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USF honors graduates, bishop at commencement



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy walks with the faculty of the University of Saint Francis after receiving an honorary degree and giving the commencement address at their May 5 graduation ceremony. Dr. Esperanca Camara, an art history professor and recipient of the university's Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award for 2007 walks behind the bishop.

BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — Gathering at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum for its annual commencement exercises, the University of Saint Francis (USF) bestowed degrees on its graduates and made Bishop John M. D'Arcy an honorary member of the class of 2007 by giving him an honorary degree.

Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF, president of the university, welcomed those gathered and, after a short invocation by graduate Brittani Lusch, introduced Dr. Esperanca Camara, an art history professor at USF and the recipient of the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award for 2007.

After Dr. Camara's remarks, Sister Elise spoke of some of the accomplishments of Bishop D'Arcy's time in Fort Wayne-South Bend before introducing him in his other capacity at the May 5 ceremony, commencement speaker.

Bishop D'Arcy, who had celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass with the USF community earlier in the day, first noted how touched he had been by Dr. Camara's speaking of her mother leaving her home on an island near Portugal for the United States so that her children would receive a better education. Bishop D'Arcy reflected on the experiences of his own Irish immigrant parents and appealed for openness to present-day immigrants before proceeding with his address.

"As special as my honor is, dear graduates," the bishop noted, "yours is greater. For yours is earned, while mine is honorary. Yours is the result of work and industry, of study and devotion and service. Your minds have been opened to learning."

Bishop D'Arcy also spoke of the futures the graduates had laid out before them, as well as the value of

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Papal trip to Brazil turns spotlight on Latin America

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI is making his first trip to the Western Hemisphere in mid-May, traveling to Brazil to open a strategizing session with Latin American bishops.

The May 9-13 visit begins with a string of pastoral events in Sao Paulo, where the pope will meet with young people and canonize the first Brazilian-born saint.

Then he moves to the basilica of Our Lady of Aparecida, where he will inaugurate the Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean, celebrating Mass and delivering a major speech to participants of the May 13-31 meeting.

The trip turns a spotlight on Latin America, a geographical area that has had little attention from this pope to date, but where 43 percent of the world's Catholics live.

It also broadens the horizons of the pope's

two-year pontificate, taking him outside Europe, where four of his previous five trips have occurred.

"I think we may have this idea of a pope who has spoken a lot about Europe and who has a 'bookish' culture in the tradition of European thought and reflection," said Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman.

"But although many people are not aware of it, this is a pope who traveled extensively as a cardinal and who has been able to acquaint himself with diverse realities of the church," Father Lombardi said.

"I think the messages, gestures and images of this trip will help people understand how the pope sees the 'universal' side of his ministry, in a more evident way than before," he said.

The issues on the Latin American bishops' agenda are not new, and the pope

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ASSOCIATED CHURCHES DEDICATES NEW FACILITIES



DON CLEMMER

Father Bob Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, contributes part of a prayer at the dedication of the new mission outreach center and food bank warehouse in Fort Wayne sponsored by Associated Churches.

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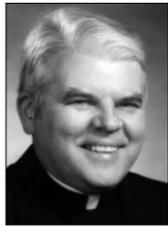
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The value of a great Catholic university is that it arrives at truth



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

An artist for Our Lady

On Saturday, May 5, it was my privilege to address the graduating class of the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, and also to receive an honorary degree. As I told the graduates and the very large crowd at Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, their degree was worth more than mine because they had earned it. For them, it was the result of hard work, intellectual energy, papers and exams and a genuine growth in their particular field of endeavor. So I saluted them. I am also grateful for the honor given to me by the University of Saint Francis.

I also met Professor Esperanca Maria Camara, PhD. She was the recipient of the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award at the University of Saint Francis, and she is the director of the highly regarded master of arts in studio art program in the School of Creative Arts where she has taught since 2002. And why, you ask, is all of this so special?

First of all, Professor Camara told me before the event that she grew up in East Cambridge, Mass., and her parents were immigrants from Portugal. I know that area and have celebrated the Eucharist and the sacrament of confirmation in her parish, made up mostly of people of Portuguese heritage.

We both have relatives in Fall River and New Bedford. New Bedford, where my mother first came from Ireland because her sister was there, was an immigrant community, an old whaling city. As I remember it, there were enclaves of Irish, Portuguese — mostly from the Azores — and French Canadians. Maria said she was confirmed by Cardinal Medeiros, the cardinal who ordained me a bishop. In receiving the award, she told the graduates that as an eight-year-old girl she asked her mother why she had left the beautiful land of the Azores — lovely, scenic islands. Her mother hesitated, and then said quietly, "So our children could get an education." This touched me very deeply, as it did the listeners.

An extraordinary study

Afterwards, I had a chance to talk to Professor Camara, and she told me about her field of study. She has a doctorate from Johns Hopkins University. The topic of her doctoral dissertation, if I am saying it properly, was "The Images of the Rosary." She spent years in places like Florence, Assisi, Rome, Siena and other towns, studying the images of the rosary and stained glass win-

dows and statues so she could do a worthy dissertation in art history.

I said, "Have you seen our cathedral?" She said, "Yes, I would like to teach a class at the cathedral." I gave her approval immediately. As you know, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is, as Msgr. Bill Lester once called it, "a song to Our Lady." The stained glass windows are on the life of Mary, and they were done in Germany and restored in 1998. The professor has led pilgrimages to these places in Italy to observe these images, and she gives courses on the history of art, especially Christian art, to the students at Saint Francis. In some of the cities I knew in New England, like Lowell where I was regional bishop, and also Cambridge, New Bedford and Fall River, there were large enclaves of Portuguese people or those who spoke Portuguese. Hardworking, very religious, and fully American. They, like so many others, have helped to create a rich tapestry, a kind of mosaic, which has made our country so special. And I was reminded on a recent Saturday afternoon at the coliseum in Fort Wayne. This diocese is blessed with so many Catholic institutions of higher learning, and so many of the teachers at these universities are a blessing for our young people who come to this diocese from many places.

First of many

It was my first graduation homily for the year, in this lovely springtime, but there are about eight more before it is over. I reflected on three concepts: First, the nature of love, as depicted in "Deus Caritas Est," the first encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI. He shows the relationship between the love called eros and the love called agape. He

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does not disdain the first but shows how it must be purified and disciplined through sacrifice and even renunciation so that it may become the love of agape, which is unselfish in the offering of oneself to another after the manner of Christ. He shows how to love that way depends on receiving, and how "the new commandment" to love others is new because we receive love from Christ, which makes it possible for us to love as he loves. His grace makes it possible to keep the new commandment, which says, "Love one another, as I have loved you."

I also spoke about the true nature of freedom and how this is challenged in our culture. Freedom is not the right to do anything, but rather the capacity to do what we

ought, to cherish the good.

And, finally, truth. Education is the pursuit of truth and there is an absolute truth, and it is possible for man and woman to know the truth. The value of a great Catholic university is that it arrives at truth from the study of the human sciences and also from the truths revealed by God in Jesus Christ, the truth of which the church is the caretaker, guided by the Holy Spirit. Hopefully, in the homilies to come, which will be for both eighth grade and high school graduates and some in college, I can translate this at the appropriate level for the young listeners.

Of course, the priest must always keep in mind that he wants Jesus Christ to speak through these homilies. It is the very nature of the priesthood that he desire this and time to make this happen.

A jubilee continues

As in the great jubilee of the year 2000, so this year, the 150th anniversary of the diocese, one of our concentrations, quite appropriately, is on the sacraments. Therefore, this Sunday, along with other priests, I will confer the anointing of the sick at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. Over 22 years, I have tried to do everything at St. Matthew Co-Cathedral as well as at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. It has been demanding, but I believe the good Lord has made it possible, and there is a guardian angel who helps me. In keeping this practice, I hope to have a quiet Mass at St. Matthew, giving thanks to God for 50 years as a priest.

