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Regional anointing of the sick offers strength, healing to believers

Sesquicentennial event to also be celebrated in South Bend May 13

BY DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — The 2007 Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration continued in Fort Wayne on April 29 with the Regional Anointing of the Sick taking place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The pews that formed the middle aisle of the cathedral were filled with the faithful seated in every other row. Bishop John M. D'Arcy was the celebrant, and there were several other priests in attendance to help administer the sacrament.

People have been anointed since the early years of the church on various parts of the body and sometimes even at certain geographical locations. Pope Paul VI (1972) said that, for the Latin rite, anointing of the dangerously ill should occur on the forehead and hands if at all possible. A single anointing on the forehead or other part of the body is permitted due to the serious health condition of the recipient.

The faithful who are eligible for the sacrament of the anointing of the sick are the elderly who become weaker, although no illness is present; those with a serious medical condition awaiting surgery; sick children who possess enough maturity of reason to benefit from the sacrament; and, the seriously mentally ill provided they can be helped and not harmed by the rite. The administration of oils by a priest offers strength and health to recipients.

Bishop D'Arcy reiterated these words as he began the Mass by saying, "Jesus Christ desires to be especially close to the ill, aging and handicapped of any

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Fort Wayne Catholics celebrated the regional anointing of the sick, an event of the Sesquicentennial Jubilee, on Sunday, April 29 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. In the photo, Bishop John M. D'Arcy lays hands on those in the front pew, from left, Cindy Scheele, Lois Boomer (with the bishop) and Jim Boomer.

BISHOP BLESSES ALTAR AT NOLL CENTER



DON CLEMMER

Bishop John M. D'Arcy anoints with oil the altar for the new chapel at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne at an April 24 dedication Mass. The altar, built by Don Shutt, and the presence of the Eucharist and the new chapel prompted Bishop D'Arcy to say that the Archbishop Noll Center was finally complete.

Queen of Peace Parish marks its 50th anniversary

Parish celebrates its growth, Bishop D'Arcy celebrates Mass

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

MISHAWAKA — The mark of the first 50 years of the Queen of Peace Parish centers around growth.

Established in 1957 to serve Catholics in eastern St. Joseph County, Queen of Peace Parish marked its 50th anniversary with a Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy April 28.

"Celebrations are always important, and the parish is continually growing," said Carol Cone, pastoral associate at Queen of Peace. "It's always important to remember where you've come from as well as where you're going."

Father Richard Hire said the growing parish — with 900 families, in a growing area with the potential for the parish to grow even more — is worth celebrating.

The land surrounding the church and parish, he explained, offers the parish growth opportunities that others may not realize are there.

Recently added wings to the Queen of Peace School and the likely future addition of a gymnasium all signify the parish's continued growth.

"It shows the importance of a Catholic education," Father Hire said.

Cone added that the parish's first 50 years signifies the continued spreading of the Gospel in eastern St. Joseph County.

"Pope John Paul II said the millennium is the new springtime for the church," said

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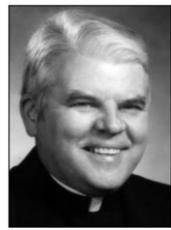
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'Everything which our Redeemer accomplished has passed into the sacraments'



NEWS
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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

The rite of anointing

Sacraments are Easter events. They are born from the paschal event. That is to say, they are born from the blood of Christ, from his death and resurrection.

It was common among the Fathers of the Church, and it is mentioned in the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church that the church was born from the side of Christ, from the blood and water flowing forth from the lance cast by the Roman soldier. So it was that it was my privilege to preside this past Sunday at a solemn anointing of the sick. This took place in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. As always in this diocese, it will be repeated in a few weeks, on May 13, at the co-cathedral of St. Matthew in South Bend. These two events are part of our celebration of our jubilee year.

There was quite a large crowd on hand, and eight priests, including myself, went through the cathedral three times. The first was for a brief imposition of hands, as required for the sacrament. Then came the anointing, and finally, we went through the church again to distribute the body and blood of Christ.

In his beautiful apostolic exhortation, "Sacramentum Caritatis" ("on the Sacrament of Charity"), Pope Benedict speaks of the link between the Eucharist and the other sacraments. Here is what he says in reference to the sacrament of the sick and the holy Eucharist:

"Jesus did not only send his disciples forth to heal the sick (cf. Mt 10:8; Lk 9:2, 10:9); he also instituted a specific sacrament for them: the anointing of the sick. The Letter of James attests to the presence of this sacramental sign in the early Christian community (cf. 5: 4-16). If the Eucharist shows how Christ's sufferings and death have been transformed into love, the anointing of the sick, for its part, unites the sick with Christ's self-offering for the salvation of all, so that they too, within the mystery of the communion of saints, can participate in the redemption of the world. ... Attentive pastoral care shown to those who are ill brings great spiritual benefit to the entire community, since whatever we do to one of the least of our brothers and sisters, we do to Jesus himself." (cf. Mt 25:40).

— Pope Benedict XVI: "Sacramentum Caritatis," 22

I was impressed by the large turnout and as always by the reverence of our people. When it was over, I turned to Father Ken Sarrazine, pastor of St. Joseph, Roanoke, and St. Catherine, Nix Settlement, and asked to be anointed. I don't have any ailments, but by age I'm getting close to the time when it is appropriate. I tried to do what I had asked the congregation to do, namely, open my heart in faith to this gift.

The classic words of Pope Gregory the Great, which are found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, are appropriate here: "Everything which our Redeemer accomplished has passed into the sacraments."

On a lovely Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Jesus Christ passed among the elderly and infirm, strengthening them as he did for the man born blind, the man with the withered hand, the woman with the hemorrhage and so many others.

It was especially appropriate that this be done on Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus Christ, the good shepherd, through his church and through other shepherds continues to care for the flock.

Those of us who have the charism of the shepherd must be faithful and our hearts must be pure and devoted to his work, which should always be considered as a privilege and not a burden.

A weekend to remember

Off early at 5:55 a.m. on a lovely Saturday morning to the delightful town of Culver to join with Father Glenn Kohrman at the Culver Academy for the confirmation of 17 students. This year, as part of our jubilee, all of our confirmations will be together in September, first at the Joyce Center at Notre Dame on Sept. 16, and then on Sept. 30 at the Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne. This was done in the last jubilee observance in the year 2000. We hope this will be memorable in bringing the diocese together one more time during this sacred jubilee year.

So not many confirmations this spring. One at Culver Academy because the students will not be here in September.

Off then to Mishawaka where I celebrated the golden jubilee Mass at Queen of Peace Parish honoring the 50th anniversary of that parish. The school, which reopened a few years ago, now has eight full grades, having had its first graduation this past year. I believe they expect about 265 students in the fall, making it the largest Catholic elementary school in Mishawaka. We expect in the years ahead they will be a strong feeder school for Marian High School. It was a joy to be with Father Richard Hire and his parish.

Back then to Fort Wayne late at night to prepare for the Mass of Anointing on Sunday. A journey of over 200 miles.

A sad journey

After completing these notes on a lovely Sunday afternoon, I drove to South Bend for the second time in two days to be present at the Mass for Cpl. Nick Polizzotto, who was shot and killed. I expect there will be hundreds of policemen marching, coming from all over Indiana and beyond, to show their love and respect for a fallen comrade. I wish to be there to honor those who stand in guard over our communities and to pray for the fallen officer, a graduate of Christ the King School.

Such a terrible killing is never the will of God. God is the God of the living and not the dead. He wishes all to have a full and rich life and to see their children and grand-

children if marriage is their vocation. How then could something like this happen? God has also given us free will; we are made in his image, and this freedom is his special gift. We are also touched by sin and evil. Most of us place great value on life, but there are some who do not. We must be protected from such people, and so we have the long blue line of those who stand guard in our communities. It is also a thin blue line. It is sad that the only time we bring to our minds the firefighters and police officers, men and women who stand guard over our communities is when there is a great loss. Let us pray for Nick Polizzotto and for our bravest and finest and for their families who send them out each morning and pray that the dreaded call in the night may never come.

And let us do something about the prevalence of guns everywhere.

A date worth noting

On May 1, I will be pastor of this diocese for 22 years. It seems like a moment. How could the years have passed so fast? I remember the cloudy spring day, with light showers, and my family present in the front row. I recall 150 people who came from Boston, including about 80 priests, and especially my dear mother who was the one making the sacrifice since, along with my sisters, I was seeing to her care. The next day I returned to the work God had given me, and she returned to her home of 40 years to pray her rosary, think of bygone days and prepare her pure and beautiful heart to meet her Savior.

It has been a privilege to be bishop in this place, and every day is a gift.

This past week I also had a meeting with the Council of Teachers. The council is made up of teachers from throughout the diocese. I have committed to attend two meetings every year. It has helped me to understand more clearly the concerns of our teachers and has helped them understand the responsibilities of the bishop in our diocese. These meetings also made possible many improvements which we have been able to make for our teachers and which will continue as a close link.

Cultural comments

Imagine, five wins in six games with the Yankees! How could it all be possible?

Ah, but it is early. It is only May, but there is good reason for hope. A win over the Yankees is always special. But imagine, five out of six. By the way, if you ever want a great breakfast, go to the Culver Tavern in downtown Culver. I was privileged to go there with Bob Novak and Father Glenn Kohrman and some members of the Culver Academy community. I am sure it is one of the best breakfasts in northern Indiana.

The Mass for Nicholas Polizzotto was filled with emotion.

See you all next week.

Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima to be rededicated May 13

NOTRE DAME — The Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross invites the community to join in rededicating the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. The rededication ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 13, at 3 p.m. Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial superior of the Indiana Province, will preside and preach.

The shrine is located along Indiana State Road 933, directly across from the main entrance to Saint Mary's College. It consists of six marble figures carved by Luisi of Pietrasanta, Italy. The shrine commemorates the appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, outside the little town of Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. The feast day of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, recalls the first appearance, while the sixth and final appearance took place on Oct. 13. Mary's message to the three children and to the whole world was one of the absolute importance of prayer, and especially the rosary, for world peace.

The vision for the shrine at Notre Dame originated with a group of laymen who sought to spread devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. They offered to erect the outdoor, public shrine on behalf of the Holy Cross Mission Band, as part of their work in preaching and giving retreats.

Over 2,000 people attended the shrine's solemn dedication, which took place Oct. 19, 1952. Servant of God, Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton, known throughout the world for his work in spreading devotion to Mary and to the rosary, preached at the ceremony.



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This historical photo shows the solemn dedication of the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in October of 1952 at Notre Dame.

Several years later a retreat center, dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima, was constructed on the property.

For many years, daily devotions were held at the shrine. It was also the location of many outdoor Masses and Marian novenas, celebrating special occasions. Several of those novenas drew over 3,000 people to the shrine.

In 2005, Holy Cross converted the retreat center into a community residence. The purpose of the upcoming rededication ceremony is to reintroduce the broader public to the shrine as well as to the beautiful Stations of the Cross that accompany it. Both the shrine and the stations are open daily for prayer and pilgrimage until dusk.

The rededication ceremony on May 13 will begin in the chapel of Our Lady of Fatima House. After

the Liturgy of the Word in the chapel, those gathered will process out to the shrine for a rosary, followed then by a blessing and crowning of the statue of Fatima. Representatives from local Holy Cross parishes and the University of Notre Dame community will be assisting in the celebration.

After the ceremony, everyone is invited to a brief reception in the Our Lady of Fatima House. Tours of the remodeled residence will also be available.

The entrance to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima is on the east side of Indiana State Road 933 just south of the stoplight for the main entrance of Saint Mary's College. Parking for the rededication ceremony will be available on the grounds of Our Lady of Fatima House.

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kind. The Easter season is the season of this sacrament. Everything our Redeemer accomplished is passed on through the sacraments. This is the sacrament of healing and strength. You will find that in the strength and healing you will be better and even healed if it is the will of God."

The bishop continued by passing on the comments of Pope Benedict XVI to the people. Pope Benedict addresses the people who are ill and aging, suffering in any way by saying they should join their pain and the loss of abilities from times past to the suffering of Jesus Christ. Regardless of condition, people who suffer have done so much good in their lives. Therefore, they are encouraged to accept this suffering as the will of God.

The bishop and other priests in attendance approached those seeking the sacrament of the anointing of the sick three times during the Mass. First, through the laying on of hands where the priest lays his hands gently on their heads and prays for them. The priest then uses blessed oils to make the sign of the cross on the forehead and palms of both hands of each recipient. Lastly, the priest offers Christ

to them in the Eucharist, where Christ's death and resurrection are made ever present for us.

Jim and Lois Boomer of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne, found the service to "be very comforting." Lois was reminded during this Mass, "God is with me in sickness and in health."

The Boomers brought with them a friend named Cindy Scheele, who recently attended a healing service at her daughter's parish at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Carmel. Cindy has a pain pump implanted in her abdomen but has not experienced any pain since the visit to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Carmel.

Seated a few pews back from the Boomers were Judy and Dave Kable along with Frances Koors, Judy's mother. They came from St. Mary's of the Assumption Parish in Decatur. Frances has cancer and is recovering from a recent fall. Dave has heart problems. This family thought it was simply "wonderful" to do something spiritual together as a family.

Those who were anointed according to the Letter of St. James are raised up and considered saved. Through the anointing and the state of being saved those who embrace their suffering and crosses are being living, visual examples of Christ's earthly suffering to others without such pronounced ailments. The assistance lovingly given to

those who suffer is therefore pleasing to God because it is given back to his body of believers.

The bishop explained that "the outpouring of love took place on the cross and the birth of the church came from this suffering. Jesus Christ made suffering good. He encouraged people to join with others because Jesus Christ desires it. We are strengthened by faith, hope and love." Such a sentiment can also be found in St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians (6:2), followers are encouraged to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Regional celebration of anointing of sick to be held in South Bend

SOUTH BEND — A regional celebration of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick will take place at St. Matthew Cathedral. Bishop John M. D'Arcy will preside at the Mass.

The anointing Mass will be held Sunday, May 13, at 2 p.m. in St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 Miami St.

All who are suffering in mind or body, at or over the age of reason, are invited to celebrate the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. The Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.

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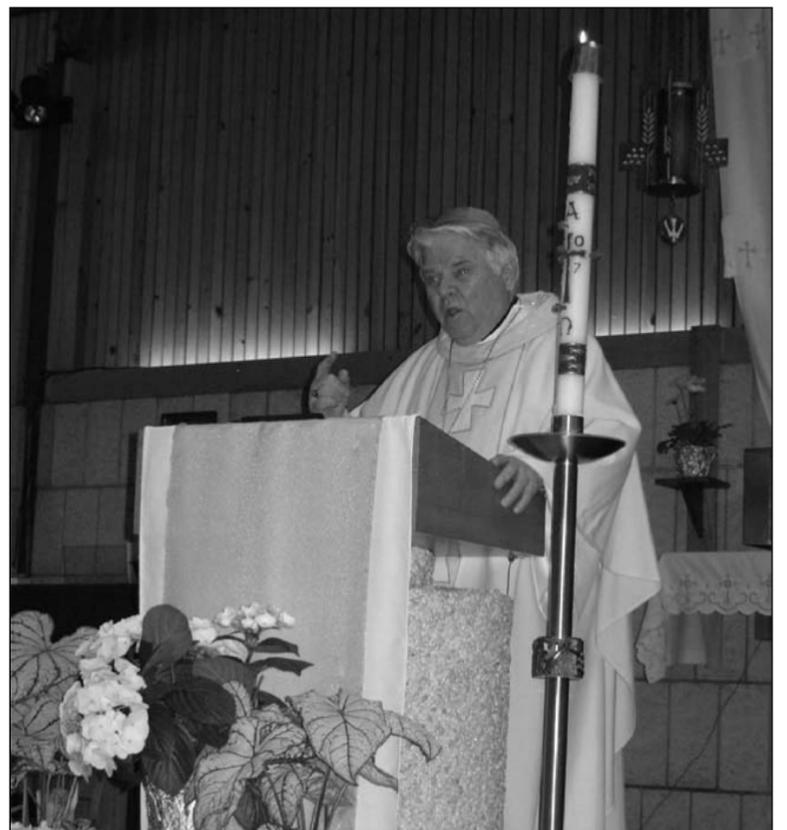
The church has traditionally dedicated the month of May to special devotion to Mary, the mother of God. It is in Mary's example of service and intercession, shown in a wonderful way at the wedding at Cana, that the church finds her own model of motherly love, which consists in bringing people closer to Christ while responding with concrete help to their human needs. Next week-end, when we honor as a nation the great vocation of motherhood, we will have a special opportunity to share in the motherly love of the church by contributing to the traditional Mothers' Day collection for Catholic Charities.

