

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Bishops OK restructuring, sex abuse study funding, new statements

Bishop John M. D'Arcy comments on the meeting after returning

BALTIMORE (CNS) — As the U.S. bishops concluded the public portion of their Nov. 13-16 fall general meeting in Baltimore Nov. 14, they approved several new statements and a restructuring and downsizing of their national conference.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, returning from Baltimore Nov. 16, met with the media at Fort Wayne International Airport.

Of the highlights of the meeting, Bishop D'Arcy said of the restored Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, calling it "a beautiful church with balconies left and right and back — that was one of the highlights."

He added, "As far as business was concerned, there was a document on pastoral care of those with a homosexual orientation that respected their dignity greatly but also asserted the church's position of the homosexual act as disordered."

One of Bishop D'Arcy's concerns is the recovery of the Gulf Coast from Hurricane Katrina in 2005. "Finally there was a report from the Archbishop of New Orleans — Archbishop Hughes," Bishop D'Arcy said. "The cost of schools and churches and parish property in New Orleans — the loss was \$210 million, and the insurance is paying half."

On Nov. 13, the first day of their meeting, the U.S. bishops allocated money for a further study of the context and causes of clergy sexual abuse.

Among the texts they approved were:

- A new statement outlining the preparation needed to receive Communion worthily which says that serious sin is a bar to receiving the Eucharist.

- A document calling married couples to under-

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Bishop John M. D'Arcy speaks with Fort Wayne news crews at Fort Wayne International Airport upon his return from the annual U.S. bishops' meeting in Baltimore. Bishop D'Arcy discussed with the media the new documents on ministry to homosexuals and receiving the Eucharist.

WASHINGTON SHRINE DEDICATES NEW DOME



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The dedication of the new Redemption Dome mosaic in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception took place Nov. 16 in Washington, D.C. The mosaic, featuring 12-foot figures and four scenes of redemption, contains 2.4 million tiles and is 3,780 square feet in size.

TV Mass reaches 20-year milestone

BY VINCE LABARBERA

This month the TV Mass observes its 20-year anniversary of live telecasts from Fort Wayne and South Bend over NBC stations WISE TV, Channel 33, and WNDU TV, Channel 16, respectively. Every Sunday morning, usually at 10:30, thousands of individuals make up a TV audience recently estimated to number nearly 20,000 viewers in the combined Fort Wayne-South Bend areas.

The initial TV Masses were celebrated on Nov. 30, 1986 — the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the church year — by Bishop John M. D'Arcy in Fort Wayne and by the late Auxiliary Bishop Joseph R. Crowley in South Bend. The televised Mass was begun "to reach every person with the message of Christ," said Bishop D'Arcy at that time. "The purpose of this Mass is to bring Christ into the living rooms of all our people."

He said the 27-minute Mass "can never replace the parish Mass, but through this effort we will be able to reach those who do not go or cannot go to Mass." Bishop D'Arcy mentioned in particular those in hospitals, nursing homes and living alone, unable to attend church.

From its inception, priests of the diocese have been invited to lead the weekly TV Mass occasionally and to bring about 20-30 members of their congregations along to participate in the live liturgy. Many parishes also furnish an organist or instrumentalists, choral groups, cantors, proclaimers and servers. In total, about 2,080 Masses have been televised from the two cities during the two-decade period involving about 1,040 priests (most more than once).

In addition, members of the Knights of Columbus, Fort Wayne, and St. Joseph Valley Chapter, South Bend, have worked as hospi-

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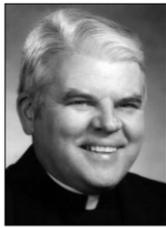
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Bishop highlights busy days at Baltimore conference



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Some days in Baltimore

A week of reflection and prayer in Baltimore had many high moments. We celebrated Mass at the first cathedral in this country. The cornerstone was laid by John Carroll, the first bishop, whose jurisdiction became 38 states. He did not live to see this magnificent cathedral, which is now a basilica, and the place where the historic councils of Baltimore were held; places and times when the church, in solemn assembly, worked out the early road of the church. It is completely restored under the leadership of William Cardinal Keeler, who entered in solemn procession with a walker as a result of a recent automobile accident in Italy. The church was restored to its original beauty. It was a privilege to pray there.

It is a Neoclassical church designed by Henry Latrobe, who was the architect of our nation's capitol. Bishop Carroll said he wanted an American church. We prayed and gave thanks to God for it was 200 years, close to the day, when this cathedral was dedicated, after John Carroll had gone to God. Cardinal Francis J. Stafford, a Baltimore native but now working close to Pope Benedict XVI, was the delegate of the Holy Father and the celebrant of the Mass. One could only think of the presence of Christ during these 200 years. God has blessed our country with a strong Catholic faith and life.

Other highlights

I went a day early and took part in a seminar on young people. This was a result of a study out of which came a book called "Soul Seekers." A study of religious sociology, it measures the way young people practice their faith. At the risk of oversimplification, it seems that Catholics do not do well; or, more accurately, when Catholics truly engage the young people, put the time in and form good pastoral ministries — ministries which do two things: 1) engage the young people and 2) educate them — then good things happen. Pope John Paul II has proved this, I think, with the World Youth Day. But the criticism is that we do not do enough of such serious efforts. We do not put the time, energy and resources into reaching teenagers. So, despite some significant successes, we fail on a wide level compared to other religious groups — such as Mormons and Baptists — in effective ministries to young people.

The study is also critical of the mega-churches and their failures, but it is the Catholic part that troubles me. We had a good discussion on this with those who work with young people and I will be talking to Cindy Black, director of our youth program to Catholic teenagers, to see how we can learn from this study and do better.

The Josephinum Seminary and Jake Runyon

The time in Baltimore is filled with break-
fasts — but also luncheons and dinners. We

meet all day so when different groups want to have some time with bishops, they usually select a breakfast. I celebrated Mass each morning at 6:30 a.m. and was in line for a couple of these meetings at 7:30 a.m. The two breakfasts I attended were by Catholic Charities and Pontifical College Josephinum Seminary. The Catholic Charities breakfast recounted the good work they had done for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The meeting with some of the faculty and students at the Josephinum, where our young men study, was particularly enjoyable. In addition to a few words from the rector, Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, two students spoke to us about the seminary. One was our own Jake Runyon. Jake is an exemplary student at the Josephinum and, as part of his curriculum, he spent a summer at St. Pius X Parish, Granger, where, under the excellent leadership of Father Bill Schooler and Father Dan Scheidt, he became very much engaged in various parish ministries, including work with young people. Through the good example of Father Schooler, he found the value of bicycle riding. A fine athlete, he has turned to riding a bicycle to stay in shape; of course, nothing like Father Schooler, who rides hundreds of miles every week and once cycled across Spain in a spiritual pilgrimage. Jake is a member of the huge Tippmann family and will, we hope, be the second priest from that family after Father Larry Tippmann.

At any rate, I was very proud of Jake and his reflection on the Josephinum. It seems to be a wonderful seminary with a strong academic program and a fine atmosphere of prayer. I believe they have 20 or 30 more students than they had a year ago.

Bishop requests prayers for papal trip

Let us all make an extra effort this week-end to pray for the coming visit of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI to Turkey. This is a mission of love and communion. Pope Benedict XVI is the successor to Peter. Constantinople, its ancient name, is the See of Andrew, who was the brother of Peter. In going there, the pope wishes to strengthen the bond between East and West, between the Bishop of Rome and the historic Eastern Orthodox Churches, whose mission, sacraments and tradition we share. This was a great hope of Pope John Paul II that, in his lifetime, these two ancient churches could reach full communion.

Due to recent events, this trip is also fraught with danger. I ask every parish to pray this weekend for the safety of the Holy Father. The Knights of Columbus have taken this on as a special mission.

I have enclosed a special prayer and ask each parish to say it, or a prayer similar to it, as part of our liturgy for the weekend of Nov. 26. We pray for a successful mission and a safe return.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

+John M. D'Arcy

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

Special prayer

That the trip of Pope Benedict XVI to the ancient See of Constantinople, the church founded by the Apostle Andrew, may be beneficial and bring about closer communion between East and West, between Latin-rite Catholics and members of the Orthodox Church, and that the Holy Father will return safely to Rome. We pray to the Lord.

Apostolic delegate

We also met the new apostolic delegate, Archbishop Pietro Sambi. He is an experienced Vatican diplomat who spoke to us about the present stress in the relationship with the Muslims on the international stage. He is also the chancellor of the Josephinum Seminary.

Time for prayer

Another feature in recent years which has been well-received is the eucharistic holy hour on Wednesday afternoon. There is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. A large number of priests, mainly Franciscans and Redemptorists, are engaged to hear confessions of the bishops. After prayer, many of us would leave and stand in long lines in preparation for the sacrament of penance. This most welcome time of prayer and sacrament brings a beautiful spirit to our deliberations.

Did we ever talk about anything? Yes, indeed. The days are long with meetings from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a break for lunch. Our president wrote a letter to President Bush on the war in Iraq and addressed, in a respectful way, this terrible situation. We approved this letter.

We had talks from our president, and also from the apostolic nuncio. We discussed key matters. Among them was a letter addressed to bishops to help them in the pastoral care of those in the diocese with a homosexual orientation. Taking its theme from The Catechism of the Catholic Church, we noted the importance of treating all people with the dignity they deserve as men and women created by God and redeemed by Christ, while also teaching about the immorality of homosexual acts.

We also approved a beautiful paper on Catholic teaching on the gift of sexuality in marriage and the call to keep every act of love open to life. The bishops feel, as do I, it is certainly time now to address this pastoral issue and foster a chaste love among married people.

We discussed and approved another document relative to the holy Eucharist with a focus on the importance of worthiness in order to receive the body and blood of Christ.

We also tried to downsize our bureaucracy by eliminating a number of departments over the next few years. Each diocese pays a heavy tax on the operation of the conference, and this matter is being addressed.

Installations of priests

Last weekend at Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Wayne, I celebrated the installation of Father Daniel Durkin as pastor. Two more installations this week in the South Bend area — St. Anthony, South Bend and St. Joseph, Mishawaka. This will complete the installation of those pastors who graciously accepted transfers this year. These are splendid moments because it shows the link between the priest and the bishop and the beauty of the parish priest in front of his people who makes his promise to give them a shepherd's care and remain a faithful pastor.

Health report

Msgr. Bill Lester spent several days at St. Joseph Medical Center, Fort Wayne, mostly for tests. Father Bob Yast is a patient at St. Joseph Medical Center, Mishawaka. I hope to see him this week when I am in South Bend. Keep them in your prayers.

Now we must all hunker down and do our best to help the Irish beat the men of Troy.

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stand and live church teaching on artificial contraception.

• A statement on Iraq issued in the name of Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The USCCB also approved a series of guidelines for the pastoral care of persons with a homosexual inclination, gave their OK to creating a "Directory for Music and the Liturgy" for use in U.S. dioceses, and authorized a revision of the Lectionary for Mass for selected days in Advent by a 205-13 vote with two abstentions.

The Communion statement, "Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper": On Preparing to Receive Christ Worthily in the Eucharist," was approved 201-24 with two abstentions. The document calls on those in a state of serious sin to refrain from receiving Communion. The bishops emphasized they were addressing all Catholics, and not just politicians or any other group.

On why the document on the Eucharist took a broader approach than just elected officials, Bishop D'Arcy said at the airport press interview, "I think it was felt that the church should always teach on the reality of the Eucharist — the presence of the body and blood of Christ — and work out from that."

An effort to amend the document to specifically name politicians as among those who need to examine their consciences before receiving the Eucharist failed on a voice vote.

Bishop D'Arcy commented, "It was better than to focus on that one issue. Two years from now is the general election — for the presidency — and we will be working on a document helping our people in their decisions about this, but it's very difficult to give guidance to our people. They don't want to be told by their bishops and priests who to vote for, and we don't want to tell them who to vote for. But we want to give them light so they make good decisions. We want to appeal to their conscience. So, I think that there will be more on that subject."

The contraception document, "Married Love and the Gift of Life," passed 220-11 with one abstention. It strongly supports nat-

ural family planning, saying it "enables couples to cooperate with the body as God designed it," adding that contraception introduces "a false note" that disturbs marital intimacy and contributes to a decline in society's respect for marriage and for life.

The document says that a Catholic who "knowingly and obstinately" rejects "the defined doctrines of the church" or repudiates "her definitive teaching on moral issues" would not be in communion with the church and therefore should not receive Communion.

The Iraq statement, which passed Nov. 13 on a unanimous voice vote, said: "We hope our nation has moved beyond the divisive rhetoric of the recent campaign and the shrill and shallow debate that distorts reality and reduces the options to 'cut and run' versus 'stay the course.'" The four-page document was prepared by the USCCB Committee on International Policy in collaboration with the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services and the USCCB Administrative Committee.

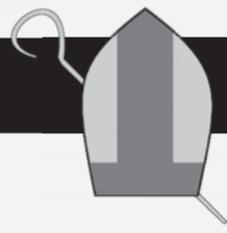
"The (Bush) administration and the new Congress need to engage in a collaborative dialogue that honestly assesses the situation in Iraq, acknowledges past difficulties and miscalculations, recognizes and builds on positive advances (e.g., broad participation in elections), and reaches agreement on concrete steps to address the serious challenges that lie ahead," it said.

The statement on pastoral care of homosexually inclined persons reiterates church teaching that all homosexual acts are morally wrong but affirms the dignity of those with homosexual inclinations and says that experiencing such an inclination is not in itself sinful.

The bishops approved the statement 194-37 with one abstention, after turning back a motion to send it back to their Committee on Doctrine, which drafted the document, for more consultation and revision. The draft document the bishops received before the meeting was amended heavily before it came to a final vote.