On the 5th Sunday of Easter I arose early in the morning and drove two hours to the Notre Dame campus. It was a gentle day, with the sun shining and a joy to confer the sacrament of confirmation on the students from Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's colleges. Since many are graduating, it would not have been possible to make them part of our confirmation in September. Our next major event will be the Eucharistic Congress on Aug. 18 at Notre Dame. As you know, this Eucharistic Congress will be quite similar to the one we did in 2000, for the year of the Great Jubilee.

It is modeled after the World Youth Day. The cross, which is passing from parish to parish (an idea taken from the World Youth Day in Toronto) is nearing Notre Dame. You saw in a recent edition the great number of catecheses that will be given all over the diocese. The rosary will be prayed at the grotto. Confessions will be heard. And it will be a day of blessing for our diocese.

Roger Clemens to the Yankees

Why is anyone surprised? The Yankees will be a contender. They always are. It makes for an interesting summer for baseball fans. Too much money to throw a baseball.

See you all next week.

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reviewed them in capsule form last February:

- The need to revitalize the faith among the church's members in order to generate a new sense of mission in society.

- The proselytism of religious sects, which require, in the pope's view, a new effort in Catholic education.

- The "growing influence of postmodern hedonist secularism," which is seen as dramatically eroding the traditional values of the predominantly Catholic continent.

- Marriage and the family, which the pope said show "signs of yielding under the pressure of lobbies" that push for legislative changes and which are threatened by the increase in divorce, cohabitation and adultery.

- Economic injustice and the fight against poverty, along with the growing phenomenon of migration, which also impacts family unity.

The pope is well aware that many Latin American bishops believe the church stands at a turning point after losing ground in recent decades.

At the last Synod of Bishops in 2005, the pope listened as Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes told the assembly that in Brazil — the most populous Catholic country in the world — the number of Catholics was declining by about 1 percent each year, with many lost to Protestant sects.

"We have to wonder: How long will Brazil be a Catholic country?" Cardinal Hummes said.

According to the Vatican's statistics, the Catholic percentage of Latin American populations has dropped about 4 percent over the last 25 years, but many believe the official figures don't tell the real story.

In Brazil, for example, the Vatican says 85 percent of the population is Catholic, but experts who follow census figures say the real number may be closer to 70 percent.

The general conferences of Latin American bishops are considered milestone events, and some have produced important shifts in pastoral direction.

This year's edition will reflect the impact of globalization and the need for greater collaboration among churches of North and South America, especially on issues like economic migration.

To favor that kind of exchange, the more than 160 voting members of the conference will include four U.S. bishops as well as U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, head of the Vatican's doctrinal congregation. Two bishops and a cardinal from Canada also will attend.

In Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city and one of the most populous metropolitan areas in the world, the pope is likely to talk about persistent social issues like urban violence, homelessness, corruption and economic disparity.

Outside Aparecida, the pontiff will visit a Franciscan-run drug



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Pope Benedict XVI greets the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square for a noon blessing at the Vatican May 6. The pope asked Catholics to pray for the success of his first visit to Latin America.

rehabilitation center, called Fazenda da Esperanca (Farm of Hope). In addition to illustrating Christian charity in action, the visit will give the pope an opportunity to highlight the deep human and social damage done by the drug trade throughout Latin America.

When the Vatican recently critiqued Jesuit Father Jon Sobrino, a pioneer in liberation theology, some saw it as a sign of things to come from the pope and the May bishops' conference.

But Father Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said he does not expect liberation theology to be a crucial issue during the papal visit. Instead, he said, the pope is likely to focus on concerns like secularization, the activity of the sects and urbanization, and their relationship to the fundamental question of how to announce Jesus Christ in an evolving culture.

The impact of papal visits, of course, does not depend solely on official events and papal speeches. Perhaps more than on previous trips, the world will be watching to see how Pope Benedict, an academic at heart, interacts with the more outwardly emotional culture of the region.

During his first trip to Brazil, Pope John Paul II walked through a slum neighborhood of Rio de Janeiro, where he chatted with residents and, moved by what they told him, left his papal ring as a gift to local parishioners. No one is suggesting a repeat performance by Pope Benedict, but many are interested to see whether the pope uses gestures as well as words to communicate his concern for the poor.

With 14 major events, it's a relatively busy schedule for the 80-year-old pope. But almost from the beginning of his pontificate, he has made this trip a priority. According to Latin American bishops, it was the pope who chose the Marian sanctuary as the site for the conference and announced that he would be coming.

The pope also chose the theme, "Disciples and Missionaries of Jesus Christ, So That Our Peoples May Have Life in Him." The focus on the person of Jesus Christ is typical of the pope, who just published a book on the figure of Jesus.

In late April, sources said the pope had canceled or shortened some audiences at the Vatican in order to work on his speeches in Brazil. Many are looking for the two papal talks May 13 — his sermon and his inaugural address — to set the tone and the direction of the conference.

The bishops of Latin America have said they hope the conference will launch a new evangelizing mission across the continent, a type of spiritual mobilization throughout the church.

The pope knows this cannot be accomplished from the top down, however. That may be why, rather than announcing grand plans or programs, he has so far focused on more fundamental tasks.

As he told planners earlier this year, the Latin American conference must first of all "encourage every Christian to convert and become a true disciple of Jesus Christ, sent out by him as an apostle."

Indiana prisoner executed; prayer vigil calls it 'dark act'

BY DEBBIE BOSAK

MICHIGAN CITY (CNS) — Called in prayer a "dark act done under the cover of night," the execution of convicted murderer David Leon Woods was carried out in the early hours of May 4.

Woods, 42, had been sentenced to death 22 years earlier for the stabbing death of a family friend, Juan Placencia, during an attempted robbery in April 1984 in Garrett, Ind. Woods was 19 at the time.

With appeals exhausted and clemency denied by Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, a group of death penalty opponents began to assemble at the Indiana State Prison parking lot shortly before sunset on the eve of the execution to keep vigil in support of Woods, who reportedly had undergone a conversion of heart and a transformation of faith while behind bars.

Before entering the prison to witness the execution, the Woods family stopped to address the group.

"David is a special person, a godly person and he has no fear at all tonight," said Tommy Yeager, the prisoner's brother-in-law. "He is at total peace and feels when he leaves here tonight, he will be walking with Jesus."

A tearful Yeager pointed to Scripture while noting that people are so quick to judge others for what they do wrong: "If you read the Gospel of Matthew, it asks why do we condemn our brother for murder? Love and forgive them, for as you judge so will you be judged. Why do you notice the speck in your brother's eye and not the log in your own?"

Speaking on behalf of his brother-in-law, Yeager told the crowd that Woods was grateful for their prayers and support and hoped his death would bring light to the issue of the death penalty in this country.

Lea Govert, a parishioner from Holy Spirit in Winfield Township, regularly attends death vigils at the state prison. Citing the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, she said it is worth repeating his expression that life is a seamless garment from birth until natural death. "I'm here to

bear witness that this should not happen," Govert said.

Many in attendance expressed concern for the mitigating factors surrounding the execution. Woods was only 19 at the time and reportedly under the influence of drugs.

During the appeals process, defense attorneys questioned state methods for determining if Woods had some degree of mental retardation, which would have deemed him ineligible for execution. Woods also had accepted full responsibility for his actions and expressed remorse.

"This guy has done everything he's supposed to do. He's changed, shown remorse and yet we're going to kill him anyway," said Sean Napier, a frustrated local resident.

Mary Lou Pilkinton, Woods' mother, was overwhelmed with emotion as she talked about how much she would miss her son. "Thank you all for your prayers and God be with you," she said.

Mary Ann Pilkinton Yeager was only 9 when her brother went to prison for his crime. She called her brother her spiritual guide and explained how he had come to minister to many of his fellow inmates, bringing the hope of Christ into their lives.

For Woods, even the last meal shared with his family the previous evening had spiritual overtones. As Woods enjoyed a meal of pizza and soda pop with the 12 closest to him, he called the gathering the "breaking of the bread."

"David asked for a birthday cake," Pilkinton Yeager recalled.