The money received in this collection will be used to help those who are in need right here in our own diocese. In a special way it will be used to support mothers who are poor, homeless or refugees; mothers who need individual, marriage and family counseling; mothers who are pressured in one way or another to have an abortion and who need psychological and financial assistance throughout their pregnancies; mothers who are trying to escape situations of physical abuse and who need safe shelter and perhaps job training; and mothers who need affordable, quality childcare while they work to put food on the table for their families.

In the name of Mary, the mother of the Savior, who spent her life looking out for the needs of others and drawing them close to her Son, I ask you to be as generous as you can with this collection.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrates Mass for the 50th anniversary at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Mishawaka April 28.

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Cone, noting that when the Queen of Peace Parish reopened its school, it attracted younger people and families to the church.

Despite growth marking this time in the parish's history, Father Hire said other characteristics of its families is an emphasis on dealing with the sick, Mass and the sacraments. And education has always been a positive mark of the parish as well.

"We've always had a good reli-

gious education program even before the school — one of the best in the diocese," Father Hire said. "And it has a love of social activities. It has a lot of things going on here."

"We don't go for all the bells and whistles, but we are true to Catholic teaching and liturgy. And we hold to the teaching of whole parish life," Cone said. "And we like to have fun."

As part of Mass celebrating 50 years of Queen of Peace, Bishop D'Arcy said, in part, it was a joy to celebrate 150 years this year of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and his 50th year as a priest along with Queen of Peace.

Despite Catholic opposition, Mexico City passes abortion initiative

BY JONATHAN ROEDER

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — Despite an intense opposition campaign by the Catholic Church, the Mexico City Assembly has approved an initiative legalizing abortion during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

Following a heated session April 24, the legislature voted in favor of the new law, which will allow hospitals run by the city government to provide abortions.

The initiative, passed 46-19 with one abstention, went into effect April 27, and all city hospitals must begin offering abortions within 60 days.

City health officials announced April 26 that only women who provide proof of residence in Mexico City are permitted to have an abortion there.

Only a small portion of Mexico City's hospitals are run by the local government, and abortions will not be offered at federal hospitals.

Outside the Assembly, on the streets of Mexico City's colonial center, supporters and opponents of the measure faced off, separated only by a thin row of riot police.

Waving banners and chanting over the sound of booming drums, opponents of abortion vowed to find new ways to defeat the initiative, which has put Mexico City, the nation's capital, on the short list of places in Latin America where abortions are allowed — along with Cuba, Puerto Rico and Guyana.

"We will continue fighting to prevent this," said Ivan Manjarez,

a former Mexico City legislator with the conservative National Action Party, which opposes abortion. "You cannot take away the rights of those who are weakest."

Before the initiative's enactment, abortions were only allowed in cases of rape or serious birth defects or when the pregnancy endangers the mother's life. Doctors who perform unauthorized abortions as well as the mothers who hire them can be jailed for up to five years.

Supporters of the initiative say the prohibition has resulted in hundreds of thousands of clandestine abortions across the country, often carried out in unsafe conditions. Federal health officials recorded 88 deaths in 2006 due to botched abortions; some organizations claim this figure is much higher.

The National Action Party, which historically has strong ties to the Catholic Church, says it plans to challenge the measure before the Supreme Court, arguing the law violates Mexico's Constitution. However, the party's minority status in the Mexico City Assembly may hinder this effort: It controls 17 of the chamber's 66 seats.

A constitutional challenge requires at least one-third of the chamber's support — 22 signatures — and the National Action Party has been hard-pressed to find help from rival parties on the issue.

Members of the party say that if the constitutional challenge fails they will file a complaint with the federal attorney general's office and seek other legal



CNS PHOTO/ANDREW WINNING, REUTERS

Anti-abortion activists cry and hold banners near Mexico City's local legislature before the start of the debate and vote to legalize abortion during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. The legislature passed the bill, which will allow hospitals run by the city government to provide abortions.

avenues to derail the measure.

Civic groups are also attempting to force a citywide referendum on the issue.

On April 23, the Mexican College of Catholic Lawyers presented a petition, signed by 36,000 capital residents, demanding a special vote on the law.

But local lawmakers from the left-leaning Democratic Revolution Party, which controls the city government and supports the abortion initiative, have argued that the referendum petition was turned in too late.

The Democratic Revolution Party's support for the initiative has put abortion in the national spotlight and spurred a month-

long campaign by the Catholic Church. The weeks leading up to the vote were marked by steadily harsher words from both sides.

The head of the Democratic Revolution Party in the city Assembly blamed Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera of Mexico City for death threats he allegedly received, while bishops threatened to excommunicate the legislators who voted in favor of the measure.

Pope Benedict XVI recently entered the fray, condemning the measure in a statement released by the Mexican bishops' conference April 20.

"The pope unites with the church of Mexico and countless

others of good will who are worried by the Mexico City law that threatens the lives of unborn children," the statement read.

Some observers said the intense, but ultimately fruitless, efforts to derail the initiative showed a loss of the church's influence in Mexico.

In an interview with Catholic News Service, Roberto Blancarte, a sociologist specializing in religious issues at the Colegio de Mexico research center, said the Catholic hierarchy has distanced itself from followers, and scandals involving abusive priests have hurt the church's image.

"This is a question of moral authority," he said. "This moral authority is very diminished so (the church) is going to have to completely change the way it perceives itself and its own power."

Meanwhile, public opinion polls on abortion reveal sharp divisions among Mexicans. A survey conducted April 21 by the Mexico City daily *Reforma* shows that a slim majority of city residents — 53 percent — approve the decriminalization of abortion. But this support has waned from March, when 59 percent approved. Outside Mexico City, 59 percent of those polled disapproved of the initiative.

Regarding the church's efforts to defeat the initiative, 70 percent of capital residents polled and 54 percent of those outside the capital said the campaign was "bad."

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Returning the love God lavishes upon us

'Deus Caritas Est' conference explores papal encyclical

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — After Pope Benedict XVI issued his first encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est" ("God is Love"), in January of 2006, some University of Notre Dame faculty, staff and students decided to study the encyclical. They wanted to determine just how their lives and work reflected the pope's encyclical message that God lavishes his love upon us, and we in return must reach out to love others.

The results of that year of study were presented on campus in an April 27-28 conference that included two keynote speakers and presentations by 10 Notre Dame students.

In remarks opening the conference, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, Notre Dame president, observed that the students had devoted great time and effort to studying the encyclical, saying: "It gives me great joy that we have this conference inspired by students."

Father Jenkins also introduced the first keynote speaker, Mary Brosnahan, a 1983 Notre Dame graduate who is executive director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City, an agency that does advocacy for the homeless and provides direct services to approximately 100 homeless persons every day. Father Jenkins said that one of his greatest joys as president of the university was to go around the

country and see Notre Dame alumni like Brosnahan who are doing wonderful things, "living God's love in so many ways that humble and inspire me."

Brosnahan said Benedict's encyclical on love was "a gift" to her, and helped her see that we become one with Christ by serving the poor. She also related to the pope's message that prayer and contemplation are essential in being able to share one's love because contemplation and acts of charity nourish each other.

"In taking time for meditation and prayer, we are able to refresh ourselves and go on to help others," she noted.

And when you give essentials like food and shelter to people, you give them dignity and you set the stage for them to hope and love, too, Brosnahan observed.

Benedictine Father Philip Anderson, prior of the Monastery of Our Lady of Clear Creek in Hulbert, Okla., was the other keynote speaker. The monastery is affiliated with

the contemplative French Benedictine community Notre Dame de Fontgombault Abbey. Father Anderson, an American, was sent back to the United States in 1999 with 12 other monks to found Clear Creek Monastery, which since has grown to 25 monks. Notre Dame architecture professor Thomas Gordon Smith has designed the buildings for the growing Benedictine community at Clear

"Before you can give love to others, you have to fill up your own cup."

FATHER PHILIP ANDERSON



ANN CAREY

Benedictine Father Philip Anderson, prior of Our Lady of Clear Creek Monastery in Oklahoma, and Mary Brosnahan, executive director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City, were the keynote speakers at the "Deus Caritas Est" conference at Notre Dame.

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Father Anderson spoke on the "vertical" aspect of love in "Deus Caritas Est," the love between God and humans, explaining that "Before you can give love to others, you have to fill up your own cup."

As a monk, he said, his quest for love of God is "a beautiful and sublime occupation." He characterized the quest all of us

make for God as a climb up a mountain. Obstacles block that climb, he said, so we must reject whatever is evil or harmful and use the good around us to help us move higher. For example, he said, a good human marriage helps us to understand divine union.

It is Christ we discover at the top of the mountain of contemplation, Father Anderson said,

and it is at Calvary that we discover love in its rawest form: God is love.

Pope Benedict's encyclical teaches that love is open-ended and that love of God leads us to love of neighbor as we look on others with the perspective of Christ.

Father Anderson observed that young people often have noble aspirations, but when they come up against structures of sin, it is hard to put love and charity into action. However, love of God is the most powerful force in the world and can overcome anything. Citing the example of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Father Anderson said that even one individual can cause a "spiritual tsunami," a "true climate change."

After his talk, a student asked the Benedictine monk how a student could do contemplation while also pursuing his studies. Father Anderson explained that for many students and universities, there is too much emphasis on the job market. The first thing to do is concentrate on being a better person, to think about what is important. Studying truth and beauty is contemplation, he said, and that should be the main emphasis at a university.

The 10 students giving presentations at the conference were graduate students Sam Cahill, Patrick Clark, Jonell Goco, Chad Prosocki and Gabriel Zamora; senior Greg Caso; juniors Nicholas Houpt and Philip Carl Smith; sophomore Patrick Kibbe; and freshman Amber Lattner.

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Vatican sources say papal trip to U.N. unlikely this year

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI accepted an invitation to visit U.N. headquarters in New York City, but Vatican sources said the trip looked unlikely for this year. U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told reporters April 26 that during their recent meeting at the Vatican he asked the pope to come "at a mutually convenient time." Ban said, "I am very happy that he accepted my invitation to visit." Attention had focused on a possible papal visit in September for the opening of the U.N. General Assembly. Vatican sources said that date now looked improbable, and that no steps were being taken for a U.N. visit this year.

Synod outline says Bible is source of Christian unity, bond with Jews

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Bible is a source of Christian unity and is evidence of Christianity's special bond with the Jewish people, said the outline for the next world Synod of Bishops. The theme of the synod, scheduled Oct. 5-26, 2008, will be: "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." While focusing specifically on the Bible, the synod's outline emphasized Christian belief that Jesus Christ is the fullest expression of the word of God and that the entire Bible can be understood only in reference to Jesus. The "lineamenta," or outline, of the synod's theme was released at an April 27 Vatican press conference. The document contains dozens of questions about what Catholics know and understand about the Bible and its relationship to the teaching of the church. Bishops' conferences and other groups were asked to respond to the questions by November. The responses will form the basis of the synod's working document.

Archbishop pulls support for hospital benefit over singer's stands

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — Saying that it sent a "contradictory message" for a Catholic institution to raise funds by featuring a musician who supports abortion and embryonic stem-cell research, Archbishop Raymond L. Burke of St. Louis announced April 25 that he had withdrawn his support for an upcoming benefit for SSM Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center. Rock musician Sheryl Crow, a native of Kennett, Mo., has been an outspoken supporter of keeping abortion legal. She also supported Amendment 2, a Missouri initiative passed last fall that constitutionally protects human cloning and embryonic stem-cell research. Crow was scheduled to perform at the annual Bob Costas Benefit April 28 at the Fabulous Fox theater in St. Louis. Sportscaster Costas and comedian Billy Crystal also were to participate in the benefit, with tickets ranging in price from \$35 to \$100. At an April 25 press conference at the archdiocesan offices,

NEWS BRIEFS

POPE BLESSES NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST



CNS PHOTO/ALESSANDRO BIANCHI, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI blesses a newly ordained priest during a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican April 29. The pope pleaded for vocations worldwide as he marked the annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Archbishop Burke said Crow's connection to the benefit event was "an affront to the identity and mission of the medical center, dedicated as it is to the service of life and Christ's healing mission."

Jesuit: Canadians complicit if they hand over prisoners for torture

OTTAWA (CNS) — If Canadian soldiers hand over Taliban captives knowing that Afghan authorities will torture them, the soldiers, their commanding officers and the Canadian government are complicit and morally compromised, said a Jesuit author. Jesuit Father John Perry, author of "Torture: Religious Ethics and National Security," said even the suspicion that the prisoners will be tortured should be enough to change the soldiers' actions. "We can't smugly say 'they promised us they won't do this, and we believe them,'" he said in an April 23 telephone interview from Winnipeg, where he teaches at St. Paul's College at the University of Manitoba. Father Perry noted that there is plenty of evidence that the Afghan prison system applies torture as routinely as North American police take DNA samples — "just in case someone knows something." Church teaching is clear: Torture is never permissible, even for the gravest reasons, he said. Allegations that Afghan officials are torturing Taliban captives have dogged Canadian officials for months. In an April 23 report based on interviews with 30 prisoners, *The Globe and Mail* newspaper said they claimed to have been

beaten, starved and otherwise mistreated.

Survey shows average age of priests to be ordained in '07 is 35

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Results of a survey released April 30 show that the average age of the 475 priests expected to be ordained in the United States this year is 35 and one-third of this year's new priests were born in another country, primarily Vietnam, Mexico, Poland or the Philippines. The national study of the ordination class of 2007 also shows that the men are well educated. More than six in 10 completed college before entering the seminary and some have advanced degrees in law, medicine and education. The annual survey of new priests was initially developed in 1998 by the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Vocations and Priestly Formation. Last year, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University began conducting it for the U.S. bishops.

Judge approves \$48 million sex abuse settlement in Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash. (CNS) — U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Patricia Williams April 24 confirmed a reorganization plan under which the Spokane Diocese will pay childhood victims of clergy sexual abuse and their lawyers \$48 million. "Today's decision by Judge Williams marks the end of a tragic chapter in our history," Bishop

William S. Skylstad of Spokane said at an afternoon press conference announcing the decision. He used the occasion to apologize again to the abuse victims. "Individuals used their positions of authority and trust to damage the least among us. It was shameful, and it was wrong," he said. All parties to the diocese's bankruptcy proceedings had agreed to the reorganization plan before Williams confirmed it. Of the \$48 million, \$40 million is to be used to compensate victims, \$7 million is for the professional fees of attorneys and accountants, and up to \$1 million is for expenses incurred in determining the claims. Of the \$40 million, \$39 million is to go to victims who made claims before or during the bankruptcy proceedings; \$1 million will be set aside for possible future claims.

North Dakota moves closer to ban on abortion if Roe v. Wade reversed

FARGO, N.D. (CNS) — Passage of a bill that would make abortion illegal in North Dakota if Roe v. Wade is overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court is a "positive affirmation of the right to life," said Bishop Samuel J. Aquila of Fargo. "This ban is a positive step toward protecting all human life from conception to natural death, but there is much work left to be done in North Dakota and throughout the nation and world," Bishop Aquila said in a statement posted late April 24 on his diocesan Web site. North Dakota Gov. John Hoeven was expected to sign the bill, which

would make abortion a felony except in cases of rape or incest or to save the mother's life. Called a "trigger bill," the legislation would only take effect if the Supreme Court overturned its 1973 decision legalizing abortion in all 50 states. Mississippi passed similar legislation earlier this year; it was signed into law by Gov. Haley Barbour April 19. Anyone performing an illegal abortion under the North Dakota legislation would be subject to a \$5,000 fine and/or up to five years in jail.

