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.

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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.

Bishop John M. D’Arcey 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.

The Queen of Peace Parish marks its 50th anniversary, Bishop D’Arcy celebrates Mass.

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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.

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The Queen of Peace Parish anniversary will be featured in the May 27 issue of Today’s Catholic.

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PARISH CELEBRATES ITS GROWTH, BISHOP D’ARCY CELEBRATES MASS
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 limina of healing, as well as the Sick, the Anointed, 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. 5:14). 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 Church, are appropriate here: “Everything which our Redeemer accomplished has passed into the sacraments.”

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 170 students. This year, as always by the reverence of our people, we had a special imposition of hands, as one of the ZX events. 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 in 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. 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 250 students for 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.

I was happy 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 policeman marching, coming from all over Indiana and beyond, to show their love and respect for a fallen hero. 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 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 grandchildren 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 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.
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. 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 5,000 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 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.

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 animating 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.

Mother’s Day collection assists Catholic Charities

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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 weekend, 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.

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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 abortion in the national spotlight.

“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 refer 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 66 seats — and the National Action Party’s support for the initiative was turned in too late.

A constitutional challenge requires at least one-third of the chamber’s 66 legislators to 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, the party will file a complaint with the federal attorney general’s office and seek other legal 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 months-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 Mexican City daily Reforma shows that a slim majority of citizens赞同45 percent — approve the decriminalization of abortion. But this support has waned from March, when 59 percent approved. Outside Mexico City, where the church has more influence, 79 percent 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 reflect 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 Benedictine 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 Creek.

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FATHER PHILIP ANDERSON

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.

Father Anderson spoke 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 said, a good human marriage and love, too, Brosnahan observed.

Benedictine Father Philip Anderson, prior of the Monastery of Our Lady of Clear Creek in Hubert, Okla., was the other keynote speaker. The monastery is affiliated with the contemplative French Benedictine community Notre Dame de Fontgombault Abbey.

“Vertical” aspect of love in “Deus Caritas Est”

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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 bond with Jews.

The pope pleaded for vocations worldwide as he marked the annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

POPE BLESSES NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST

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Immigration proposals weighed by church and in Congress

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A White House proposal for immigration reform is “a step in the wrong direction,” the 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 would provide a viable path to permanent residency for people in the country illegally, a visiting worker program, a plan to address backlogs in family reunification, restoration of due process rights and policies that address the root causes of migration.

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

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Bishop John Nienstedt of St. Paul and Minneapolis 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 automatical-ly becomes head of the archdiocese upon Archbishop Flynn’s retirement or death. On May 2, 2002, Bishop Nienstedt automatically steps down at age 75, the age at which bishops are requested by church law to submit their resignations to the pope. The pope may request the bishop to remain at that time.

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News Briefs
USF hosts Faces of God exhibit

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) will feature Faces of God, an exhibition of art 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 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 to 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, 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 prays speaks twice.” This idea may have originated with St. Augustine, who said simply, “In praying, there is the speaking forth of one confessing; in singing, the affection of one living.” More succinctly, the faithful may 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 Scripture from Advent Through Christ the King.” The concert is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, at 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 George Mass on April 15. Father Christopher Young served as celebrant. Religious emblem recipients included the following:

• Cub Scouts
  • Light of Christ — Nicholas 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.

Knights present Bibles to third grade students

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 Grenby 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.

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 in 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.

Bishop Choby was named coadjutor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and a coadjutor of the Diocese of Nashville in 2011 and is currently a coadjutor of the Diocese of Nashville.

The Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders is one of the sacramental decrees that allows 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 seminarian, 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 Muñoz (Fort Wayne-South Bend); Anthony Lopez (Nashville); Robert Tarr (Columbus); and William Schmid (Phoenix). All of these candidates were welcomed by Bishop Choby.

The seminarians continue their 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 bill has been geared towards property tax relief and whether slot machines will be added to the state'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 uninsured, which originated 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. 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 that the parish apply to another fund of financial resources in the diocese or community or seek other alternatives.”

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

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FORT WAYNE — When the waters of baptism flowed at German 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 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 monstrance 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 seminars 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, officiated 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.

BY MARK WEBER

FATHER ADAM SCHMITT

The priest must be a believer, one who converses with God. If this is not the case, then all his activities are futile. The most lofty and important thing a priest can do for people is first of all being what he is: a believer. Through faith he lets God, the other, come into the world. And if the other is not at work, our work will never be enough; When people sense that one is there who believes, who lives with God and from God, hope becomes a reality for them as well.