While it was not his birthday, he explained to his family that the day of his execution would become a new birth with Jesus, she said. Woods spent those last moments comforting his family and telling them not to worry, saying he understood the sorrow and pain his victim's family had experienced and hoped they could one day find a way to forgive him.

According to Pilkinton Yeager, Woods also admonished his family to strive to become better people themselves.

"He told my mom to stop talking about people so much," she said. "He asked her to try to be better and she promised him she would."



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Tommy Yeager, Mary Ann Pilkinton Yeager and Mary Lou Pilkinton, relatives of convicted killer David Leon Woods, greet Father Charles Doyle, a priest of the Diocese of Gary, and death penalty opponent, outside Indiana State Prison in Michigan City May 3. Woods was executed May 4 for the 1984 slaying of his neighbor, Juan Placencia, during a burglary.

Recovering cord blood donations to benefit stem-cell research

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Continued advances in medical research utilizing human stem cells in the treatment of many human ailments shines a light of hope for the future. The controversial use of embryonic stem cells, however, rages on in both the political and religious arenas. New data reports the use of stem cells extracted from the neonatal peripheral blood contained in the umbilical cord and placenta may show more potential for successful treatment than the use of embryonic stem cells and without the loss of life.

One new Fort Wayne company, Cell and Tissue Recovery Services (CTRS), is addressing this issue by the very virtue of its work. CTRS performs cord blood recoveries at St. Joseph Hospital for research applications including drug and vaccine development, immune system research and cellular immunity with HIV, cancer and sepsis.

Founder and President Shawn Archer assures participants that the cells recovered are used only for research, saying, "I explain that these stem cells are not suitable for cloning. They are used in research for the advancement of medications and treatments." And of course no life is lost due to the fact that the recovery is from donated placenta and cord blood cells.

Archer works with the technicians in the labor and delivery department at St. Joseph Hospital, where staff and administration involvement is paramount, handing out informational pamphlets requesting cord blood

donation from parents who are ready to delivery their infant.

Archer himself answers any questions about the program the parents may have and after attaining a signed consent form from the donors, he is then on call till the birth is complete. Once complete, Archer must obtain the cord and placenta immediately to



Shawn Archer is founder and president of Cell and Tissue Recovery Services, an umbilical cord and cord blood donation program. He works with families at St. Joseph Hospital in recovering their voluntary donations and is hopeful as he provides an alternative to the controversial embryonic stem-cell issue.

avoid allowing time for negative variables such as clotting, which he says renders the cord blood unusable.

Using a personally designed apparatus, Archer recovers the stem-cell rich blood from the pla-



KAY COZAD

Each donor receives a personalized certificate suitable for framing or placement in a baby book following recovery of umbilical cord and cord blood.

centa and a 10-inch section of the cord, used he says in the development of drugs for use in cleaning human arteries of plaque and minimizing heart attacks. One donated placenta is reported to supply from two to six vials of blood containing over a million stem cells each. The unused portion of the donation is destroyed in the hospital lab.

Archer has only 33 hours to ship the cord blood donation to Lonza Walkersville, Inc., in Walkersville, Md., a clearing house of sorts, where it will then be distributed to research facilities, including teaching universities and hospitals, across the nation. This time constraint limits the donations to Monday through Thursday recoveries. But that hasn't stopped Archer from recovering nearly 100 donations

in the two and a half months he has worked with St. Joseph Hospital.

"The consent rate is about 85 percent now," reports Archer. Providing potential participants with information about this free-of-cost program that uses the once discarded placenta and cord assists in the consent, he says.

Cord Blood donation and transplantation is in its infancy," says Archer. "But we need to let the patients know their options. This is a great alternative to the embryonic stem cell issue."

Archer, who is a certified tissue bank specialist, has over 20 years of experience in procurement of tissue and bone, customer service and distribution. He assisted with the initial development of the regulations for tissue banking for the American Association of Tissue Banks as well.

Working at St. Joseph Hospital years ago in the burn center has earned him a "family" feel to his work there now. Supervising the tissue bank operations and managing the procurement and customer services at the American Red Cross across three states, since 1986, has given him the experience and desire to design this cord blood program.

"My work with the dead has

helped me develop this program for the living," he says. With procedures for research-based recoveries relatively undefined in this new area, Archer, with the help of colleagues, has developed a standard for the field. His work with donor and recipient families at the Red Cross led him to incorporate a recognition certificate for the cord blood donor that he hand delivers when possible.

"Donor families were recognized with things like planting of a tree. With research donation, I saw a need for these families to be recognized as well," says Archer, who has designed the certificate of recognition, which announces the baby's name with this first time donation. "It's a cute way to recognize the child and the certificate is suitable for framing or to be placed in the baby book," he adds. These personal touches make this company unique in its mission.

Archer, a parishioner of St. Jude Parish along with wife Cyndy and sons Shawn and Zackary, was relieved to discover that his faith was not compromised by this important work.

"The pope has made comments on umbilical cord recovery. The Catholic Church is behind it," Archer reports.

Future plans for the company include retaining the all important personal touch as the program reaches other hospitals in the area. Archer looks forward to offering informational workshops to hospital staff, including doctors and seeking "partnerships with different people like the bank in Indianapolis."

This innovative and enthusiastic man says he is very proud of this program that came "from nothing" and hopes that his part in recovering the precious gift these moms and dads are donating will benefit generations to come.

For more information on Cell and Tissue Recovery Services umbilical cord and cord blood donation program visit www.mysite.verizon.net/archerCTRS or call (260) 385-1143.



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Marching for immigration reform in Detroit, other U.S. cities

BY ROBERT DELANEY

DETROIT (CNS) — Undocumented immigrants “need better treatment and deserve it,” said Manuel Gonzalez, a Mexican-born U.S. citizen, waiting for the start of a May 1 march and rally in support of immigration reform in Detroit.

“Let us treat immigrants the same as everybody else in this country,” said Gonzalez, a member of Most Holy Redeemer Parish in Detroit, who attended the Detroit rally with his 3-year-old son, Angel.

Gonzalez was among about 3,000 people — overwhelmingly Hispanic and mostly young, with many pushing baby strollers — who took part in the 2.5-mile march. Many of them carried American or Mexican flags, or signs calling for justice or an end to the breaking up of families.

The march took place on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, just two days after Michigan's Catholic bishops issued a statement on the need for immigration reform.

The Detroit rally was one of dozens of immigration rallies held

across the country the same day. Demonstrators showed up in much smaller numbers than last year, even for larger gatherings in Chicago, New York and Phoenix. Although most of the rallies were peaceful, police clashed with demonstrators in Los Angeles while trying to disperse the crowd.

About 150,000 people participated in a march and rally for immigration reform in Chicago. Many of the marchers carried signs in English and Spanish calling for “No more raids” and proclaiming “We are workers, not criminals.”

Marchers primarily focused on the issue of keeping families together. Many participants made the three-mile trek to the rally with children helping to carry flags and babies in strollers or strapped in carriers on their mothers' chests.

While most of the flags were red, white and blue, most of the crowd was Latino, along with a significant representation of North African and Middle Eastern Muslims.

Agnes Nadi, a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Lombard, marched with a Polish flag to demonstrate that immigration reform is not only a Latino issue.



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Father Donald F. Hanchon, pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Church in Detroit, holds an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe as he marches with other protesters during a May 1 immigration rally in downtown Detroit. Father Hanchon joined thousands of demonstrators in the heavily Hispanic neighborhood, demanding legal rights for illegal immigrants.

“We are a part of the community, too,” she told the *Catholic New World*, Chicago archdiocesan newspaper.

At the Detroit rally, Oneida Chapa, an American citizen, said she attended to support her husband, Guadalupe Garcia, in his

quest for permanent immigrant status. “I want to become a legal resident,” Garcia said. The couple belongs to Most Holy Redeemer Parish, one of the sponsoring organizations for the march and rally.

Eduardo Ybarra, a member of

St. Michael Parish in Pontiac, said he has been in the United States 12 years and hopes to get his papers so he can be a legal resident. “I just want to stay here. I don't want to leave. I have a wife and two kids here,” Ybarra said.

