16 fall general meeting in Baltimore.


In an introduction, Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Doctrine, said the draft document was the result of a proposal to the bishops in November 2004 by Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark, N.J., for a statement on how Catholics should prepare to receive the Eucharist.

“He envisaged this document as applying to Catholic faithful, not just to politicians or those in public life,” Bishop Serratelli said.

Archbishop Myers’ request came after a presidential campaign in which some bishops had criticized the Democratic candidate, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, and said he and other Catholic politicians who supported abortion should be refused Communion under canon law.

But a footnote to the draft says that it is not intended “to provide specific guidelines” to the provision in canon law that says that Catholics “obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin” should not be allowed to receive Communion.

“In order to receive holy Communion we must be in communion with God and with the church,” the document says. “If we are no longer in a state of grace because of mortal sin, we are seriously obliged to refrain from receiving holy Communion.

“Among examples of such sin, the document cites “committing deliberate hatred of others, sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult, or physical or verbal abuse toward one’s family members or fellow workers, causing grave physical or psychological harm, murder, abortion or euthanasia.”

Other “serious violations of the law of love of God and of neighbor” listed in the draft include swearing a false oath, missing Mass on Sundays or holy days without a serious reason, “acting in serious disobedience against proper authority,” sexual activity “outside the bonds of a valid marriage,” stealing, slander or involvement with pornography.

The document cited those who “give selective assent to the teachings of the church.”

But Catholics who have “honest doubt and confusion” about some church teachings “are welcome to partake of holy Communion, as long as they are prayerfully and honestly striving to understand the truth of what the church professes and are taking appropriate steps to resolve their confusion and doubt,” the draft says.

“If someone who is Catholic were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues, however, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the church,” it adds. “Reception of holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the eucharistic celebration, so he or she should refrain.”

“If a person who “is publicly known to have committed serious sin or to have rejected definitive church teaching and is not yet reconciled with the church” receives Communion, it could be “a cause of scandal for others,” giving “further reason” for the person to refrain, the bishops said.

The document says Catholics should get ready to receive Communion through both “remote preparation” — prayer, Scripture reading, frequent confession and other steps — and “proximate preparation.”

The bishops also urged Catholics to perform “a reverent bow of the head” before receiving Communion.

“If we perform these simple actions, we will enter more profoundly into the eucharistic celebration, receive the Eucharist more worthily, and thus obtain more fully the grace of communion with the risen Lord Jesus and with one another,” the document says.

The draft also includes two appendixes, one explaining church teaching on when non-Catholics can receive Communion in a Catholic church and when Catholics to take Communion at a non-Catholic service.

The bishops also urged participating as guests in worship services in other Christian communities, Catholics are encouraged to join the community in the shared responses and in the singing of hymns,” the document says. “It would be inappropriate, however, for Catholics to take communion in other Christian communities.”

The document also reminds Catholics who join in non-Catholic services on a Sunday that “the obligation to participate at a Catholic Mass still remains.”

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A personal message to all of our priests.

THANK YOU!

The Serra Club of Fort Wayne
Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrates one-year anniversary

BY DENISE FEDOROW

WARSAW — The weather might have dampened some of the plans for the one-year anniversary celebration at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Warsaw, but it didn’t dampen the joy felt by its pastor and parishioners.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and Shrine was dedicated Oct. 23, 2005, and on that day parishioners started a procession from the former church in Milford to the new, expanded facility in Warsaw.

This year they also began with a procession, but because of the cold wet weather, they followed Father Paul Bueter, pastor, in a procession around the inside of the church.

Father Bueter also re-lit the four candles on the crosses hanging on the walls that represent north, south, east and west. Those candles were lit for the first time a year ago by Bishop John M. D’Arcy at the dedication. Those who arrived early watched the video footage of last year’s dedication ceremony.

Father Bueter spoke to parishioners about the growth of the parish in the past year and how grateful he was for the generosity of our Blessed Lady and our Lord.

The church and shrine have been used regularly in the past year for weddings, funerals and events and groups. The jubilee committee, educational groups, catechists, Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Consulado Mexicano, Cursillo movement, diocesan retreats, liturgy day and prayer groups have all met at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Other groups such as the National Kidney Foundation, Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon have utilized the facility. High school Spanish students and pilgrims from across the U.S. — from as far away as Florida and New Mexico — have visited the shrine. As Sister Joan Hastreiter, SSJ, said, Our Lady of Guadalupe has truly become a universal church.

“When we were in Milford, many of the parishioners were from Mexico, now that we are in Warsaw we have people also from Honduras, Guatemalan, Puerto Rico, Brazil (and others).”

Sister Joan spoke of a Sacred Heart parishioner who brought her mother who was visiting from Massachusetts to the shrine. Sister Joan heard the woman say the church was almost like a symbol of appreciation for what the Hispanics have brought to the area.

“The number that have come back — it’s a modern miracle in one sense. Our Lady keeps leading us to her Son.”

SISTER JOAN HASTREITER

KEEP (Kidney Early Evaluation Program)

Free Screening will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 225 Gilliam Dr., Warsaw on Sunday, Oct. 29, from 11:30-3:30 p.m. To make an appointment call the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana at (574) 722-5640 or (574) 267-5324. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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Moritz also stressed that “since easy travel of traffickers,” said Moritz, whose organization represents Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic churches. Some 50 experts from 11 countries met in Vilnius to discuss “Human Trafficking: The Spread and its Consequences.”

Pope’s affirmation of Christianity transcends politics, topical notes

VERONA, Italy (CNS) — Navigating the murky waters of Italian politics was no easy task, so interest was high when Pope Benedict XVI addressed the country’s 1,000 bishops on Oct. 20 in attendance of gatherings in 10 years.

The 2,700 bishops present were gathered in the northern Italian city of Verona Oct. 19, it was clear that his agenda did not fit the “winners and losers” model. Lake many of the most important talks of his pontificate, this one was striking not for its political arguments or topical commentary but for its eminently religious affirmation of the Christian faith. It said very little about church tactics and a lot about the church’s most fundamental purpose, saving souls. At 20 pages, the papal talk numbered a microencyclical. At its core was an explanation of Christ’s resurrection as the motivator of all Christian witness.

Vatican says controversy shows importance of dialogue with Muslims

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Relaying Pope Benedict XVI’s best wishes to Muslims around the world, the Vatican said recent controversy over a speech he made in Germany shows just how important it is to continue dialogue. At an Oct. 20 press conference, the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue released its 40th annual message to Muslims set to celebrate the end of their monthlong Ramadan fast.

French Cardinal Paul Poupard, who signed the message, said the discussion surrounding the pope’s message and especially an Oct. 15 letter to the pope from 38 Muslim scholars demonstrated not only the importance of Catholic-Muslim dialogue, but also the willingness of Muslims to engage with a selection of finished custom-made guitars, built by Sam Grosvenor, sits in a window display at the Franciscans’ Assisi Center in Syracuse, N.Y. N.Grosvenor has a burgeoning guitar-making business called Francisian Guitars, but selling the instruments doesn’t produce a dime for his own wallet. He is a salaried employee of the Franciscans and all the proceeds go back into financing the order’s ministry.