Immigration proposals weighed by church and in Congress

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A White House proposal for immigration reform is "a step in the wrong direction," though a House bill comes closer to offering what's needed, said the chairman of the U.S. bishops' migration committee in a letter to Congress. Meanwhile, Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., the chairwoman of the House immigration subcommittee, told a conference on immigration law and policy she hopes that before the August recess a bill will come out of Congress that takes a comprehensive approach to problems, including giving college students a chance to legalize their status as well as dealing with enforcement, temporary workers and legalization. In a letter to Congress released April 23, Bishop Gerald R. Barnes of San Bernardino, Calif., reiterated the bishops' support for legislation that includes what he called a viable path to permanent residency for people in the country illegally, a visiting worker program, a plan to address backlogs in family reunification immigration, restoration of due process rights and policies that address the root causes of migration. Bishop Barnes said H.R. 1645, the Security Through Regularized Immigration and a Vibrant Economy Act, or STRIVE Act, so far comes closest to a just and humane reform bill.

Head of New Ulm Diocese named coadjutor for St. Paul-Minneapolis

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Bishop John C. Nienstedt of New Ulm, Minn., as coadjutor archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, announced the appointment in Washington April 24. Archbishop Harry J. Flynn is the current head of the archdiocese. As coadjutor, Archbishop Nienstedt automatically becomes head of the archdiocese upon Archbishop Flynn's retirement or death. On May 2, 2008, Archbishop Flynn will turn 75, the age at which bishops are requested by church law to submit their resignations to the pope. The pope may or may not accept it at that time. Archbishop Nienstedt, 60, has headed the New Ulm Diocese since 2001. Before that he was a priest and then auxiliary bishop of the Detroit Archdiocese.

USF hosts Faces of God exhibit

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) will feature Faces of God, an exhibition of artworks by students studying art at educational institutions within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, including Saint Joseph's High School of South Bend, Bishop Dwenger High School and Bishop Luers High School of Fort Wayne, Marian High School of Mishawaka, Holy Cross College of South Bend and University of Saint Francis.

The exhibition will be on display at the John P. Weatherhead Gallery off Leesburg Road on campus from May 14-31. After being on display at USF, the exhibition will travel on to the University of Notre Dame in August when it will be seen by thousands of people during the Eucharistic Congress on Aug. 18.

For more information, contact Justin L. Johnson, gallery director at USF, at (260) 434-7586.

Comcast announces EWTN to have full-time channel in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — Comcast Fort Wayne recently announced the May 16 repositioning of the several channels including EWTN and Inspiration Channel.

The change will allow for EWTN and Inspiration channel to move from a shared position on channel 62, to two separate channels with full-time programming. EWTN will move to channel 291 and the Inspiration channel will move to channel 298.

An enhanced box will be provided to customers free of charge that will allow receipt of the two religious programming channels. Customers should call (260) 456-9000 to arrange for the courtesy box. In addition to EWTN and Inspiration, the enhanced box allows customers an on-screen channel guide, digital music channels, the MoviePlex channel and access to On Demand movies.

The following changes will be made to the Comcast lineup on or about May 16 for Fort Wayne, New Haven, Hometown, Woodburn, Ossian, Roanoke and Whitley County:

- Reposition EWTN from Expanded Service shared channel 62 to digital channel 291.

- Reposition Inspiration Channel from Expanded Service shared channel 62 to digital channel 298.

Youth will 'pray twice' in May 6 concert

GRANGER — The catechism teaches that "he who sings prays twice." This idea may have originated with St. Augustine, who said simply, "In praise, there is the speaking forth of one confessing; in singing, the affection of one loving." But local Catholic youth just know they love to sing, and that, for them, is prayer.

Antioch and St. Pius X youth groups will join the Marian Liturgical Choir and other musicians to present "Journey Through the Church Year: Songs and

AROUND THE DIOCESE

KNIGHTS PRESENT BIBLES TO THIRD GRADE STUDENTS



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Third graders were excited to show off the Bibles they received from the Knights of Columbus from their parish recently. Pictured with the third graders were (left to right, in back) Knights Bert Egging, Chris Grendys and Brian Aschenbrenner. Father Fernando Polycarp, a lifetime member of the Knights standing to the right of Aschenbrenner, quizzed the students on the Bible before they received their gift asking such questions as "How many books are there in the Bible?" Teachers Marsha Wagner, standing behind boy, and Sue Kraus and the children thanked the Knights for their generous donation.

Scripture from Advent Through Christ the King." The concert is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, 7 p.m. at St. Pius X in Granger.

Marian choir director Joe Higgenbotham, who is also director of liturgy at St. Bavo Parish, has organized the event.

"The Antioch kids really liked the Service of Lessons and Carols we did during Advent," Higgenbotham said in an interview. "They wanted to do something for Lent."

"But we thought if we waited until after Easter, it would be a more joyful event."

Five high schools, including Marian and Saint Joseph's, are represented in the group, as are more than eight parishes from St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend to St. Thomas Parish in Elkhart. In addition to singers, youth will be playing guitar and bass, violin, drums and woodwinds. Several adult musicians have volunteered to play or sing back up.

Ten lectors from the two youth groups will read reflections and Scripture to provide context for the music.

Higgenbotham says the talents of the youth are put to good use in the event.

"We have a lot of talented kids in our churches," he said. "We thought it would be good to showcase them in a broad look at the beauty of the church year."

The concert is free and open to the public.

South Bend Scouts receive religious emblems

SOUTH BEND — The Catholic Committee on Scouting, South Bend section, held its annual St. George Mass on April 15. Father Christopher Young served as celebrant. Religious emblem recipients included the following:

Cub Scouts

- Light of Christ — Nicholas Pilarski, Pack 561, Sacred Heart

Parvuli Dei

- Parvuli Dei — Nathan Ladwig, Pack 262, St. John the Baptist; Christopher Higgs-Couthard, Pack 451, Christ the King; and Isaac Barrios, Pack 750, St. Thomas

Boy Scouts

- Ad Altare Dei — Daniel Eddy, Troop 7, St. John the Evangelist; Ethan Ridenour, Troop 705, St. Mary of the Annunciation; Keith Guthrie, Troop 705, St. John the Evangelist; Joshua Miller, Troop 562, St. Pius X; Patrick Wheeler, Troop 325, St. John the Evangelist; Grant Eddy, Troop 7, St. John the Evangelist; Paul Champion, Troop 562, St. Pius X; Ben Resnick, Troop 453, St. Anthony de Padua; Brian Rieder, Troop 453, St. Pius X; Luke Resnick, Troop 453, St. Anthony de Padua; and Sean Scott, Troop 453, St. Pius X

- Pope Pius XII — the highest Catholic religious emblem for Boy Scouts — Kyle Doroh, Troop 799, St. Thomas the Apostle; Robert Mauck, Troop 750, St.

Thomas the Apostle; Peter Stafflebach, Troop 325, St. Mary; Edward Murphy, Troop 325, Holy Cross; Lukas Cerbin, Troop 325, Corpus Christi; Joseph Torma, Troop 325, St. Jude; Peter Greer, Troop 325, St. Anthony de Padua; Anthony Massa, Troop 325, St. Vincent de Paul; Kevin McShane, Troop 325, Christ the King; Nathan Darr, Troop 325, St. Mary of the Annunciation; and Tom Everett, Troop 325, Corpus Christi

Girl Scouts

- Marian Emblem — Alex Lesniak, Holy Family; April Lopez, Holy Family; and Helen Roszkowski, Christ the King

Brownies

- I Live My Faith — 15 brownies from Troop 53, Christ the King

Adult Award

- Diocesan Award of Merit — Bernie Rieder, Algonquian district commissioner, St. Pius X

New Haven students win a chance to compete in Global Finals

NEW HAVEN — Three St. John the Baptist Catholic School teams will compete against students from across the country and more than 10 countries and provinces, including teams from Turkey, Brazil, Poland, China, Mexico and Guatemala. These students have earned the right to take part in the competition of a lifetime at the Destination Imagination® (DI) Global Finals May 23-26.

The students worked their way

through several levels of competition in order to win a shot at the biggest challenge of them all — Destination Imagination's Global Finals. The 8,000 participants that proceed to Global Finals emerge from a field of 350,000 participants.

The Destination Imagination program runs annually and presents students working in teams of up to seven with the opportunity to choose from five mind-bending team challenges. While each team challenge integrates a variety of chances to learn by doing, challenges usually feature one prominent task, such as building a load-bearing structure, creating a vehicle, writing a performance piece or exploring history.

This year's DI challenges include Direct Flight, CSI-DI, Round About Courage, Switching TraDitions and Card-DI-ology

The program also provides instant challenges in which the teams work together to solve shorter challenges within minutes. Besides encouraging and teaching critical thinking and teamwork, these instant challenges promote the development of improvisational and quick-thinking skills.

Two St. John the Baptist teams will be competing in Card-DI-ology and one team in Direct Flight. Destination Imagination® has been honing critical thinking skills for 25 years and St. John the Baptist will be competing with over 8,000 students at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn. For more information visit www.destination-imagination.org.

Diocesan seminarians admitted to candidacy

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The seemingly unadorned liturgy of Evening Prayer marked a defining moment in the priestly formation of eight seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum on April 29, when Bishop David R. Choby of Nashville, Tenn., admitted them to candidacy for holy orders in the seminary's St. Turibius Chapel.

The Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders is celebrated when a seminarian has reached a maturity of purpose in his formation and has demonstrated the necessary qualifications for ordination. In the presence of the bishop, he publicly expresses his intention to complete his preparation for holy orders and his resolve to fully invest himself to that end, so that he will serve Christ and the church faithfully.

An international seminary, the Josephinum serves an average of 30 dioceses in the United States and abroad. Four dioceses had seminarians admitted to candidacy: Gabriel Hernández, Fernando Jiménez and Jacob Runyon (Fort Wayne-South Bend); Anthony Lopez (Nashville); Robert Bolding, Thielo Ramirez, and William Schmid (Phoenix); and Matthew Sanders and Adam Stimpson (Peoria). The candidates will continue studies at the Josephinum for two more years before being ordained to the priesthood.

ICC priorities help families receive funding

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

INDIANAPOLIS — While much of the attention on the state's budget has been geared towards property tax relief and whether slot machines will be added to Indiana's horse racing industry, the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) has kept a watchful eye on the budget for other reasons — to raise the dignity of lower income families in Indiana.

Several important funding pieces to benefit lower income families moved in and out of the budget bill throughout the last days of the session and even were moved during the final hours before the Indiana General Assembly was scheduled to adjourn, Sunday, April 29, by midnight.

Access to health care for the uninsured; funding for affordable housing; scholarship tax credits, and special savings accounts for low income families topped ICC's list of priorities, which were attached in some way to the passage of this year's state budget bill.

The budget bill, HB 1001, passed the Indiana General Assembly late Sunday night.

"I'm pleased that several important health care provisions were included in the budget, which will benefit lower income families and children," said Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference.

"Health insurance for Indiana's uninsured, which originated as part

of Gov. Mitch Daniels' 'Healthier Indiana Plan,' was improved upon by Democrat and Republican lawmakers as it moved through the process," said Tebbe.

To fund this plan, Hoosier lawmakers passed HB 1678, which raises the cigarette tax by 44-cents-per-pack. Currently the cigarette tax in Indiana is 55.5 cents-per-pack, but under HB 1678, the cigarette tax will jump to nearly a dollar or 99.5 cents-per-pack.

The Indiana Catholic Conference testified before state lawmakers several times in support of this plan, and Hoosier legislators passed a budget that allocates funding for health insurance coverage for the uninsured.

It is estimated that the cigarette tax would raise \$206 million annually and provide health insurance for roughly 132,000 uninsured Hoosiers. Currently in Indiana, there are 561,000 Hoosiers without health insurance.

A portion of the cigarette tax will expand the eligibility of children who qualify for health coverage in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). It is estimated that 39,000 Hoosier children will now be eligible for well care provided through this program, which include early childhood immunizations and regular doctor visits. Also expanded through the CHIP health coverage will be access to prenatal care for low income expectant mothers. It is estimated that an additional 17,000 mothers will be eligible for

prenatal care.

Also as part of the "Healthier Indiana Plan" businesses can be given tax credits for up to half of the cost of wellness programs they institute in the workplace as a way to encourage working Hoosiers to adopt healthier lifestyles.

Lawmakers also restored funding to the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation (ITPC) program, a program that helps Hoosiers quit smoking and works to deter young people from starting to smoke.

Additionally, the cigarette tax will provide an increase in Medicaid reimbursement for physicians and dentists who care for poor families in Indiana. With money allocated in the state budget for this specific purpose, doctors will be able to continue their care for these families.

Reducing homelessness by providing more affordable housing options was another ICC priority attached to the budget. The aim of the original bill HB 1351 was to create a more reliable funding source for affordable housing. The funding source language in HB 1351 was amended into Senate Bill 500, which passed and the allocation for the funding passed in the state budget bill.

"The good news is lawmakers have created new permanent funding streams for both the state's housing trust fund and also for local housing trust funds," said Tebbe. "The measure will also allow new local housing trust funds to be created in other communities."

Diocese disperses \$185,900 to 16 'needy' parish projects

The Annual Bishop's Appeal of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend includes a funding program to assist less affluent parishes. A Parishes-in-Need Fund Committee, appointed by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, met recently to review parish requests for "needy" projects. The committee recommended a total of \$185,900 be granted to 16 parishes for essential projects, enabling them to arrive at a more stable existence.

"Obviously, we can't meet every request submitted by the parishes," said Father Robert C. Schulte, vicar general-chancellor of the diocese. "We have to consider the nature of each request in light of the total needs and financial resources of the parish as well as the other parishes in the diocese requesting funding assistance," he continued. "If all or part of a request cannot be met, often the committee will recommend the parish apply to another fund of financial resource in the diocese or community or seek other alternatives."

Some funds usually remain in the account for use throughout the year by parishes when a new need arises, Father Schulte indicated. If all the money is not used in 2007, however, it will be carried over and allocated to next year's Parishes-in-Need fund, he explained.

"Hopefully, this money will strengthen these parishes financially, increase their outreach and improve their ability to do the

work of Christ," said Bishop D'Arcy.

This year's allocation of Parishes-in-Need funds brings to \$4,228,333 the amount granted from the Annual Bishop's Appeal to parishes in need during the 20 years of the appeal. This year's dispersion and the primary parish projects include:

Fort Wayne

- Queen of Angels — \$10,000 for renovations to the rectory
- Most Precious Blood — \$10,000 to replace ornamental fencing around parking lot, install four gates and repair parking lot
- St. Henry — \$30,000 parish subsidy for students at Benoit Academy

Fort Wayne area

- St. Joseph, Garrett — \$15,000 to replace gym floor
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw — \$10,000 to help pay for baptismal font

South Bend

- Holy Cross/St. Stanislaus — \$10,000 to replace roof on garage of priests' residence
- St. Joseph — \$10,000 to rewire and repair church light fixtures, \$2,400 to install new balances in all school windows and \$500 to install new balances and repair windows on main floor of parish center
- Holy Family — \$40,000 for new air-conditioning unit for parish center
- St. Patrick — \$2,000 to update and repair restrooms and \$8,000 to repair seams on school roof
- St. Augustine — \$5,000 subsidy for sending students to a Catholic school

South Bend area

- St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$5,000 to repair stained-glass windows, \$20,000 to repair or replace handicap accessible ramp and \$8,000 to repair/refurbish bell tower.

For a listing on the status of other ICC priority bills go to the Indiana Catholic Conference's Web page at www.indiana.nasccd.org. Click on "Legislative Update."