Sister Nina Rodriguez, a Sister of St. Joseph from Most Holy Trinity Parish in Detroit and a daughter of Mexican immigrants, said she attended the rally because of her love for God's people and for justice. “We're human beings like everybody else, and we belong here,” she told *The Michigan Catholic*, archdiocesan newspaper of Detroit.

Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Daniel E. Flores introduced the Michigan bishops' statement on the need for immigration reform April 29 at a media briefing before the Sunday evening Spanish-language Mass at Most Holy Redeemer Church.

He said the Michigan bishops' statement echoes the principles of the U.S. bishops' statement on immigration. He also hoped it would encourage Catholics to contact their representatives and senators in Washington to urge them to support reform.

Bishops' work group affirms church anti-abuse education programs

BY JERRY FILTEAU

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A report sent to the U.S. bishops by their National Review Board and Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People said the safe environment education programs for children in dioceses across the nation are “a major accomplishment and one that must continually be maintained and reinforced.”

It proposed criteria for evaluating and improving those programs, which are intended to prevent the sexual abuse of children and young people and to help them recognize it if it occurs and report it to adults.

The report recommended strengthening the training of teachers and catechists who are called on to teach children in age-appropriate ways what they need to know to help them to avoid inappropriate touching or behavior and to report it when it occurs.

It assessed objections to such programs in some quarters, particularly a 55-page criticism, “To Protect and to Prevent,” issued last fall by a task force of the Catholic Medical Association, which called for the abolition of such programs.

But the report concluded that “there is evidence safe environment programs for children have a positive effect on children, are consistent with the science of child development and are in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church.”

It recommended that “children and young people receive safety training annually at each grade level and that this training is reinforced with regularity within the program and at home.”

It also recommended the use of

“technology such as CD or DVD to present material, to assure consistency of content and approach.”

It suggested approaching publishers of religious education and catechetical texts “to integrate and/or align safety training into their materials.” It noted that one of the biggest challenges in safety training for children is incorporating such training into parish catechetical programs for those children who are not in Catholic schools.

Article 12 of the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” adopted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2001 requires all dioceses to establish ongoing safe environment education programs, including age-appropriate education of children, as part of the church's effort to prevent sexual abuse of minors.

The new report to the bishops, “Safe Environment Training of Children in the Catholic Church,” was written by the Safe Environment Work Group, headed by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., a member of the USCCB Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The work group consisted of him and six other members selected by Bishop Gregory M. Aymond of Austin, Texas, head of the committee, and Patricia O. Ewers, chairwoman of the National Review Board. Three of the members were bishops, two were from the review board and two were lay experts in education.

The work group said all safety training programs run by the church must conform to the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church that “the human body shares in the dignity of the

image of God.”

It said other criteria of content appropriate for safety training at all grade levels are:

- “Parts of our bodies are considered private and we respect these in self and others.
- “I am a person loved by God and deserving of respect.
- “There is a difference between safe and unsafe touch.
- “It is all right to say ‘no’ to violation of personal space.
- “It is important to report abuse of self or others until one is believed.
- “There are strategies to help protect oneself.”

Materials for grades 7-12 should also include training that “a healthy relationship requires individuals to support the life and dignity of one another in all respects,” it said.

For content for grades 9-12 it added two more criteria:

- “All persons have the right to expect personal and vocational lives free from harassment.
- “Every person has the obligation to ensure that those whom he or she leads or supervises are free of harassment.”

Part of the work group's report was a response to objections against such programs, especially those raised by the task force of the Catholic Medical Association.

The task force had argued that such programs for children were ineffective, potentially damaging to children and families, and “inconsistent with the church's teaching on the education of children in matters pertaining to formation in sexual morality.”

The report was approved by the National Review Board at a meeting in February and by Bishop Aymond's committee at its meeting in March. It was sent out to the bishops at the end of April.

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the friendships they had forged during their time in study at the university.

“And as we pause with genuine gratitude to God, to parents, to loved ones, to St. Francis, our patron,” the bishop said, “I hope that I might share a few thoughts with you of three great concepts of our time which are under threat.”

He listed love, freedom and truth.

For love, Bishop D'Arcy cited Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, “Deus Caritas Est,” and how the pope spoke of love in terms of charity but also of eros, a love of desire, that needs to be purified by agape, selfless love.

As an example of this sort of

love, the bishop cited the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, the founders of the University of Saint Francis.

For freedom, Bishop D'Arcy gave a definition not of being able to do whatever one wishes, but to be able to choose to do what is right. He cited the example of Christ laying down his life for the salvation of the world as a truly free act.

For truth, the bishop encouraged the graduates, whatever their discipline, to continue their learning, their pursuit of the truth, noting that God has put in every human heart the desire to know the truth and that God revealed the truth to everyone in Jesus Christ.

“There's no opposition between faith and learning,” Bishop D'Arcy said. “Faith without learning becomes fundamentalism. ... Learning without faith becomes egotism, self-centeredness.”

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Cardinal praises Bush pledge to veto any attack on pro-life policies

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The head of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities welcomed President George W. Bush's May 3 promise to "veto any legislation that weakens current federal policies and laws on abortion." Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia also expressed gratitude in a May 4 statement for pledges by 155 members of the House of Representatives and 34 senators to uphold any such vetoes. "These pledges help ensure that through the rest of this administration and this Congress Americans need not fear that the federal government will pursue new ways to force them to be involved in government-funded abortions, coercive population programs abroad or the destruction of embryonic human beings," the cardinal said. "Instead, we should work together to build respect for human life at its most defenseless stages, and to support women and families facing an unintended pregnancy or caring for family members challenged by age, illness or disability," he added.

Nepal's first bishop ordained in Katmandu

KATMANDU, Nepal (CNS) — In a historic moment for the local Catholic community, Jesuit Father Anthony Sharma was ordained Nepal's first bishop. The ordination took place May 5 at the newly renovated premises of Katmandu's Assumption Church. About 3,000 worshippers — almost half the total Catholics in the country — attended, as did several Hindu and Buddhist well-wishers, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency. The ceremony was officiated by the apostolic nuncio to India and Nepal, Archbishop Pedro Lopez Quintana, and two co-consecrators, Archbishop Benedict Osta of Patna and Bishop Thomas D'Souza of Bagdogra. Archbishop Osta and Bishop D'Souza are the leaders of the Indian Catholic territories neighboring Nepal. After he took his solemn vows, Bishop Sharma, wearing his new miter and gold ring while holding the pastoral staff of his office, faced the audience, to thunderous applause.

Pope thanks Swiss Guards for dedicated, loyal service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI thanked the Swiss Guards for their dedicated and loyal service of watching over the Vatican and keeping popes safe. The Swiss Guard's 500 years of service to the church in Rome reflects "a long history of loyalty and generous service always offered with dedication, at times to the point of heroically sacrificing one's life," he said. The pope's comments came May 5 during a special audience with Swiss Guards and 38 new recruits. New soldiers are sworn in during a colorful ceremony at the Vatican every May 6 to commemorate the day 150 Swiss Guards died saving Pope Clement VII's life during the sack of Rome

NEWS BRIEFS

RESCUE WORKER TAKES PHOTO IN AFTERMATH OF DEADLY TORNADO IN KANSAS



CNS PHOTO/DAVE KAUP, REUTERS

A rescue worker checks her camera May 6 after taking photos of the devastation from a tornado in Greensburg, Kan. The tornado, rated an F5 and the most powerful to hit the U.S. in eight years, demolished every business on the main street the evening of May 4. All the churches, including St. Joseph Catholic Church, also were destroyed. At least 12 people died, and at least 50 people were injured, some critically, authorities said.

May 6, 1527. Pope Benedict said the guards' dedication has "rightly earned them the esteem and trust of all pontiffs" who have always been able to count on their "help, support, and protection."