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NOTRE DAME — In the spring of 2007, Holy Cross College will again offer its students an interdisciplinary course entitled “Rome through the ages.” The course ends with a one-day trip to the city of Rome during spring break. This spring’s course, however, will have an added attraction. Holy Cross will offer to interested parents, alumni and other friends of the college the opportunity to travel to Rome at the same time, March 9-16, 2007.

Patricia Adams, director of continuing education at Holy Cross, will accompany the adult group, limited to 15 persons. They will travel with the students although they can leave their hotel from the hotel’s auction. Adults, wishing to take the trip, will have several options. They can follow the entire itinerary in its entirety, which consists of daily formal guided tours of different parts of Rome, led by Father Michael Sullivan, CSC, who instructs the course.

Another option for participants is to pick and choose the parts of Sullivan’s tours that are of interest to them. Others can explore parts of Rome independently, who will focus on some historic and religious sites, popular places to shop and well-known places to eat, have coffee, etc. Finally, some people may want to arrange their own schedules independently of those of Sullivan and Adams.

“The focus of the excursion to Rome,” says Adams and Father Sullivan, “will be visits to some of the most important and interesting religious places of worship, as well as historical and artistic monuments of one of Christianity's most important and beautiful cities, but adapted to the various needs and interests of adults and families.”

Father Sullivan knows Rome. He lived in the city and taught high school. He led his students on extensive tours. He knows and understands the city, its history. He also speaks of the city, its history. He also speaks of the city, its history.

At the start of the trip, he says, “It gives me the opportunity to share with others those things that I find interesting and attractive about that city (Rome), which I consider to be one of the most important cities-cultural and artistic—of the Western world...”

Anyone interested in learning more about the trip or signing up for it can contact Pat Adams at padams@hcc-nd.edu or (574) 239-8364.

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St. Patrick prepares for fall mission

LIGONIER — St. Patrick Parish will have a mission, “Faith unites us in Christ,” Nov. 5-8.

Each session will begin at 7 p.m. with guest speakers addressing the group in both Spanish and English. Sunday’s topic will be faith; Monday, prayer; Tuesday, reconciliation; and Wednesday, Eucharist. Bishop John M. D’Arcy will celebrate Mass on Wednesday evening to close the mission and a carry-in meal will be shared following Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Society plans blanket drive

SOUTH BEND — To help those in need of warmth, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is planning their 15th annual Blanket Drive in Michiana. Starting Oct. 30 and running through the month of November, St. Vincent’s will be collecting new and slightly-used blankets and bedding to give to needy families.

“The blanket drive is a way for people to help those families facing a long, cold winter. We invite everyone to donate new or gently used blankets, quilts, warm bedding, sheets, etc., so they can be shared with others who need them to stay warm during the cold months ahead. It gives us a chance to focus attention on the plight of many families in Michiana, and it gives people an effective way to respond,” said Sean Wendlinger, executive director, about the purpose of the blanket drive.

People can donate blankets to the blanket drive by organizing a blanket collection in their church, neighborhoods, social organizations or schools. The blankets can be collected by the home pick-up department. Another option is individuals can drop off their blankets and bedding to the St. Vincent de Paul Society Thrift Store at 3408 Ardmore Tr., in South Bend.

“Many of the families we serve turn their heat off, or keep their houses cold during the winter because they don’t have the money to pay the bill and they want to avoid being disconnect-ed,” Wendlinger said. “Many people who are unemployed, working part-time, or living on a fixed income have to choose between warmth and food, or warmth and furniture, or warmth and fixing the car — not easy choices. Our volunteers visit families every week where the parents and children are wearing their winter coat inside to stay warm so they can keep the heat down to 60 degrees. Many families live in drafty houses with cold air coming in, they don’t have the resources to fix the doors and windows.”

All collected items will be given out through the emergency assistance program at St. Vincent’s.

“The blankets and bedding are given to the people we serve through our emergency assistance program and Christmas basket program. These are families who we assist with emergency food, clothing, beds and financial assistance. We also try to give a blanket to each family that receives a Christmas basket. When our vol-un-teers make a home visit they can give the family a voucher to pick up a free blanket at our thrift store,” Wendlinger added.

“We hope to collect more blankets and warm bedding items than last year when we received about 1,000 items. That was a great response, but we need more,” said Wendlinger. “We will serve 1,400 families for Christmas, we give away 40 beds every month, and when our volunteers visit a family and give them a voucher for a free blanket we want to have them available at our thrift store to take.” — LK

Bishop D’Arcy to bless Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel

NOTRE DAME — Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel at Notre Dame, will be blessed on Monday, Nov. 6, at 3 p.m. by Bishop John M. D’Arcy. The chapel blessing will be a by invitation only, because of the size of the chapel. A reception will be held following the blessing in Schubert Villa.

The chapel is the first of four buildings currently being constructed at Holy Cross Village to be completed. The project began last March. The chapel will serve the residents of both Schubert Villa and Dujarie House. The chapel of Dujarie House, the infirmary of the Brothers of Holy Cross since the late 1960s, was demolished recently to provide a space for a new 12-person memory care unit. The capacity of Schubert Villa will nearly triple when the current addition is completed next spring.

The new chapel features a 30-foot ceiling, stained glass windows by South Bend craftsperson Mary Szymczak, and sacred art-work from LeMans Academy and Holy Cross High School, both of which the brothers operated for many years. Stations of the Cross and a crucifix above the altar will be added soon.

The Brothers of Holy Cross and generous donors are paying the $700,000 cost of the chapel. The primary contractor of the chapel, along with other additions to Holy Cross Village is Patznick Construction of Cleveland and South Bend.

Saints Alive to bring ‘Late Nite Catechism’

FORT WAYNE — For those looking for a good laugh and wholesome fun, Bishop Dwenger Saints Alive will bring “Late Nite Catechism” to Fort Wayne on Thursday, Nov. 9.

“Sister,” played by actress Diana Carlin, blanket collects quilts and blankets as she engages the audience in hilarious banter. The irrepressible “Sister” teaches class to a roomful of adults, taking them back to their youth.

The performance will take place at Bishop Dwenger High School, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m., and show time at 7 p.m. For more information or to reserve tickets — ranging in price from $12 to $14 — contact Saints Alive at (260) 483-7001. Seating is limited.

International Serra conference updated

SOUTH BEND — Dick Dornbos of the South Bend Serra Club has announced that Relevant Radio’s Dick Lyle will not speak at the upcoming regional conference slated Oct. 26-29 at Saint Mary’s College and the University of Notre Dame.

Carolyn Y. Woo, the Martin J. Gillen Dean of the Mendoza College of Business and the Ray and Carol Mardikian Chair in Entrepreneurial Studies, has recently been added to the list of speakers at the conference. Dr. Woo assumed the deanship of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame in 1997. Before then, she served as associate executive vice president for academic affairs at Purdue University.