The hymn directory, approved 195-21 with five abstentions, is intended to ensure that hymns used at Mass are doctrinally correct and based on Scripture and liturgical texts. The document also includes norms saying that each diocesan bishop is responsible for approving

Decisions AT A GLANCE



Among the actions taken at their November meeting, the U.S. bishops...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Called for nonpartisan talks on a "responsible transition" in Iraq. ✓ Approved statement calling on those in a state of serious sin to refrain from Communion. ✓ Allocated funds for the next phases of national study on clergy sexual abuse of minors. ✓ Voted to restructure their national operations and cut the assessment dioceses pay. ✓ Approved document calling married couples to live church teaching on artificial contraception. ✓ Gave their OK to creating a "Directory for Music and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Liturgy" for use in U.S. dioceses. ✓ Passed a series of guidelines for the pastoral care of homosexual Catholics. ✓ Authorized a revision of the Lectionary for Mass for selected days in Advent. ✓ Elected Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., as their new secretary. ✓ Passed a \$139.5 million budget and a series of priorities and plans for 2007. ✓ Created a nongeographic episcopal region for the nation's Eastern-rite bishops. ✓ Approved a four-year strategic plan beginning in 2008.
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liturgical songs in his diocese. The directory and norms now go to the Vatican for its assent.

The bishops voted 213-19 for a four-year strategic plan for 2008-2011 despite strenuous objections by some bishops over some of the planned staff cuts. More than 60 jobs will be eliminated in the restructuring.

Heads of dioceses then, in a 158-6 vote, adopted a proposal to cut diocesan funding of the USCCB in 2008 by 16 percent. Diocesan assessments — which will cover nearly \$11.9 million of the USCCB's \$139.5 million budget in 2007 approved by the bishops — will shrink in 2008 to just under \$10 million. Only bishops who head dioceses were allowed to vote on questions directly affecting the finances of their dioceses.

On the clergy sexual abuse study, Patricia O'Donnell Ewers, chairwoman of the National Review Board overseeing the bishops' compliance with their child protection charter, told the bishops Nov. 13, "I can't emphasize enough how important this study is for society as a whole" as well as for the church.

The first study, conducted by

the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, was considered a landmark in its field, and the new study is expected to be similarly groundbreaking.

The board commissioned the college to do the follow-up on causes and context, expected to cost around \$3 million, in November 2005, after the bishops the previous June committed \$1 million from their reserve funds to help pay for the study. The \$335,000 expenditure they approved by unanimous voice vote Nov. 13 comes out of that \$1 million commitment. The college expects to obtain outside funding for the more expensive last three phases of the new study.

They also approved their priorities and plans for 2007 Nov. 14 by a 210-20 vote with three abstentions. They also created a nongeographic episcopal region for Eastern-rite bishops, and extended through 2011 a resolution on diocesan financial reporting first adopted in 2000.

In other actions, the U.S. bishops:

- Elected Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., as their new secretary, 118-116, over Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein

In Turkey, pope to meet with Orthodox, Muslim, government leaders

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although prayers and meetings with Orthodox leaders dominate the schedule of Pope Benedict XVI's Nov. 28-Dec. 1 trip to Turkey, he also will meet government and Muslim leaders.

The trip originally was designed as an opportunity for Pope Benedict to join Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople for celebrations in Istanbul of the feast of St. Andrew.

The pope and the patriarch send delegations to each other's churches each year for the cele-

brations of their patron saints' feast days: the Vatican's June 29 feast of Sts. Peter and Paul and the Orthodox churches' Nov. 30 feast of St. Andrew.

While the pope will pray with and meet privately with Patriarch Bartholomew Nov. 29 and attend his celebration of the Nov. 30 feast day liturgy, Pope Benedict also will meet in Istanbul with Armenian

Orthodox, Syrian Orthodox, Jewish and Catholic leaders.

The first day of his trip, which

office overseeing religious affairs and ambassadors serving in the country. The head of the department of religious affairs is Turkey's highest Muslim authority.

The Vatican published the pope's schedule Nov. 11, but without providing the exact time and details of many of the events; a Vatican official said there were still details to be finalized.

Prayers and meetings with Orthodox leaders dominate

the schedule of Pope Benedict XVI's

Nov. 28-Dec. 1 trip to Turkey.

will be spent in Ankara, the capital, will be dedicated to relations with the Turkish government, its

of Indianapolis. The bishops also chose 10 chairmen-elect for their committees.

- Approved by a unanimous voice vote the creation of a new nongeographical episcopal region for the Eastern-rite bishops. They approved creation of Region XV; the United States is divided into 14 regions for the nation's Latin-rite bishops.

- Listened to Bishop Skylstad in his presidential address Nov. 13 criticize the growing "coarseness" in U.S. society, which he said has had its impact on the Catholic Church. "Today vulgarity is common, hardly noticed," he said. "Even the name of God is disrespected in everyday speech." He added, "I would suggest to you that the phenomenon is symptomatic of a growing failure in our society: the lack of respect for one another, to see each other as being made in the image and likeness of God."

- Heard an appeal from Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia for bishops to send delegations to the International Eucharistic Congress slated for 2008 in Quebec City.

- Reauthorized a number of ad hoc committees Nov. 14 by a vote of 213-8 with five abstentions.

The bishops also heard a Nov. 13 report from Msgr. Robert L. Stern, secretary general of the New York-based Catholic Near East Welfare Association. The association is a papally established organization serving church and social needs in areas where indigenous Eastern-rite churches are the main Catholic presence or a significant one chiefly in the Middle East, but also in places such as India and Eastern Europe.

Msgr. Stern said most funds contributed to the agency by U.S. and Canadian Catholics go to aiding Eastern Catholic churches, but the organization also provides assistance to Orthodox churches in those regions and to Muslim people in need. He cited assistance to students at Bethlehem University in Israel as an example of Catholic aid that benefits Muslims, bridging religious divisions.

Contributing to this roundup were Jerry Filteau, Nancy Frazier O'Brien, George P. Matysek Jr. and Paula Glover in Baltimore and Don Clemmer of *Today's Catholic*.

Here is the schedule published by the Vatican. Times listed are local, with Eastern Standard Time in parentheses.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 (Rome, Ankara)

- 9 a.m. (3 a.m.) Departure from Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport for Ankara.

- 1 p.m. (6 a.m.) Arrival at Esemboga International Airport in Ankara.

- Visit to the mausoleum of Kemal Ataturk, founder of the Republic of Turkey.

- Welcoming ceremony and

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Pope, curial officials reaffirm value of priestly celibacy

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI and top Vatican officials, meeting to review the status of married priests, reaffirmed the value of priestly celibacy and said its importance should be highlighted among priests and seminarians.

At the same time, the participants examined the possibility of the return to active ministry of some priests who may have left the priesthood to marry but who now meet certain conditions, a Vatican statement said.

The pope presided over the three-hour meeting of more than 20 heads of Vatican congregations and councils Nov. 16.

"The value of the choice of priestly celibacy according to the Catholic tradition was reaffirmed, and the need for solid human and Christian formation was underlined, both for seminarians and for those already ordained," a brief Vatican statement said.

The Vatican encounter was triggered by the case of Zambian Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, who recently was excommunicated after he ordained four married men as bishops without papal permission.

The Vatican statement, issued a few hours after the meeting, made

no mention of Archbishop Milingo. It said the participants were given updated information on requests by priests for dispensation from the obligation of celibacy and on the possibility of readmission for priests who "meet the conditions foreseen by the church."

In recent years, the Vatican has approved the return to active ministry for some priests who left to marry in civil ceremonies, but who later divorced or were widowed and petitioned for readmission. Such readmissions follow a long process and require an expression of repentance from the petitioner, according to Vatican officials.

The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit

Father Federico Lombardi, told Catholic News Service it was his understanding that the meeting did not consider major changes in the priestly celibacy rule. Instead, he said, the discussion appeared to focus on the pastoral situation of priests in those special circumstances seeking

readmission to ministry.

When ordained, Latin-rite Catholic priests make a promise of celibacy. In the Eastern rites, married men may become priests, but are not allowed to marry after ordination.

The Vatican encounter came less than two weeks after Archbishop Milingo wrote an

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CNS PHOTO/CATHOLIC PRESS PHOTO

Pope Benedict XVI and top Vatican officials meet at the Vatican Nov. 16 to discuss the celibacy requirement for priests. The meeting, spurred by the case of Zambian Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo, affirmed the value of priestly celibacy.

open letter to the pope, calling for immediate steps to accept married priests in the Catholic Church in order to end what he said was the church's "dire straits because of the shortage of priests."

In his letter, Archbishop Milingo said there were an estimated 150,000 married priests worldwide "who are ready and willing to serve."

Archbishop Milingo, 76, married a South Korean woman in 2001 but at the request of Pope John Paul II left her and was rec-

onciled with the Vatican. Last summer, however, the archbishop was reunited with his wife in the United States and founded a movement called Married Priests Now!

The issue of priestly celibacy and the potential role of married priests came up at the Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist in late 2005. Several bishops at the synod asked for discussion of the possibility of ordaining married men to respond to priest shortages around the world.

But the synod ended up strong-

ly affirming the value of priestly celibacy and made no recommendations for any change. The pope is expected to publish a document on the synod sometime soon.

Priests who request and obtain Vatican dispensation from priestly celibacy in order to marry are returned to the lay state. They are not allowed to administer the sacraments, except for granting absolution when there is danger of death, and are forbidden to assume some other functions in church life.



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tality greeters to welcome Mass attendees and help serve refreshments afterward.

"We literally could not have the telecasts without the vital assistance of many individuals," said Vince LaBarbera, director of the Catholic Communications Office and the producer of the TV Mass in both cities. "On behalf of our many viewers from throughout the diocese, I want to thank our priests and dedicated volunteers for their spiritual guidance and able assistance," he said.

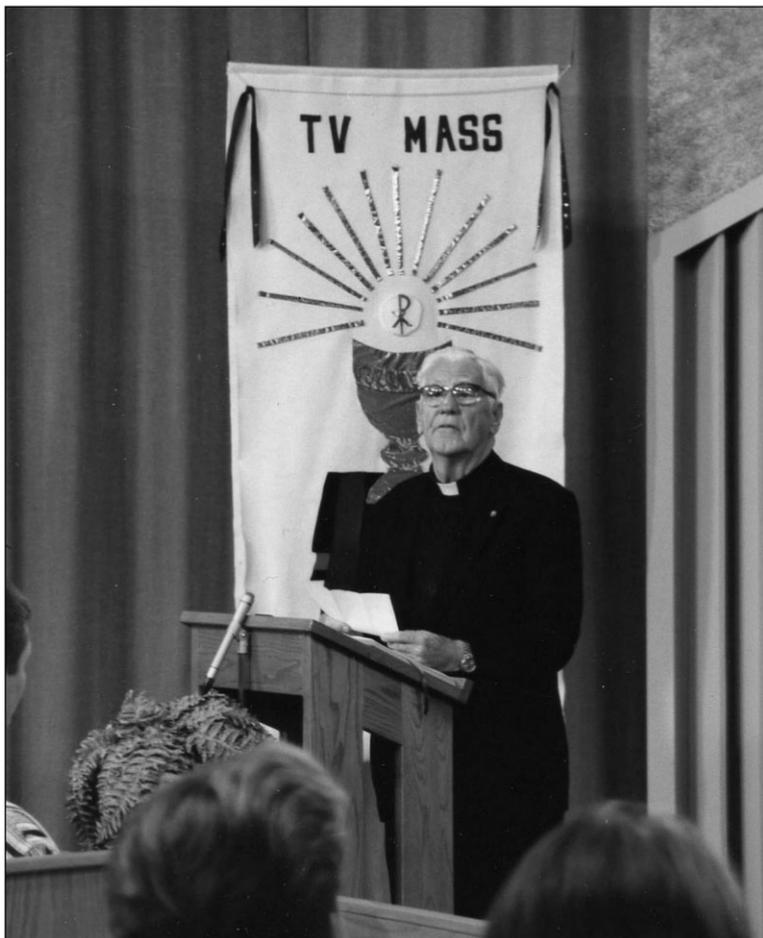
Most of the volunteers are behind-the-scenes people. In South Bend, they include: Father Bernard Galic, pastor of Holy Family Parish and the vocation director for the diocese, who has hosted and presided at the TV Mass since its inception; Sister Agnes Marie Regan, OSF, co-hostess; Andy and Linda Knapp, music; and Paula Olen and Betty Zavor, volunteer crew.

In Fort Wayne, the volunteers are: Sean McBride, associate producer; Bob Nicola and Fred Price, co-directors; Jim and Theresa Lamping, and family, music; Ray Alter, Knights of Columbus; Sister M. Carol Meyers, OSF, hostess; and the technical crew of Maureen Schott, Devon McBride, John Henry, Christopher and Andrew Lamping, Dominic Galuoppo, Homer Witham, Tess Steffen, John Bobay, Tracy Bedwell, Nick Stanley, Dave Gelzleichter, George Manning, Sue Skora, Beth McCall Dwyer, Sylvia Hyde, Rob Blackburn, Zak Berry (away at seminary) and Joanne Summers, administrative assistant, Catholic Communications Office.

There have also been many integral people in the TV Mass who have died: Ed McBride, who was instrumental in starting the TV Mass in Fort Wayne; Ursula Alter, the late wife of Ray Alter; and Msgr. Edward Hession, who hosted and presided at the TV Mass in Fort Wayne since its inception in 1986 until he retired in 2000.

Anyone who would like to be added to the mailing list to receive the free newsletter, "Reflections," and/or make a contribution to help support the TV Mass should contact:

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The late Msgr. Edward Hession was the original Master of Ceremonies for the TV Mass, Fort Wayne, from its inception in 1986 until his retirement in 2000. He also was the founding and longtime beloved pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne. He died Feb. 14, 2006.