U.S. commission notes religious freedom violations in Turkey

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom strongly urged the U.S. government to include concerns regarding Turkey's religious freedom violations on the U.S.-Turkey bilateral agenda. The United States should urge Turkey to continue its legal reforms to protect the rights of Turkey's religious minorities, including Catholics, said the commission, an independent, bipartisan, federal agency mandated by Congress to review international religious freedom and provide recommendations for its advancement to the U.S. secretary of state. The Turkish government should take steps to "address the restrictions on the right to own property and train clergy" and "undertake significant steps to establish and enhance trust between the majority and minority" religions in the country, added the commission. Though Turkey did not make the commission's infamous list of countries with egregious human rights violations, the struggle regarding Turkey's policy of secularization, treatment of minority religions and growing Muslim identity earned the country

a special section in the commission's 2007 Annual Report. The report was released in Washington May 2. It designated North Korea, Iran, China, Sudan, Vietnam and Saudi Arabia as "countries of particular concern" for their blatant denial of religious freedom.

Bishops study draft of guide for high school religion curriculum

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops are studying a draft curriculum guide for Catholic high school religion courses across the country. Prepared by the Committee on Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, the draft sets the framework for six core semesters plus five elective courses from which schools may choose two — preferably in the senior year or one each in the junior and senior years. The curriculum framework, developed at the request of publishers of catechetical materials, is intended as a guide for those publishers and for diocesan offices and Catholic high schools to help them develop their own curriculum guidelines and evaluate religion textbooks for use in their schools. "It is planned that this curriculum framework will also be adapted to shape catechetical instruction for high school age young people in parish religious education and youth ministry programs," said Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, chairman of the Committee on Catechesis, in a letter accompanying the draft.

Women religious gather to mark 40th anniversary of Omaha bone study

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) — By the end of the first eight-day session of the Omaha Nun Study in 1967, Sister Rosalina Wilkinson was sick of chocolate bars. The Sister of Mercy had eaten one chocolate bar each day. "I only picked the chocolate bar because it was on the list they gave me and I thought it sounded good," Sister Wilkinson told the *Catholic Voice*, newspaper of the Omaha Archdiocese. "Boy was that a mistake." Sister Wilkinson was one of 190 nuns from six motherhouses who agreed to participate in a Creighton University study on calcium intake and women's bone health, now known simply as the Omaha Nun Study. Participating nuns were from the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Servants of Mary, School Sisters of St. Francis, Notre Dame Sisters, Sisters of Mercy and Benedictine Sisters. More than 30 of the nuns involved in the study were on hand April 25 to help celebrate the study's 40th anniversary. "I would like to reiterate the impact you had," Dr. Robert Heaney, study director and designer, told the nuns. "I don't think you realize this, but the intake recommendations for calcium were based on the figures you people provided not to me, not to Creighton, but to the women of America."

Archbishop: Church must dispel prejudice about its stance on AIDS

LONDON (CNS) — The Catholic Church must do more to dispel "mistaken prejudices" about its attitudes to people with HIV/AIDS, said a Scottish archbishop. "It needs to be said again and again that the Catholic Church is committed to those works of mercy in the field of HIV/AIDS," said Archbishop Mario Conti of Glasgow, Scotland. The archbishop spoke in Kiev, Ukraine, in late April to a Caritas-sponsored conference on HIV/AIDS in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. An archdiocesan official provided Catholic News Service in London with a copy of the text. Archbishop Conti said it was "very regrettable" that some people think the church is unsympathetic to AIDS patients because, in many cases, HIV is transmitted through sexual intercourse.

Pope, Italian leaders condemn threats against Genoa archbishop

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI and Italy's president and prime minister condemned threats made against Archbishop Angelo Bagnasco of Genoa, president of the Italian bishops' conference. The pope relayed his support in an April 30 telephone call to the archbishop after an envelope containing a bullet was delivered to him. The archbishop has had an Italian police escort since mid-April, when threatening graffiti appeared on buildings near his residence. The threats began after Archbishop Bagnasco took the lead in opposing a proposed law that would extend legal recognition to cohabiting couples, including gays.

Vatican signals support for international meeting on Iraq

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican signaled its support for the international meeting on Iraq that took place in Egypt in early May, and Iraq's Chaldean bishops asked participating countries to do more to end violence and protect Christians in the country. After former Iranian President Mohammad Khatami met Pope Benedict XVI May 4, the Vatican published a statement saying the two leaders reaffirmed "the need for strong initiatives by the international community, like that occurring in these days at the meeting in Sharm el Sheikh," Egypt, to bring peace to the Middle East. More than 50 nations sent representatives to the May 3-4 meeting in Egypt to discuss debt relief, aid and security in Iraq. The participants included the United States and other members of the U.N. Security Council, the world's richest countries and nations bordering Iraq, including Iran. In a letter published by the Rome-based AsiaNews, the Chaldean Catholic bishops of Iraq asked participating nations "to intervene without delay to protect innocent Iraqis, their property, their rights and their personal freedom."

Peace pole planted for nonviolence

NOTRE DAME — On May 4, Sisters of the Holy Cross and other participants made a public proclamation of the congregation's stance on nonviolence by planting and blessing a peace pole in front of the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's.

"The peace pole has become a global symbol of commitment to peace and nonviolence," said Sister Ann Oestreich, IHM, justice coordinator for the Sisters of the Holy Cross. "Over 250,000 peace poles have been planted in 180 countries. Each pole proclaims the prayer 'May Peace Prevail on Earth' in different languages."

The peace pole at Saint Mary's displays this inscription in Bengali, English, Portuguese and Spanish, the four languages spoken in countries where Sisters of the Holy Cross serve. The blessing and dedication ceremony was a public expression of and commitment to the congregation's corporate stand on nonviolence that was voted on and approved by members worldwide last year.

"Peace poles, similar to the one at Saint Mary's, will be planted in every country where the sisters live and serve," said Oestreich. "The congregation has already planted peace poles in Brazil, and planting ceremonies are planned for Ghana, Mexico, Maryland and California."

The planting of the Saint Mary's peace pole is part of the worldwide Peace Pole Project initiated by the World Peace Prayer Society, a nonprofit, nonsectarian, member-supported organization dedicated to spreading the message of peace.

"Visitors to the church and campus," said Oestreich, "are encouraged to stop at the peace pole and recognize their connection with people around the world who have planted their poles with the same prayer and desire for peace."

Father David Voors honored as distinguished graduate

NEW HAVEN — Father David Voors, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur, received the St. John the Baptist, New Haven, Distinguished Graduate Award for 2007. A Mass was celebrated Friday, April 27, and the award was presented to Father Voors.

Graduating in 1968 from St. John the Baptist School, he attended Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne and later graduated from St. Pius X College in Erlanger, Ky. Father Voors attended seminary at St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., and was ordained a priest on June 20, 1981.

Father Voors has spent his entire life as a priest supporting Catholic education. Since 1981, he has helped three diocesan parishes and schools: St. Michael, Plymouth; Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne; and St. Mary, Decatur.

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PEACE POLE PLANTED AT SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

A symbol of peace and nonviolence, the Sisters of the Holy Cross made a stance by planting and blessing a "May Peace Prevail on Earth" pole. Expressed in different languages — Bengali, English, Portuguese and Spanish — the four languages spoken in countries where Sisters of the Holy Cross serve, the pole is in front of the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's College.

St. Vincent de Paul society holds annual Mass, awards

SOUTH BEND — Members and their families of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County will gather for their annual family Mass and breakfast on Sunday morning, May 20, at St. Joseph Church on Mill Street in Mishawaka.

Father Terry Fisher, pastor, will celebrate the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

Among the special presentations at the breakfast will be the annual awarding of the Top Hat awards to volunteers from the past year.

The Top Hat Award is named in honor of top-hatted French aristocrat Frederick Ozaman, who devoted his life to serving the poor and underprivileged in his native Paris. — EJD

Luers students take a bronze in Academic Super Bowl state finals

WEST LAFAYETTE — Approximately 615 students from 90 Indiana high schools, including Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne participated in the Indiana Association of School Principals Academic Super Bowl competition at Purdue University May 5.

The math team — Stephanie Ashburn, Brian Barker, Joe Crouch, Sujin Key and Molly Schall — traveled to Purdue and brought home the bronze. In a close contest

Bishop Luers scored 19 points out of a possible 25. Tell City placed first with 21 points and Park Tudor snatched second with 20 points.