Dornbos reports that over 300 people from eight states have signed up for the Serra International’s Regional Council Regions 6 and 7 conference.

Other speakers include Bishop Alexander K. Sample from the Diocese of Marquette, Mich.; Holy Cross Sister Mary Ellen Conroy, director of student associations; Father Theodore Hesburgh, CSC, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame; Father Daniel D. Fare, academic Dean of St. Pius X in Granger; Fred and Lisa Everett from the Office of Life Issues at the University of Notre Dame; and Dr. Charles E. Rice, professor emeritus of the University of Notre Dame Law School.

For more information, contact Dick Dornbos at (574) 271-7853.
Gregory Eichman, a native of Fort Wayne, received his cassock and was tonsured by Bishop Alvaro Corrada del Río, SJ, of Tyler, Texas, on Oct. 7. The ceremony was held at St. Francis Church in Lincoln, Neb., for seminarians of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, an Institute of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right established by Pope John Paul II in 1988. During the rite of tonsure, the bishop cuts the candidate’s hair and asks him to renounce the world and all worldly concerns.

Health clinic celebrates 20 years of service to the poor

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

SOUTH BEND — Holy Cross Sister Maura Brannick worked at St. Joseph Hospital, as it was called then, for many years. She had a deep concern for the poor, especially on the west side of South Bend, who were getting little or no healthcare. In 1986 she decided that it was time to take action and do something about it. And she did. Twenty years ago she found an abandoned garage on Chapin Street, recruited some interested physicians and financial backers, and a place of healing for the poor was born.

“What started out in 1986 as a small, two-person operation in a 400-square-foot converted garage,” said Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center President Nancy Hellyer, “has grown to over 10,000-square-foot facility that houses bilingual medical, dental, psychological and social services.”

On Oct. 15, volunteers, staff, Sisters of the Holy Cross and many others connected with the center, gathered at the South Bend Center for History to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center also used this momentous occasion to rename the center, still known as the “Chapin Street Clinic” by many.

In a short program during the celebration, Hellyer declared, “For her dedication, commitment, joyful spirit and wonderful love of the community, we are pleased tonight to announce that we will be renaming the health center after its founder and most diligent servant, Sister Maura Brannick.” The new name is the Sister Maura Brannick Health Center.

Physician John Jenkins, chairperson of the center’s board, said Brannick never had trouble getting volunteers or the financial resources she needs. He quoted former Indiana Gov. Joseph Kernan as saying, “After Sister Maura finished stating her case, there was nothing else to say.”

This brought chuckles from those assembled, many of whom were recruited by her persuasive personality to work in the center or to donate money. Jenkins stated that it was “a privilege to be a part of this extraordinary place.” He proclaimed Sister Brannick as a tireless advocate for the poor who has never taken any credit for the success of the clinic. He went on to say, what most present already knew, “She really loves people.”

Sister Brannick thanked God and all present at the celebration. She pointed out that nothing would have happened without Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center and the dedicated physicians, nurses, many healthcare professionals and others who have volunteered and gave dedicated service throughout the years. “I trust it will continue,” she said.

Today about 44 doctors and 11 dentists donate their services at the center, along with many other healthcare professionals. Sixty more physicians accept referrals to their offices. Besides medical care, the center offers many other services, including counseling, support groups and helps the poor with other basic needs.
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Deacon Steinacker to be ordained to priesthood Oct. 28

BY VINE LABARBERA
AND DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — Bishop John M. D’Arcy will ordain Deacon Anthony Steinacker of Fort Wayne to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Following the ordination Mass, the congregation is invited to a reception luncheon to be held at the nearby Grand Wayne Center.

Preparation for Deacon Steinacker’s ordination to the priesthood is nearing completion. Recently, he spent five days at Gethsemani Retreat Center in Kentucky to draw close to God in quiet prayer as he humbly embraces his calling to the priesthood. “It was a time to reflect on where I’ve been and pray about the beautiful ministry I soon will be ordained into as I serve God’s people and church,” he said.

Before leaving on retreat, there was the typical planning associated with any ceremony of this magnitude. The invitations had to be sent, the food menus confirmed, the ordering of vestments will and church teachings, he could in accordance with God’s will and church teachings, he related.

In a recent note to his parents, Deacon Steinacker wrote, “They helped to shape my thoughts and values and in countless other ways they have been a wonderful example of Christian love and charity.”

Deacon Steinacker said he remembers considering the priesthood as early in fourth grade when he was an altar server. Priests were influential in his life from the very beginning, he related, including the late Father Christopher Hinkley, Msgr. James Wolf, Father Bill Kummer, Father John Delaney and Father Jeff Largent, who also taught him at Bishop Luers.

In addition, Father Adam Schmitt — a retired priest in residence at St. Joseph Parish who has been a priest for nearly 50 years and is an uncle to Deacon Steinacker — was a “wonderful example of what it means to be a faithful and holy priest,” he continued. “Just having him being close to our family was what further led me to consider being a priest. He planted the seed, which encouraged me to pursue this calling. In many ways, he was my first vocation director,” Deacon Steinacker concluded.

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St. Charles Parish
prepares for ordination
of Anthony Steinacker

In preparation for the ordination to the priesthood of Anthony Steinacker, St. Charles Parish, where Steinacker serves as deacon, will hold the following prayer services, novenas:

• Announcements about the ordination were made.

• An invitation to attend the ordination was placed on the front of the bulletin.

• A prayer card will be made available.

• There will be a nine-day novena and holy hour prior to ordination.

• Sunday, Oct. 22, the presider of the Mass asked for God’s blessings upon Deacon Steinacker.
Family says priesthood is the place for helpful son

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — If you’d have asked them 50 years ago what they would be doing this month, Jim and Mary Steinacker would have been surprised to say, preparing for their son’s ordination into the priesthood. But preparing for the ordination is exactly their focus this month.

Saturday, Oct. 28, is shaping up to be a big day for the entire Steinacker family. Their youngest son, Tony, will follow in his uncle Adam’s footsteps and be ordained into the holy order of priests at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11 a.m. Bishop John M. D’Arcy will preside.

The Steinacker family began in 1957 when Mary Schmitt and Jim Steinacker were married on June 1, Jim’s birthday. Mary’s brother, Father Adam Schmitt was ordained before. After setting up housekeeping, the Steinackers, longtime members of St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, started their family with a son born the next year. Six children would eventually make up this close-knit, faith-filled family with five boys and one girl.

The Steinackers are proud of their son and recall his childhood demeanor as helpful, saying, “He was doing good for people all his life.” Mary adds that he would rather be with people than anything else. As the youngest of the clan, Tony worked hard to keep up with his siblings. He developed close relationships with his older brothers and their neighborhood friends.

“Tony was friends with the older boys; there were 17 in the neighborhood that played together. Then he had his close friends, too,” said Mary.

Steinacker’s parents chuckled as they relay his place in the family. “They called him ‘Little Mary’ because he was always making sure everyone was doing the right thing,” they said. And if memory serves, they add, their son showed an interest in helping others at age three.