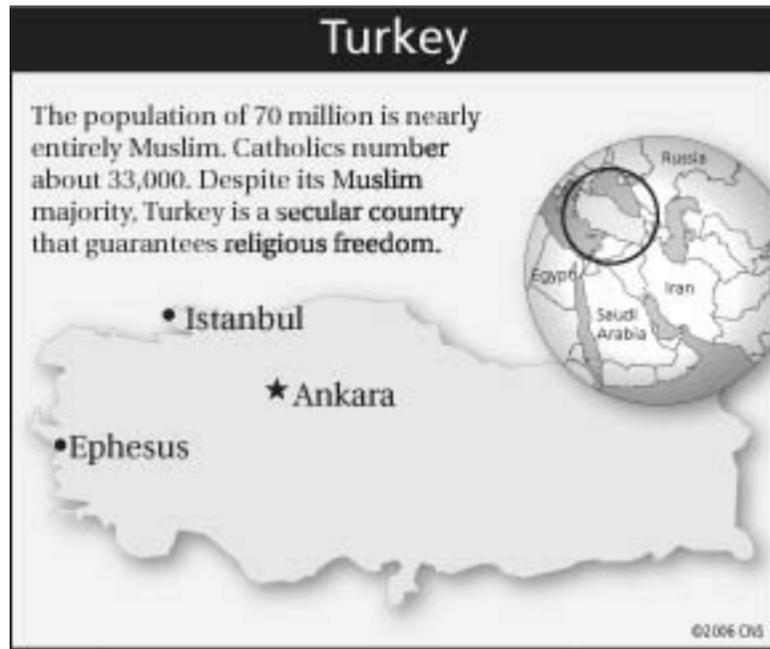
20-Year Anniversary Masses to last one hour in December

- Sunday, Dec. 3 — Bishop John M. D'Arcy — WNDU TV, Channel 16, noon-1 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 17 — Bishop John D'Arcy — WISE TV, Channel 33, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

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Televised Christmas Masses

- Midnight Mass — Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne — Bishop John D'Arcy presiding, WISE and WPTA TV simulcast, Channels 33 and 21
- Christmas Morning Mass — Fort Wayne — University of Saint Francis Chapel, Bishop John D'Arcy presiding, WISE TV, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (live)
- South Bend — St. Adalbert, Father Christopher Cox, CSC, presiding, WNDU TV — 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. (pre-taped)



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Pope Benedict XVI visits Turkey Nov. 28-Dec. 1. Modern Turkey was founded in 1923 by national hero Kemal Ataturk following the defeat of the Ottoman Empire.

TURKEY

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courtesy visit with the president of Turkey.

- Meeting with the president of the government office for religious affairs. Speech by pope.
- Meeting with the diplomatic corps. Speech by pope.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 (Ankara, Ephesus, Istanbul)

- Mass in Ephesus. Homily by pope.

• Prayer visit to the patriarchal Church of St. George in Istanbul and private meeting with Patriarch Bartholomew.

- Thursday, Nov. 30 (Istanbul)
- Divine liturgy in the patriarchal Church of St. George. Speech by pope. Signing of joint declaration.

- Visit to the museum of Hagia Sophia.
- Prayer visit to the cathedral of the Armenian Apostolic Church and meeting with Patriarch Mesrob II. Greeting by pope.
- Meeting with the metropolitan of the Syrian Orthodox Church.
- Meeting with the chief rabbi of Turkey.
- Meeting and dinner with members of the Catholic bishops' conference of Turkey.
- Friday, Dec. 1 (Istanbul, Rome)
- Mass in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Homily by pope.
- Farewell ceremony at the Istanbul airport. 1:15 p.m. (6:15 a.m.)
- Departure from Istanbul for Rome. 2:45 p.m. (8:15 a.m.) Arrival at Rome's Ciampino airport.



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Schiavo's brother joins legal, medical experts at end-of-life forum

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (CNS) — The presence of Bobby Schindler, the brother of the Florida woman whose plight sparked a national debate on end-of-life issues, gave an added edge to the dialogue at a recent Seton Hall University forum exploring the moral, legal, medical and personal aspects of end-of-life decisions. The mid-October forum was the first in a new lecture series titled "A Question of Clarity," co-sponsored by the university and the Order of Malta and aimed at clarifying the position of the Catholic Church on today's most debated moral issues. Schindler said his sister, Terri Schiavo, was disabled but not brain dead. Bobby Schindler, who was with his sister after her feeding tube was removed by court order, recalled the "horrifying" consequences of that action. "My sister was killed," he said. The family's "only intention" was to "take care" of her, he said, pointing out there was much confusion on the matter among Catholics.

Pope speaks of religious freedom in meeting with Italian president

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When a nation fosters its citizens' religious freedom, society reaps the fruits of justice and peace, Pope Benedict XVI told Italy's president, Giorgio Napolitano. "The freedom that the church and Christians demand does not jeopardize the interests of the state or other groups in society and it does not aim for authoritarian supremacy" over these entities, the pope said. Religious freedom, rather, is the condition in which Christians are able to "carry out that precious service the church offers" to all nations, such as giving "the light of faith, the power of hope and the warmth of charity," he said. The pope met Nov. 20 with the newly elected president during a two-and-a-half-hour, pomp-filled ceremony at the Vatican. The former Communist Party leader was accompanied by a large entourage of government officials including the former national secretary of the Italian socialist party, Democrats of the Left, Massimo D'Alema.

Irish court rules constitution does not protect embryos outside womb

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — The Irish Constitution's protection of the unborn does not cover embryos outside the womb, ruled the High Court in Dublin. In its Nov. 15 ruling, the High Court rejected the case of a woman seeking to have three frozen embryos released to her against the wishes of her estranged husband. The court ruled that the constitutional protection given to the unborn did not apply to embryos that were frozen or in vitro. The woman had argued that under the Irish Constitution her embryos

NEWS BRIEFS

CATHOLIC AND ANGLICAN BISHOPS MEET IN ENGLAND



CNS PHOTO/MARCIN MAZUR

Catholic and Anglican bishops attend a historic joint meeting in Leeds, England, Nov. 14. The unprecedented meeting brought together 30 Catholic and 40 Anglican bishops who prayed together and held discussions. The event was chaired jointly by Anglican Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury, head of the Anglican Communion, and Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor of Westminster, president of the English and Welsh Catholic bishops' conference.

had a right to life. Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin expressed concerns about the decision. "From a first consideration of the judgment, it would appear that the decision casts doubt concerning the level of protection which the constitution affords to human life at its earliest stages," the archbishop said in a statement. "It is to be hoped that this issue will receive full consideration in any eventual appeal to the Supreme Court and that the general protection of every human life at all stages of its development will be vindicated."

U.S. Catholics invited to 2008 eucharistic congress in Canada

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia said U.S. Catholics are invited to participate in the 49th International Eucharistic Congress, which will be held in Quebec City June 15-22, 2008. Cardinal Rigali, who is the U.S. national delegate for the congress, extended the invitation Nov. 14 in a brief talk at the fall meeting in Baltimore of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Earlier that day Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, a Baltimore native who is now a high Vatican official, spoke to the bishops about indulgences and renewal of the sacrament of reconciliation. Cardinal Rigali said Pope Benedict XVI has expressed a strong desire to "have a true international assembly" for the eucharistic congress, involving "people from all over the world." "The church in Canada sees the eucharistic congress as a real

opportunity for renewal of eucharistic devotion, and hence renewal of Catholic life," he said.

Evidence of alleged cure credited to Cardinal Newman sent to Vatican

BOSTON (CNS) — Evidence of an alleged miraculous cure in the Archdiocese of Boston attributed to the intercession of Cardinal John Henry Newman has been sent to the Congregation for Saints' Causes in Rome. The Roman postulator of the cause, Andrea Ambrosi, was assigned by the archdiocesan tribunal in Boston to be the official carrier of the package of documents, which contained two copies of the evidence. He flew from Boston to Rome and handed over the package Nov. 14 to congregation officials at the Vatican. The package, containing the sworn testimonies and the medical evidence of the healing of Deacon Jack Sullivan, 68, of Marshfield, was sealed during the closing session of the tribunal Nov. 9. Deacon Sullivan had a severe spinal disorder, but was restored to full mobility in 2001 after praying for Cardinal Newman's intercession. The package was wrapped in brown paper, tied with red ribbon and secured with the wax seal of Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston.

Last Catholic women's college in Massachusetts to admit men

WESTON, Mass. (CNS) — Regis College is currently the only

Catholic women's college in Massachusetts, but that is going to change. In a move that some are calling regrettable but necessary, the Regis College board of trustees has voted to admit men to the undergraduate program beginning in the fall of 2007. The decision comes after years of declining enrollment and financial troubles. According to Mary Jane England, president of Regis College, the goal is to expand enrollment of the undergraduate program to 1,000 students by the year 2010. Currently only 640 undergraduate women attend Regis. "We want to grow," she said. "We want to get to over 1,000 undergraduate students." But many young women today are just not interested in attending an all-women's school, England told *The Pilot*, newspaper of the Boston Archdiocese. She cited a study conducted by the American Council on Education, which concluded that although more females attend college than males less than 3 percent of females are interested in attending a single-gender school.

Parishioners donate papal gift to help fellow residents of Gaza Strip

JERUSALEM (CNS) — A Catholic parish in the Gaza Strip opted to donate \$2,000 earmarked for them by Pope Benedict XVI to help the residents of Beit Hanoun following Israel's weeklong incursion into the area in early November. "It is of great importance for Christians when they see a difficult situation to give everything," said Father Manuel

Musallam of Holy Family Parish in the Gaza Strip, which passed along the papal donation. The priest said that besides the donation of the papal money, after he spoke to parishioners about the situation in Beit Hanoun, the weekly offering, which normally amounts to about \$25, was increased fivefold as parishioners reached deep into their pockets to help their fellow Gaza residents whose homes and roads had been destroyed by Israeli missiles. The money was used to prepare 100 food baskets which also included about \$25 in cash for needy families in Beit Hanoun, Father Musallam said in a telephone interview. Inside each basket parishioners inserted a note, telling the recipients that Gaza Christians supported them and were willing to help them, he said.

Retired Bishop Moreno of Tucson dies at age 75

TUCSON, Ariz. (CNS) — Retired Tucson Bishop Manuel D. Moreno, 75, died at his home Nov. 17, hours after returning there from a Phoenix hospital where he had undergone surgery for bleeding in his brain. His funeral Mass was scheduled for Nov. 21 at Tucson's St. Augustine Cathedral, followed by burial in Holy Hope Cemetery. Bishop Moreno, the child of Mexican migrant farmworkers who emphasized the importance of education, had been one of the first Hispanic bishops in the United States. He worked with his father, Antonio Moreno, in California's fruit and nut groves and packing warehouses while attending school in Fullerton, Calif. Bishop Moreno had cited his prostate cancer and Parkinson's disease as reasons for his retirement in 2003 at age 72, three years before the age at which bishops are required by canon law to submit their resignations to the pope. After serving as coadjutor since October 2001, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, a former auxiliary bishop in Chicago, became bishop of Tucson.

U.S. bishops' Catholic Communication Campaign announces art contest

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Catholic Communication Campaign of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is inviting students in first through sixth grades to participate in an art contest asking them to illustrate how Jesus would deliver the good news today. The deadline for submissions is March 5. Entry information is available online at www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org. Ramon Rodriguez, CCC's director of development, noted that last year more than 1,600 students from across the United States submitted artwork "that demonstrated that children see Jesus as part of their ordinary experience." "Many drew Jesus at a computer, sending e-mail, calling or text messaging on a cell phone," he said in a statement announcing this year's contest.

St. Gaspar to begin 50th anniversary celebration

ROME CITY — St. Gaspar del Bufalo Church in Rome City will launch the celebration of its 50th anniversary (in 2007) in December with an abbreviated 40 hours and eucharistic adoration on Dec. 2-3. At the Sunday Masses, a special prayer card and seven bead chaplet will be blessed and presented to all the parishioners to pray in their homes. The prayer is to deepen the love for the Precious Blood of Jesus.

The annual St. Nick Party will follow the devotions.

"Beginning this December, our parish will have a special event each month culminating with an anniversary Mass and brunch with Bishop John M. D'Arcy on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007, the solemnity of St. Gaspar," said pastor Father Matthew Jozefiak, CPPS, in a statement to parishioners.

Here is a roster of some of the events:

- January — The religious education will host a garage sale.
- February — "Fat Tuesday on Saturday" potluck meal and party will be held the Saturday before Ash Wednesday.
- March — A seder meal will be celebrated.
- April — The parish youth group will present the living Stations of the Cross. There will be an Easter egg hunt and first Communion.
- May — The high school students will host their annual fish fry and hold May crowning.
- June — Ice cream and hot dog social
- July — Parish picnic
- August — Bus trip to the diocesan Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame
- September — Missionaries of the Precious Blood will conduct a four-day mission.
- October — Anniversary Mass and brunch with Bishop D'Arcy

The parish is writing a history and each parish household is invited to share its own history on a sheet of paper that will be displayed and bound in a remembrance folder. Framed pictures of former pastors are displayed in the hall. The church and sanctuary renovation was completed in June.

A 50-year Christmas ornament and a St. Gaspar throw are also available.

The parish is also involved in the Wells of Hope evangelization process that will invite non practicing Catholics back home.

Holy Cross College Thanksgiving baskets

NOTRE DAME — Each year the Holy Cross College Social Concerns Committee aims to gather more goods than the year before in order to keep their successful Thanksgiving food drive growing. The number of food baskets has grown from 35 two years ago, to 50 last year and the goal for this year is have enough food for 60 baskets.

The baskets contained tradi-

tional food items for Thanksgiving such as turkey, stuffing, yams, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, dinner rolls and pumpkin pie. Each basket was filled with \$35 worth of food.

Meals were delivered on Monday evening, Nov. 20, starting from the Holy Cross College Vincent Lounge.

Saint Mary's students host Riley Hospital fundraisers

NOTRE DAME — Student leaders at Saint Mary's College invite the public to two fundraisers for Riley Hospital for Children: Battle of the Bands and a semiformal benefit reception. Riley, located in Indianapolis and considered one of the best hospitals in the country for pediatric care, treats more than 2,000 children from St. Joseph County annually.