Mathletes from Bishop Luers High School are only in their third year of participation in Academic Super Bowl.

They have been preparing since October for this competition. Bishop Luers won a variety of ribbons at both South Side and Bishop Dwenger. At the sectional meet at Harding High School, Luers placed first in five categories: English, math, social studies, fine arts and interdisciplinary. Based on the scores from that meet, the top-six teams statewide, in each of four school-size divisions, were invited to the state finals held at Purdue on May 5.

Coaches are Ellen Douglas and Katie Kingsbury.

South Bend Knights elect officers

SOUTH BEND — John J. Lehner has been elected as the new faithful navigator of the Father Nieuwland Assembly, 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus, which is comprised of 10 area Knights of Columbus Councils in the South Bend area.

Lehner succeeds William Niezgodski who served two terms in the office of faithful navigator.

Other officers elected were the following: James R. Burger, captain; Stephen Elek Jr., admiral; Kevin Large, pilot; Raymond Sommer, comptroller; Larry Landy, purser; William Wright,

scribe; Charles Baumgartner, Jr., inner sentinel; and Joseph Ortega and Michael Walmsley, outer sentinels. Thomas E. Aracko was elected first year trustee and Thomas Lesniak, second year trustee, and William Szajko, third year trustee.

Father Charles Herman, associate at Holy Family Church is friar of the assembly for another term. — EJD

Blosser to address Knights

SOUTH BEND — Mindi Blosser of Bremen will address members and spouses of the Father Nieuwland Assembly, 4th Degree, Knights of Columbus at a dinner on Thursday, May 17, at the Father Badin Council located in Granger on the grounds of St. Pius Church.

Blosser's address will be on Riley Children Foundation. The foundation in Indianapolis supports the well-known hospital exclusively for children.

The hospital is named after the Indiana author and poet James Whitcomb Riley. For many years he authored a typical Hoosier column for an Indianapolis newspaper. — EJD

Serrans across the state meet for leadership conference

SOUTH BEND — Continued emphasis on religious vocations and a focus on priests highlighted the two-day spring leadership con-

ference of the Indiana Serra Clubs at both South Bend and Lafayette in April and May. Plans were also formalized for the forthcoming national conference of Serra USA.

Richard (Dick) Dornbos of South Bend, serving as the new District 37 governor of Region 7, said eight of 10 clubs in Indiana included representatives from Fort Wayne, Gary and South Bend. He added that the conference unveiled a new brand of leadership and focus on religious vocations, which in many sections of the United States are showing a definite upswing.

Representatives from the South Bend Serra Club included the following: Ester Cyr, who served as chairperson; and Joan Dudzinski, who also served as membership chairperson; and members Connie Froning, Henry Froning, Pat O'Brien and Lillian Chrzanowski.

Nick Gray, president of the Fort Wayne Serra Club, was joined by president-elect Bert Bryan and secretary Lori Winters.

Detailed discussions centered on successful programs in individual clubs and increased membership. Discussions also included new officers for the 2007-2008 year with a 15-month action program. Information was also forwarded on the combined USA conference of Regions 6 and 7 that will be held in Bay City, Mich., in mid October.

The national Serra USA Conference is scheduled in Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 9-12.

A consensus of the Indiana clubs also revealed a preference for another leadership conference in 2008 or 2009 at the University of Notre Dame.

Plans are also being formulated to hold a spring leadership conference of all Indiana clubs in Kokomo in 2008. — EJD

Medjugorje conference features renowned speakers

SOUTH BEND — An array of distinguished speakers will provide firsthand testimony at the 19th annual National Medjugorje Conference, to be held May 25-27 at the Joyce Center on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

Sponsored by Queen of Peace Ministries of South Bend, the occasion highlights an inspirational group of speakers.

Among the speakers will be:

- Father Peter Ljubicic.
- Immaculee Ilibagiza is the author of "Left to Tell," a survival story of the genocide in Rwanda.
- Al Barbarino, popular singer and speaker in both the U.S. and Canada.
- Father Giordano Belanich, founder of the Croatian Relief Services.
- Matthew Kelly, an international Catholic lay evangelist.
- Moira Noonan, who, after a series of powerful conversions, returned to the Catholic Church and is now a popular speaker, telling her story via religious cable and radio shows.

The spirit of Father Duehmig alive in Avilla

BY FATHER EDWARD ERPELDING

AVILLA — The missionary spirit of Father Dominic Duehmig is vibrant and alive at St. Mary of the Assumption in Avilla. In less than two months, District Deputy Knight Jim Helmkamp, working with the enthusiastic cooperation of the pastor and Ben Helmkamp, Mike Edwards, Chad Helmkamp and Jim Mueller as local contacts, a new parish-based Knights of Columbus Council was chartered.

This fraternal and beneficent society of Catholic men will be a blessing to the parish and has been notable in promoting Catholic education, charity and performing the work of the apostolate of the laity.

The Father Dominic Duehmig Council 14214 was chartered in February. At the first meeting in February, Mike Edwards was elected to serve as Grand Knight assisted by Arian Grimm and an enthusiastic slate of officers.

The council was appropriately named in honor of Father Dominic Duehmig, a missionary in northeastern Indiana who served as pastor of St. Mary from 1867 until 1905.

Father Duehmig was born in Ebenheid, Baden, Germany on Nov. 9, 1842, the 11th of 12 children. He completed his early studies in classics at Wertheim am Main in 1862. For two years he studied theology at the University of Freiburg and completed two more years of study at the University of Louvain in 1866.

Ordained to the priesthood, Father Duehmig celebrated his first Mass on Aug. 15, 1866. When a cholera epidemic broke out in the neighboring parish of Frendenburg, the pastor was one of the first victims. Putting himself at risk, Father Duehmig spent the next month serving the parish and ministering to the many unfortunate victims.

Later that same year, he trav-

eled to Le Harve, France, and on Dec. 6, 1866, embarked on a ship bound for America and arrived in New York on Dec. 22. He proceeded immediately to Fort Wayne.

Bishop John H. Luers assigned him to assist at Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington. On Feb. 22, 1867, he was reassigned to assist Father August B. Oechtering at St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla, with missions at Waterloo and Kendallville. Father Oechtering was reassigned to Mishawaka on May 12, 1867 and Father Duehmig was installed as pastor. He began an extremely productive ministry in northeastern Indiana.

St. Mary Parish continued to grow under his pioneering administration. Father Duehmig's life was filled with challenges, hardships and personal sacrifices. Filled with zeal for the church and a missionary spirit, he traveled from place to place during the week, sleeping in log houses,



PROVIDED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER DOMINIC DUEHMIG COUNCIL 14214

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Avilla recently chartered a new parish Knights of Columbus council. The new Father Dominic Duehmig Council 14214 is named in honor of a former parish pastor.

celebrating Mass in railroad shanties and humble cabin homes. He preached in court houses and public halls dispelling prejudice and promoting Catholic evangelization.

Avilla, under the self-sacrificing leadership of Father Duehmig, was a hub of pastoral ministry. He served Goshen at two different periods. He ministered to congregations at Millersburg, Summit, Auburn, Angola, La Grange, Leo and Butler. He built churches at Ege, Albion, Rome City and Bremen and remodeled the churches at Ligonier, Kendallville and Waterloo.

In 1875, Father Duehmig wrote to Germany and convinced the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, with Mother Anastasia as superior, to come to Avilla. The motherhouse was maintained in Avilla until it moved to Joliet, Ill., in 1877. That same year the Franciscan Sisters took charge of the school. The present church, with its foundation laid in 1876, was dedicated in 1878. In the fall

of the same year, work was begun on a new two-story brick building that housed the school and the convent for the sisters. The name of the school was changed from St. Augustine to St. Mary's. The present parish house and offices were erected in 1889.