Deacon Steinacker and his siblings all attended St. John the Baptist School and graduated from Bishop Luers High School, with a solid religious formation. Steinacker, a student who worked for what he earned, always went the extra mile for those in need.

At the tender age of four, Steinacker helped his brothers carry papers on their neighborhood route. He was also known to visit the older residents along the neighborhood block, “Tony would visit a lady down the block. They would chat and she would make him lunch,” recalls his mother.

Jim recounts when his son, at age 10, would use his lunch hour in grade school to visit his dad at the old Lutheran Hospital on Fairfield to feed him lunch as he recuperated from an illness. At home, Jim, a 50-year veteran of glass work at City Glass, spent time with his youngest son teaching him the trade.

The young Steinacker worked the paper route, his folks recall, in addition to his job at Scott’s Grocery store throughout high school. Following graduation, while still employed at Scott’s, he enrolled in Ivy Tech School where he studied business part time. His parents were surprised when one day he announced that he wanted to pursue the priesthood.

The Steinacker family has always been devoted and faithful, involved in their church community, attending Mass and participating in the sacraments. Tony has a strong faith, they say, and spent much of his time on weekends with his beloved grandmother, taking her to Mass at St. Peter Parish. He also attended the Andrew Dinners, offered by the diocese, for young men interested in religious life.

“Having a priest as an uncle was an influence, too,” says Mary, adding that her son would spend school vacation with his uncle at his parish in Garrett, where he would serve at Mass and help Father Schmitt in other ways.

The Steinacker’s daughter, Angie Rectans, says of her brother’s vocation, “I always thought he would be in a line helping people. It’s great. I’m excited for him, and I think he did find the right calling for him.”

Deacon Steinacker has been away studying for the priesthood for nine years now, but the Steinackers say he remains a helper. On home visits throughout the years, Tony continues to help with the yard work, babysits his nieces and nephews and even paints the kitchen. He is one of the children that sets up the Nativity scene each year at Christmas time and is a generous gift giver as well they say, spending hours choosing just the right gift for everyone.

And though their son is very busy with his current assignment at St. Charles Parish and preparation for his ordination this month, the Steinackers stay in close contact. “He is so busy, talks so fast and then is on to the next thing. But he always calls home,” says Mary.

“Great” and “wonderful” are words the Steinackers use with enthusiasm when they speak of their youngest son’s vocation. They seem pleased to announce that he is the first vocation out of St. John Parish in 40 years and know that their helpful son will serve God well wherever he goes.

As he begins his life as a Catholic Priest, the personnel in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocesan Departments listed here, offer their sincere congratulations and pledge their continued prayers and assistance to Father Anthony Steinacker:

- The Office of Family Life
- The Diocesan Office for Hispanic Ministry
- The Catholic Schools Office
- The Office of Spiritual Development/Evangelization
- The Marriage Tribunal
- The Office of Vocation
- The Office of Worship
- The Office of Youth Ministry
- Today’s Catholic

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us come into his presence with thanksgiving!

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Making clear the call
Friends, mentors shaped Tony Steinacker’s journey

BY DEB WAGNER

When Deacon Tony Steinacker’s uncle, Father Adam Schmitt, asked him to consider the seminary and priesthood, he responded and attended an Andrew Dinner at the age of 25. Father Schmitt was one of a number of influential priests in Deacon Tony’s life. They, along with family, friends and others, have shaped Deacon Tony’s journey to the priesthood. Msgr. James Wolf, now at Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw, was Deacon Tony’s pastor when he received first Communion at St. John the Baptist, and the two remain friends. Father John Delaney and Father Jeffery Largent also served at St. John the Baptist while Deacon Tony was growing up, and he cites their presence at the church and school as a source of great learning and growing closer to the church.

Deacon Tony says that some people were surprised when he told them that he was going to be a priest because he lives such an ordinary life. Others were not so surprised because of the giving spirit, care and concern for others that grounds him. Many people have already commented on his deep sense of compassion.

Deacon Tony also firmly believes that there needs to be balance between seriousness and appropriately displayed humor. For example, when asked if he ever considered a religious community such as the Franciscans, he remarked, “No, I don’t like the color brown!” Many have seen fine qualities in this man. Mrs. Mary Bueter, who has known him many years, thought so highly of his humor that when asked to complete a reference for Deacon Tony when he was applying to the seminary, she added the additional category of “good sense of humor” to the standard reference form and gave him a perfect score of 10. Deacon Tony never considered himself a class clown, but rather the quiet guy in class.

“... If you’re dedicated and you’re really called, then you’ll really make it.”
FATHER JEFFERY LARGENT, PASTOR, ST. MONICA, MISHAWAKA

Everyone at Saint John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, the home parish of TONY STEINACKER offers their prayerful best wishes as he takes his place in the Vineyard of Our Lord.

The people of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in gratitude for his service as a deacon, and in joyful celebration of his ordination as a priest express the hope that God’s continued blessings will be showered upon Father Tony Steinacker

LET US PRAY
that God, the all powerful Father will pour out abundantly the gifts of heaven on this, His servant Anthony, whom He has chosen for the office of priest.

Congratulations, Father Tony from your friends at COVINGTON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME 8408 Covington Road - Fort Wayne DICK KOSCHNICK ALEX PINNINGTON

JEANNINE NIX and ANN LANTZ from Parkview Hospital’s Pastoral Care remarked, “He has gifts and talents that are unteachable.” These qualities were instilled in Deacon Tony by his parents who sacrificed in many ways in order to provide for their children a Catholic education. Their love for family and church inspired his family members to live their lives as best they could in accordance with God’s will and church teaching.

Father William Kummer was pastor of St. John the Baptist when the young man first made the decision to attend seminary. “My recollection back in the old days was of his curiosity of whether or not he had the academic skills to achieve seminary work,” says Father Kummer. “And I along with some of his instructors in school in those days — from St. John and from Bishop Luers High School — indicated that, yes, this is not going to be an easy road, but that he has what it takes.”

“Tony deserves this. He worked very, very hard to get here,” says Mary Szymczak, associate director
of the Office of Vocations. “He’s going to make a wonderful priest. He’s very caring, very sincere. He’s a sweetheart.”

While Ms. Ehle, Szymczak and countless others saw the potential for an ordination to the priesthood, Deacon Tony feels that God has watched over him and guided him along the way through his spiritual directors and the faculty and staff of the seminaries he attended. In addition, the camaraderie and fellowship of his diocesan brothers and other seminarians from dioceses across the nation have been so uplifting for him.

“These are the people I’ll be working with for the rest of my life,” Deacon Tony says. “They’ve been there for me as I have tried to be there for them at very joyful moments and also at times of great loss.” In addition to providing the sacraments of the church to the faithful, it is these types of real-life experiences that Deacon Tony finds most attractive about being a priest.

While Deacon Tony is stationed at St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne, his home parish, St. John the Baptist, is still marking the occasion with a novena, as well as a vigil in the parish adoration chapel on the eve of the ordination.