Pope Benedict XVI
The Priesthood, the believer

Father Adam Schmitt celebrates golden jubilee
Golden jubilarian, Father James Rose, enjoys the fruits of his labor

BY DONNA ELDERSON

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 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 went by very fast in retrospect,” he says, recalling clearly 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 Furst 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 and 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.

For Father Leeuw’s 1965-1972 tenure at the parish was particularly notable for his ministry with youth at Most Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne. He 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.

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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.

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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, where 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 Bellmont 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 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 ministry, seeing to it that the Catholics of his church community were supported.

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 reunification at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne.

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 jubilarian, he is the fifth caretaker of a special chalice originated 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 3:30 p.m. Mass of thanksgiving, followed by a reception in the church basement.

BISHOP CELEBRATES GOLDEN JUBILEE

Father 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.
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.


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

FATHER ROBERT C. STEIGMEYER

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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 ROBERT HOFFMAN

Father Robert Hoffman minis tered 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 thinking. 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 the U.S. since I left St. Patrick in Fort Wayne to enter the seminary at Notre Dame in 1934.”

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 opportunities and to continue to often be a part of their family life long after they have graduated from the university.”

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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 officials much was accomplished at Notre Dame.”

“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 conver sations with individuals and groups of students — celebrating their accomplishments, consoling them in the 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.”

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FATHER ADAM D. SCHMITT

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St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Decatur
EDITORIAL

Rejoicing in the gifts of ministry and service of our jubilarians


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 beginning of his 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 in his name, and so, drawing others — especially young people — to seek what the 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 those who are called to consecration.

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.

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Study finds U.S. Hispanics drawn to charismatic churches

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The church familiar to and preferred by Hispanic Catholics in the United States is a livelier, more charismatic church than the American Catholic churches 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 reveals that among a third of U.S. Catholics are Latinos and that they bring with them a more evangelical style of prayer and worship.

“Christ can and will be re-presented in the lives of those who are called to consecration,” Bishop John M. D’Arcy, pastor of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in Indiana, said in his Letter to the Romans, reminds us of the importance of community living and Jesus Christ. At the same time, St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, reminds us of the importance of community living and Jesus Christ. At the same time, St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, reminds us of the importance of community living and Jesus Christ. At the same time, St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, reminds us of the importance of community living and Jesus Christ.

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By PATRICIA ZAPOR

Luis Lugo, director of the Pew Hispanic Center, said analysts were surprised to see the degree of what he called “renewal Christianity” among people of Latino origin or descent.

In a telephone press conference about the Pew Hispanic Center’s survey, Suro said that 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 charismatic. In comparison, only 10 percent of American Catholics said they were Pentecostals.

“The contrast to the non-Hispanic population is stark: Less than one in five non-Hispanic Protestants were ‘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 evangelical were asked to discuss their feelings about the Catholic Church and why they left.

“The greatest dissatisfaction was voiced about liturgy,” said the survey.

Sixty-one percent of former Catholics said they found the Mass “uneXciting,” although only 36 percent said that was a factor in why they left. Forty-six percent said they disapproved 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.

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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 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 international justice and peace, told Catholic News Service that the climate-change debate is “not the Sierra Club at prayer.”

But Carr told CNS: it embodies centuries of tradition of calling for “sacrifice.

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 are called to be 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.

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THE CATEQUIZ’EM

by Dominic Canpholison

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. Anicrya (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. Anicrya (Ankara)

4. Before that, he was secretary to this appropriately named Bishop of Alexandria:
   a. Thutmoses  
   b. Jerenmy 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 Nicea  
   c. “The Robber Council”

7. What was his most famous achievement?
   a. regulating the number of cappings 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 edepsed 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 Christ  
   c. the origin of species

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

Traditions see all apostles as missionaries

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

5th Sunday of Easter

O nce 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 activity 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 missionaryizing. No Scripture gives similar details about the other apostles.

The reading is more than a travelogue. It is a lesson about the faith.

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 hostilities 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 obviously 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.

READINGS


Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:1001ab,21 Jn 4272-31a


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

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

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1-2, 5, 15:18-21
Young children do not receive anointing of the sick

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 as well as at state schools like Maryland — further confirms that the late Philip Rieff was spot-on when he described us as a “therapeutic society.” The language of psychology has displaced the language of theology, as psychological categories of understanding have displaced 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, 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 that the whole world is against them...” “Frustrated,” “self-centered,” and “feel” are words and expressions redolent of the therapeutic society. A different vocabulary is obviously has its place. My point was not a “tragedy.” It was an “avoidable tragedy.”