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Pope Benedict XVI
The Priesthood, the believer

Father Adam Schmitt celebrates golden jubilee

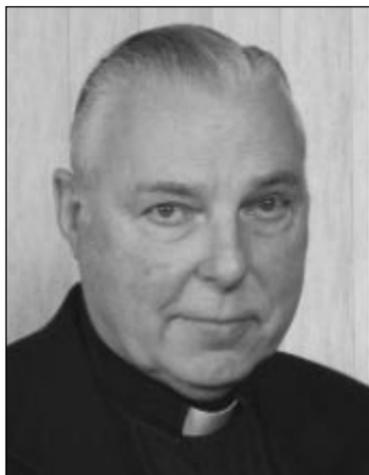
BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — When the waters of baptism flowed at Germanic St. Peter Parish in Fort Wayne, they carried with them the directive to enter the work force early in life. That is why young Adam Schmitt got a paper route as a grade schooler and how he found his priestly vocation on a customer's front porch.

One day when a kind lady dropped a few coins in Adam's hand to pay her bill, she asked if he had career plans.

The lad was speechless. No priest, parent or pal had ever asked this question and suddenly without warning, it was before him like the final exam in life ... and just as suddenly, the words were in him, as loud as thunder, and he intended to say, "I want to be a priest," but when he heard his response, it was, "I want to be a teacher."

More than 60 years later, as he celebrates 50 years as a priest, Father Adam Schmitt vividly



FATHER ADAM SCHMITT

recalls that boyhood moment when a precious gift, a precious goal was revealed to him and stepping forth from St. Peter's School, he pursued his dream.

That nascent dream began when Father Schmitt, as an acolyte at St. Peter, served at Holy Hours and was in awe of the monstrosity and its divine contents. The priests

there, Father Thomas Durkin, Father Robert Zahm and Father John Bapst, none of whom, as Father Schmitt recalls ever suggested a religious vocation to him, nevertheless, by their example, set him in that direction.

Of further influence, there were a number of relatives of both parents who had religious vocations and who had the deep love and respect of the Schmitt family.

After minor and major seminaries in Fort Wayne, Wawasee and St. Meinrad, Father Schmitt was ordained on May 25, 1957 by Bishop Leo Pursley and was assigned to St. Bernard Parish in Wabash where he became an assistant to Father Robert Zahm for whom he had served Mass at St. Peter's.

After seven years in Wabash, Father Schmitt moved to St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne and spent the busiest two years of his priestly life, where as the only assistant, he said daily Masses, heard confessions, taught religion in the grade school, offici-

ated at weddings, funerals and baptisms, preached at five or six weekend Masses and taught 15 periods a week at Bishop Dwenger High School.

Father Schmitt then spent three years at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne at which time the first Mass was said in the new church.

In 1969, Father Schmitt became an assistant at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne and received his first pastorate in 1975 when he moved to St. Robert Bellarmine in North Manchester. He was not a stranger there, since during his years in Wabash, he helped Father Zahm get St. Robert started and would say Sunday Mass there after offering Masses in Wabash and Lagro, covering three locations in one morning.

After three years in North Manchester, Bishop McManus asked Father Schmitt where he would like to go and he replied, "Well, I think I'll go to hell if I stay here. There's not enough to do." So he spent the next five

years as pastor of St. Joseph in Garrett, which was a larger parish with a school.

In 1983, Father Schmitt became chaplain at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla and also visited the Byron Health Center. He was also chaplain for Harvest House in the southern part of the diocese and assisted on a part-time basis at St. Mary Parish in Huntington.

In 1985, Father Schmitt became an assistant at St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne where he continues to live today, on a retirement basis.

Reflecting on his own vocation and those of others and the declining number of priests today, Father Schmitt opines that although a religious vocation comes from God, thought can ripen into action when an invitation is expressed, and that is why such occasions as the Andrew Dinner and efforts by Serra Clubs can help individuals take the actual step that leads them to their spiritual destiny.

Golden jubilarian, Father James Rose, enjoys the fruits of his labor

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Golden jubilarian Father James Rose, who lives independently at Huick's Lake, Mich., appears to be enjoying the fruits of many years of labor for his beloved church. "Time flies," he says when reminded of the upcoming anniversary. "It's hard to believe it's been that long."

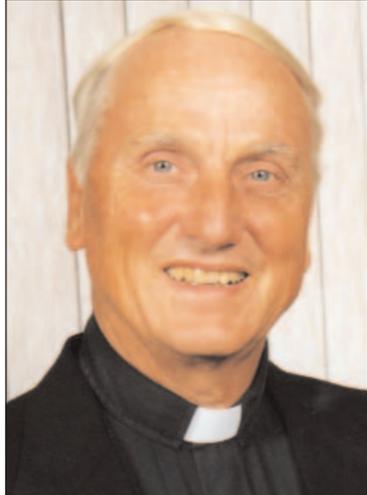
It's no wonder that Father Jim discerned his vocation at an early age since he grew up, literally, in the shadow of the church. The son of Martin and Regina Rose and the middle child of seven lived next door to St. John the Baptist Church in New Haven, and he attended elementary school there.

Through the years, young James had several mentors in the parish priests and sisters, but he especially remembers Sister Pauletta, the nun who taught him in seventh and eighth grades.

He confides that Sister Pauletta "influenced everybody pretty much."

The young man's journey toward ordination began with seminary studies at St. Mary's of the West in Norwood, Ohio, and culminated in 1957 at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne when then-Bishop Leo Pursley conferred on him the sacrament of holy orders.

In those early years as a rookie priest, Father Jim served as assis-



FATHER JAMES ROSE

tant pastor in several parishes throughout the diocese. His stops included St. Michael, Plymouth; St. Mary, Huntington; his home parish of St. John the Baptist, New Haven; St. Peter, Fort Wayne; and Corpus Christi, South Bend.

"A new job is always kind of fascinating," he says, as each successive assignment provided unique opportunities and challenges for the young priest.

Father Jim fondly recalls his first pastorate at St. Patrick Church in Lagro where he was tasked with preserving the historic structure, a job he considers his "biggest achievement." Founded in 1838, the church is believed to be the

oldest in the diocese, he says.

His last 18 years before retirement were spent at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion, "a very busy place," where he and others ministered to more than 1,000 patients as resident chaplains.

Not all of Father Jim's time was spent in Indiana, however. Among events that stand out in his mind is a trip to Rome where he witnessed the canonization of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton. It was a spectacular ceremony, he recalls. And the presence of Catholics from every corner of the world "makes you realize the vastness of the church," he says in awe.

Active even in retirement, Father Jim celebrates Mass at St. Mary of the Angels at Big Long Lake, where the community is planning festivities to honor him on Sunday, June 3. He will offer Mass at 9 a.m., which will be followed by a breakfast and reception for family and friends in the parish hall.

Reflecting back over his 50 years since ordination, he muses, "It's been kind of fascinating — all the changes in the church." It is an amazing institution, which continues to renew itself through the working of the Holy Spirit.

But Father Jim has especially enjoyed the prayer life of a priest. "It's an opportunity to be closer to God," he says.

Still answering the call

Father Daniel R. Leeuw — 50 years

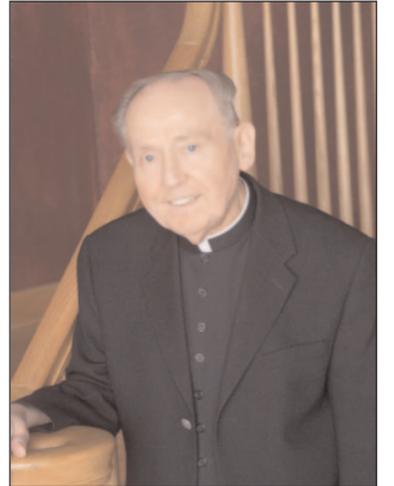
BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — For Father Daniel R. Leeuw, the call to the priesthood came in the early form of a boyhood dream. And 50 years into it is a perfect opportunity not only to look back at the joys of his ministry, but also to reflect on where he finds himself now in answering that same call.

"It went by very fast in retrospect," he says, recalling clearly not only the five decades of his priesthood, but the days of his youth at Most Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne, where the inspiration of serving under the associate pastor, Society of the Precious Blood Father Marcellus Foltz, put into his mind the idea that he might one day become a "good and holy priest."

This idea led the young Dan Leeuw to the Chicago province of the Jesuits, who turned him away, saying that his health was not up to the rigors required by their course of study. Undeterred, he set his sights back on home and was accepted by Archbishop John F. Noll to study as a seminarian of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, sending him to St. Meinrad Major Seminary in southern Indiana. After a few years of study that he recalls as some of the happiest of his life, Father Leeuw was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne by Bishop Leo Pursley on May 25, 1957.

Father Leeuw's first decade of priesthood found him studying at the University of Notre Dame, but also preaching and teaching. He served as an associate pastor at St. Matthew Parish (now Cathedral) in South Bend, St. Stephen Parish in South Bend



FATHER DANIEL R. LEEUW

and Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Huntington. He taught at Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend and served as principal at Huntington Catholic High School.

While at Saint Joseph's High School, Father Leeuw wrote and taught a marriage preparation course for teenagers.

"You can imagine how revolutionary it was," he notes. "But how I came about it was I just saw a need. ... They wanted to know." The curriculum was eventually published in book form and used in numerous schools.

Father Leeuw's teaching continued into the 1970s and 1980s with work at then-Saint Francis College in Fort Wayne, Ancilla College in Donaldson and St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Fort Wayne.

His pastoral work during this time first consisted of his work as associate pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in New Haven. Father Leeuw's 1965-1972 tenure at the parish was particularly notable for his ministry with

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teenagers. He recalls events such as dances and hayrides sponsored by the parish drawing hundreds of area teenagers, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

"We had activities and spiritual things," recalls. "We had a blend."

From New Haven, he went to Yoder to serve as pastor at St. Aloysius Parish for 13 years.

For the past 22 years, Father Leeuw's ministry has been in nursing care. Living in a house once owned by his parents, his work is spread out over the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, the Canterbury Rehabilitation Center and Nursing Home, the Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne and the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System. He also says the Latin Mass every other week at Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne.

"I don't have a lot of free time," Father Leeuw says, noting that he works 80 hours a month at the VA on top of his fulltime position as

The Mass of Thanksgiving commemorating the 50th anniversary of Father Leeuw's ordination to the priesthood will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 27, at Queen of Angels Church, 1500 W. State Blvd., Fort Wayne.

The public is welcome to attend.

chaplain and department manager of pastoral care at Provena Sacred Heart Home. But he adds, "When you're happy and you love your work, it's no burden."

And Father Leeuw is very happy as a priest. Reflecting back on 50 years, he finds joy in reliving the good times but also finds the areas where he knows he could have done more.

"You never feel like you did enough," he says. "What's nice, every so often, somebody will call you, tell you, send you a letter and thank you for something you've long forgotten that you did."

But Father Leeuw quickly adds then that it is nothing he did, but the work of Christ, citing the Scripture, "He must increase, and we must decrease."

Even as he reflects on mistakes, Father Leeuw feels the grace in it, noting, "The Lord shows us that we still have a long way to go."

And so he hopes to go as long as he is able in answering the call.

BISHOP CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE



DON CLEMMER

Bishop John M. D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood Sunday, April 15, with a Mass and reception. His date of ordination was Feb. 2, 1957, in Boston, Mass. Bishop D'Arcy will celebrate Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 13, where a light reception will follow.

Father Dale A. Bauman celebrates 25th jubilee

BY KAY COZAD

BLUFFTON — Father Dale A. Bauman remembers his ordination day as one of great excitement with family and friends gathered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne to witness the conference of holy orders in June of 1982. The following 25 years have been an exciting journey of faith, ministry and outreach.

Born on June 9, 1955, the oldest of six children to Carl and Sharlene Bauman, Father Bauman grew up in Decatur. Parishioner of St. Mary, Decatur, he enjoyed his elementary education at St. Joseph Catholic School. He feels his interaction with the priests of the parish led him to discern a calling to the priesthood by his sophomore year at Belmont High School.

"My parents were shocked when I announced it," Father Bauman chuckles. He quickly adds

that after the shock wore off they were supportive of his vocation. Following his graduation from high school in 1973, he attended St. Gregory the Great Minor Seminary and Mount St. Mary's of the West in Cincinnati.

Father Bauman's first assignment following ordination by Bishop Joseph Crowley was associate pastor at Holy Family in South Bend. In 1983, he was appointed associate pastor at St. Vincent Parish, Elkhart, where he enjoyed working in the cemetery there.

"I mowed and helped plant new trees," he says. Celebrating Mass at the outdoor altar in the summer was his pleasure.

In 1987, Father Bauman became associate pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish, New Haven, where he quickly became involved in the fire department as chaplain and firefighter.

"I drove the truck and prayed all the way out."

In 1989, he was assigned as administrator and then pastor of Blessed Sacrament in Albion and St. Patrick Parish in Ligonier. While in ministry there, he was instrumental in the building of the new church in Albion with the assistance of both the men and women of the parish as well as spearheading the restoration and renovations in St. Patrick Church. Father Bauman also created an outreach for the Hispanic Catholics of his church community.

When asked what guides his ministry, he replies humbly, "You see a need and you just know what you are supposed to do. It comes with prayer and being with the people." After 12 years there pastoring the flocks of Blessed Sacrament and St. Patrick, Father Bauman was appointed pastor of St. Paul Parish in Columbia City, where he remained for two years.

Father Bauman became administrator, then pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Bluffton in 2003, where he assists his parishioners with outreach programs already in place including the St. Vincent de Paul Society, faith fund, collecting cans for Habitat for Humanity and support of the local shelter for unwed mothers. He also assists with Mass and reconciliation at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne.



FATHER DALE BAUMAN

Father Bauman is also active in the Knights of Columbus as a 4th Degree Knight and was on the degree team that brought Bishop John M. D'Arcy into the 4th degree.

This jack-of-all-trades priest lives with his 10-year-old cats — the sleek, shy Blackie and Fleabag, the outgoing, nosy one. They are siblings from the same litter and are good companions according to the priest. "On a cold winter night, when they are curled up on a chair, I know God is in heaven and everything is okay," he says.

In his leisure time, this shepherd enjoys vegetable and flower gardening, which he oversees at his mother's home in Decatur. In

winter, he joins his siblings and their children in his mother's basement, where they work the Lionel train system there.

Father Bauman speaks proudly of the fact that he is the "17th son" of St. Mary Parish in Decatur. And according to this jubilant, he is the fifth caretaker of a special chalice originating in Germany that has been passed down and utilized by the next "son" of the parish to be ordained a priest who was raised in the parish.

"It has the names and dates engraved on the bottom," says Father Bauman. Upon death, his information will be added to the chalice, which will return to St. Mary Church to await the next ordained "son."

The chalice holds special significance to Father Bauman as he remembers it from his childhood. "Something about the chalice stuck in my mind. It may have been the seed of my vocation," he says.

Of being a priest, he joyfully says, "No two days are alike. You must be ready to meet the Lord in the people who knock at the door."

Father Bauman will celebrate his 25th jubilee on June 24 with family and friends at St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton, at a 3:30 p.m. Mass of thanksgiving, followed by a reception in the church basement.



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Congregation of Holy Cross men celebrate jubilees

NOTRE DAME — The Congregation of Holy Cross has religious priests and a brother with ties to South Bend parishes or the University of Notre Dame who will celebrate jubilees this year.

Celebrating 60 years of priesthood are Holy Cross Fathers Robert M. Hoffman, Robert C. Steigmeyer and Ambrose J. Wheeler. Celebrating 50 years are Holy Cross Fathers James T. Banas, John R. Birkmeyer, Leroy Edward Clementich, Joseph A. Dorsey, Joseph R. Geniesse, Harry B. Eichorn and Robert L. Plasker. Holy Cross Brother (Joseph) Rodney Struble is also celebrating 50 years of religious life. Celebrating 25 years of ordination to the priesthood are Holy Cross Fathers E. William Beauchamp, Austin I. Collins and Mark L. Poorman.

The following have a tie with the diocese in parish ministry or at the University of Notre Dame.