“I think there is kind of a sense of excitement,” notes Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of St. John the Baptist. He adds that Deacon Tony has already made a return trip to St. John the Baptist, participating in an all-school Mass and encouraging the students to give thought to the possibility of a religious vocation in their lives.

In early October, Deacon Tony received a letter from Bishop D’Arcy, issuing his official acceptance or call to ordination. The letter closed, “... you should approach this day with peace and joy. It is not about you. It is about Christ. You are giving yourself to him for his people.”

“I’ve reread that bottom paragraph every day,” Deacon Tony says, clearly moved.

When asked about what qualities make a good priest or religious, Deacon Tony feels that while academics are important, the attributes of being a good listener, the ability to meet people where they are in their life journey and being very connected to God through prayer and the sacraments are of equal value. Having a call to the religious life or priesthood is deeply personal and has to be validated by the people of God and by those who are charged with the formation of the candidate. Those who do feel this calling should pursue it and then continue to be deeply rooted in their prayer and participation in their local church activities because our faith — no matter who we are, whether the faithful person in the pew, a priest or bishop, or member of a religious community — our faith must constantly grow. Deacon Tony’s wish for everyone is that we pray for each other and help each other to grow in our faith and love of Jesus Christ.

Don Clemmer contributed to this story.

The Pontifical College Josephinum congratulates Father Tony Steinacker ‘06 on his recent ordination. We are proud to have him as one of our graduates, and wish him well as he continues God’s work in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne extends congratulations to TONY STEINACKER on the occasion of his ordination in the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

The people of Saint Michael Parish - Plymouth congratulate FATHER TONY STEINACKER on his Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

The parish promises prayers for Tony and asks his for them.

Father Anthony Steinacker
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In October 1967, I wasforty years old, a middle-aged housewife who had been only a few years married, and I was about to embark on an eight-hour flight to Israel. It was not the first trip I had taken to this small country, but it was the first time I was going to visit it as a pilgrim.

I had been invited to participate in a Catholic pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and I was excited about the opportunity. I had heard so much about the history and the culture of this land, and I was eager to see for myself what it was like.

The flight was long and uncomfortable, but as we began our descent into Tel Aviv, I couldn’t help but feel a sense of excitement and anticipation. We were finally going to see the land of our fathers, the land where our ancestors had walked and fought for their freedom.

As we arrived at the airport, I was greeted by a group of pilgrims who were already there, and we all set off to explore the sites of the Holy Land.

We visited the sights of Jerusalem, the city of the kings, and we saw the beautiful city of Nazareth, where Jesus was born. We also visited the beautiful city of the Dead Sea, which is the lowest point on earth.

The highlight of our pilgrimage was our visit to the Mount of Olives, where Jesus had walked and taught. We stood on the hillside and looked out over the city of Jerusalem, and we could see the beautiful city of Jerusalem stretching out before us.

As we stood there, I felt a sense of peace and tranquility. I knew that I was not alone, that I was part of a great tradition of pilgrims who had come before me to see this land.

As we left Jerusalem and continued on our pilgrimage, I knew that I would always remember this trip. It was a trip that changed my life, and it was a trip that I would never forget.

Today I am a happy and healthy woman, and I look back on that trip with a sense of gratitude. I am grateful for the opportunity to see this land, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share my experiences with others.

As I stand here today, I can’t help but think of all the people who have come before me to see this land, and I am grateful for the opportunity to join them in this great tradition of pilgrimage.
When building St. Peter’s, great minds did not always think alike

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While the outcome invokes awe, the construction of St. Peter’s Basilica was not a smooth project that brought together hundreds of artists and artisans thinking only holy thoughts.

Building, criticism and rumi-
ning to the pope to tattle occurred repeatedly during the 120 years it took to build the world’s largest church.

Letters relaying gripes and a stinging satire written in 1517 are on display at a Vatican exhibit marking the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the basilica’s construction.

The modest exhibit housed in a gallery in St. Peter’s Square opened Oct. 12 and is scheduled to continue through March 8.

Of course, the story of the basilica’s construction is not mainly one of conflict through a building project so massive, so expensive and involving Italy’s greatest Renaissance artists was bound to hit some snags.

The exhibit offers visitors a tiny hint of what the site’s fourth-century basilica looked like; a sam-
pling of drawings for projects dropped, changed or realized; a brief look at how other artists paid homage to St. Peter; and a short reflection on the basilica’s impor-
tance in the life of three well-known Catholics.

A well-worn pair of sandals belonging to Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a tattered habit belonging to St. Francis of Assisi and a facsimile of St. Therese of Lisieux’s handwritten autobiogra-
phy are part of the exhibit’s final section, “Devotion to the Apostle Peter.”

St. Therese, writing from her Carmelite cloister at the age of 22, recalls a pilgrimage she made to Rome with her father and other French pilgrims when she was 14 years old.

She recounts her emo-
tion at finding herself in the city where Sts. Peter and Paul preached and were martyred.

Mother Teresa’s sandals are sit-
ing next to her 1948 handwritten letter to the Vatican asking to be released from the Sisters of Loreto so as to devote herself to “com-
plete poverty” in serving the sick and the dying.

After founding the Missionaries of Charity, she would come to Rome each year to visit the pope and pray at the tomb of St. Peter.

St. Francis’ rough woolen cloak and hood give the exhibit an opportunity to recapture some of his many visits to the old Basilica of St. Peter, where he sat and ate with the poor who gathered outside the church each day.

The church St. Francis visited was built by the Emperor Constantine in the fourth century; it was almost completely demol-
ished by Donato Bramante after the cornerstone for the current basilica was laid by Pope Julius II in 1506.

The satire on display in the exhibit is work called “Simia,” a play on the Italian word for “ape.”

In the satire, Bramante, who intrigued the ancient Jews. God willed the power of God.

God still comes to our aid

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

30th Sunday
Mk 10:46-52

The Book of Jeremiah pro-
vides this weekend’s first reading.

Few facts about Jeremiah are known from the book itself.

He was from Anathot, a vil-
lage only a few miles from Jerusalem, and he was the son of Hilkiah, a priest.

He acted as a prophet for over 40 years.

Being the son of a priest, he in all likelihood was quite familiar with the traditions of the ancient Hebrews. He would have been particularly aware of the impor-
tance of the Exodus, the flight from Egypt and slavery, that mold-
ed the Hebrews into one distinct-
ive race, and that resulted in their settlement in the Holy Land.

The tradition was clear.

The Hebrews did not escape Egypt simply because they were lucky, or because they were clever. To the contrary, they succeeded in fleeing the miseries they had endured in Egypt only by the mercy and power of God.

Jeremiah saw events in his life-
time as threatening, or as awful, as God’s power and goodness, and in the assurance that once more God will protect and lead the people.

As is typical of this book, this reading literally is moving in its eloquence and feeling.

The second reading is from the Epistle to the Hebrews.

This New Testament Scripture is abundant in its references to ancient Jewish beliefs and cus-
toms. Its authors were unknown, but obviously the author knew Judaism and Jewish life in the first century AD very well.