Battle of the Bands is Saturday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. in the student center lounge. Saint Mary's, Holy Cross College and University of Notre Dame students who have formed their own bands will compete with one another, each playing in 20-minute sets. Guest judges include Thornbird, a nationally touring rock band, and two musicians from Peak Audio Productions, a recording studio in South Bend. Tickets are \$8 ahead of time and \$12 at the door. For students, tickets are \$5 ahead of time and \$10 at the door.

The benefit reception is a semi-

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BISHOP VISITS 'BLUE RIBBON' SCHOOL



DON CLEMMER

Bishop John M. D'Arcy speaks with students at St. Jude School in Fort Wayne during the homily of a Mass celebrated to honor the school, which recently received the Blue Ribbon award through the No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools program. St. Jude is the only school in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to receive this distinction.

formal event held in the student center lounge on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The reception includes a silent auction, live entertainment and an elegant strolling buffet. Among the items on the menu are beef tenderloin, various pasta dishes, baked Brie, shrimp cocktail and chocolate fountains with fruit and cake for dipping. The price is \$50 per person. Childcare is provided at no additional cost.

For additional information, contact Frances Bruder at (574) 284-4561.

Campus Ministry sponsors holiday season events

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame Office of Campus Ministry will host two musical events during the holiday season.

The first will be an Advent lessons and carols service on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

The service will feature numerous campus choirs, including the Notre Dame Women's Choir, directed by Andrew McShane; the Notre Dame Folk Choir, directed by Steve Warner; the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir and the Basilica Schola, both directed by Gail Walton; and the Notre Dame Handbell Choir, directed by Karen Schneider-Kirner.

Two choirs also will perform at

a "Christmas at the CoMo" benefit concert Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hammes Student Lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center. The event is open to the public and free with donations accepted to benefit St. Jude's Primary School in Jinja, Uganda. The concert is presented by the Notre Dame Celebration Choir, directed by Schneider-Kirner; and Voices of Campus, which includes singers from the various residence hall chapel choirs.

Bishop presents Annual Bishop's Appeal checks in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — At the Mass of installation of Father Daniel Durkin as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne, Bishop John M. D'Arcy also presented a total of \$43,000 in checks from the 2005 Annual Bishop's Appeal that were awarded to Fort Wayne area agencies.

In Fort Wayne, on Nov. 18, the following checks were distributed: Catholic Charities was the recipient of a check for \$23,000 for its diocesan operations; Women's Care Center received a check totaling \$10,000 for its diocesan operations; Matthew 25 received \$8,000; Vincent House received \$8,000; the Fort Wayne Christ Child Society received \$2,000; St. Mary's Soup Kitchen received \$1,000; and the St. Vincent de Paul Society received \$1,000.

Several diocesan agencies

received funds Oct. 22 in South Bend at St. Jude Parish.

James Kelly honored at Indiana Conference for Catechetical Leaders

INDIANAPOLIS — James E. Kelly, a catechist at St. John the Baptist Parish in New Haven, was the recipient of the St. Catherine of Siena Award at the Indiana Conference for Catechetical Leaders in Indianapolis on Nov. 9. The award is given for outstanding leadership and ministry in catechetics.

Kelly has served several schools as principal and several parishes as DRE and pastoral associate. He has developed new programs, new ways of ministering and utilized technology as a tool.

A press statement from the conference said, "The service Kelly has poured into the church is a model for stewardship. He has humbly, and sometimes invisibly, demonstrated his love of youth and love of the faith in every possible way open to him — creatively and innovatively. Presenting a team concept for the RCIA program in 1984 was visionary. He has persevered in all areas of faith formation; as a model to others he is unequalled."

Cathedral to host Snider High School ensemble, Christmas concert

FORT WAYNE — The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne will be the scene of a one-hour concert to be presented by the Snider High School Wind Ensemble on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m. Under the direction of Kevin Klee, a cathedral parishioner, the program will consist of Advent and Christmas music. The concert is free and open to the public.

The public also is invited to attend the Annual "Christmas in the Cathedral" concert on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. The free Advent-Christmas program will feature a brass quartet, harpist Nancy Morse, pianist Dyne Pfeffenberger and the cathedral choir under the direction of Judy Throm. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to sing along on many of their favorite carols.

Bishop Dwenger teacher honored

FORT WAYNE — Maryellen Wright, chairman of the World Language Department at Bishop Dwenger High School, has recently been chosen as the 2006 Indiana World Language Teacher of the Year — Secondary Level. The honor was presented by the Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association at their fall conference held in Indianapolis. This is the second honor for Maryellen Wright having been named Indiana Spanish Teacher of the Year in 2006 by the Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Wright has been on the teaching staff at Bishop Dwenger High School since 1994 and has been department chair since 2003.

St. Bavo hosts Service of Lessons and Carols

MISHAWAKA — The annual Service of Lessons and Carols will return to St. Bavo Parish Dec. 3, with carols sung by the Marian High School Liturgical Choir and scriptural lessons proclaimed by lectors from Mishawaka's Antioch Youth Group. The service will begin at 7 p.m.

Joe Higgenbotham is director of liturgy and music at St. Bavo, and is also conductor of Marian choirs. He started the tradition at St. Bavo, which has been well-attended.

"We had very favorable comments last year," he said.

The service, which consists of nine readings and 18 carols, was an idea originally conceived in 1880, by Anglican Bishop F.W. Benson of Truro, in Great Britain. It was intended to be the Christmas version of Easter Vigil

services, which tell the story of Christ's Resurrection through Old Testament prophecy and Gospel readings. In 1918 it was adopted as a King's College (Cambridge) tradition, and made its way as an annual tradition in English-speaking Christian churches throughout the world.

The Catholic adaptation of the service has been celebrated as part of Advent, around Nicholmas, or St. Nicholas Day (Dec. 6).

Higgenbotham described the St. Bavo version. "There are nine lessons: the fall of Adam and Eve in Genesis, sacrifice of Abraham, prophecies from Isaiah and Micah, the Nativity account in the Gospels, ending with the prologue from St. John," he said. "It's basically a brief journey thru salvation history.

"Each lesson is followed by two carols. Some are traditional (the congregation will be invited to join in) and some are contemporary. There are three original pieces, two that I wrote (one with Bruce Fingerhut) and one that my daughter Claire wrote."

Marian's choir is not without reputation. The singers have recorded several compact discs, which contain Higgenbotham's original music. The high school's firm pro-life commitment is evident in the music, the lyrics and in the voices of the students. The choir has even distinguished itself nationally.

"Some of the ladies from the liturgical choir (all of whom have since graduated) made a pro-life CD about three-and-a-half years ago that was well-received,"

Higgenbotham said. "EWTN played it on their short wave station that I understand is broadcast around the world."

Higgenbotham said that the enthusiastic participation of the choir, along with the commitment of the Antioch readers, promises to make the evening enjoyable, yet prayerful.

"There should be about 24 students participating in total from both groups," he said. "The liturgical choir at Marian sings for all the liturgies at Marian. This is a subset of the larger group."

The nine readers will come from the Antioch lector ministry, which includes young lectors from Mishawaka and South Bend area parishes.

The event is free and there are no tickets, but organizers advise patrons to arrive early.

"(We) have been doing even more to promote it so we hope to have a full church this year," Higgenbotham said.



SUSAN BAXTER

The Marian High School Liturgical Choir practices for the Service of Lessons and Carols with director Joe Higgenbotham at the piano. The Service of Lessons and Carols will take place Dec. 3 at St. Bavo Parish in Mishawaka at 7 p.m.

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CCV holds annual benefit and awards dinner

Bishop D'Arcy cited as Faith Leader of Year

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — Famously attributed to Edmund Burke is the keen insight, "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for enough good men to do nothing." Citizens for Community Values (CCV) is a living illustration of the opposite.

Formed 11 years ago by Dr. Joseph P. Sergio, Mike Hamann, Dennis Stafflebach and Mike Edwards, the group has had an impressive string of victories. Eleven years ago, there were 32 sexually-oriented businesses in the South Bend-Mishawaka area. Today there are six left. CCV's advocacy also prevented others from being established. This is the reverse of the national trend where pornography is proliferating.

Two recent victories were highlighted at the group's Nov. 15 Awards Benefit Dinner. The first was the revocation by the Indiana State Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) of the Glo Worm's liquor license as well as the physical demolition the Glo Worm, Quarterback Lounge, Teaser's and the Kitty Kat strip clubs.

Additionally, Bob Urbanski, chairman of the local ATC, resigned, arguably due to CCV challenges at the state ATC level. During a local hearing he had initially prevented by his influence and vote CCV from getting the Glo Worm's liquor license revoked.

The other key victory was the defeat in July 2006 of a proposed change in the South Bend city nondiscrimination code that would

have added gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons and specifically mentioned "appearance, expression or behavior." Bishop John M. D'Arcy in his public statement on the ordinance noted that "this ordinance appears to be more about validating in the law homosexual lifestyles than it is about addressing unjust discrimination."

The pivotal struggle that led up to the July city council vote occasioned CCV's recognizing several individuals with its "eagle" award for promoting family values. Bishop D'Arcy was named "Faith Leader of the Year." He was also recognized for courageously exercising his pastoral office in opposing "The Vagina Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Fred Everett of the Office of Family Life accepted the award for the bishop who was attending the recent bishops' meeting.

Rev. Timothy Rouse is a Democratic city councilman and was awarded the Public Servant of the Year Award. Master of ceremonies Juan Manigault praised Rev. Rouse: "Inspired by faith and governed by his principles, Rev. Rouse led the loving opposition to the special rights for homosexuals ordinance on the council."

Attorney David A. Wemhoff was recognized as the CCV Citizen of the Year for his critical role in skillfully defending and advancing the CCV cause before the South Bend and Indiana State ATC commissions. Wemhoff "worked closely with CCV leaders to finally get our evidence heard all the way to Indianapolis and brought home key victories for the families of our community," Manigault noted.

Larry Gates was honored as

CCV Business Leader of the Year. Gates was lauded for his generosity, ethics, thoughtfulness and his leadership as a member of the board of directors.

Tom Uebbing was cited as CCV Volunteer of the Year. He was recognized for his "faithfulness as a member of the CCV Intercessory Prayer Team," volunteer efforts and for promoting a culture of life through his articles in the secular and Catholic press.

In his address to participants, Dr. Sergio described how research has determined that sexual addiction in males is caused by neurotransmitters released in the brain upon viewing pornography, which produce a "high" similar to cocaine.

Dr. Sergio commented that people today know that seatbelts save lives, that illegal drugs are harmful, but do not necessarily know that porn is harmful and cannot tell you why. One of CCV's goals is to close that awareness gap to decrease the demand side of the equation.

With the "sexualization of America" through the media, especially the Internet, the U.S. faces the enormous challenge of both eliminating the outer invasion of sexually arousing material and the need to develop and strengthen inner self restraint and purity of heart, Executive Director Patrick Mangan underscored in his presentation.

Mangan announced expanded mission and vision statements and the CCV goals of making sure South Bend enforces its adult business ordinance now that legal challenges have been withdrawn, passing a statewide ordinance regulating sexually-oriented businesses and a state constitutional amendment defining marriage as between one man and one woman.



TOM UEBBING

Fred Everett, right, of the diocesan Office of Family Life receives the CCV Faith Leader of the Year Award on behalf of Bishop John M. D'Arcy. Everett is congratulated by CCV Executive Director Patrick Mangan, and CCV President Dr. Joseph P. Sergio holding the award. Everett, in acceptance of Bishop D'Arcy's award, quoted from Pope John Paul II, "The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World," "Marriage is a participation in transmitting the divine image from one person to another."



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CULINARY TRADITIONS FROM AROUND

BY KAY COZAD

The season of Advent has arrived once again and is a time of anticipation and reflection as the faithful prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, our savior. It is also a time when family and friends gather from far and near to renew and strengthen their bond of love.

One significant way families return to their roots during the holiday season is in the preparation and sharing of traditional cuisine. The tastes and aromas rekindle fond memories and knit more deeply the relationships of generations and continue to connect us to our ancestry and those who have gone before us. There is a belonging in the act of cooking and breaking bread together.

Ethnic culinary traditions preserve the family heritage as recipes and preparation styles are passed from generation to generation. But the melting pot of cultures that exists in this country holds the truth of what it means to be united in the body of Christ. So in light of this season of promise, *Today's Catholic* offers these rich, ethnic family traditions and recipes, with the hope that your family will be inspired to gather together to break bread this holiday season. For the savory, holiday fare that brings families and friends together is only a foretaste of the promised paschal feast in heaven. The true bread of life is the one we await in this season of Advent: Jesus Christ, our savior.

Wassail recipe

64 ounces cranberry cocktail
46 ounces unsweetened pineapple juice
1 cup brown sugar, packed
5 teaspoons whole cloves
.75 ounce jar cinnamon sticks
1 whole orange peel
Cheesecloth
Fifth (750 ml) rum (optional)

Combine cranberry cocktail, pineapple juice, and brown sugar in a large pot. Arrange cloves on cheesecloth along with cinnamon sticks broken in half and orange peel (scored or cut into strips) and draw into a sachet. Add sachet to juice mixture. Simmer on low for 10 minutes. Add rum if desired and enjoy. Keep on lowest heat all throughout the day to fill your home with the aroma of the season.

Wassailing

Melissa Chevalier, parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne shares that, "For years I have made wassail on Christmas Eve when we get together with family, friends and neighbors. I've always claimed that the wassail that is spoken of in the Christmas carol "Here We Go A Wassailing" pertained to St. Wenceslaus and lent a religious inspiration to our Christmas tradition. Prior to sending in my recipe, I thought I should make sure I had my facts straight only to discover that Wassail gets its name from an old English term "waes hael" and has nothing to do with St. Wenceslaus as I had thought since I was a child. According to the English defini-

tion, "waes hael" means "be well" and a wassail was a type of bowl that contained a hot drink of various ales, fruits and spices dating all the way back to the 14th century. Even though I learned they're not connected, this year when we make our traditional holiday wassail we will continue our tradition with a new understanding and sing "Good King Wenceslaus" along with "Here We Go A Wassailing."