Terminal cancer in a five year old is a “tragic.” Macbeth is a “tragedy” in that the subject’s is so utterly self-inflicted, and souls. How can any serious。“The language of the Latin word “sacrament,” 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 question.

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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.

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George Weigel was a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

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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 also expected humanity “to cultivate and tend it,” he said.

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

The church, therefore, “seeks to draw fully from the ingenuity 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.

Catholic Difference

By George Weigel

The Catholic Difference

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

first cousin, can also lead to an abrogation of responsibility: who cares if 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.

A Good Question

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A GOOD QUESTION

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?”

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.

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 institutions of the “tragedy” that unfolded in Blacksburg community during this time of intense tragedy.” But what, I wondered, was the “tragedy” here?

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St. John the Baptist students walk for hunger

St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, participated in Homeward Bound, Northeast Indiana’s 5K walk to provide housing and to fight homelessness on Sunday, April 29. The families and students at St. John raised over $5,000 to help Vincent House, Inc. reach their goal of $20,000. The walk started at Headwaters Park and over 100 students and their families, all wearing school colors of black and gold t-shirts, joined other walkers march through downtown Fort Wayne on a beautiful afternoon.

ICCL baseball wraps up regular season

SOUTH BEND — The boys baseball of the Inter-City Catholic League, after a blistering 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 boys’ Bosco Division, St. Thomas of Elkhart remains unbeaten at 5-0, and one game behind are St. Anthony Maron at 4-1. In the Martin de Pores Division, St. Joseph of Mishawaka and St. Jude Green are neck and neck at 4-1.

Christ the King’s ICCL team wins John Bosco division

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, Kaylee Sexton, Abby Lowe and Michele Fredlake; second row, Sarah Neeser, Ali Connelly, Keri Grove, Taylor Kurzhal, Sarah Davis and Sam Pfeil; and back row, Coach John Davis, manager Emily Fredlake and Coach Bob Fredlake.
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 objectives 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. “It just 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 for siblings attending the same camp.

Saint Joseph’s athletic director. “It is a great way to expose families to our outstanding facilities, our diligent coaches and student body volunteers,” Glon added. “It really excites us to see new faces light up when playing a sport, some for the first time, and having positive coaches preparing them to be their best.”

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

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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 discuss 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 “the most important book for Catholics for something that comes from myself.”

A Short History of the Mass

P ut together one of the great teachers and writers on catech¬


echosis of today with a Catholic topic that should be near
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.

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 was quite a structured Mass with anything but a short history, being institutionalized by Our Lord at the last supper, making it nearly 2,000 years old.

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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, the most frequently used prayer of consecration is a direct descendant 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 during the Middle Ages. Attitudes about the role of liturgy at a time when the congregation became present more as an audience than as participants. This influenced some of the Mass, as much as the architectural developments of churches, often 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 renewal of the liturgy that relied on the structure of the early Mass had 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 madeLatin, which had been exclusively used for the liturgy for centuries (and can still be used today), superfluous for the laity.

Today’s Mass has roots that go 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 Croatian 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 old $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 bid on or to sell.

Garden club hosts sale

Fort Wayne — The Trillium Garden Club will sell perennial plants Tuesday, May 15, from 9 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 8 to 5 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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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 Scholler, 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 since the first time they were opened.

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.

Catholic Bishop D’Arcy presided. During his homily he explained that the eucharistic procession was a way to show our love and respect to Jesus Christ.

Young people are very busy, and their greatest obstacle to worship is time with sports, plays and whatnot, 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 hearts,” added Bishop D’Arcy. “The perfect form of worship is the Mass, the adoration is a beautiful way 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, Joanna Derbszewski (sophomore from Saint Joseph’s High School), Emily Sauer (sophomore 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,” elaborated Buckley. “The best thing about XLT service for me is the singing.”

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 Scholler. “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.

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 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.

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 prayer 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 Browson 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 we’re Catholic in more than name only,” Goven said.

“It means a great deal that we’re Catholic in more than name only,” Goven said.

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 throughout campus, and everyone gathered around the altar, they were met by a choir filled with people who 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 conso- le 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 it’s affection, and bringing our own hearts to beat with his.”

Professor of Architecture Duncan Strok 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 behaving and trying to do something positive with the faith.”