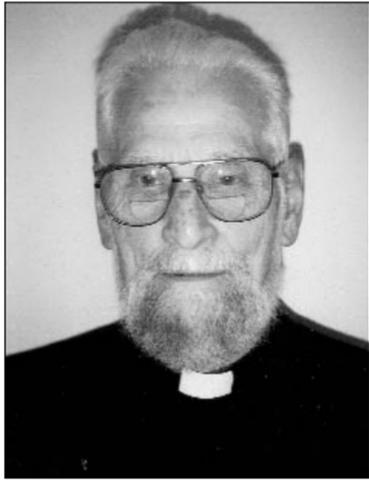
FATHER ROBERT HOFFMAN

Father Robert Hoffman ministered six years at St. Patrick Parish in South Bend. Retiring in 1995, he moved to Holy Cross Mission House "from where I was able to help out in area parishes, convents and nursing homes," he said.

A stroke in 2002 has not deterred Father Hoffman. "After therapy at Holy Cross House I was able to drive again. Since my stroke I have used my computer to print two books, one a small collection of stories I enjoy telling, the other an edition of letters I had written to the family from East Pakistan. My folks had saved them, all 14 years of them," he said.

Father Robert C. Steigmeyer studied in Rome and ministered in foreign missions in Bengal and served as a hospital chaplain.

"Finally, after retiring, I was assigned to a parish, St. Casimir in South Bend," Father Steigmeyer said. "That was the first parish I have belonged to in



FATHER ROBERT C. STEIGMEYER

the U.S. since I left St. Patrick in Fort Wayne to enter the seminary at Notre Dame in 1934."

Brother (Joseph) Rodney Struble celebrates 50 years of religious life. He taught high school and gave pilgrimages and assisted at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, where he became acquainted with the unique life of Blessed Brother Andre Bessette. In 1974, "I was assigned to the University of Notre Dame as assistant rector of Stanford Hall and studied for the MSA (masters) degree that was completed in the summer of '76. Then I assisted in the accounting office under the Dome in various capacities such as restricted funds, payroll and general accounting for the next eight years, as well as three years at Moreau Seminary as the steward."

Since that time he has ministered in Bangladesh and Notre Dame College.



FATHER E. WILLIAM BEAUCHAMP

Father E. William Beauchamp celebrates 25 years of the priesthood. He came to Notre Dame as a resident assistant in Grace Hall as he had been accepted to the University of Notre Dame Law School.

"While I did not take it too seriously during law school, the attraction to Holy Cross became even stronger as time passed. After

practicing law for two years, I entered Moreau Seminary at age 35," he said.

"Overall, I ended up spending 25 years living in undergraduate residence halls at Notre Dame — 25 years for which I will always be grateful," Father Beauchamp said.

He has served in administration at the university. A pivotal time in his priesthood with Holy Cross was in 1987 when Father "Monk" Malloy was named president of the University of Notre Dame. At Father Malloy's request, the board appointed Father Beauchamp as executive vice president, a post he held for 13 years.

"They were incredibly demanding and exciting years," he said. "It was a privilege to work with Monk, and working with a group of gifted and generous university officers much was accomplished at Notre Dame. ..."

"I always felt that my years doing pastoral ministry as a priest in a residence hall were privileged ones," Father Beauchamp said. "Celebrating Mass with students in the hall chapel, late night conversations with individuals and groups of students — celebrating their accomplishments, consoling them in their defeats, working through tragedies, and sharing moments of joy — were all special times spent with young adults at a pivotal time in their lives. It is truly a privilege to be given that opportunity and to continue to often be a part of their family life long after they have graduated from the university."

In 2002, Father Beauchamp was asked to serve as the University of Portland's senior vice president and a year and a half later became the president.

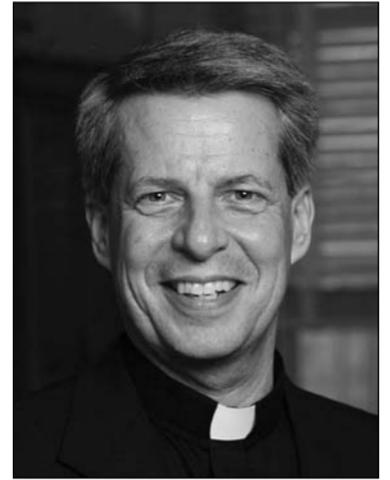


FATHER AUSTIN I. COLLINS

Father Austin I. Collins graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1977 with a degree in sociology and then joined the novitiate.

After attaining a master's degree in art, Father Collins joined the staff at the University of Notre Dame's Department of Art, Art History and Design faculty as an assistant professor. In 1992, "I was promoted to associate professor with tenure," he said. "From 1997 to 2003, I served as department chair, and in 2005, was made full professor. For the past 22 years I have lived in Dillon Hall under rectors Joseph Carey and now, Paul Doyle, and I feel that Dillon has been a wonderful community to live in."

"My lay and religious colleagues at the university have provided an engaging and bounteous environment in which to work. The University of Notre Dame has provided the best of all places for me to be a priest, teacher and artist," he added.



FATHER MARK L. POORMAN

Father Mark L. Poorman, who celebrates his 25th anniversary to the priesthood, said, "As with so many of us in Holy Cross, my parents and family formed a foundation of love that has been strong and enduring; it continues today, and it is a joy to have them present to mark the anniversary."

He attended Moreau Seminary in 1976 "to test a vocation to the diocesan priesthood."

"After formation and a diaconate year at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, I came in 1982 to the University of Notre Dame to serve as rector, campus minister and instructor of theology," he said.

Upon further education at the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley, "I returned to Notre Dame to join the theology faculty," he said. "From 1992-1999, I directed the master of divinity program. After tenure, I assumed administrative duties as an executive assistant, first to the executive vice president and then to the president. In 1999, I was appointed vice president for student affairs."

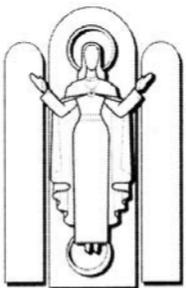
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EDITORIAL

Rejoicing in the gifts of ministry and service of our jubilarians

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon you." — Is 61:1.

Just as anniversaries are celebrated in marriage, the church celebrates the anniversaries of those who have given their lives in service to the Lord.

We salute and congratulate all those men and women in this and our upcoming issues who are celebrating a milestone in their lives this Jubilee Year in our diocese, whether it is in marriage, in ordination to priesthood or in profession of religious vows. And we hold up in prayer and rejoice for the gifts of ministry and service our dedicated brothers and sisters in Christ bring to the people of God.

This longing to follow the Lord easily is understood by those who have consecrated their lives to God in a special way in the church. For all who give their lives to the service of Christ and the church have a common desire: a longing to see God, to have the consolation of seeing Jesus Christ face-to-face. Their vocation is based on the abiding hope that fidelity to their call, and all that is entailed with the "yes" to their vocation, will grant them the blessed reward of beholding the face of God.

Yet there is another important aspect of the religious vocation: to make present the face of God for other people. Since the very beginnings of the consecrated life within the church, priests and religious rightly have been viewed as unique and joyful representatives of God. They are considered persons called to a special degree of union with God, accomplishing the works of the Father.

Indeed, people continue to experience, through the various charismas carried out day after day by diocesan clergy, overseas priests serving in our diocese; permanent deacons; and priests, brothers and sisters of religious orders; the many blessings which God lavishes upon his people: healing, wisdom, charity, compassion and mercy. The liturgy, prayers, words and works of these dedicated men and women make God truly present to his people.

People in the world constantly must be reminded of their need to turn to God in a spirit of repentance and hope. They should see the life of the ordained and religious as an offering to God, a fragrant and beautiful offering of humanity to God, and, as a special gift from God, an embodiment of his limitless love and mercy toward his children.

Similarly, the communal life of the religious, while not always perfect as witnessed by many who must live alone, demonstrates the joy of persons who live united and guided by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At the same time, St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, reminds us of the importance of community living and mutual prayerful support, when he writes: "None of us lives for himself or herself, and no one dies for himself or for herself." The prayer of the church, shared in common by those who live in harmony and peace, is efficacious and will demonstrate the loving presence of Christ himself.

As we look to the future

Today, there is present in the hearts of many, especially our youth, a longing to see the face of God, to know what Christ is like. As we look to the future, we advance in a new zeal which will draw others — especially young people — to seek what the ordained sought and to find what the vowed religious and laity have found, that Christ can and will be re-presented in the lives of his consecrated witnesses for years to come.

We pray men and women will encourage and support one another as they consider the vowed life of priest, brother, sister, deacon or dedicated lay minister within the church. May the Spirit of God guide and direct them, and give them the courage to gladly follow Christ.

And may the consecrated lives of our jubilarians continue to give witness to the joy, which comes from following more closely in the footsteps of the chaste, poor and obedient Christ. For your many years of dedicated service to the church, the continued support of your prayers and works on behalf of all in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and for all you will do in the days and the years ahead to continue to renew and refresh the church, and your particular mission in the church, we thank you, in the name of the diocese, and, even more, in the name of Jesus.

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Study finds U.S. Hispanics drawn to charismatic churches

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The church familiar to and preferred by Hispanic Catholics in the United States is a livelier, more charismatic place than the one most American Catholics are used to, finds a new survey on Latinos and religion.

A detailed survey by the Pew Hispanic Center and the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life released April 25 says about a third of U.S. Catholics are Latinos and that they are bringing a more evangelical style of faith into the broader church as their numbers grow.

Despite an overall drop in the percentage of U.S. Hispanics who are Catholic — due largely to those who joined evangelical and Pentecostal churches — Latinos will continue to represent an ever-larger share of the U.S. Catholic population because of immigration and high birthrates, it said. About 68 percent of U.S. Hispanics say they are Catholics.

While in many respects Latinos differ little from the general U.S. population in their religious attitudes and activities, Roberto Suro, director of the Pew Hispanic Center, said analysts were surprised to see the depth of what he called "renewal Christianity" among people of Latino origin or descent.

In a telephone press conference about the study, "Changing Faiths: Latinos and the Transformation of American Religion," Suro said Latinos are much more likely than the general U.S. public to be involved in churches where an enthusiastic, hand-clapping, arms-raised style of worship and prayer is typical.

Fifty-four percent of Hispanic Catholics were identified as charismatics on the basis of what religious practices people said they have in their churches, the survey said. Among the characteristics the survey used to classify people as charismatics was participation in prayer groups where participants pray for miraculous healing or deliverance or where people speak in tongues.

The survey found that 62 percent of Catholic Hispanics say the Masses they attend at least occasionally have "displays of excitement and enthusiasm, such as raising hands, clapping, shouting or jumping."

Luis Lugo, director of the Pew Forum, said at the same teleconference that becoming involved in the charismatic style of religious practice strengthens people's religious identity. Whether Catholic, Anglican or mainline Protestant,

Latinos who adopt a more charismatic style of practicing their faith remain within their original church and become stronger in their religious commitment, he said.

"There's absolutely no evidence that it's diminishing or undercutting their Catholic orthodoxy or their connection to parish life," he said.

Hispanic Protestants were proportionally even more likely to belong to "renewal" churches, with 57 percent in that category. Thirty-one percent of Hispanic Protestants said they were Pentecostals and 26 percent described themselves as charismatics.

"The contrast to the non-Hispanic population is stark: Less than one in five non-Hispanic Protestants are renewalists," the survey said.

About 18 percent of all Hispanics said they had changed churches or stopped considering themselves members of a faith altogether. Former Catholics (13 percent) were the majority.

Conversion was much more common among second- and third-generation Hispanics than among recent immigrants, the survey found. And the majority left Catholicism to join evangelical churches. Forty-three percent of evangelical Hispanics said they formerly were Catholic. Just 2 percent of Hispanic converts became Catholics.

Catholics who became evangelicals were asked to discuss their feelings about the Catholic Church and why they left.

The greatest dissatisfaction was voiced about liturgy.

Sixty-one percent of former Catholics said they found the Mass "unexciting," although only 36 per-

cent said that was a factor in why they left. Forty-six percent said they disapprove of church restrictions on divorce, but only 5 percent said that was why they left.

In response to questions about other possible areas of dissatisfaction, majorities of former Catholics said they think the church respects women at least as much as men (66 percent) and is welcoming toward immigrants (75 percent).

Among all Hispanics surveyed, 83 percent of those who converted said their main reason for changing faiths or churches was a desire for a more direct, personal experience of God. The second most common reason, given by 35 percent, was the inspiration of a particular pastor, followed by 26 percent who said it was related to a personal crisis and 14 percent who converted because of a marriage.

The study counted as a conversion any change such as leaving one Protestant church for another, moving into or out of the Catholic Church, or dropping out of religious practice altogether.

A personal invitation also was important. Among all Hispanic converts, 74 percent said they first heard about their new church from a family member or friend.

The study of 4,016 Hispanic adults was conducted by telephone between August and October 2006. The sample size was larger than is typical in sociological surveys to get a better sense of what non-Catholic Hispanics had to say, Suro and Lugo said.

The margin of error for the entire survey is plus or minus 2.5 percent; plus or minus 3.3 percent for Catholic respondents; and plus or minus 4.8 percent for evangelicals.

Domitian of Maastricht

died c. 560
feast — May 7

French by birth, Domitian became the bishop of Maastricht, in the Netherlands, and had a prominent role at the synod of Orleans, France, which refuted heretical errors. He evangelized in the Meuse River area of Europe's Low Countries, converting people and founding churches and hospitals. He prophesied a plentiful harvest to spur almsgiving, and one legend has him slaying a dragon that had poisoned the water supply of Huy, Belgium. His relics are still venerated in a church there, and he is remembered in a procession to a local spring.



Mirroring wider debate, seminar on global warming gets heated

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Despite being held in a cool, climate-controlled conference room, some early discussions at a Vatican-sponsored seminar on global warming and climate change got pretty heated.

The rifts and tensions still dividing the global debate on the causes of and remedies for drastic climatic shifts were gently simmering in the small microcosm of the two-day Vatican meeting.

The seminar, sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, gathered some 80 experts representing the scientific, political, economic and spiritual sides of the climate-change debate at the Vatican April 26-27 to discuss "Climate Change and Development."

"I have to commend the planners," said Lucia Silecchia, a professor of environmental law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, because "nobody can accuse them of bringing in a group of people who will agree with each other."

Disagreements even spilled out into the corridor during the closed-door seminar's first morning break

when a Vatican official had to use his pastoral prowess to calm one participant.

"The scientific community has been so divided and so bitter" over the climate-change debate that experts who disagree with each other don't talk to each other, Silecchia told Catholic News Service.

But by bringing the opposing sides together under the neutral roof of the Vatican, she said, the church is helping give a fresh approach to an issue mired in conflict, confusion and, often, inaction.

The Vatican is reminding people that the environment and development cannot be helped by economics, science or politics alone, "that there are moral, ethical considerations" to take into account, said Silecchia.

She said policymakers have to avoid falling into the extremes that either see "the human almost as evil and destroying a beautiful planet" or consider development and technology as saviors of the world.

John Carr, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' secretary for

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social development and world peace, said Christian values seen in "the virtue of prudence, the pursuit of the common good and the protection of the poor" are important contributions to the climate-change debate and should be at the heart of policies aimed at addressing global warming.

Because real consensus among politicians and scientists is not around the corner, the church can still band divergent groups together under its universal umbrella of Christian values.

The Catholic Church is "not the Sierra Club at prayer," Carr told CNS; it embodies centuries of tradition of calling for "sacrifice,

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Traditions see all apostles as missionaries



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

5th Sunday of Easter Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35.

Once again in this Easter season, the Acts of the Apostles supplies the first reading for the Mass.

This weekend's reading tells the story of some of the missionary activities of Paul and Barnabas. Although eventually they parted, Paul and Barnabas, Paul's disciple, visited several places in Asia Minor that were prominent cities in the Roman empire of the first century A.D.

Ancient traditions see all the apostles as missionaries, most of whom went far and wide to proclaim the Gospel.

However, Acts gives an account of many of Paul's efforts in missionarying. No Scripture gives similar details about the other apostles.