Such as agriculture, cult, and in many other aspects of Jewish life, in the first century AD was the high priest, descending in office from Aaron, the brother of Moses.

The high priest acted for the entire nation as he offered the sacrifice in the temple.

The Epistle to the Hebrews sees Jesus as the great high priest of the new era of salvation, the era of Christianity. Jesus acts for all humankind in sacrificing to God, causing reconciliation and a new bonding after sin tore humanity away from God.

St. Mark’s Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is the story of Bartimeus, a blind man who begged by the roadside in Jericho.

It is no wonder that Bartimeus had to beg in order to survive.

At the time of Jesus, persons with severe physical challenges, such as blindness, were reduced to begging unless their families assisted them.

Blindness, as other bodily dif-
ficulties, had a spiritual component for the ancient Jews. God willed nothing evil or heartless. Disease and incapacity were signs of a heart-
lessness that came from sin.

Thus, when Jesus healed, the effects and power of sin also were overcome.

The key to Bartimeus’ being healed was his faith.

Reflection

Jeremiah was hardly the only ancient Hebrew writer who con-
centrated on the mercy of God as seen in the Exodus. God’s mercy is everlasting, because God is eternal and unchanging.

God is not forgiving and bless-
ing in one instance, but punitive and angry in another.

Just as hardships and worries troubled the ancient Hebrews after they had left Egypt, so sadness and difficulties confront us today.

We cannot do everything our-
seives, but the loving God of the Exodus, with us because of the reconciling death of Jesus, still comes to our aid. The key is that we, as Bartimeus, love God and trust in the Lord.

Cindy Wooden

VATICAN LETTER

October 29, 2006

CATEQUIZ’EM

By Dominic Campbell

When we get close to Halloween, it is inevitable that our thoughts run to ghouls and witches. This quiz takes a not so sinister look at the latter.

1. What is witchcraft?

a. anything inexplicable
b. the alleged exercise of magical powers by beings other than God or those he authorizes, usually with an evil intent
c. It is anything that can produce a result not anticipated in nature.

2. Was witchcraft a medieval invention?

a. Yes, of course, the popes made it up as a way to control the guilty
b. No, it has antecedents in most ancient religions including shamanistic faiths.
c. Yes, we know this because it is not mentioned in the Bible.

3. What does Exodus tell us about witchcraft?

a. Nothing, because it is not mentioned in the Bible.
b. It is okay so long as the people have the right intentions.
c. The penalty (at least for a female) witch or sorceress was death.

4. In Deuteronomy sorcerers and witches are

a. not mentioned.
b. described as acceptable only if they are gentiles.
c. on the same level as people who sacrifice their children.

5. In Galatians the followers of Jesus are informed that

a. belief in witchcraft is simply a result of too much cheese.
b. witchcraft is an evil work of the flesh.
c. Christians should not judge, so they must allow people to prac-
tice sorcery.

6. What ancient groups were so associated with witchcraft, magic, that their name was often synonymous with sorcerer?

a. Chaldeans b. Oregonians c. Greeks (Gentiles)

7. Amongst the church fathers opinion was divided. Some like Augustine

a. believed that there was (black) magic.
b. rejected the notion as purely Manichaean.
c. thought it was purely a remnant of the pagan influences of ancient Rome.

8. Others like Chrysostom in the East thought it was

a. basically fiction or misunderstanding.
b. the true stairway to heaven.
c. like sushi, okay if you like that sort of thing but bad if you don’t.

9. In Europe early, writings such as the “Canon Episcopi,” in the age of Charlemagne sug-
gested that claims of witchcraft

a. were likely untrue.
b. were canonical fact because Peter had opposed Peter Magus.
c. were proof of the influence of tainted bread in the diet.

10. Despite its overblown reputation, this judicial body did not, at least for a long time, deal directly with witchcraft.

a. The Star Chamber b. The U.S. Supreme Court c. The Inquisition

11. Why was there a shift in 1398 to allow the jurisdiction of the Inquisition to extend to witchcraft?

a. The Vatican was overrun with them and the Swiss Guards could not control all the cats.
b. It was argued that making a pact with the devil was de facto sin.
c. It was probably just a way to make a profit.

12. Two of the most famous witch hunters were Spencer and Kramer in Germany. They published a book called, “Malleus Maleficarum.” What is that in English?

a. “Evil to be Him Who Evil Thinks”
b. Do unto others before they do to you
c. “Hamer of Witches”

13. Although the “witch craze” was actually more a series of local incidents and purges than a concerted effort, its victims were usually

a. women
b. former Muslims (Moriscos)
c. Former Jews (Convos)

ANSWERS: 1.b, 2.c, 3.a, 4.b, 5.a, 6.a, 7.c, 8.b, 9.a, 10.c, 11.b, 12.c, 13.a.
Catholics with consequences

Two of the most influential Catholics in American public life mark important milestones in their lives and careers this month. The nation owes both men a large debt of gratitude.

For the first time in a very long time, Henry Hyde’s name will not be on a ballot in this election cycle: one of the greatest Catholic legislators in U.S. history is retiring, full of years — and with the possible exception of the late John F. Kennedy, he was the most influential Catholic in public life.

It was a lonely view, then, if a young George Weigel had his first contact with the man he would later call “the smartest man in Congress.”

During 20 years in the House majority, Hyde, the undisputed leader of his party’s Catholic contingent, had, by force of personality and argument, an influence on politics and law that few in the majority could match. During his 12 years in the House majority, chairing the Judiciary Committee and then the International Relations Committee, Henry Hyde demonstrated that principle and robust argument can go hand-in-hand with courtesy and respect. Hyde leaves the Congress with thousands of friends and very few detractors, with the possible exception of Bill Clinton, whose praise the Congressman would likely find unsettling.

It has been one of the great privileges of my life to have worked with Henry Hyde since 1984, in good times and in bad, when we were working and when we were losing. Those 22 years of collaboration and friendship are chock-full of memories, but perhaps my fondest recollection of Henry involves, not a great public moment, but a hospital bed. It was the late ‘80s, if memory serves, Henry’s prostate was acting up, and he’d had surgery at Georgetown University Hospital during the Thanksgiving season. Late Thanksgiving morning, I went to visit him and there, in a hospital gown, with tubes coming in and out of this and that, was the quintessential Henry Hyde: larger than life, smoking a huge cigar, watching the Bears and the Lions on TV, reading a biography of William Wilberforce (the British parliamentary reformer whose agitation finally put an end to the slave trade), and cracking jokes about how he'd be the successor, back in Illinois, who had suddenly become solicitous for the Congressman’s health.

That was, and is, Henry Hyde: a man of intelligence, conviction, courage, and unbowed good humor, who had a way of making others deemed unwinnable because it was the right thing to do. We’ll probably not see the like of him again, and the Republic will be the poorer for it.

Justice Antonin Scalia has also just marked the 20th anniversary of his appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States.