Father Duehmig spearheaded the erection of the Old People's Home in 1895. The last of his building projects was the Mortuary Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, located in the parish cemetery and celebrating the golden jubilee of the definition of this dogma. He did not live to see it completed. Plagued

with illness during his last years at St. Mary, he was being treated at Kneipp Sanitarium in Rome City when he died on June 3, 1905. He is buried in St. Mary Cemetery behind the chapel.

The pioneering missionary spirit of Father Dominic Duehmig continues in the newly chartered Knights of Columbus Father Dominic Duehmig Council 14214.

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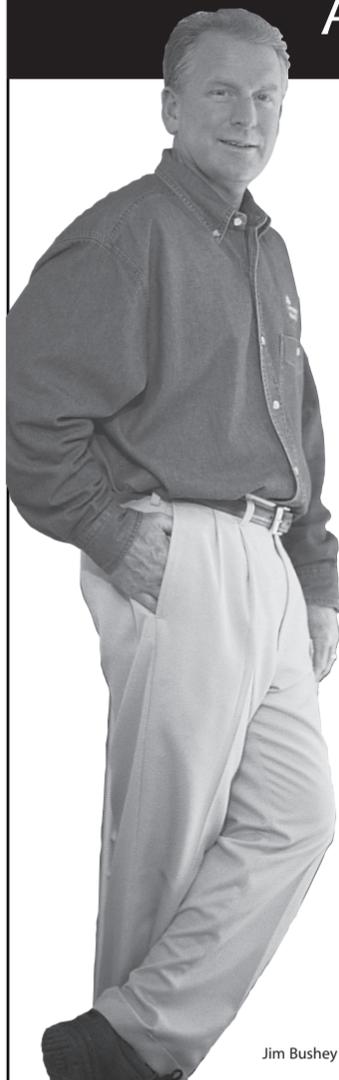
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Come, O Holy Spirit, come

BY GINNY KOHRMAN

Opening prayer

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work too may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

— St. Augustine

Scripture: Acts 2:1-11, Rom 8: 8-17, Jn 14: 15-16, 23b-26

Commentary

Acts 2:1-11 — A strong driving wind

Each Sunday at Mass we proclaim our faith in the Holy Spirit, saying, "We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son." (Nicene Creed) In the first reading of Pentecost from the Acts of the Apostles, we are reminded of the wonderful actions of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christ's first disciples. Jesus, before his passion and death, promised that he would send an advocate. He assured the apostles at the Last Supper by saying, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to be with you always ..." (Jn 14:16)

The verses that we read in Acts tell us that the Holy Spirit is revealed in a great noise and a strong driving wind. For those of us who live in rural Indiana, loud strong driving winds might be thought of as just another crazy weather pattern passing through. This "strong driving wind" is dif-

ferent. This "Wind" is the breath of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord and giver of Life." New Life of the Spirit is first given to Mary and the apostles, who longed and prayed for this promised moment. This wind is the new life of Christ, the Holy Spirit that releases the spirit within all to proclaim the teachings of our savior, Jesus Christ. This wind is the counselor who teaches the whole truth of Jesus' words and actions to the apostles and to his church.

This reading from the Acts of the Apostles inspires us to ask the Holy Spirit for the apostolic zeal first manifested in early Christians. The words we speak in our homes and work environments should astound and amaze others if our words are influenced by the Spirit of Christ. Pentecost reminds us to use our tongues ... enabled by the Holy Spirit ... to proclaim the language of life and truth, found only in Jesus Christ.

Rom 8:8-17 — Veni Sancte Spiritus

"Whoever does not have the spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness." (Rom 8:9b-10) St. Paul contrasts for us two life choices that lay before us as Christians: a life that is dominated by sinful human nature or a life that is filled with the Spirit of God. The first choice is one of self-centeredness and passions that control. This life, filled with sinful desires and actions, leads us down a path of misery and death. On the other hand, a life lived with the spirit of God (with wisdom, courage, piety, understanding, etc.) is one that brings peace, love and goodness, joy and freedom. A life

filled with the Holy Spirit is one in which we are confident, energized and empowered to act in a way that identifies us as a son or daughter of God. Pope John Paul II said, "docility to the Spirit gives man continuous opportunities for life." (Pentecost homily, 1998)

At Pentecost, we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit to unite the very depths of our human spirits with our "Abba, Father!" Pentecost reminds us of our baptism when, through the Holy Spirit and water, we are united into Christ's death and resurrection to become one spirit, one body in Christ. It is with the help of the Holy Spirit that we discover and choose the true meaning of life as a son or daughter of God. A Spirit-centered life gives meaning to our human condition and leads us steadily on our final journey to the Father in heaven. St. Paul invites us to pray with faith and expectation — "Come, Holy Spirit, Come!"

Jn 14: 15-16, 23b-26 — Do you love me?

Jesus never asks his people to do anything he did not do while on earth. Jesus remains obedient to the Father, even to the point of death on the cross. In like manner, Jesus says to his disciples in this Gospel reading, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Our baptismal commitments require good moral actions and an ongoing surrender to the will of the Father. John's Gospel clearly tells us that love of God requires our obedience to his laws and his teachings. We cannot simply say we love Jesus Christ without also following his words, actions and morals.

Jesus is telling us: "I love you! Will you yield your heart to me so

that I might breathe my Spirit of love into your heart? Will you risk your life for me?"

Surrendering our lives to God is a lifelong process. Obedience to God's will is not easy. However, we need not do this alone. Our divine Advocate will teach us and guide us to the Father, through the his son, Jesus Christ.

On this Pentecost Sunday, allow the Holy Spirit to pour the love of God into your heart. Make the life-transforming decision to surrender your life over to the powerful control of the Holy Spirit and to live wisely and prudently, filled with hope, understanding and courage while continuing to grow in knowledge and piety.

Evangelization action challenge

Interior renewal

Pray either of the prayers in this reflection in preparation for Pentecost. Pray for our priests, that the Holy Spirit will protect, encourage and empower them as they continue to preach Christ's message of mercy and salvation to the people of our diocese. Pray for our diocese, that the Holy Spirit will descend upon us in this

Jubilee Year of celebration and renew our hearts through the love of Jesus Christ and one another.

Reaching out to others

Daily commit your life to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. At the store, try to leave the store clerk with a smile on his or her face because s/he interacted with you.

Transforming Society

"The words we speak in our homes and work environments should astound and amaze others if our words are influenced by the Spirit of Christ." Use God's holy courage to speak up at home or in the workplace about the Gospel.

Closing prayer:

Lord Jesus, I thank you for the gift of salvation. I thank you for the grace that allows me to say, "I belong to you." I ask you, Lord, for a deeper conversion and deeper surrender to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Help me to daily submit to the work of your Spirit within me. Melt away my self-will and mold me into the image of you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Use me to bring life and healing to others. Amen

— Adapted prayer from "Coming to Life" by Father Robert DeGrandis, SSJ

CHASUBLE ON DISPLAY AT THE CATHEDRAL MUSEUM



MARK WEBER

This rare "salesman's sample" (19 inches high and 11 inches wide) chasuble-vestment from the 1940s is the "fiddle-back" or "Roman-style." In its day, this vestment cost \$91.50. Today, while this style is still available, most are now in the "gothic" or "monastic" style, and a quality chasuble will cost \$1,000 or more. Visit the display at the Cathedral Museum located in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center at 915 South Clinton St. in Fort Wayne. The museum is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. There is no admission charge, and there is free parking in the attached parking garage.

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CELEBRATING MOTHERS

Walking by faith

Balancing act for single mothers raising children Catholic

BY KIM POHOVEY

FORT WAYNE — Jill Houlihan would not have chosen to be a single parent. The days can be long, the demands great and the juggling act precarious. Houlihan was forced into the category of single parent five years ago when her husband, Brian, lost his courageous battle with cancer, leaving her to raise and spiritually guide their two young sons, Joey and Jared.

The Houlihans belong to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, where both Joey and Jared attend school and are in the eighth and fifth grades, respectively. Houlihan describes her son Joey, a server at church, as "very sensitive for a boy; he's a great big brother and puts his all into the things he enjoys. He likes to be part of the action and he's athletic-minded." She is most proud of his loving attitude toward others.