The reading is more than a travelogue. It is a lesson about the faith of Paul and Barnabas. It also reveals the conditions in which these two great figures in early Christianity lived.

As they spoke to Christians in the cities that they visited, they warned these followers of Christ that hostility, and difficulties, faced them. Paul and Barnabas themselves met hostility and endured difficulties. Their warnings hardly came from paranoia or as a strategy to build regard for themselves

by fabrication.

The culture of the Roman Empire was absolutely hostile to the values of the Gospel. The political order was becoming hostile as well.

Nevertheless Paul and Barnabas were undaunted. They continued to move from city to city, from Christian community to Christian community, to reassure believers in Christ. Despite the risks, and the more than occasional rejections, their faith inspired them and impelled them.

For the second reading, the church this weekend offers a passage from the Book of Revelation. This book, the last book of the New Testament in the translations and versions that have used for centuries, is highly poetic and symbolic. It is moving and strikingly beautiful in its imagery very often, but often its symbolism are so involved, or so unique to the first century, that understanding the book is not easy without reading scholarly commentaries along with the text itself.

In this reading, the vision is of heaven, symbolized by the holy city of Jerusalem, but a transformed Jerusalem, and of God. It is a look into eternity and to the reward promised to those who love God.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. This is not a Resurrection narrative, but it is strongly reminiscent of the Resurrection, and of the Lord's death on Calvary.

Jesus obliquely refers to the crucifixion. He refers to rising from the dead. Eternal life is an option for humans who follow the Lord in obedience to God, in sacrifice, and in faith. With Jesus, the faithful will die but also rise to eternal life.

Reflection

A month ago the church called us, with joy and faith, to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus after the terrible event of the crucifixion.

Gradually, gently, but unrelentingly, the church has called upon us personally to respond to Jesus, to bond ourselves with the salvation brought to humanity by Jesus.

This weekend's readings proclaim the sacrificial death as well as the rising of Jesus from the dead, but it also calls upon us to respond by following the Lord.

As the second reading from Revelation, eternal life with God, in heaven will be our reward.

While still in this life, we authentically become disciples by loving God, each other, and all people, as Jesus loved. In this divine love, Jesus died on Calvary as a sacrifice. In God's plan divine love triumphed when Jesus rose.

We are not alone in our effort to be with God, to love as Jesus loved. The apostles are with us in their successors such as Barnabas who still guide us and strengthen us in the Church.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 14:21b-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-5, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10013ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

THE CATEQUIZ'EM

by Dominic Campplisson

St. Athanasius is remembered in May.

This quiz looks at his life and times.

1. This saint is remembered in May. He was born and died in this city:

- a. Alexandria
- b. Mecca
- c. Ancyra (Ankara)

2. When did he live?

- a. unknown
- b. the 4th century
- c. the 7th century (right after the advent of Islam)

3. His highest office was bishop of this city:

- a. Alexandria in Egypt
- b. Mecca
- c. Ancyra (Ankara)

4. Before that, he was secretary to this appropriately named Bishop of Alexandria:

- a. Thutmoses
- b. Jeremy Bishop
- c. Alexander

5. At that time he held this clerical rank:

- a. Archimandrite
- b. Monk
- c. Deacon

6. In this role as secretary he attended this famous council:

- a. The Council of Jerusalem
- b. The Council of Niceae
- c. "The Robber Council"

7. What was its most famous achievement?

- a. regulating the number of toppings allowed on a pizza in Lent
- b. promulgation of the Nicene Creed
- c. the campaign against the Cathars

8. Athanasius was the most powerful figure fighting (successfully) this heresy:

- a. Julianism
- b. Arianism
- c. Gnosticism

9. The virulence of his opposition to this heretical group led to him being

- a. promoted to Patriarch of Constantinople.
- b. selected to be a papal candidate.
- c. exiled and deposed from his See.

10. As a result of this development, Athanasius found himself in this soon to be eclipsed imperial capital:

- a. Aix (Aachen)
- b. Berlin
- c. Rome

11. Athanasius also ran into problems with Julian the Apostate. Who was he and what was his goal?

- a. He was a Roman emperor who wished to restore paganism as the dominant religion.
- b. He was a heretical barbarian who wished to annex Egypt.
- c. He was a reactionary Greek ruler who wished to become Pharaoh.

12. Athanasius died a few years before his position on heresy was victorious at this:

- a. the turn of the millennium
- b. the Council of Constantinople
- c. the Great Schism

13. Athanasius is often credited with introducing this to the West:

- a. monasticism
- b. the Mass
- c. the wearing of vestments

14. He is even thought to have been this for the monastic leader Antony:

- a. cook
- b. scribe
- c. biographer

15. Athanasius' most famous work is "De Incarnatione." This deals with

- a. the rise of orthodoxy
- b. the Incarnation, of course!
- c. the origin of species

ANSWERS:

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

Young children do not receive anointing of the sick

I am writing to ask for some clarification. The April 22 issue of *Today's Catholic* discusses anointing of the sick. The story mentions the anointing of an infant. Is this correct since an infant would not be at the age of reason — usually considered age 7? Anonymous, Fort Wayne.

In fact, the article was not correct. Only the sick who have reached the age of reason may be anointed with the sacrament of the sick. Canon 1004.1 states, "The anointing of the sick can be administered to any member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger by reason of illness or old age."

The reason for this is that the sacrament is not only for healing, but also for the forgiveness of sins as a completion of Christian penance. Children under the age of reason are not culpable for sin because, in order for one to com-

mit sin, one must be able to make a rational choice to sin. Thus, children under the age of about seven are not to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

What is a proper motive for taking on additional religious practices, like going to daily Mass, or saying the Divine Office, or attending adoration every day? Anonymous

The proper motive is communion with God. We were made for communion with God. As St. Augustine would say, "Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they rest in you." God has given us means of grace like the Holy Mass, the Divine Office, adoration, etc., to draw us into deeper communion with him. In being drawn into deeper communion with him we are transformed into his very image, and we grow in love and friendship with him.

Also, through these means God

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has made it so that we can offer ourselves as a gift to him because communion is a two-way street, God gives himself to us, we receive the gift of himself and in return offer ourselves to him as a living sacrifice. This, ultimately, is the meaning of life which brings us joy ... and eternal life.

We know that the angels came before God created man. Three of whom are prefixed with the title "saint." Many good people are referred to in the Old Testament, and in the New Testament. Yet, no human from the Old Testament

is referred to as "Saint So-So" nor from the New Testament until after they are dead. My question is why are the three archangels referred to as "saints," but no one from the Old Testament is referred to as a "saint?" JT, South Bend

The word "saint" is a translation of the Latin word "sanctus," which means "holy." In ancient Christian times, this term was used to describe creatures who had become holy by the power of God. It was applied to the good angels, to Mary, and to all those deceased men and women who were enjoying heaven. Sometimes early Christians even referred to each other as "saints" meaning those who were in a state of grace.

Later in history, the use of this term became more restricted and referred only to those souls who were canonized by the church. We still retain today the use of the ancient title of "saint" for angels, but apparently the early church

never referred to figures from the Old Testament as saints, and that is why we do not have this practice either. (Please note: this answer was adapted from the *Southern Nebraska Register* Feb. 6, 1998.)

Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, answered this week's questions.

Today's Catholic welcomes questions from readers. E-mail your questions to editor@fw.diocese-fwsb.org or mail them to *Today's Catholic*, That's A Good Question, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne, IN 46856. Include your name, city and an e-mail address or phone number so we can contact you if necessary. Anonymity will be preserved upon request.

Tragedy? Or wickedness?

At Mass on the morning of April 17, hours after a shooting spree at Virginia Tech had left dozens dead (including the shooter), the homilist spoke of the "tragedy" that had unfolded in Blacksburg the day before. I had no sooner gotten home from church and checked the e-mail than I found a communication from the Parent and Family Affairs Office at the University of Maryland (where my son is a student) deploring the "tragic incident that transpired at Virginia Tech" and listing "resources available to the UM community during this time of immense tragedy." But what, I wondered, was the "tragedy" here?

Terminal cancer in a five year old is "tragic." Macbeth is a "tragedy," in that the subject's flaws are ultimately the cause of the unraveling of his life. What happened at Virginia Tech, however, was not a "tragedy." It was a manifestation of what theologians once called the *mysterium iniquitatis*, the "mystery of evil." The murders in Blacksburg were acts of wickedness, not the "tragic" unfolding of an unavoidable fate.

These things have to be called by their real names. As do suicide-homicide bombings in the Middle East. As do the acts of terrorists who plant IEDs along Iraq's roadsides in order to maim young Americans. Evil is real, and evil can take hold of minds and souls. How can any serious Christian look at the evil at work in Blacksburg and not be reminded of the warning we read every Tuesday night in *Compline*: "Stay sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ..." (1 Pt 5:8-9a) Like original sin, the reality of the Evil One is one of the doctrines of the faith for which there is ample empirical evidence.

The instinctive reach for the language of "tragedy" in the wake of a slaughter like Blacksburg — an instinct evident

at Boston College and Catholic University as well as at state schools like Maryland — further confirms that the late Philip Rieff was spot-on when he described ours as a "therapeutic society." The language of psychology has displaced the language of theology, as psychological categories of understanding have displaced the theological explanations for what seems otherwise inexplicable. On the day after the Virginia Tech shootings, when little was known (or at least reported) about the shooter, the *Washington Post* nonetheless assured its readers that "deep frustration" was the likely cause of 32 murders. Spree-killers, a researcher told the *Post*, are "very, very frustrated people who are so self-centered they feel the whole world is against them..."

"Frustrated," "self-centered," and "feel" are words and expressions redolent of the therapeutic society. A different vocabulary is required here. Hell has sometimes been explained as the condition in which one is so utterly self-centered that, incapable of relationships or love, one's personality disintegrates into oblivion. "Hellish," in this very specific sense, strikes me as a better adjective with which to describe the Blacksburg shooter than "frustrated." "Frustration" is a description of a psychological state. "Hellish" (or "wicked") is the far more accurate description of the moral condition — the state of soul — of someone who can shoot 32 innocent people in cold blood.

Police departments are neither theology departments nor confessionals, and astute psychological profiling of potential spree-killers obviously has its place. My point is a broader, cultural one: that the vocabulary of the therapeutic society is a distraction from the real meaning of situations like the Virginia Tech shootings, which engages the most profound questions of good and evil. The vocabulary of "tragedy," like the therapeutic vocabulary that is its



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first cousin, can also lead to an abrogation of responsibility: when your number's up, your number's up, so why live responsibly here and now?

No one wants a repetition of those "witchcraft" hysterias in which innocents were unjustly executed on spurious grounds of being demonically possessed. Unless we recover the vocabulary of good and evil, however, we will really not come to grips with what possesses a Hitler, a Stalin, a Pol Pot, a Khalid Sheikh Mohammed — or a spree-killer on a Virginia campus.

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restraint, moderation," promoting the common good and the option for the poor.

Cardinal Renato Martino, head of the justice and peace council, said the church's concern for the environment and creation goes all the way back to the Book of Genesis. In the two stories of creation, God gave humankind the mandate to subdue and have dominion over the earth, but he

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for May 6, 2007

Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Following is a word search based on the Second Reading and Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter: Cycle C, about new things and new commands. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

NEW HEAVEN	EARTH	PASSED AWAY
NO MORE	CITY	JERUSALEM
PREPARED	BRIDE	LOUD VOICE
THRONE	DWELL	WIPE
EVERY TEAR	DEATH	MOURNING
PAIN	SON OF MAN	AT ONCE
GIVE YOU	LOVE	DISCIPLES

ALL IS NEW

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also expected humanity "to cultivate and care for it," he said.

Church leaders are aware scientific findings can sometimes be skewed by special-interest groups or overblown by an audience-hungry media.

The church, therefore, "seeks to draw fully from the treasury" of all scientific knowledge and experience and looks for "a true and balanced response" based on church teaching, Cardinal Martino said.

The church does not want to curb sustainable development, especially in impoverished nations, nor does it see population control as a way to conserve dwindling

resources. There is a middle ground, many church leaders say, that sees sustainable economic growth, the environment and human development as partners, not enemies.

But when 5 percent of the world's population gobbles up 20 percent of the earth's resources, lifestyle changes are important, said Cardinal Martino and Pope Benedict XVI.

While Cardinal Martino said the seminar's purpose was merely "to educate," a number of participants said the Vatican-sponsored event could have a significant impact on how the debate is shaped.

Sports

St. Joe-St. Elizabeth, New Haven teams win top spots at meets

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In the second week of Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) track and field action, the girls from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth and St. John New Haven both won their respective meets again this week.

At Bishop Dwenger on Monday, April 23, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth scored 146 points while second place, St. Charles, was not far behind with 123. St. Charles took blue ribbons in two events: the long jump (Jenna Pittenger) and the 100-meter dash (Ali Tippman). St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth were paced by Julia Lee who won the 100-meter hurdles, the 800-meter run, the high jump, and ran a leg on the winning 4x200 relay.

In the third place spot was the team from St. Jude chalking up 89 points. Kate Kinley gave St. Jude a first-place finish in the 1,600-meter run and was a close second to St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth's Lee (2:46) in the 800-meter with a time of 2:46.7. St. Vincent, led by Chris Widner's victories in the shot put and discus, came in fourth with 43 points.

At Bishop Luers, the Lady Raiders from St. John New Haven won nine out of 12 events to take top honors over St. John Fort Wayne-Benoit, St. Aloysius, Queen of Angels and St. Therese. The Raiders won both relays and had one-two fin-

ishes in the 100-meter hurdles, 400-meter dash, shot put, discus, high jump and long jump.

Courtney Heddens tallied up a triple crown for St. John New Haven with victories in the 200-meter dash (29.1), the long jump (12-5) and as part of the 4x100 relay (56.6). Heddens also came in second place to teammate Hilary Watts in the 100-meter hurdles. Double winner, AnneMarie Shank sailed through both distance races for the runner-up, St. John Fort Wayne-Benoit team.

For the boys, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth was the best in the field scoring 133 team points at the Bishop Dwenger site on Monday, April 23. They topped St. Jude (120), St. Vincent (80) and St. Charles (75).

Doubles winners in the meet were the following: Bryan Tippman from St. Charles (shot put, discus); St. Vincent's Sam Anderson (100-meter hurdles, high jump); and St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth's Nick Pritchard (100-meter dash, 4x100 relay); and Andrew Yaney (200-meter dash, 4x100 relay). Triple crowns went to Andrew Eckrich from St. Jude (400-meter run, 800-meter run, 4x200 relay) and Jake Torkeo from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth (1,600-meter run, long jump, 4x100 relay).

The final scores for the boys' at Bishop Luers on Thursday, April 26, were the following: St. John New Haven 162; St. John Fort Wayne-Benoit 104; St. Therese 41; Queen of Angels 24

and St. Aloysius 22.

The Raiders were paced by one-two finishes from throwers James Brames and Kevin Kohrman in the shot put and discus and in the 800-meter run from Leighton Painter and Andrew Hoffer. First place performances from Nick McCarthy (400-meter dash), Mike McCarthy (100-meter hurdles) and the 4x200 relay team (Sundberg, Wharton, Simone, Painter) added another 30 points to the team scoring for St. John New Haven.

For St. Aloysius, Byrd leaped to first place in the high jump. And in the 200-meter dash, Shutt from St. Therese leaned by St. John's M. McCarthy (26.5) with a time of 26.4 seconds.

But the race of the night came in the 4x100 relay when the St. John Fort Wayne-Benoit boys (Puitz, Gonzales, Cooper, Fincher) nipped St. John New Haven (Fuller, Hoffer, McCarthy, McCarthy). The times clocked — 51.1 and 51.2 seconds — both beat CYO season bests heading into the city meet last year. De'Angelo Fincher also ran a lightning-fast 12.2 seconds in the 100-meter dash and launched himself 16-7 in the long jump for St. John Fort Wayne-Benoit.

CYO coaches are encouraged to e-mail soccer and softball scores to Michelle Castleman at mmcastleman@aol.com.