When Justice Scalia joined the Court, the idea that judges should attend to text of the Constitution, and the public meaning of its provisions at the time it was ratified and amended, was not, to put it mildly, well established. Results-driven judging was the order of the day. Get the result right, and we’ve won. That was the view argued (and there were both liberals and conservatives among them); then figure out a plausible argument to support that result. Justice Scalia begged to differ. In his settled opinion, judging that wasn’t anchored in the text, in its original public meaning, amounted to the judicial hijacking of politics, with judges doing what they wanted, by definition, to do, independent of the text.

The threefold denial of Christ by Peter during the passion was given special prominence in the preaching of the apostles. Peter is shown at the head of the early church in the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament.

The historian Karl Baas says: “Among those holding the office of apostle, Peter displayed an activity, which shows that he, in this turn, occupied a leading place among the Twelve, which could have been given him only by a higher authority. ... Even though Jesus, as local leader of the Jerusalem congregation, presided at the council of the apostles, Paul clearly gives us to understand that Peter’s attitude was the deciding factor in the dispute as to whether Jesus was the order of the day. Get the result right, and we’ve won. That was the view argued (and there were both liberals and conservatives among them); then figure out a plausible argument to support that result. Justice Scalia begged to differ. In his settled opinion, judging that wasn’t anchored in the text, in its original public meaning, amounted to the judicial hijacking of politics, with judges doing what they wanted, by definition, to do, independent of the text.

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Peter is the rock on which the church is built

The gentle Christians were subject to the Mosaic Law or not. The First Vatican Council explains the rationale for Jesus placing Peter at the head of the church. “Jesus placed St. Peter at the head of the other apostles that the episcopate might be one and undivided, and that the whole multitude of bishops might be preserved in unity of faith and communion by means of a well-organized presbyterate.”

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FORT WAYNE — The number one seeded St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, Eagles downed St. JAT (Sts. Joseph, Aloysius, Therese) Knights in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) semi finals at the University of Saint Francis last Sunday by a score of 28-0.

The Knights managed to stay with the Eagles somewhat in the first half allowing the Eagles just a pair of touchdowns. The Knights had some key injuries and just couldn’t hang on after that. Coach Jerry Niezer was very proud of the Sts. JAT players, coaches and families. “We finished fourth place this season with a winning record (5-4) in a very competitive league,” he said.

Touchdowns for the Eagles came from Stephen Kiemymayer on a one-yard plunge. Next Alex Stonecek hit Hunter Tobe with a 12-yard pass. Marquel Cooper had two runs to round out the scoring for the undefeated Eagles.

The Panthers went on to win easily 70 to 7 against St. Vincent.

CYO football at this level for this season with a winning record (5-4) in a very competitive league,” he said.
Tackling a guide to the doctors of the church may sound imposing. After all, there are 33 doctors of the church, most lived in the first millennium, and their magnificient contribution includes scriptural commentary, spiritual direction, moral theology, defense of heresy and more. Nevertheless, in our quest to lead a holy life, we should not be afraid of these great teachers of the faith. They often are much more accessible than we might think. But where to find their writings, especially that which can speak to us?

A recent book by Emmanuel Road Publishing brings together words that provide spiritual guidance from seven of these doctors — Francis of Assisi, Bernard of Clairvaux, Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales, John of the Cross, Catherine of Siena and Thérèse of Lisieux, the last of these the most modern and perhaps most spiritually focused — in “The Fulfillment of All Desire,” by Ralph Martin ($16.95 paperback). Providing a capsule of each of these great saints would easily run us past the length of a normal review here. Suffice to say that there are more than a few gems from each of these saints in Martin’s book.

“The Fulfillment of All Desire” is an interesting title. Standing alone, it looks like a self-helpian call of the modern age. However, when considered in its spiritual tone, it makes sense because that is the goal of all us aspiring saints. Reading about the trials and tribulations these saints went through on their path to holiness sounds very much like the struggles we go through today.

“What was venial sin they said was no sin at all, and what was serious mortal sin they said was venial.” That rationalization, which hints at the notion that sin is not that big a deal if we try to be good people, sounds like what’s going on in society today. This attitude often leads to a minimizing of the need for penance and the sacrament of reconciliation.

To continue that previous quote: “This did me so much harm... I went on in this blindness for I believe more than 17 years until a Dominican father, a very learned man, enlightened me about many things.” That all comes from Teresa of Avila, 525 years ago. Our struggles, and the struggles of old, are not that different.

To be sure, much of the writing from these saints is challenging. Martin points out: “Certain teachings of the saints in this book will strike one as impossible, disturbing, unreasonable, imbalanced, unrealistic, or even untrue — very much like the response of many to some of the teachings of Jesus.” But that doesn’t mean we don’t need to hear them.

Martin’s explanation of how we need to approach the beginning of our transformation toward a more holy life comes across as fairly practical and as a call to taking a serious approach about the quest for holiness, “all while not laying on a lot of guilt. This is especially true if we approach this as, ‘Yes, I’m a sinner, and I’m ready to try harder at not sinning.'”

As the 400-page book progresses, the quoted material became longer and sometimes harder to relate to. (Caveat: This may be an indication of where this reviewer is in his spiritual life and not an indication of a change in quality of the latter half of the book.) In addition, this book would be a great book to have available to slowly — very slowly — thumb through, focusing intently on the spiritual advice proffered.

It’s nice to see a contemporary explanation on some of the most important writers in our church history. Hopefully, we can admit that we can learn from those who wrote centuries ago.
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

WHAT’S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today’s Catholic, PO. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or e-mail: fhogan@fw.diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff to purchase space.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

SALES plan Thanksgiving feast
South Bend — The SAJES of St. Matthew Cathedral will have a Thanksgiving gathering on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral will be followed by a home cooked Amish meal at Mullet’s in Nappanee. Reservations needed by Nov. 8. Cost is $10 (includes meal, tax, tip and transportation). Call Sister Agnes Marie at (574) 289-9439 or (574) 295-5429.

Shopping in Chicago supports luers
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a bus trip to Chicago Saturday, Dec. 2, to benefit LuersKnick. Depart from Luers at 7 a.m. and return by 10 p.m. The cost is $50 per person. Coffee, juice and pastries served in the morning and soda, spirits and snacks served on the way back. Limited seating available by calling (260) 456-1261.

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

St. Joseph School plans benefit
Monroeville — St. Joseph School will have a benefit auction and dinner dance Friday, Nov. 10, from 6-11 p.m. at Quixote Hills reception hall. Tickets are $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Call (260) 623-2205 for information.

Hannah’s House seeks volunteers
Mishawaka — Hannah’s House will have a Holiday Happening dinner and auction Saturday, Dec. 2. Volunteers are needed to help solicit and organize donations, set-up and tear down the event. Call (574) 254-5309 for information.

Turkey Trot Knight
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have "Turkey Trot Knight" Saturday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Columbia Street West. Tickets are $20 and include hot d’oeuvres, snacks, draft beer, soft drinks and dancing to the Junk Yard Band. Purchase tickets by calling Bishop Luers (260) 456-1261 or Bob and Laura Sweigert at (260) 484-5416. Must be 21 to attend. All proceeds will benefit LuersKnick and the athletic program.