Mexican tamales

St. Vincent de Paul Church member Cristina Ray and her grandmother share a rich Mexican heritage and were very close. She and her entire family have enjoyed the tradition of preparing tamales together for their annual Christmas Eve feast for years. Tamales are a Mexican dish made of chopped meat and crushed peppers, highly seasoned, wrapped in corn husks spread with masa, and steamed. She remembers, "My grandmother, Panfila Zepeda, was born in Cuero, Texas, in 1929. She was

raised in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and with her sister had been preparing the tamales at Christmas because this was their family tradition growing up. My mom, the oldest of 14, says it brings the family together because of the whole process in making them. She said before they had the masa available pre-made they had to crush the corn themselves and mix it up. So it really was a process to prepare the tamales. My family and I have had the opportunity to share this great multigenerational family tradition during the holiday season for many years.



Cristina Ray, left, shares a joyful moment with her beloved grandmother, Panfila Zepeda. Both of Mexican descent, the two worked together with other family members to produce tamales each year for their traditional Christmas Eve feast.



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"My grandmother passed away this past February, and this will be my first Christmas without her. She was an amazing lady, a mother of 14 and grandmother to over 30 of us. A member of Sacred Heart Parish, she was very strong in her Catholic faith and stressed the importance of that to us while she was here. We had the opportunity to gather at her home every year a few days before Christmas to prepare tamales.

"The best part of this tradition was being together with all of my aunts and cousins. My grandma would oversee everything to make sure we were all doing things the right way. Some of my aunts would clean the corn husks and soak them, some of us would spread the masa on the corn husk, and others would put the meat inside and wrap them up. Then usually an

aunt or grandma would put them in the pan and get them ready for cooking.

"I have to admit I wasn't so good at helping out because I would put too much of the masa or meat and a lot of times my family would give me a hard time, but that didn't matter as the whole family experience is what I was there for. I have been eating tamales on Christmas Eve for as long as I can remember and know that even though Grandma will not be here this Christmas she would want us to continue the tradition. She was so giving and opened her home to everyone. She made sure that any guest in her house was fed."

Ray feels the loss of her grandmother deeply this season and knows the holidays will be especially difficult for her entire family. But she cherishes the memory of the special times the family gathered to prepare tamales in the past and feels this year her grandmother will be in their hearts as they carry on the tradition.

Polish kifles

Kate Kujawski proudly shares a Polish heritage with both her mother and father's families. She recalls the many years that her mother Claire Kujawski, a longtime member of St.

Anthony de Padua in South Bend and her grandmother, Louise Wozniak, spent several days before the holidays in the kitchen of her childhood home mixing and baking special Polish cookies for friends and family. Louise, who was called Busia, Polish for

grandmother, was born in South Bend in a predominately Polish area where English was a second language. She moved in with her daughter's family in 1969, after her husband passed away.

"The process of making the cookies, called kifles (pronounced kee-flees), was a two-night ordeal, because the dough was refrigerated overnight," says Kate, adding that they made dozens and dozens of them. The two women mixed and baked together for hours in the hot kitchen where their double ovens were heated to 375 degrees. The four children, of whom Kate is the youngest, though not allowed in the kitchen, would watch in wonder as the

ingredients were precisely measured and the dough rolled out. The delectable aroma of baking cookies filled the air for days.

Kate remembers her astonishment at the quantity of cookies produced each year by the matriarchs of her family, but she knows it was well worth the effort when family and friends would arrive. The Kujawski's traditional kifle cookies were



Claire Kujawski, left, stands at her kitchen table with her mother, Louise Wozniak, where the two mixed and baked several dozen specialty Polish cookies, called kifles, to offer as Christmas gifts to family and friends.

Kifle Cookie Recipe

- 1 package yeast
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 cup margarine
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- Confectioner's sugar
- Melted butter

Put sifted flour into a large mixing bowl. Mix in yeast. Cut in margarine with pastry blender until crumbly. Add egg yolks and sour cream: mix well. Form into a ball. On lightly floured board, knead until smooth, five to 10 minutes. Divide dough into three equal parts. Wrap in wax paper. Chill in refrigerator overnight.

On a board sprinkled with confectioner's sugar, roll each part of the dough into an 8-inch circle. Cut each into eight pie-shaped wedges. Fill wide end of each wedge with one tablespoon walnut filling. Roll up from wide end to point. Place on greased baking sheet, curving ends to form crescent shape. Bake 375 degrees about 25 minutes or until golden brown. Dust with confectioner's sugar. Makes two dozen cookies.

- Walnut filling
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Combine walnuts, sugar and vanilla extract. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Makes enough filling for two dozen cookies.

offered as gifts and gratefully accepted by neighbors, coworkers, family and friends. "But," Kate says, "We still had enough for all the people who stopped by

during the holidays." And that fellowship, she adds, gave expression to the festive atmosphere of the season of giving.

Italian Feasts of the Seven Fishes

Kathy Denice, member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, married into a family in 1963 deeply rooted in the Italian culture. Each Christmas Eve she and her husband Nick would join his entire family to participate in the Feast of the Seven Fishes. The tradition began, she says, in Italy when as a poor community the families would save their meat for Christmas day. Her husband's family populated the coastal side of Italy and had access to a variety of fish while those in the interior feasted on some fish and more vegetables. Denice's mother-in-law, Eleanor, hosted the feast in the family home, until the

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Parishes and universities announce penance, Advent programs for the season

BY JENNY MURRAY

The following Advent penance services and Advent programs was compiled by the Office of Catechesis, which requested information from parishes and Catholic institutions across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Updates and brochures in PDF (portable document format) may be found by visiting the Office of Catechesis' Web page at www.diocesefwsb.org/OC/

Advent penance services Fort Wayne and Allen County

- St. John the Baptist, Fairfield Ave. — Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m.
- St. Charles Borromeo — Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.
- St. Jude — Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.
- St. Patrick, Arcola — Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

North of Fort Wayne

- St. Gaspar, Rome City — Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m.
- St. Michael, Waterloo — Sunday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m. This will also include Taizé style prayer.

- St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City — Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

South and west of Fort Wayne

- St. Joseph, Bluffton — Monday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m.
- St. Robert Bellarmine — North Manchester, Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.
- St. Mary, Huntington — Monday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m.
- St. Bernard, Wabash — Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m.
- St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur —

- Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.

South Bend and St. Joseph County

- Church of Loretto, Saint Mary's

College — Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m..

- Christ the King — Tuesday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m.
- St. Matthew Cathedral — Confessions: Dec. 18-22 at 7:30-8 a.m. and 4-5 p.m.

East of South Bend

- St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart — Saturday, Dec. 16, at 11 a.m.

- St. Joseph, LaGrange — Sunday, Dec. 17, at 5:30 p.m..

South of South Bend

- St. Mary of the Lake, Culver — Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m.
- Sacred Heart, Warsaw — Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m.
- St. Michael, Plymouth — Friday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m.

Advent programs around Fort Wayne

- Catholic-Lutheran Advent Vespers — Sunday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Rd., Fort Wayne. Catholic and Lutheran clergy and choirs will be participating. Stay for refreshments afterwards.

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — Advent prayer service sponsored by the youth on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

- St. Jude — Anointing service on Sunday, Dec. 10, at 12:30 p.m.

- Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception — Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Music performed by choir, brass quartet and harp.

- St. Joseph, Brooklyn — Choir Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m.

- Posadas on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 10:45 p.m. This is a Hispanic tradition of re-enacting Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay. It will be followed by a choir concert and midnight Mass at St. Joseph on Brooklyn.

- University of Saint Francis — Lighting of the Lake — Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6:15 p.m. following the 5:30 Mass. Choirs will sing during the procession.

- Living Nativity — Sunday, Dec. 3, at 6:30 p.m. by the Pope John Paul II Center on Mirror Lake. Children are invited at 5 p.m. to pet the animals gathered to celebrate Jesus' birth. Singing of "Silent Night" as the Nativity

scene unfolds will be at 6:30 p.m.

— Star of Bethlehem — Visit the planetarium to see the sky the Wise Men saw and to follow the star leading to Jesus. Cost is \$4 per adult, \$3 per senior or child. \$14 maximum per family.

The first show will be on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 3 and 7:30 p.m. and the last show will be Sunday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m. Call (260) 434-3255 for a complete listing of days and times.

Advent programs around South Bend

- Christ the King, South Bend — Madrigal Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20. To register, call (574) 272-3113.

- St. Pius X, Granger — Advent Lessons and Carols on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 7-8 p.m.;

- Taizé prayer, a contemplative prayer service on Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 7-9 p.m.

- Saint Mary's College

- Advent of Justice on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge

- Advent vespers at Church of Loretto at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 3, 17, 18, 20, 22, and 23. On Dec. 19, vespers at O'Grady Center.

- Lessons and Carols at Church of Loretto on Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m.

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- 1 whole large egg
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- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon almond paste
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon orange juice
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2-3 ounces pine nuts

Yields approximately 2 dozen cookies
Preheat the oven to 375. In the top of a double boiler, mix the egg, egg whites, sugar and almond paste. Set over simmering water and whisk until the mixture is smooth. Remove from the heat and whisk until cooled, then beat in flour, a little at a time. Finally, incorporate the orange juice and both of the extracts. Grease and flour a baking sheet and place teaspoons of the dough, well spaced, on it. Let the dough rest on the baking sheet for a few minutes, then place pine nuts on each piece and press gently into the dough (about 6 or 8 pine nuts per cookie). Let rest for another four to six minutes, then bake 14 to 16 minutes or until golden brown.

laughter and chatter, and inevitably turn to memories of Gram. "My mother-in-law never drank, but on the Feast of the Seven Fishes she would finish the meal with coffee and anisette liqueur. She called it 'holy water,'" recalls Denice with a smile and adds how much family meant to Eleanor. The feast consisted of a series of courses that included antipasti, artichokes, pasta, mussels, pesce with vegetables (fish with vegetables), salad, grapes, fruit and nuts, dolci dessert (assorted cookies and cannoli), and espresso served with "holy water" anisette. The Italian tradition not only brings this loving family joy each year but reminds them all of their rich heritage and those who have gone before them.



Polish Christmas Bread

Barb Geiger, parishioner of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City, grew up one of five children of Valeria and Buck Buchanan. She remembers, "My mom was Polish. My grandfather actually stowed away on a boat from Poland to New York City when he was 17." One of 13 children in a farm family in rural Minnesota, Valeria's responsibility was to help her mom (Geiger's grandmother) with baking. "Mom was notorious for her baking but she never used a recipe when she made bread and rolls," says Geiger. She and her four siblings were introduced to baking early on. Christmas was always a festive family event with freshly baked breads, cookies and many other goodies. Geiger recalls many happy holidays when she and her mom made her dad's traditional Scandinavian Lefse, a thin fried mix of mashed potatoes and whipping cream.

As the Buchanan children grew up and married, Valeria made her specialty wreath coffee cake for each of her children to enjoy on Christmas morning. As her grandchildren married, they also were sent home with the tasty treat. When Valeria died in 2003, there was no sweet wreath coffee cake for Christmas morning breakfast, and for Geiger it just wasn't the same.

The next year Geiger's brother, Dick Buchanan decided that he would put his own twist on the missed Christmas morning treat and presented each family with one of his special "monkey

bread" on Christmas Eve. Last year, brother and sister joined forces and produced 10 special monkey breads for the children and grandchildren of Valeria. Geiger, who is an accomplished baker in her own right, says, "Now thanks to my brother, we all still enjoy a Christmas treat with thoughts of mom, and family Christmases of the past and the future."

Cozze (Mussels)

- 4 dozen mussels
- 1/2 cup fish stock or water
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic crushed
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups canned plum tomatoes with their juice, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley

Scrub and wash the mussels well. Put the stock, wine and lemon juice in a stockpot and bring to a boil. Add mussels, cover and simmer for about five minutes, until they open. Remove mussels, strain liquid through cheesecloth, and throw out any mussels whose shells remain tightly closed. In a large skillet, sauté the garlic in the olive oil til golden, add the tomatoes, thyme, basil, red pepper and simmer for about six minutes. Add strained liquid and cook another four minutes. Add mussels to the skillet and cook another two minutes, or until heated through. Add the parsley and serve. Serve with crusty Italian bread.

"ajo e ojo"

(spaghetti with garlic and oil called spaghetti with invisible sauce for the children.)

- 1 pound thin spaghetti
- 1/2 cup plus one tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons very finely chopped garlic salt
- freshly ground pepper four to six twists of the mill
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley

The sauce can be prepared in the time it takes to bring the water for the pasta to a boil. When you've turned on heat under the water, put the 1/2 cup of oil, the garlic, and 2 teaspoons of salt in a very small saucepan. Sauté the garlic over very low heat, stirring frequently, until it slowly becomes a rich, golden color. Drop the spaghetti into the boiling salted water and cook until tender but al dente, very firm to the bite. Drain immediately, transfer to a warm bowl, and add the oil and garlic sauce. Toss rapidly, coating all the strands, adding pepper and parsley. Mix the remaining tablespoon of olive oil into the spaghetti and serve. May be served with crushed red pepper flakes and anchovies for those who want to "spice" it up.

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Denice family moved away. Now her children gather in her home to carry the tradition into the future. With a few adjustments, such as fish sticks for the grandchildren and spaghetti with invisible sauce, the gatherings include games,



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EDITORIAL

Pope reaffirms the value of priestly celibacy

On Sept. 24, Archbishop Emmanuel Milingo of Zambia attempted to consecrate four married men as bishops without a mandate from the pope. For this action, he automatically incurred the penalty of excommunication as did those allegedly ordained.

In 2001 he himself attempted marriage to a 43-year-old Korean woman in the sect of Rev. Sun Myung Moon. For a time he seemed to repent of this but recently has returned to this relationship and has become a most vocal critic of mandatory celibacy for priests in the Latin rite of the Catholic Church.