ICCL baseball wraps up regular season

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — The boys baseball of the Inter-City Catholic League, after a blustery weather start this year, heads into the final week of the regular season with five teams in a race for the division leaderships.

In the John Bosco Division, St. Thomas of Elkhart remains unbeaten at 5-0, and one game behind are St. Anthony Maroon at 4-1.

In the Martin de Porres Division, St. Joseph of Mishawaka and St. Jude Green are neck and neck at 4-1.

Jordan Grise and Ty Rody were the batting heroes in leading St. Thomas on a hitting spree of 12 hits and a 10-0 victory over St. Jude.

Corpus Christi handed St. Anthony Maroon its first loss of the year, 3-1.

Dan Eggleston pitched and also helped with the bat in leading St. Joseph of Mishawaka 9-1 over St. Monica of Mishawaka. He smashed a homerun and scored three times in the win. Andrew

O'Lena had two hits.

Mark Downs blasted four hits to pace St. Jude Green to 13-6 over St. Anthony Gold.

Dylan McMahon turned in a 10-strikeout performance in pacing Corpus Christi to a 15-3 victory over Holy Cross. Tate Bellegrante had a spectacular hit — hitting a homerun out of Sheridan Park.

Tyler Lukens and McMahon each had three hits for Corpus Christi.

Christ the King pushed over four runs in the seventh frame to defeat Holy Cross, 9-7.

St. Jude Green moved into a tie with St. Joseph of Mishawaka in the Martin de Porres Division by handing the Mishawakans their first loss of the year, 6-0.

Drew Hasler pitched a three-hit shutout and was backed by the heavy hitting of Kyle Luczkowski, who smashed out three doubles for the victors.

In other contests, Holy Family defeated St. Jude, 7-4, Corpus Christi downed St. Anthony Gold, 12-2, and then the Kings picked up their second win of the week with a 14-4 victory over St. Matthew.

CHRIST THE KING'S ICCL TEAM WINS JOHN BOSCO DIVISION



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Christ the King's Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) girls' varsity basketball team went undefeated with a record of 15-0. They were the ICCL John Bosco Division champions. They also won the division tournament and the Varsity ICCL tournament. The team consists of the following: on the floor, manager Becca Davis; first row, from left, Hayley Kirby, Brooke Scanlon, Kayle Sexton, Abby Lowe and Michele Fredlake; second row, Sarah Neeser, Ali Connelly, Keri Grove, Taylor Kurzhall, Sarah Davis and Sam Pfeil; and back row, Coach John Davis, manager Emily Fredlake and Coach Bob Fredlake.

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Saint Joseph's High School announces summer camps

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Summer is a time when athletes work on fundamentals, polish their games and play with others who have the same interests.

Saint Joseph's High School has the perfect vehicle to accomplish all the off-season adjectives of a grade school athlete and be able to enjoy the fantastic facilities and atmosphere that resides at the home of the Indians.

"Our camps present a beautiful opportunity for kids to meet and spend some time making new friends," commented Eric Gohlke, Saint Joseph's athletic director. "It really enables young people to expand their horizons with others of their own age."

"We have a highly qualified coaching staff combined with current Saint Joseph's players that make our camps special," added Gohlke. "I think that knowing our coaches, playing in our gym and on our fields is definitely an advantage for the development of future high school athletes."

Saint Joseph's has a sibling fee applied for siblings of Saint Joseph's High School students or for siblings attending the same camp. Sibling fees do not apply between two different sports or different genders. Pay one full camp fee and apply the sibling fee to the second camp.

Camp brochures may be picked up at the high school or at the St. Joseph High School Web site www.saintjoehigh.com. The following are the grades for camps, times, dates and locations of the camps:

Football			
K-3	8:30-9:30 a.m.	June 11-14	Saint Joseph's
4-6	10 a.m.-noon	June 11-14	Saint Joseph's
7-9	1-3 p.m.	June 11-14	Saint Joseph's
<i>Cost: Grades K-3, \$25; Grades 4-6, \$40; Grades 7-9, \$40</i>			
Girls' basketball			
K-3	8:30-10 a.m.	June 11-15	Saint Joseph's
4-6	10 a.m.-noon	June 11-15	Saint Joseph's
7-9	12:30-3:30 p.m.	June 11-15	Saint Joseph's
<i>Cost: Grades K-3, \$30; Grades 4-6, \$40; Grades 7-9, \$50</i>			
Boys' basketball			
K-3	2:30-4 p.m.	June 25-29	Saint Joseph's
4-6	noon-2:30 p.m.	June 25-29	Saint Joseph's
7-9	9 a.m.-noon	June 25-29	Saint Joseph's
<i>Cost: Grades K-3, \$30; Grades 4-6, \$40; Grades 7-9, \$50</i>			
Softball			
K-3	9-10 a.m.	June 25-28	Saint Joseph's
4-6	10-11:30 a.m.	June 25-28	Saint Joseph's
7-9	noon-2:30 p.m.	June 25-28	Saint Joseph's
<i>Cost: Grades K-3, \$25; Grades 4-6, \$30; Grades 7-9, \$40</i>			
Baseball			
K-3	8-9 a.m.	June 18-21	Northfield Complex
4-6	9-10:30 a.m.	June 18-21	Northfield Complex
7-9	11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	June 18-21	Northfield Complex
<i>Cost: Grades K-3, \$25; Grades 4-6, \$30; Grades 7-9, \$40</i>			
Girls' soccer			
K-4	5:30-6:30 p.m.	July 9-13	Northfield Complex
5-8	5:30-7 p.m.	July 9-13	Northfield Complex
<i>Cost: Grades K-4, \$25; Grades 5-8, \$30</i>			
Boys' soccer			
Grades 4-8	5:30-7:30 p.m.	June 25-28	Northfield Complex
<i>Cost \$40</i>			
Volleyball			
4-6	9-11:30 a.m.	June 18-21	Saint Joseph's
7-9	1-4 p.m.	June 18-21	Saint Joseph's
<i>Cost: Grades 4-6, \$40; Grades 7-9, \$50</i>			

Marian High School summer camps announced

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Mix a little summer weather, great athletic facilities, professional coaches and staff and a whole bunch of fun together, and you get Marian summer sports camps.

The corner of Logan and Dagoon Trail looks to be very busy this June and July as varsity staffs roll out the balls, rackets, bats and poms opening up the Marian campus to kindergarten through incoming freshmen in efforts to teach fundamentals and offer practicing a favorite sport with other kids.

"The future success of Marian High School has a direct correlation with the progress and growth of our feeder schools," commented Reggie Glon, athletic director. "I can't stress how important our camps are to the young people that play in the Inter-City Catholic League."

"Our camps are a great way to expose families to our outstanding facilities, our diligent coaches and our student body volunteers," Glon added. "Its really exciting to see new faces light up when playing a sport, some for the first time, and having positive coaches preparing them to do their best."

The following are the grades, times, dates and costs for the Marian summer camps:

Football			
Grades K-2	9-11:30 a.m.	June 18-22	\$35/\$55 family
Grades 3-5	9 a.m.-noon	June 25-29	\$35/\$55 family
Grades 6-8	9 a.m.-noon	July 9-12, 16-19	\$35/\$55 family
Freshmen	2-10 p.m.	June 25-29	(Team Camp)
Girls' basketball			
Grades 3-8	4:30-7 p.m.	July 23-26	\$45/\$60 family
Freshmen	4-6:30 p.m.	July 16-19	(Team Camp)
Boys basketball			
Grades K-2	10 a.m.-noon	June 11-14	\$35/\$55 family
Grades 3-4	10 a.m.-noon	June 18-22	\$35/\$55 family
Grades 5-6	1-3 p.m.	June 18-22	\$35/\$55 family
Grades 7-8	1-3 p.m.	June 18-22	\$35/\$55 family
Freshmen	6-8 p.m.	June 18-22	freshmen camp
Baseball			
Grades 5-9	12:30-3:30 p.m.	June 25-28	\$40/\$60 family
Girls' soccer			
Grades 6-8	1-4 p.m.	July 9-11	\$35/\$55 family
Freshmen	5:30-7:30 p.m.	July 9-13	(Team Camp)
Boys' soccer			
Grades 3-5	9-11:30 a.m.	June 11-15	\$35/\$55 family
Grades 6-8	9 a.m.-noon	June 18-22	\$35/\$55 family
Freshmen	6-8 p.m.	July 9-13	(Team Camp)
Volleyball			
Grades 3-9	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	July 16-19	\$165/\$250 family
Freshmen	5:30-8 p.m.	June 11-15	(Team Camp)
Coed track			
Grades 4-9	9-11 a.m.	June 11-15	\$35/\$55 family
Coed tennis			
Grades K-8	4:30-7:30 p.m.	June 18-21	\$45/\$65 family
Grades K-8	4:30-7:30 p.m.	June 25-28	\$45/\$65 family
Grades K-8	4:30-7:30 p.m.	July 9-12	\$45/\$65 family
Freshmen	6:30-9 p.m.	July 16-19	(Team Camp)
Cheerleading			
Grades K-8	9-11:30 a.m.	June 25-29	\$45/\$55 family
Freshmen	4-5:30 p.m.	June 11-15	Football Tryouts
Poms			
Grades K-8	1-4 p.m.	June 11-15	\$45/\$55 family

Sign up brochures are available at the Marian High School Athletic Office, Marian feeder school offices and on the Marian Web Site www.marianhs.org. For more questions please contact the Marian Athletic Office at (574) 259-5858.

Winners for CYO meets held Monday, April 16, are:

Event	Boys	Girls
Hurdles	McCarthy 17.1 German 17.8	Watts 18.8 Taylor 18.9
100-meter dash	Tippman 13.7 Shutt 13.3	Fuller 12.7 Bartels 14.2
800-meter run	Eckrich 2:25.2 Deiser 2:54	Weilbaker 3:01 St. John NH 57.0
4x100 relay	St. John NH 52.1 (Fuller, Hoffer, McCarthy, McCarthy)	(Heddens, Lahrman, Painter, Wellman)
400-meter dash	St. Joe/St. Elizabeth 55.0 (Krach, Torkeo, Deiser, Fletcher)	St. Joe/St. Elizabeth 1:01 (Taylor, Baumgartner, Baumgartner, Reibold)
200-meter dash	McCarthy 1:00.0 Fletcher 1:05	Wellman 1:08.1 McNamara 1:08
1,600-meter run	McCarthy 26.5 Dorman 28.9	Heddens 28.9 Bartels 30.0
4x200 relay	Eckrich 5:09.7 Torkeo 5:48	Shank 5:49.0 Reibold 6:35
Shot put	St. John New Haven 1:58.6 (Painter, Simone, Sunderberg, Wharton)	St. John NH 2:04.8 (Casterline, Current, Kayser, Watts)
Discus	St. Joe/St. Elizabeth 2:12 (Pritchard, Guevara, Deiser, LaSuer)	St. Joe/St. Elizabeth 2:31 (Lee, Lee, McNamara, Maxsom)
High jump	Brames 37-1 Vandegriff 33-9	Zink 31-1 Widner 34-11
Long jump	Brames 100-2 Vandegriff 82-111/2	Zink 68-5" Widner 83-7
	Painter 4-6 Pritchard	Lahrman 4-6 Baumgartner
	Houser 14-31/2 Torkeo 13-6	Sordelet 12-8 Taylor 12-9



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Sister Lucia's doctor visits U.S. on 90th anniversary of Fatima apparition

DUBLIN, Ireland — Dr. Branca Paul, the personal physician of visionary Sister Lucia, is visiting the U.S. to promote Sister Lucia's book "Calls," which gives a unique insight into the message of Fatima and to launch the film "The Call to Fatima," which is based on the book. Accompanying her will be the film's producer and director Thomas McCormack.

The book "Calls" and documentary film "The Call to Fatima" deal with the meaning of Mary's message of Fatima and is the most insightful document to have been written on the message of Fatima by a visionary.

In 2000, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who is now Pope Benedict XVI, declared the book as "the most important book for Catholics for the 21st century," and Sister Lucia stated in her book, "Please do not look upon this communication as something that comes from myself. Look upon it, rather as the echo of the voice of God."

During Sister Lucia's lifetime she received numerous letters concerning the messages she received

from the Mary and "Calls" is her attempt to answer all these questions.

"The Call to Fatima," based on Sister Lucia's memoirs and her book "Calls," has been widely praised internationally and has received the St. Maximilian Kolbe award for education. "The Call to Fatima" will be broadcasted globally on ETWN on the May 13 to over 118 million homes worldwide to mark the 90th anniversary of the first apparition.

Director and producer McCormack spent four years filming and is constantly receiving requests to translate the dual DVD into 16 other languages.

The purpose of Dr. Paul and McCormack's visit is to inform and explain to the American public the importance of the well-known and documented

story of Fatima. Dr. Paul knew Sister Lucia intimately for the last 15 years of her life and was with her when she passed away on Feb. 13, 2005.

The award winning dual DVD "The Call to Fatima" and Sister Lucia's book "Calls" are available exclusively on the official Web site www.thecalltofatima.com.

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Illuminating the story of the Mass

BY YORK YOUNG

Put together one of the great teachers and writers on catechesis of today with a Catholic topic that should be near and dear to the hearts of the faithful, then mix it up with a modern — that is, short — format, and you've got one fine, easy-to-read, yet oh-so-useful book.

Having Father Alfred McBride, O.Praem., write "A Short History of the Mass" (St. Anthony Messenger Press, \$12.95) was an inspired notion. Even the title is cute, holding within it more than one meaning and a little irony at the same time. The Mass has anything but a short history, being instituted by Our Lord at the last supper, making it nearly 2,000 years old.

But any history book that comes in at a mere 120 pages is rightly considered short, and it helps that the actual changes that have occurred within the structure of the Mass have been minimal over time and can be wrapped up in a short volume. In fact, it might not even be a stretch to say, for example, that there have been more changes to the game of baseball in its 150-year history than the Mass has had since the third century.

Many Massgoers probably don't realize that the prayers and format of the present-day Mass have changed so little they could be transported back to a fourth-century Mass and not miss a beat in understanding what's going on.

Of course, the first 300 years of the growing Christian church wasn't quite as structured, and gatherings of the faithful almost always were held in secret, many times in the catacombs scattered throughout the Mediterranean world.

Father McBride does an excellent job of setting the stage of how Christ's example — specifically at the Last Supper — set up the

development of the Mass. And some of the earliest prayers used are still recognizable today. The Second Eucharistic Prayer, which is the most frequently used prayer of consecration is a descendent of a prayer written by Hippolytus of Rome in 215. The original and today's translation are not that different.

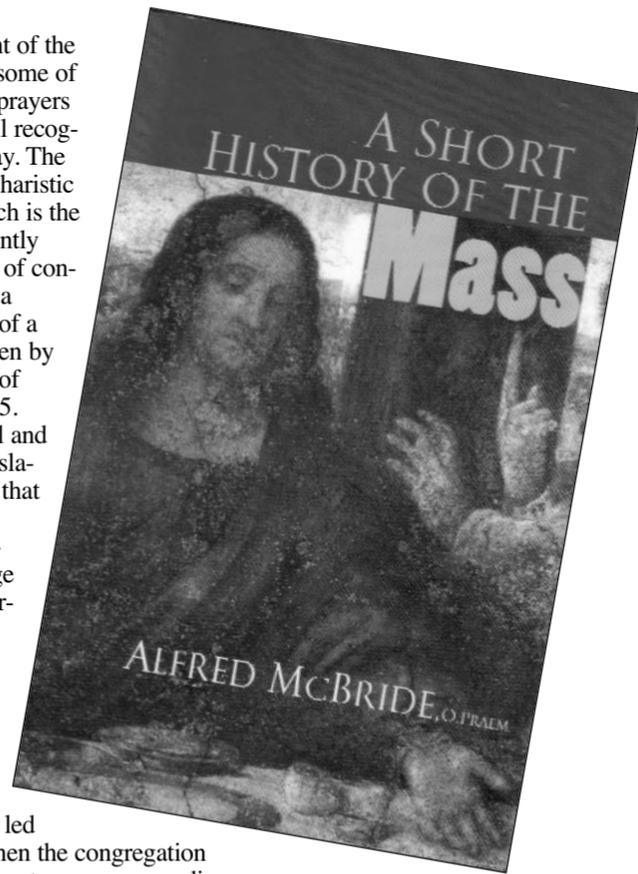
One dramatic change in Mass worship occurred during the Middle Ages. Attitudes about the role of laity led to a time when the congregation became present more as an audience than as participants. This influenced some actions of the Mass, as well as architectural developments of churches, oftentimes to the detriment of the common man. Father McBride does well at explaining how these things happen and doesn't sugarcoat them, pointing out some of the misguidedness of certain changes.