Luers opens house open to prospective students
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have an open house on Sunday, Nov. 19, from 2-4 p.m. Families are invited to tour the school, visit classrooms, meet teachers and students. Representatives will address financial aid and tuition issues, guidance programs and athletic activities.

Mystery dinner theatre
Fort Wayne — St. Vincent’s Knights of Columbus will be having a Mystery Dinner Theater, Saturday, Nov. 11, at the parish hall. Dinner at 7 p.m. will be a choice of prime rib, cornish hen or seafood pasta. At 8 p.m. Bower North Productions will present “Dead in the Water.” Tickets are $30 per person. Contact Darryl at (260) 637-2018. Proceeds will benefit the Women’s Care Center.

Spaghetti dinner served by eighth grade class
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua eighth graders are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat Papa Vino’s spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 10, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. for carryout and 5 to 7:30 p.m. for dine-in. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for seniors and students K-8 and available at the door. St.Anthony School is located at the corner of Jefferson and Ironwood.

Chili supper, children’s carnival and open house planned
Monroeville — St. Rose Church will have a chili supper on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 4-7:30 p.m. A children’s carnival and open house will be at the school from 4-6 p.m. Call (260) 623-3447 for information.

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South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua eighth graders are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat Papa Vino’s spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 10, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. for carryout and 5 to 7:30 p.m. for dine-in. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for seniors and students K-8 and available at the door. St. Anthony School is located at the corner of Jefferson and Ironwood.

Chili supper, children’s carnival and open house planned
Monroeville — St. Rose Church will have a chili supper on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 4-7:30 p.m. A children’s carnival and open house will be at the school from 4-6 p.m. Call (260) 623-3447 for information.

Devotions
Little Flower holy hour
Fort Wayne — Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake, will celebrate the holy hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7:15 p.m.

First Saturday devotions
Fort Wayne — The World Apostolate of Fatima will hold devotions of reparation Saturday, Nov. 4 at St. Joseph Church, corner of Brooklyn and Hale. Confessions will be held at 7:15 a.m., meditation at 7:30 a.m., and the rosary at 7:45 a.m. with Mass at 8 a.m. First Saturday devotions are also held at St. Patrick, Arcola; St. John the Baptist, New Haven; St. Rose, Monroeville.

First Sunday rosary for families
Fort Wayne — The First Sunday rosary for families will be Sunday, Nov. 5, at MacDougal Chapel from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. with Father Edward Fernando and Sister Jacinta attending. All are welcome.

CRAFT BAzaARS

Holiday bazaar
Breton — St. Mary Church will have a Holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Holiday bazaar
Mishawaka — St. Joseph Parish will have a holiday bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the corner of Spring and 3rd streets. Craft and household items, raffles and baked goods on 80 tables displaying Christmas and holiday gifts. Lunch available. Sponsored by the church adult choir.

Fairy fancy and cookie bar held
Rome City — A fairy fancy and cookie bar will be held at St. Gaspar Church Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch available.

St. Charles plans craft fair
Fort Wayne — A craft fair will be held at St. Charles Parish Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 140 vendors will be on hand. St. Charles is located at the corner of Trier and Reed roads.

Rosary Society sponsors craft show
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish, 1515 Barhold Ave., will host a craft show on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Holiday craft bazaar
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua will have a craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium, on the corner of E. Jefferson and Ironwood Dr. Lunch will be available.

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A challenge to live like saints

BY MARY ANN WYAND

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS
— “We must live like saints.”

That spiritual advice from St. Mother Theodore Guérin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, was artistically displayed on a banner in the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 22 in honor of the state’s first saint. Mother Theodore, who founded the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary-of-the-Woods, was canonized Oct. 15 in Rome. According to the Sisters of Providence, Mother Theodore likely traveled a path similar to that of U.S. 150 on her way to this wooded region of Indiana by stagecoach in 1840.

Providence, education, creation, women, the family, justice, prayer, the church (and) ministry.

“Then let’s find ways to talk with one another, not only about this remarkable woman, but about our hopes and aspirations and deep-seated convictions about issues important to her,” she said.

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Sister Denise said when Gov. Mitch Daniels dedicated a portion of Highway 150 in the beginning of the Theodore’s cause, said returning to America, “Then let’s find ways to talk with one another, not only about this remarkable woman, but about our hopes and aspirations and deep-seated convictions about issues important to her,” she said.

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Sister Denise said, “I hope that more and more people will discover the life and the spirit of St. Mother Theodore Guérin,” Sister Marie Kevin said, “and that other young women will have the same courage that she had in leaving her country, her home, her native land (and) her language to come to the wilds of Indiana to establish a congregation and a school.”

“I hope that many people will come here to deepen their own prayer life,” she said, “and their own understanding of their call from God, and the role we have in the life of the church (and) ministry.”

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College is the oldest Catholic liberal arts college for women in the United States,” she said. “We have a long tradition of education, beginning with our foundress, St. Mother Theodore, who was decorated by the French government … in France for her work in education there, and she brought that gift to America.”

Father Daniel Hopcus, chaplain of the congregation, celebrated the Mass and Father Bernard Head, a retired diocesan priest who formerly served as chaplain for the sisters, was the concelebrant.

After the Mass, Father Head said he feels a lot of gratitude for the years he served in ministry with the Sisters of Providence.

“This (canonization) is just the culmination of the wonderful gifts that they all have,” he said. “I feel very privileged to have been assigned here and to have worked with them for over 20 years.”

St. Theodore placed her trust in God’s loving Providence, Father Head said, which sustained her throughout her life and led to her canonization.

“Providence was her whole life,” he said. “I think that people who need to be enriched spiritual-ly, if they can turn themselves over to God like she did, that’s a great lift for them and a great direction for their lives.”

Our Lady of Providence also “plays a great role in the lives of all the sisters along with St. Mother Theodore,” Father Head said. “I think Mary’s trust in God, in her Son, is a pattern by which others look like that of Mother Theodore.”

Challenging her sisters, the general superior asked them, “Will our love of God, love of one another and life of service with others look like that of Mother Theodore’s?…” What, sisters, must we say and do so that others see in us our unshakable trust in the Providence that never fails?…” Will we, as a congregation, so respect her deepest hopes for us that we do ‘lean with all our weight on Providence’; and thus abandon ourselves totally to the demanding and loving mission of the God of Providence?”

The assembly in the packed church responded to Sister Denise’s remarks with a standing ovation, and some of the sisters wiped away tears.

Before the liturgy, Providence Sister Marie Kevin Tighe, the congregation’s promoter of St. Theodore’s cause, said returning home to St. Mary-of-the-Woods after participating in the canonization felt like walking on holy ground.

“I really believe that this place is a sacred place,” Sister Marie Kevin said, “and made sacred by the wonderful work and the spirit of … St. Mother Theodore.”

For many years, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods has been the home of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence, she said, and now the motherhouse is also the shrine of St. Theodore.

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