Last week, the Holy Father, in response to the actions of Archbishop Milingo, called together the cardinal and archbishop heads of the Roman curia, the offices through which the pope governs the church. The purpose of the meeting was to reflect on the possibility of readmitting priests who had married to active ministry in the church. The result of the gathering was a reaffirmation of the value of priestly celibacy for the Latin church.

The enfolding of these recent events makes it worthwhile to point out the myths associated with priestly celibacy that are implicit in the remonstrations of Archbishop Milingo and are readily believed in the culture.

• **Myth:** The shortage of priests in the church is the direct result of obligatory celibacy.

Studies show that all major Christian denominations are in the midst of a clergy shortage. In fact, the shortage in the Catholic Church is actually less severe than in mainline Protestant denominations where ministers are married. The Orthodox Churches, in which married priests are permitted, is feeling an especially acute shortage of priests. The reason for the shortage is greatly speculated upon.

Some say it is because of the widespread breakdown of family life in the West. Some say that it is because of the debilitating materialism, which has taken hold of us. Whatever the cause, what seems certain is that celibacy is not the cause of the shortage nor is the relaxing of the law of celibacy the solution to the shortage.

• **Myth:** Celibacy is the cause of priestly sexual abuse of minors.

The fact is that the vast majority of men who sexually abuse children are married. Being celibate has nothing to do with the propensity to commit such acts. A 2004 report by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights showed that family members are the most likely to sexually molest a child. It also showed that the incidence of the sexual abuse of a minor is slightly higher among the Protestant clergy than among the Catholic clergy, and that it is significantly higher among public school teachers than among ministers and priests.

In fact, a U.S. Department of Education Study on sexual abuse in public schools showed that sexual abuse by priests and other clergy pales in comparison to the abuse that is perpetrated by teachers, coaches and substitute teachers in public schools.

In New York City alone, at least one child is sexually abused by a public school employee every day. In the Catholic priesthood, there is no room for any kind of abuse of a child, but the solution to safeguarding against abuse has nothing to do with the abrogation of celibacy.

If Archbishop Milingo and his ilk get their way, the church would be robbed of a most powerful and precious gift, a gift which binds priests to Christ in an especially intimate bond of friendship, a gift which enables priests single-heartedly to give themselves to the church as a husband gives himself to his wife. In response to the disobedience of the archbishop, our Holy Father has rightly called priests to cherish the gift of priestly celibacy.

Clarification

A few weeks ago the editors of this paper published the following line in this editorial column, "... that Christians are called to exercise charity and mercy as they seek to correct the errors of their time and trust that, no matter what happens, God is in control and will make everything right in the end." Although there is truth to this statement, the editors felt that a further clarification was in order, lest there be any theological misinterpretation.

First, God is in control of human history. However, he fully allows humans the freedom to choose good or evil, and, although he does not cause evil, he can use even evil to accomplish his will. This is the mystery of the cross.

Second, God will be victorious in the end, but this does not lessen our responsibility to cooperate with God's grace in bringing truth, justice and love to the world. The salvation of souls is at stake, and God wishes to use us to preach the Gospel until his final victory is revealed at the end of time.

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

COMMENTARY

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Reader responds to Prister's 'The very human side of Charlie Weis'

I would like to start by saying that I have never met Mr. Weis, but I think I have a better understanding of him that Mr. Prister professes to have. Any man who states that Mr. and Mrs. Weis, have been "dealt a bad hand" in describing their daughter Hannah, has no understanding the blessings that come with special needs children.

A child is a gift from God, and all children are perfect in his eyes.

God's plan is not always obvious, but each of us has a purpose, and Hannah's is a very special one. She has much to give her family and everyone she will meet in her lifetime.

A special needs child comes with many challenges, but it comes with many blessings and gifts, that many people will never experience. The "compassion beyond compare" he speaks of that Mr. Weiss has, may have been learned through his raising of his daughter.

Raising children in itself can give one qualities we never knew we possessed, but raising a special needs child empowers parents to limitless talents and inner strengths. God sends these precious gifts to

special people for a reason. Each, for a special reason — each, with a special lesson to teach us all.

I have worked with many special needs children, special needs adults and I can personally say that I have come away with more love and lessons that I have ever given. They have limitless energy and a limitless capacity to love. They have a very strong lesson to teach us all.

So in closing Mr. Prister, I think you need to get to know Mr. Weis just a little better to understand that Mr. Weis, "got dealt a very good hand" because he has two very beautiful special children, each according to God's plan.

Kathy Gardner Goshen

The fight to save bananas and cassava in Africa

Innovative program, C3P, targets plant diseases that threaten key sources of food for millions of poor Africans

BY KEN HACKETT

In many African countries, bananas and cassava aren't simply a healthy addition to one's daily diet. They are key to survival.

The bananas grown in Africa, for example, are a starchy staple much like plantains and are the major source of carbohydrate to millions of poor people. They are cooked and mashed to make matoke, a vital building block of the meal in many countries. And in several countries of Central and East Africa, cassava is the most important primary food staple.

Banana and cassava in the African diet are equivalent to people in the U.S. eating rice, potatoes, wheat or maize. Any threat to the production of these vital crops is a potential catastrophe. What if a disease were to attack any of these four crops in the U.S. and there was no known resistant cultivar or means of eradication?

Ominously, that is exactly what is happening in Africa through the spread of two pernicious plant diseases. Banana Bacterial Wilt Disease (BXW) causes early ripening and rotting of fruit and eventually wilts and kills the plant. Over the last five years, it has spread widely in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and serious outbreaks have also been reported in Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania and Rwanda. And an unusually severe strain of Cassava

Mosaic Disease (CMD) has expanded into a pandemic covering vast areas of East and Central Africa, with devastating effects. BXW and CMD are affecting more than 70 million people and pose the largest natural threat to food security in the Great Lakes region in decades.

The people of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) often talk about the importance of collaboration with our partners in finding innovative solutions to the challenges we face. Our response to this situation offers an example. CRS has teamed with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), one of Africa's leading research partners in finding scientific solutions for hunger and poverty since 1967, to carry out a very practical and innovative response to these pandemics. IITA's network of international scientists spread across Africa are dedicated to the development of technologies that reduce producer and consumer risk, increase local production and generate wealth.

Through the Crop Crisis Control Project, with the pithy acronym of C3P, we are working with a wider network of local partners, including Catholic dioceses and national research institutes, to educate farmers about these two diseases and how to manage them.

We are also introducing and distributing disease-resistant strains of cassava that mitigate against the impact of CMD, enabling farmers to build back up their cassava crop. Cassava is grown from vegetative plant stems that are cut from the virus-free mother plant. These disease resistant cultivars are then multiplied in

large primary sites located in research institutes or other larger institutions, secondary sites located in regional centers and tertiary sites managed by farmers, farmers groups or community-based organizations, offering greater accessibility of planting material to poor rural farmers. In addition CRS has developed a demand driven approach to support farming communities using "on farm vouchers" (OFVs) to promote the dissemination of appropriate planting material to very poor banana and cassava farmers.

These multiplication and dissemination efforts are accompanied by training and education aimed at achieving better growing techniques and methods of disease prevention. And perhaps most important, these efforts are organized on a regional, cross-national basis in an effort to combat diseases that do not respect borders.

It is our hope that this collaboration with a wide array of African partners will halt the spread, and enable the recovery from two destructive diseases that threaten the wellbeing of so many people and ultimately to save lives. C3P is about preventing people falling into abject poverty. As one Tanzanian scientist said at a recent C3P workshop in Kigali, Rwanda, "close your eyes and imagine the Great Lakes region without bananas."

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Ken Williams is the president of Catholic Relief Services.

Poking fun at the pope: Satire sparks debate over limits of humor

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Italians have a long history of satirizing the papacy, but recent gibes at Pope Benedict XVI and his personal secretary have ignited a national debate over the limits of humor.

A running sketch on a popular Italian TV show portrays the white-haired pope as a capricious egotist who complains about always having to wear white and giggles as he types out excommunication edicts.

A radio comedian has the pope shooting pigeons above St. Peter's Square — because they "bother people who have to work" — and tossing burning candies down at children.

Meanwhile, another radio show impersonator has found a comic target in the papal secretary, Msgr. Georg Ganswein, who comes off as a vain lightweight — he dreams of being a circus acrobat, but worries that it might mess up his hair.

In mid-November, the Catholic newspaper *Avvenire* decided it had seen and heard enough. It said the parodies of the pontiff and his secretary were

vulgar and grotesque and in some ways represented a cheap shot at the church.

Citing a sketch that showed Pope Benedict preparing to deliver an Angelus talk, *Avvenire* editorialist Umberto Folena said the pope "appears as a hysterical man flanked by two cardinal-altar boys, worried about having enough good lines to deliver, out of control, his fingers swollen with big rings."

"What does this have to do with the real pope? Nothing. If satire magnifies a defect in order to ridicule it, this operation has failed," he said.

In his TV impersonation, Maurizio Crozza's pope speaks in a thick German accent and worries about being overshadowed by his predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

At one point, exasperated by the comparisons, he asks his aides, "Did John Paul II know how to do this?" and proceeds to tap dance across the floor and juggle three oranges.

In another show he launches a dove as a sign of peace. When it falls with a thud on the ground,

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he shrugs and remarks, "It must have had bird flu."

The radio spoof on Msgr. Ganswein plays on his popularity in the Italian media and his reputation as the most sportive and handsome member of the pope's household.

In the Italian comedian Fiorello's version, Msgr. Ganswein plays at curling in St. Peter's Basilica and talks about opening a restaurant inside the Vatican — the "Last Supper," where you order one fish and it serves 20 people.

The real Msgr. Ganswein told an Italian reporter he'd never heard the radio show or seen the TV spoof of the pope, but thought such transmissions were

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Church celebrates Christ the King



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Christ the King Jn 18:33b-37

This weekend the church concludes its year. In the preceding 12 months, the church has taught us as we have gathered on the weekends about Jesus. It has taught us the Gospel of Jesus. Now, it ends the process by joyfully proclaiming Christ as king.

The first reading is from the Book of Daniel. Written about a time of great hardship and anxiety for God's people, Daniel summons the faithful to steadfastness and hope. It urges trust in God, come what may.

Daniel also speaks of the faithful servant who is identified with the title, "Son of Man." This servant, the Son of Man, lives through the hardships and perils endured by all the people. Yet he is triumphant. God, "the Ancient One," receives him and gives him dominion, glory and kingship. The Son of Man's reign will never end. His kingship will never be destroyed.

For its second reading this feast, the church offers us a passage from the Book of Revelation. Heavy with symbolism and reference to Old Testament figures and images, Revelation also is eloquent and powerful in its exaltation of God, the Lord Jesus, and virtue. The reading for this weekend

extols Jesus as "ruler of the kings of the earth." He is the Savior. He has made us a royal nation dedicated to God and to God's service. He reigns over all the earth, from a heavenly throne above the clouds.

St. John's Gospel supplies the last reading. The reading comes from the fourth Gospel's impressive and extensive Passion narrative. John's entire Gospel is superb both as literature and as divine revelation. The Passion narrative, however, is especially compelling.

This feast is one of two major liturgical events in which John's Passion narrative is read. The other is the liturgy of Good Friday.

All four Gospels record the Lord's trial, passion and death in great detail. Each, however, has its particular emphasis.

John's particular insight is that Jesus was triumphant, standing before Caiaphas or Pilate, facing the mob, experiencing the horrors of Roman torture and finally dying on the cross. Not even the might of the empire could overwhelm the Lord. Not even the viciousness and evil of human sin could defeat Jesus.

Indeed, Jesus is king, as the Lord insisted to Pilate.

Reflection

The church calls us in these readings on this feast to remember that Jesus is the king. He reigns over all. It is more than a mere acknowledgment of divine creation, a teaching of Christianity that may seem to be quite ethereal and irrelevant.

Jesus is king over evil, the worries and hardships of life, the scheming of humans, and of course, over death itself. He prevails. All else comes and goes. His word prevails. If we bond ourselves to Jesus,

truly in love and death, we too can rise above even death.

But, to give ourselves to Jesus, we need the strength of Jesus. The Lord offers us strength and peace uncompromisingly and in unlimited supply.

Just over a century ago, the Dutch king, William III, died, leaving as his heir and successor his young daughter, Wilhelmina. Wilhelmina, destined to be a great heroine in World War II, began her reign under the regency of her mother, Queen Emma, William III's widow.

Once, on a great national holiday, Queen Emma led her young daughter to the palace balcony. As soon as the crowd below saw the little monarch, they cheered and sang. Wilhelmina was delighted.

"Mommy," Wilhelmina asked, "Do all these people belong to me?" "No, dear," the queen-regent answered, "You belong to them."

The wonder of this great feast is of course that Christ is king, but also that Christ belongs to us. He loves us. He gives us life.

READINGS

34th week of ordinary time

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5

Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24:1-6

Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13

Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3, 7-9

Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:2-5

Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Ps 84:3-6,

8 Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-7

Lk 21:34-36

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

On Nov. 21, the church remembers the Presentation of the Virgin Mary. This quiz looks at the presentation.

1. What was the presentation?

- a. The occasion upon which Jewish children were brought to the Temple and dedicated to the Lord, with sacrifices.
- b. It was a ceremony named for the presents received by a newborn child, for example the gifts of the Magi.
- c. It is unknown because much of the Jewish background has been lost.

2. In which book of the Bible do we learn about Mary being presented?

- a. In the Gospel of Mark
- b. In Revelation
- c. In none of them

3. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is mentioned in the Book of James. What is that?

- a. It is the same thing as the Letter of James.
- b. It an apocryphal (non-Biblical) text.
- c. It is a fifth Gospel, about to be released by Benedict XVI.