The Reformation highlighted many of the problems occurring within the liturgy of the church. A slow movement began to improve (even correct) some issues, and the Council of Trent (1545-1563) issued doctrinal clarifications of the Mass.

A renewing of the liturgy that relied on the structure of the early Mass had begun to be implemented in the 20th century, even before the Second Vatican Council began. After Vatican II, several dramatic

changes were introduced, including the priest facing the congregation and the use of the vernacular (local language), which was the case in the early centuries of the church. This change made Latin, which had been exclusively used for the liturgy for centuries (and can still be used today), superfluous for the layperson.

Today's Mass has roots that go way back and important theological reasons for every action and prayer. A lot of people may complain about not getting that much out of Mass. But how much have they put into the Mass when they go? This book can help them see the beauty of our most important liturgy, the re-presentation of our Lord's sacrifice.



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DEVOTIONS

Tatiana coming in concert in May
Fort Wayne — A Croatia singer who grew up in Communist Yugoslavia and gave her life to Christ will be at three parishes in May. On Wednesday, May 16, Most Precious Blood, call (260) 424-5535; On Thursday, May 17, St. Joseph, Garrett, call (260) 357-3122; and on Friday, May 18, St. Charles Borromeo, call (260) 482-2186. All performances will be at 7 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken.

First Sunday and Monday rosaries planned

Fort Wayne — First Sunday rosary for families will be Sunday, May 6, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at MacDougal Chapel. A first Monday rosary for all the souls in purgatory will be Monday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at MacDougal Chapel.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Chicken, fish and tenderloin supper
Huntington — St. Mary Parish will have a chicken, fish and tenderloin supper on Friday, May 4, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Adults \$7.50, children 12 to 6 years \$5 and children 5 and under free. There will be a bake sale and a 50/50 drawing.

Daughters of Isabella plan sale and silent auction

South Bend — A white elephant sale and silent auction will be held by the Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572 on Monday, May 7. The event and meeting will start at 6 p.m. in the Peterson Room at Corpus Christi Church. Guests are asked to bring a couple of items to be bid on or to sell.

Garden club hosts sale

Fort Wayne — The Trillium Garden Club will sell perennial plants Tuesday, May 15, from 8 a.m. to noon at the parking lot of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Proceeds benefit the landscaping at Matthew 25.

RUMMAGE SALES

Rummage sale at PB
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish will have a rummage sale May 10-12 in Mohr Hall. Hours are May 10-11, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 12, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Save your loot for Luers

Fort Wayne — Donations are needed for the Luers Loot rummage sale all Saturdays in May from 9 to 11 a.m. and on May 29-31 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the east side of the school. To arrange for large item pickup call Larry Wellman at (260) 748-4107.

FISH FRIES

Holy Name Society fish fry
New Haven — The St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society will

have a fish fry Friday, May 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults \$6.50, children 5-12 \$3.50 and children under 5 free.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 South Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, May 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7 and shrimp for \$8 will be available.

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Ruth Staszak, 89, St. Jude

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Ernest J. Laureys Sr., 88, St. Patrick

Shirley M. Hemmerlein, 75, Little Flower

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		CHANNEL 33 - WISE 10:30 A.M.	CHANNEL 16 - WNDU 10:30 A.M.	
May 6	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Msgr. J. William Lester St. Therese Fort Wayne	Father Kevin Russeau, CSC Old College Notre Dame	
May 13	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Father Dan Leeuw VA Medical Center and Provena Sacred Heart Home	TBA	"Radio Rosary" airs M-F at 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on Redeemer Radio WLYV 1450 AM
May 20	Ascension	Father Robert D'Souza St. Jude Fort Wayne	Bishop John M. D'Arcy Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend	
May 27	Pentecost	Father James Shafer St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fort Wayne	Father Michael Heintz St. Matthew Cathedral South Bend	

First South Bend XLT greeted with enthusiasm

BY JOE KOZINSKI

GRANGER — Praise and worship were just some of the key components of the first XLT (pronounced "exalt") service held in what Father Bill Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, affectionately refers to as the north end of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

XLT services, a common place at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, finally made its way to the South Bend community with help from Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Cindy Black, director of the diocesan Youth Ministry, Frankie and the Holy Rollers and the open doors of St. Pius X.

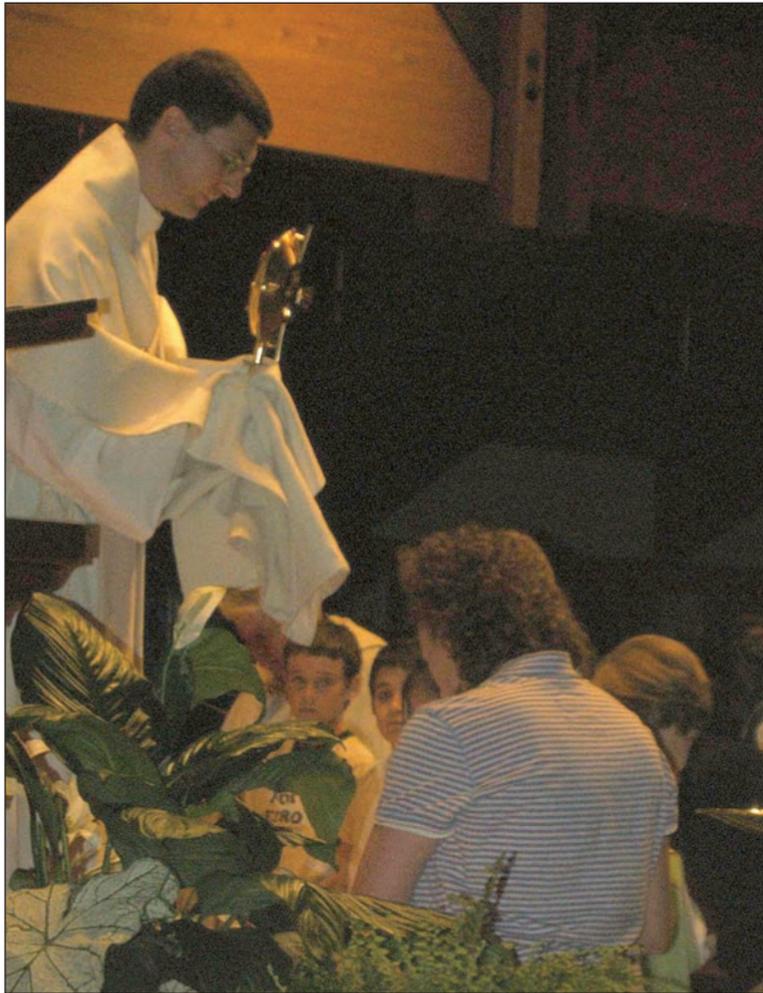
"XLT is praise and worship music, reflection and time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament sprinkled with more praise and worship," explained Black. "We in the diocese saw our young people respond well to praise and worship services during our retreats and looked for a venue that could embrace those experiences."

"The three components of an XLT service; praise and worship, teaching and adoration," continued Black. "The service is tailored around the message or theme of the ceremony and the music enhances the prayer."

While XLT services are new to the South Bend area, they got their start in Atlanta and have spread throughout the country bringing primarily high school and college aged youth into the church to celebrate Jesus.

"Young people are very busy, and their greatest obstacle to worship is time with sports, plays and work dominating their days and evenings," commented Bishop D'Arcy. "XLT worship is one and a half hours of great praise and adoration."

"The praise of the New Testament is to offer your heart," added Bishop D'Arcy. "The perfect form of worship is the Mass, the adoration is a beautiful way



TARA SCHMITT

Father Dan Scheidt holds the monstrance for participants in the South Bend area's XLT service to receive a benediction. The event, held for the first time in South Bend and St. Pius X Church, Granger, included worship and praise music, Scripture, reflection and adoration.

to show our love and respect to Jesus Christ."

Father Dan Scheidt, associate pastor and Marian High School chaplain, works with diocesan youth daily celebrated the XLT service with great enthusiasm and reflection.

"When two or more are gathered in his name, it is glorious and we definitely had more than two praising him," Father Scheidt proclaimed. "The fact that so many young people came together to praise the Lord weighs good for our continued faith."

Father Dan wasn't the only

one impressed with the service, in the front row were three young ladies, Joann Derbiszewski (sophomore from Saint Joseph's High School), Emily Sauer (senior from Penn High School), and Sara Buckley (sophomore from Penn High School) all praising the Lord in song and solemnity.

"The XLT was peaceful and at the same time full of energy," commented Sauer. "It was incredible, the Holy Spirit was present."

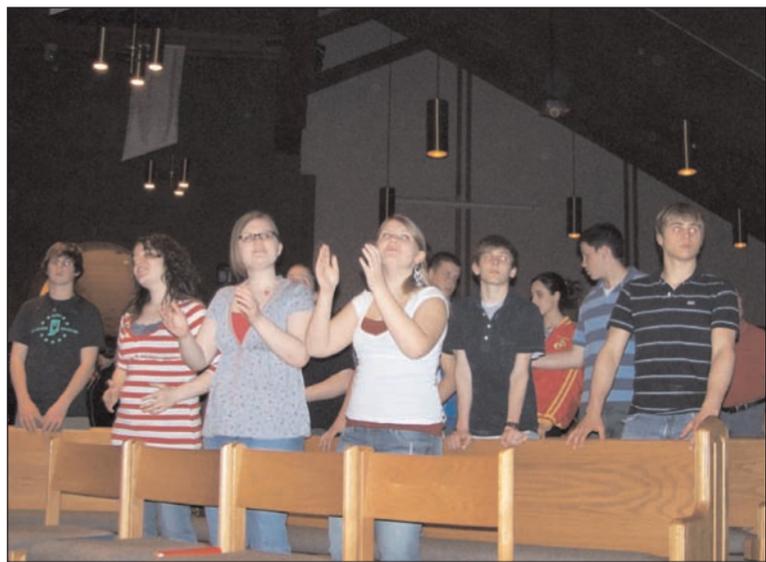
"It was a great experience, we started the afternoon by transporting the Jubilee Cross to Christ the King Parish and then to follow it with the XLT was enlightening," remarked Buckley.

"The best thing about XLT service for me is the singing," elaborated Derbiszewski. "So far the only times we enjoy this type of service is during retreat or during youth group."

The exuberance of the youth of the Catholic Church combined with the solemn deep devotion of the benediction made the evening a success not only for the high schoolers but also the older adults that gathered in Jesus' name.

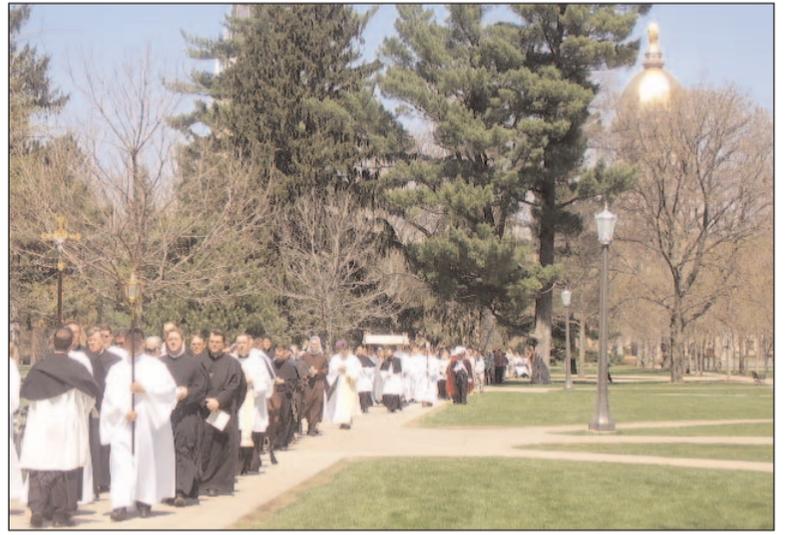
"It is a different style of worship than we are accustomed to at St. Pius," explained Father Schooler. "We will open our doors and host more XLT services if Cindy Black sets them up."

XLT has been celebrated from coast to coast and now from the south end of the diocese to the north end, with some opened hearts and a greater appreciation for the adoration of Jesus Christ.



DIANE FREEBY

Young people and families from the South Bend area enjoyed an evening of praise and worship music, reflection and time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the first-ever XLT in the northern end of the diocese. Bishop John D'Arcy, Father Bill Schooler and Father Dan Scheidt all presided at the event held at St. Pius X in Granger.



ALEX SCHEIDLER

Several hundred people follow in the eucharistic procession along the main quad on campus at Notre Dame on April 22.

Crowd joins eucharistic procession at University of Notre Dame

BY ALEX SCHEIDLER

NOTRE DAME — As the sun beamed down on a perfect Sunday afternoon of April 22, a crowd of the faithful gathered to join in the Third Annual Eucharistic Procession at the University of Notre Dame du Lac.

Led by Bishop John M. D'Arcy of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the procession consisted of approximately 300 people, including students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College. There were also religious from the Congregation of Holy Cross, Conventional Franciscan Friars from Mishawaka, Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Knights of Columbus, professors of the university, young professionals and families with children of all ages.

The procession immediately followed a standing-room-only 11:45 a.m. Mass at the Sacred Heart Basilica where Bishop D'Arcy presided. During his homily, he spoke of the importance of praying before the Eucharist, whether reserved in the tabernacle, exposed or in procession. The bishop also quoted St. Augustine's words, saying, "Before you eat his flesh, you must adore him."

He explained that the eucharistic procession is a continuation of Mass.

"When we pray before the Blessed Eucharist," Bishop D'Arcy continued, "it should be to make a gift of ourselves to him."

The general intentions of the eucharistic procession were for a greater respect for human life, for vocations to priesthood and religious life especially in the Congregation of Holy Cross, and for blessings upon the students, faculty, administration and staff of Holy Cross College, Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame.

Caitlyn Flanagan, a junior and accounting major at Saint Mary's College, belongs to the Orestes Brownson Club that cosponsors the procession. "I hope to grow a better appreciation for our Lord in the Eucharist," she said when asked why she helped coordinate

the procession, "as well as get a better appreciation for him on campus."

Stephen Goven is a junior majoring in electrical engineering and philosophy at the University of Notre Dame. He attended the procession because of the importance of the faith in his life. "As a Catholic school, I think it's very important to express our Catholic heritage and to outwardly show what's important to us," he said.

"It means a great deal that we're Catholic in more than name only," Goven expressed, sharing how meaningful the procession was to him.

The Eucharist was carried by Bishop D'Arcy under a canopy, with a cross and numerous candles leading the way. The faithful followed behind the canopy in a procession that ran the length of the stretch of campus appropriately termed "God Quad."

While processing, the faithful sang various litanies before pausing at a total of four altars scattered around the quad. At each station, as everyone gathered around the altar, they were met by a choral group in song. Then they prayed before the Blessed Sacrament while listening to readings on the Eucharist from the Gospel, as well as writings of the founders of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

An excerpt from a meditation written by Holy Cross founder Venerable Basil Moreau reads: "It is at this altar that, in order to console the sufferings of our exile that he offers us a manna more appealing than that of the desert; there that he gives us his flesh to eat and his blood to drink; there that he becomes present in such a way within our soul, his heart speaking to us with all its affection, and bringing our own hearts to beat with his."

Professor of Architecture Duncan Stroik attended the procession with his wife and six children. "The great thing about this three year tradition is that it started with the students," he said. "This is really the lay faithful being involved and trying to do something positive with the faith."