4. The age at which Mary was presented is believed to have been

- a. three years of age
- b. 13, when she was nominally a woman
- c. at the age she had her first child, so probably 17

5. Where was the feast first observed?

- a. In the West
- b. In the East
- c. In Ireland

6. When was that?

- a. At least by the 8th century
- b. After the Reformation
- c. Only since being authorized in the post-Reformation period

7. Philip de Mezieres was a supporter of the feast. Who was he?

- a. St. Philip, one of the first deacons
- b. A French knight who has served in the East
- c. The leader of the 34th Crusade, which sacked Constantinople

8. When did he campaign for the recognition of the feast?

- a. In the 1300s
- b. In the 1500s
- c. In the 1700s just before the French Revolution

9. What happened in 1372?

- a. The observance of the feast was permitted in the West
- b. De Mezieres was burned as a heretic for supporting Joan of Arc
- c. The French won the World Series

10. Though various popes had differing ideas about the feast, this pope eventually made it universal:

- a. Sixtus IV
- b. St. Pius V
- c. Sixtus V

11. When was that?

- a. In the 12th century
- b. In the 16th century
- c. In the 18th century

12. In the East, the Presentation of The Theotokos is one of these:

- a. The four precepts of the church
- b. The 12 great feasts
- c. The icons mandated to be placed on the priest's vestments

13. What is "theotokos?"

- a. It means small Jewish girl, so refers to Mary
- b. It means God-bearer
- c. It is the literal translation of Miriam, "golden haired"

14. When do the Eastern churches celebrate the feast (also called The Entrance of the Theotokis into the Temple)?

- a. On the same date as the Western Churches, Nov. 21
- b. On Aug. 30
- c. The date varies each year, as they use a different liturgical calendar.

15. The name of the feast should not be abbreviated to "the Presentation." Why?

- a. No reason for it, it is just church policy
- b. To avoid confusion with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- c. Because once you shorten words you'll be saying things like "okay" and "Pope Benny" at Mass.

ANSWERS:

- 1.a, 2.c, 3.b, 4.a, 5.b, 6.a, 7.b, 8.a, 9.a, 10.c, 11.b, 12.b, 13.b, 14.a, 15.b

All truth and goodness, no matter where found, come from God

How does the church view using Eastern medicine? Are effective stretches, meditation techniques and dietary practices forbidden because they are associated with pagan religions? What about popular forms of exercise like yoga and tai chi? Acupuncture? Anonymous

First of all, the church recognizes and teaches that all truth and goodness, no matter where found, come from God. Whatever is good, valuable, and helpful in "Eastern medicine" (a very, very broad term which could encompass any number of approaches, ideas, or techniques) comes from God. This means that those who may turn to such practices and approaches should feel free to do so, so long as one does not deny, reject, or compromise his or her Catholic faith in the process.

What is the difference, if any, between the Mass of Christian Burial and Mass of Resurrection? CD, Fort Wayne

In effect, they are synonyms. The former is the technical term

used in the liturgical books to refer to the Mass at which the remains of a member of the faithful are present and during which the community gathers to pray for the repose of the deceased's soul and for the consolation of those who mourn. The center and emphasis of this celebration is the paschal mystery, the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Because of this emphasis on Jesus' death and resurrection (clearly discernible in the texts appointed for the Mass of Christian Burial), it was common among some and in certain places to refer to the Mass of Christian Burial as the "Mass of Resurrection." It is important to note, however, that what we are recalling is Christ's resurrection even while we await and hope for our own.

Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, answered this week's questions.

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

I have had three c-sections. It has been very painful for me. My question then is how many more surgeries can my body take? My husband says he wants to sterilize himself because he doesn't want to see me in pain anymore. My doctor told me that one thing that could happen is that I could lose my uterus. And that makes me feel so scared that I want to tell my husband to go for it. What does God want me to do? Should I have one, two, three, or more children and put my health at risk? That's why I want to know more about NFP. Last time I tried to do it I got pregnant, but I never took the classes. L.

Bless you for wanting to do the

right thing. God has given us the technology to recognize the fertile time and church teaching allows us to avoid using the fertile time for a serious reason. Please learn NFP from a properly trained instructor. I recommend the Billings Ovulation Method to my patients because of its simplicity.

The number of caesarean sections is not limited to three or four or five. While your doctor is the best to advise you of future risk, remember that doctors have learned to avoid risk in fear of being sued for a bad outcome. Only you, your husband and God can determine the right number of children for your family. Sterilization is unnecessary and has side effects, sometimes painful. But most couples soon regret the decision.

Any pregnancy can result in loss of a uterus. I came very close to doing a caesarean hysterectomy last night on a patient deliver-

ing her first baby. The more pregnancies and the more caesarean sections, the greater the risk that the placenta will implant too low in the uterus or will grow through an old scar. If that is enough of a risk for you to avoid conceiving another baby, you will be successful in using NFP if you are properly instructed.

Mary W. Martin, M.D., FACOG

Father Matthew Habiger, OSB, provided this question.

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Regensburg revisited: the Islamic response

In mid-October, 38 Muslim leaders wrote an "Open Letter to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI," in response to the pope's September lecture at Regensburg University and the international controversy that followed. This unprecedented letter could — just could — help move history in a more benign direction. Understanding both what the Muslim leaders said, and the need for further clarification (and action) on their part, is of the utmost importance.

First, consider what they said. Unlike those port side Catholic commentators who thought that the pope had been too abstractly theological at Regensburg, the Muslim leaders "applaud" the pope's "efforts to oppose the dominance of positivism and materialism in human life" and they welcome the pope's call for an intellectually serious encounter between Muslims and Christians. They also accept, without cavil, the pope's explanation that the condemnation of Islam by the medieval Byzantine emperor Manuel II Paleologus, which Benedict referenced in his lecture, cannot be taken to reflect the pope's own views on the faith of Muslims.

The Muslim leaders also insist that the Qu'ran's injunction against "compulsion in religion" cannot be trumped by other Islamic texts. Thus they reject contemporary jihadists' interpretations of "jihad" as an obligatory holy war of conquest, to be waged against all infidels until Allah's sovereignty is acknowledged by the entire world. Who else but the jihadists could the 38 signatories have in mind when they write that "If some have disregarded a long and well-established tradition in favor of utopian dreams where the end justifies

the means, they have done so of their own accord and without the sanction of God, his Prophet, or the learned tradition"? In this context, the signatories "totally condemn" the murder of a nun in Somalia in reaction to the Regensburg lecture.

The signatories go on to invite the pope (and, by extension, the church) to a serious theological dialogue on the transcendence of God, and on the relationship of God's nature and attributes to human categories of understanding. They also suggest that, in the mainstream Islamic tradition, God cannot command the irrational (like the murder of innocents) — another crucial point in the ongoing contest with those jihadists whom Canadian commentator David Warren aptly styles as "postmodern psychopaths ... trying to reconstruct the conditions of 7th-century Arabia." There are historical questions to be engaged in debating the signatories' assertion that the rapid spread of Islam in its first centuries was primarily "political." Still, it is not without significance that the Muslim leaders close their letter by appealing to "what is common in essence in our two Abrahamic traditions," the two great commandments as proclaimed in Mark's Gospel: love of God without reservation, and love of neighbor as oneself. What, then, needs further clarification? It would have been helpful had this letter acknowledged the psychotic anti-Semitism that infects too much of the Islamic world today; an Islam in genuine dialogue with Christianity cannot but be in dialogue with Christianity's parent, Judaism, as well. The Muslim leaders' letter tends to treat contemporary jihadism as almost a peripheral phenomenon: "... some (who) have disregarded a long



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and well-established tradition" seems a rather anodyne description of those jihadists whose radical interpretations of the Qu'ran, often reflecting the teachings of the Wahhabi sect, are the most dynamic force in the Islamic world today. Nor does the letter address the grave problem of Shia Islamic apocalypticism, as embodied by Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his evident belief that he can accelerate the coming of the messianic age by means of nuclear holocaust.

Absent two important figures (Shaykh Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi, head of the al-Azhar University in Cairo, and Shaykh Yusuf al-Qardawi, an influential jurist), the 38 signatories represent the A-list of international Islamic authorities. They now face a large question of action: how willing are they to challenge, discipline, and, if needs be, dramatically marginalize the jihadists who preach and commit murder "without the sanction of God, his Prophet, or the learned tradition?" Each day's headlines remind us that that crucial question remains to be answered. But it is now in play, globally. The world can thank Benedict XVI for that.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for November 26, 2006

John 18:33b-37

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Feast of Christ the King: Jesus speaking with Pontius Pilate. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PILATE	KING	JEWS
ANSWERED	ABOUT ME	OWN NATION
CHIEF	OVER TO ME	KINGDOM
WORLD	FIGHTING	KEEP ME
YOU SAY	FOR THIS	I WAS BORN
I CAME	TESTIFY	EVERYONE
BELONGS	LISTENS	MY VOICE

TRUTH S KING

J O G H E M T U O B A F
M Y N D E V E R Y O N E
Y F I T S E T K P O S I
V I K W E M A C I J W H
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offensive. Satire is legitimate but should respect the people involved, he said.

"These things have no intellectual level and offend men of the church. They're unacceptable, and I really hope they end immediately," Msgr. Ganswein said.

The papal secretary's comments led some Italians to accuse the church of being oversensitive.

"One of the characteristics of satire is that it doesn't make the victim laugh," said Fausto Colombo, who teaches media theory at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan.

The limits of satire are fixed

by the law, he said, not by the fact that it may offend some people. And in any case, poking fun at the pope or a papal secretary is not the same as ridiculing Jesus Christ, he added.

But German Cardinal Walter Kasper was more critical. He said this type of satire aims at attacking and damaging the image of the pope and encourages the creation of "a society of ridicule."

Several commentators said the gags aimed at the pope and the Catholic Church indicated a double standard, at a time when people are being asked to show greater sensitivity toward Islamic feelings and beliefs.

The freedom of satire should be in every direction, said an editorial in the Rome newspaper *La Repubblica*.

Sports

USF SENIOR LINEBACKER SNAGS SECOND NAIA PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONOR University of Saint Francis (USF) inside linebacker Brian Kurtz has been named NAIA National Defense Player of the Week for the second time this season for his play in the Cougars' 21-20 win at Geneva College on Saturday, Nov. 11. USF wide receiver Jeremy Dutcher was NAIA Offensive Player of the Week twice in 1999. USF QB Jeremy Hibbeln was selected once in 2000 and once in 2001. Kurtz and Dutcher are the only two players in MSFA history starting in 1995 to earn the honor twice in the same season.

Fans help drive success of Marian volleyball

BY ELMER J. DANCH

MISHAWAKA — Girls volleyball at Marian High School has been an exciting sport all season and the women athletes take a lot of pride in their efforts as their record shows.

Marian fans packed the gymnasium to watch them play. By winning sectional, regional and semi state championships, the Lady Knights reached the championship round of the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) tournament and faced another powerful Catholic prep team in Indianapolis Roncalli.

They stormed to win the first



ELMER J. DANCH

Mishawaka Marian High School's girls volleyball team finished as the No. 2 team in the Indiana state finals, losing to Indianapolis Roncalli in a stirring five set match. From left are Anna Kaczmarek, Meeghan Miller, Alex Rice, Emily Libertowski, Renee Mischler and Kathleen Chelkminiak; back row, Dan Anderson, head coach; Katherine Chalko, Maggie Pajakowski, Stephanie Kreager, Claire Farkas, Katie Britton, Katie Mischler, assistant coach; Mark Nowak and assistant coach Sherry Keyser.

two games, but a feisty Roncalli team rallied to win the next two to tie the match and then went on to win the third game 16-7.

"It was a battle that taught our young Marian squad the value of being at a state championship contest," said coach Dave Anderson.

The Lady Knights will graduate only two seniors, Emily Libertowski and Meeghan Miller.

"So look for them to be hungry to be at the finals again next season," Anderson said.

St. Jude earns Green League title

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Coach Annette Sage-Schrader and the seventh grade girls' volleyball team from St. Jude School in Fort Wayne served up a perfect season for 2006 by posting an 8-0 record and winning the Green League CYO title.

In tournament play they defeated St. Vincent 25-11 and 25-23 in their first match. In the semifinals, St. Jude beat St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth 25-11, 24-25 and 25-15. For the championship, the Eagles got by the St. John New Haven Raiders 25-6 and 25-22.

"Our girls started to prepare for this season's tournament last year after our second-place finish in

the 2005 CYO tournament," said Sage-Schrader. "The girls are very supportive of each other, both on and off the court. They gained confidence in their skills and offered thanks at each practice and game to the Virgin Mary, St. Jude and St. Sebastian (patron saint of athletes)."

This season Sage-Schrader implemented a new offense and defense, which allowed the girls to focus on and develop their particular strengths. She felt very fortunate that this was a "very athletic team." Most of the starters could be placed in at least two positions on the court and could do any job requested of them.

Assistant coaches for the St. Jude team were Thad Schrader,

Vicky Miller and Jeff Mickelini. Anne Bobay, Suzie Charais, Kristina Dammeyer, Julie Freistroffer, Adrienne Korson, Claire Laisure, Katie Leeuw, Maddie Mayers, Tia Miller, Libby Momper, Katherine Rutledge, Aubrey Schrader, Madeline Terrell and Lindsey Wolff made up the winning roster. Each of the St. Jude players also achieved academic high honors or academic honors during the first quarter of the 2006-2007 school year.

Speaking on behalf of the entire coaching staff, Sage-Schrader concluded, "We have enjoyed watching this team develop over the last three years. They are truly a wonderful group of young ladies with bright futures."

CYO closes books on football season

FORT WAYNE — With the close of the football season, this year's eighth grade class will be moving on. These eighth graders have showed a Christian attitude.

Those chosen were Dan Vandergriff, Dan Rodenbeck, Peter Waikel, Drew Lierhr Kellogg, Andrew Magsam, Eric Sorg, Steven Kiermaier, Jacob Turner,

Alex Stronczek, Nick McCarthy, Mike McCarthy, De'Angelo Fincher and Gabe Mendoza.

Coach Joe Wharton from St. John the Baptist, New Haven, could not choose just one. He nominated identical twins, Mike and Nick McCarthy.

"I still can't always tell these two apart. Mike and Nick have incredible talent," Wharton said. "They have identical skills. They are amazing. They will do very well at the next level."

The twins have not yet decided to attend Bishop Luers or Bishop Dwenger next fall.

Coach Andy Lebamoff from St. Vincent said he could not begin to single out a player or two. "We won as a team and lost as a team," Lebamoff said. "I do not pick our most valuable player, but let the team vote before the banquet."

Lebamoff added that all of his players will be attending Bishop Dwenger next year. — MC

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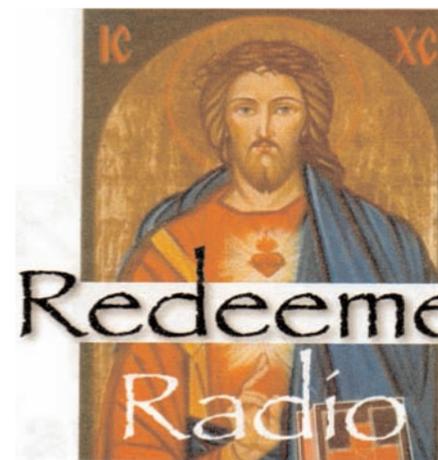
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BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — Raquel Hanic could be just another person in the pew next to you during Sunday Mass. For parishioners of St. Jude and Queen of Angels Churches in Fort Wayne, she actually is. And that is part of why her story is so potent. Looking at the mother of three, wife of 19 years, cradle Catholic from Fort Wayne, no one would surmise the painful history beneath the surface.

That is until the publication of Hanic's book, "My Daddy Never Died — Journey from Suffering to Joy," through the Queenship Publishing Company. In this slender but harrowing volume, Hanic recounts her story — sexual abuse as a child, followed by the tragic death of her father, being raped when she was 15, and years of addiction and destructive behavior, culminating in feelings of total abandonment and despair.

The walk back to the faith, also recounted in the book, was an arduous one, marked by lessons learned and relearned, time of growth followed by time of great pain followed by growth. Hanic explains:

"Not only was God healing me, but he was purifying me. He was getting rid of all those coping mechanisms, all those self-defense attitudes and the way I behave because of what happened. I became this person because of these events, and then he had to peel it back, and peel it back, and peel it back, which hurt."

It was in the midst of this jour-

ney, while praying in the St. Jude adoration chapel, that Hanic felt that God was prompting her to share her story. She recalled Jesus asking, "Would you share your story if one soul was saved?"

Initially — and for some time after that — Hanic says she was "resistant" to the idea.

"I wasn't on board at all," she says. "We all have these masks and facade, and we want people to think a certain way about us. And I finally felt that I had accomplished that — that I was respected, that I was a good mother, that I was a good wife, and I have a good job. By doing that, people would know everything."

But Hanic went along with the idea, telling God that he would have to handle everything, as she was not a writer and knew nothing about the publication process. And according to Hanic, that's what God did, leading her every step of the way, through editors, to a publisher, to endorsements.

"Deep down, I was hoping someone would say, 'You know, this is out of line,'" Hanic admits.

That admonition never came, but the publication of her book did.

Reaction to "My Daddy Never Died" has been strong. Hanic worried about what her own family would think — her mother and grandparents are still living — but says everyone has been very supportive, noting that she thinks the book is hard for people who were so close to her but didn't know what was going on and couldn't help someone they loved in the midst of her struggle.

Outside of her family, Hanic says the healing impact of her book is already apparent. Her children's classmates approach her to thank her. An older woman



DON CLEMMER

Raquel Hanic signs a copy of her book for her grandmother, Evelyn Escobedo, at a recent book signing at Abba House Christian bookstore in Fort Wayne. Despite the personal and confessional nature of her book, Hanic says her family has been strongly supportive.

— not aware of Hanic's identity — once approached her in church and shared that she had been molested by the alcoholic father as a child and hated him for years and that a book she was reading was really helping her. When she shared that the book was Raquel's, Hanic identified herself, much to the woman's amazement.

Hanic sees these people, like herself, as the prodigal sons and daughters of the church and believes that they share a journey when they return. Casting a guiding light for these people by sharing her experience of this journey is a central mission of her book.

And for those who have been spared the experiences of abuse and addiction, Hanic hopes that her story will increase people's love for the church and the sacraments. She says that, with all the news in the world of priests who

have acted badly, it is especially important to support the good ones.

"They helped me. My church helped me," Hanic says. "My Jesus healed me through the hands of priests."

But so, as Hanic found a new father figure in the church and its priests after the death of her father, she has also found that the pain and growth of her journey continues well after putting her story in book form, suffering the death of her youngest brother after completing the book and finding healing again, this time through the Christ Renews His Parish program at Most Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne.

It's all part of the same healing, saving journey for Raquel Hanic, and she still feels as strongly as ever that sharing it with others has tremendous value.

"When people feel pain, and

there's somebody out there who's gone through the same thing," she says, "people can relate. They don't feel alone."

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Drama department presents 'Grease'
Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers High School drama department will present "Grease" in the café on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased from any cast member or by calling (260) 456-1261 ext. 3114. Doors open at 7 p.m. Enter the building through door #3 from the back parking lot.

The Advent of Justice

Notre Dame — As Advent approaches Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns and Saint Mary's Campus Ministry and Justice Education will sponsor an evening with Father Ed Foley, OFM, a liturgical theologian at The Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in Chicago at 7 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 29, in Stapleton Lounge in Le Mans Hall on the Saint Mary's campus. Father Foley will offer a reflection on liturgy and justice within the season of Advent. Dr. Margie Pfeil of the Notre Dame Theology Department and Sean Wendlinger of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will respond before opening the floor for discussion.

SAJES announce holiday plans

South Bend — A holiday gathering will be held Friday, Dec. 1, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Linden Ave. Mass at 11:30 a.m. will be followed by a Christmas potluck luncheon and

entertainment by Will Yancy. Bring your favorite holiday dish. RSVP to Sister Agnes Marie by Nov. 28 at (574) 289-9439.

Catholic/Lutheran Vespers service

Fort Wayne — The fifth annual Catholic/Lutheran Advent Vesper service will be Sunday, Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Rd. Pre-service music will begin at 4:45 p.m. featuring a combined adult choir from area Catholic and Lutheran congregations. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church hall.

Foresters plan Christmas party

Fort Wayne — The National Catholic Society of Foresters, St. Antoinette Court 870, is having a potluck Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 10, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish School basement. For information call (260) 447-2357.

FUNDRAISERS

Madrigal dinner supports youth

South Bend — The youth of Christ the King Parish will stage "The Second Shepherd's Play," Saturday, Dec. 9, in the lower level of the church. The voices of New Harmonies from Corpus Christi Parish will join youth and adults from Christ the King to benefit the outreach programs of CTK youth ministry as well as help the Christmas giving program. Tickets are \$20 through Dec. 6 in the parish office or by calling Greg Sweeney at (574) 272-3113, x 318.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7 and shrimp for \$8 will be available.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

Have breakfast with Santa

South Bend — The Camp Fire Girls will sponsor Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the St. Anthony School gym. Tickets are \$5 presale, \$7 at the door. Call (574) 234-4145 for tickets and information.

DEVOTIONS

First Sunday rosary for families

Fort Wayne — The first Sunday Rosary for families will be Sunday, Dec. 3, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at MacDougal Chapel with Father Dominique Carboneau and Sister M. Jane Carew attending.

First Saturday devotions

Fort Wayne — The World Apostolate of Fatima will hold devotions of reparation for peace at St. Joseph, corner of Brooklyn and Hale, Saturday, Dec. 2.

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Confessions at 7:15 a.m., meditation at 7:30 a.m., and the rosary at 7:45 a.m. with the Mass at 8 a.m. Breakfast and meeting will follow. First Saturday devotions are also held at St. Patrick, Arcola, St. John, New Haven and

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Dec. 3	First Sunday of Advent	Father James Stoye Cathedral of Immac. Concep. Fort Wayne	Bishop John M. D'Arcy 20th Anniversary of TV Mass 1 hour Noon to 1 p.m.
Dec. 10	Second Sunday of Advent	Msgr. J. William Lester, PA St. Therese Fort Wayne	Father Michael Heintz St. Matthew Cathedral South Bend
Dec. 17	Third Sunday of Advent	Bishop John M. D'Arcy 20th Anniversary of TV Mass 1 hour 10:30-11:30 a.m.	Father Leonard Chrobot St. Hedwig/St. Patrick South Bend
Dec. 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Father Robert D'Souza St. Jude Fort Wayne	Father Charles Herman Holy Family South Bend
Midnight Mass	Nativity of the Lord	Bishop John M. D'Arcy Live from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	Live Feed from the Vatican
Dec. 25	Nativity of the Lord	Bishop John M. D'Arcy	Father Christopher Cox, CSC St. Adalbert, South Bend Airs at 6 a.m. and 1 p.m.
Dec. 31	Feast of the Holy Family	Father Gary Sigler Queen of Angels Fort Wayne	Father David Porterfield Holy Cross House Notre Dame



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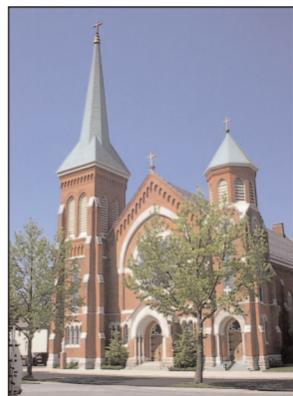
St. Patrick, Fort Wayne est. 1889

The seed for St. Patrick Parish was planted in 1886 when a school of two rooms was opened in a house on south Calhoun St. near Williams St. It was established as a convenience for children who lived too far from the Cathedral School. This area was identified as "south of the tracks" and as Irish Town.

In 1889, Bishop Joseph Dwenger announced the establishment of St. Patrick Parish and the appointment of Father Thomas O'Leary, 32, as pastor. Father O'Leary served only three weeks and died of appendicitis. His replacement, Father Joseph F. Delaney, who would become a local and beloved legend, stayed on the job for 45 years.

Following the 1891 dedication of the present church, St. Patrick's first school was built. It would later become St. Catherine's Academy, a girl's high school.

Thus began the golden years for St. Patrick's. School enrollment soared, and in 1910, a Lyceum that included bowling alleys, a gym, kitchens and an 800-seat auditorium was built and became a social center in Fort Wayne where for the first time many non-Catholics enjoyed themselves on church property.



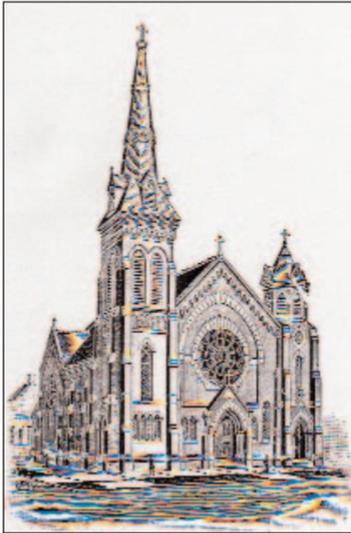
1918 found 639 students in the grade school, with a faculty of 18 Sisters of Providence. This was bread on the waters for the sisters, as over the years, 60 graduates of

St. Patrick joined their ranks. Sixteen others became women religious in other orders, and 35 sons of St. Patrick became priests or brothers.

In 1992, St. Patrick's became a twin parish with St. Paul Parish, which was 24 years older than St. Patrick's and had a predominately Hispanic membership. Eleven years later, St. Paul Church was suppressed and torn down, and the congregation moved to St. Patrick where it joined a smaller Vietnamese body and a dwindling Anglo membership.

Today, St. Patrick epitomizes the inner-city parish with Masses in three languages, weekend religion classes for kids, a food pantry and a "Closet" doing a big business in free clothing, furniture and new gifts for youngsters at Christmas.

For years, the St. Patrick bulletin has borne the slogan, "where the people are even more beautiful than our historic church." In spite of the radical changes that have taken place at this old parish, this expression, coined by a deceased pastor, remains a sound and telling phrase.



MARK WEBER

The statue of Christ with children of many races is an appropriate symbol for the outreach of St. Patrick Parish today. It is located where St. Catherine's Academy and the convent for the Sisters of Providence once stood. The print is from an engraving made in 1913.

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel est. 1851

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, a few miles south of Fort Wayne, is a different kind of place. At a time when families become scattered throughout the United States and beyond, this church which accommodates 250, has families that go back in parish history for seven generations. As early as 1833, John and Henry Herber were among the original landowners and settlers. One-hundred-seventeen years later, Father Alvin Herber was ordained in the Most Precious Blood order. He was one of four Herbers from the parish to become priests.

The parish's unusual name stems from Hesse and Cassel (Kassel) in the diocese of Fulda in Germany, which was the original home of most of the early settlers.

These hardy souls arrived in Detroit as early as 1814 and, after a brief stay, traveled by covered wagons led by Indian guides to Fort Wayne, which then was merely a stockade in the wilderness known as Fort Miami.

Before the parish was actually established, Catholics in the area were served by Msgr. Julian Benoit, who on a circuit of the area,

baptized, married and buried the faithful. According to legend, the first Mass in the area was offered on the stump of a tree in 1835.

So thoroughly German was this parish, that the first eight pastors were all born in Germany, the ninth in Switzerland and finally, in the 1930s, American born Father Joachim Baker (his parents were born in Germany) became pastor.

Also from Germany came the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. They came at the request of Bishop John Henry Luers in the 1860s to teach at St. Joseph's. It was the first mission in America for the Poor Handmaids, who also established St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Another unique feature of this parish is that although it is 155 years old and thoroughly modern, its members are able to embrace the quaint, comforting funeral custom of escorting a loved one on foot to a final resting place in St. Joseph's own cemetery.



MARK WEBER

Dominating the scene in a quaint country churchyard, the crucifix offers solace to all.