Of Jared, the soccer, football, basketball player, she says, "he is fun-loving, makes me smile, energetic, sensitive too and sports-minded." She loves his ability to try his best in everything he does and that he always wants to please her. She has nothing but praise for her two boys who, she says, have been "so resilient" since their father's passing. "They've probably done much better than I have," she adds.

Houlihan readily admits there are challenges to being a single mom. "The hardest thing for me is having to do all the parenting myself and not having anyone to back me up or give me a hand at home," she says.

"In today's society, you run across so many people who don't share the same values as you do, and your kids don't always understand why other parents don't parent the same way you do," says Houlihan. "Growing up it seemed like most families shared similar values but that's no longer the case, and it can be hard for me as a single parent to always have to be the one to say 'no' with no one to back me up."

However, after some thought, she can also admit that there are some hard-fought benefits to single parenthood as well.

"I am on the receiving end of all of my sons' love and attention," said Houlihan. "And being a single parent has probably made me stronger in ways I haven't even realized."

She adds that she is more aware that she needs to strike a



THE HOULIHAN FAMILY, JILL, JARED AND JOEY

balance in her parental approach between being the disciplinarian and providing a fun environment.

"I have to try harder as a parent now," she says. "Before I would be the sterner one, but now I have a different perspective, and I have to think about providing a happy medium so I'm not the same old boring mom."

What is central to her parenting is giving her children a solid faith base. "I want them to know as much about their Catholic faith as possible, which is why I send them to St. Vincent's," she explains. "I think it is so important with society's values today to expose them to good Christian values at a Catholic school."

She adds that she attended parochial grade school, "and although it doesn't mean my kids will be saints, it will give them the background they need to meet the evils of the world and every little bit I can give them will help arm them for their future and instill the values they need," Houlihan says.

Ironically, Houlihan converted to the Catholic faith herself only after her marriage to Brian but before they began their family. She was a devoted Lutheran, but she felt it would be too difficult to raise their future children in a family worshipping in two faiths. After prayerful consideration and exploration through RCIA, she converted to Brian's Catholic

faith and now finds herself entrusted with the job of shepherding her sons' Catholic education.

She says that she looks to other parents in the St. Vincent Church or school community who she sees as good parents for inspiration. And even though the Virgin Mary was not a big icon in her Lutheran faith life growing up, she does draw on her more now for motherly inspiration. "We've also started a new tradition of attending midnight Mass on Christmas Eve since Brian has been gone," says Houlihan.

Working a full-time position as a district service engineer for Indiana Michigan Power, juggling the schedules of two active young boys, maintaining the demands of home ownership and being involved in parish life, leave precious few minutes in her day for quiet reflection, but she steals moments for prayer and reading reflection books.

Amazingly, she makes time for serving God and others through her many parish commitments such as lector, eucharistic minister, bereavement support group committee member, Christ Renews His Parish co-spiritual director and member of a small Christian community.

In the end, Houlihan hopes her children can look back and say "that I cared deeply and loved them almost as much as Jesus

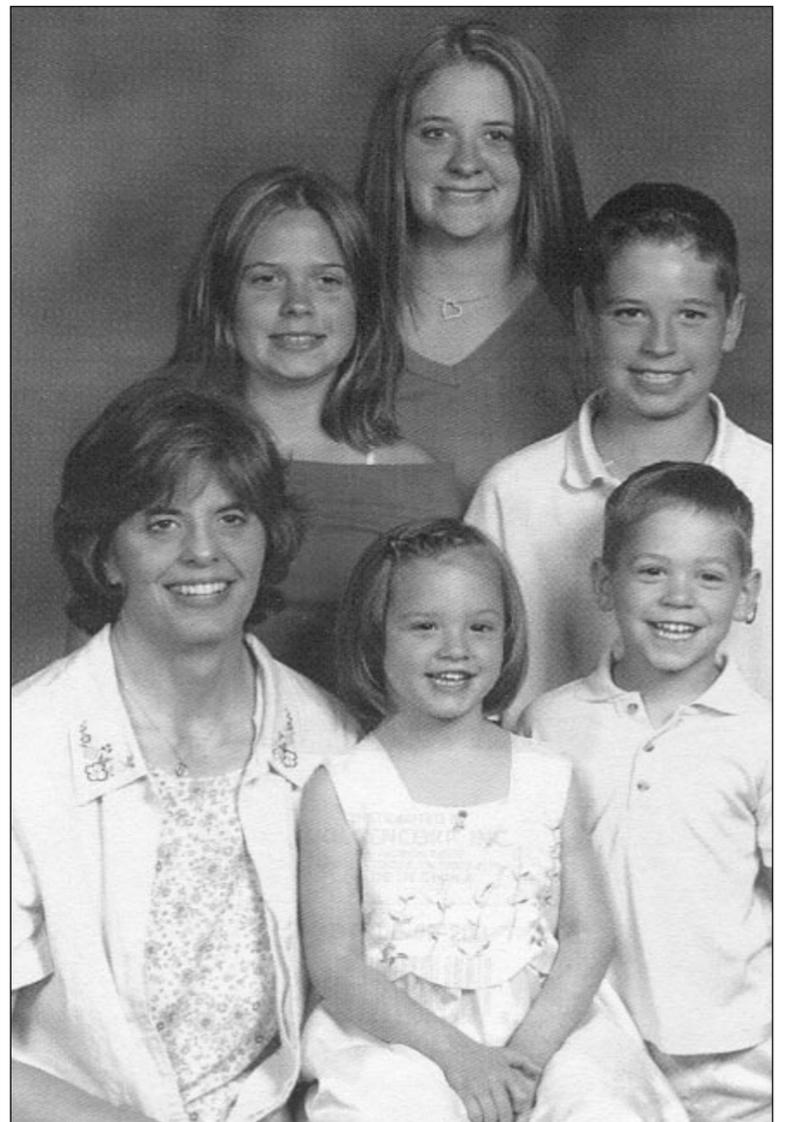
loves them, which is something we would say to them when they were little," she shares. "I just hope that I've done my best to be a good Mom and set a good example for them."

Susie Black

Single mother Susie Black hopes her five children, who range in age from 19 to twin seven year olds, will one day look back and realize that their mom took the time to care for them, clothe them, feed them, to make sure they were involved in their Catholic faith and went to church, but most important, that she "tried to do what was best for them and loved them all very much," she says.

Divorced just three years ago, life is a balancing act for Black as she works full time as a legal advertising clerk for Fort Wayne newspapers while raising Jamie, 19, Mary, 16, Gregory, 14 and Bridgette and Bradley, both 7.

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THE BLACK FAMILY, SUSIE, MARY, JAMIE, GREGORY, BRADLEY AND BRIDGETTE

John Paul II's theology of women affirms dignity

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — A 2006 University of Notre Dame graduate returned to campus last month to tell students how much Pope John Paul II's theology of women makes sense in the real world.

Caitlin Shaughnessy is a counselor at the Women's Care Center, a crisis pregnancy facility in South Bend, where she also coordinates the center's chastity outreach education program. While she was a student at Notre Dame, Shaughnessy was co-chair of Notre Dame Right to Life and a co-founder of the Edith Stein Project. A theology major, she wrote her senior thesis on John Paul II's theology of women.

Shaughnessy told the mostly-student audience that some people see John Paul II as a champion on women, but others see him as anti-feminist, someone who wanted to take women out of the workplace and put them back in the kitchen. In reality, she said,

"Pope John Paul II taught that men and women are equal in dignity, and both have the capacity to image God."

CAITLIN SHAUGHNESSY

the late pope's teachings on women are rooted in Catholic tradition and truly affirm the dignity of women.

Pope John Paul II taught that men and women are equal in dignity, and both have the capacity to image God, she said. But men and women also are intrinsically

different, with sex "actually a way of being a person" and the two sexes designed to share their gifts with one another, not just to live side by side.

"Difference does not equal inequality," she stressed, noting that Pope John Paul II "actually tries to correct a vision of male domination."

While John Paul II said that the mystery of femininity is manifested and revealed in motherhood, he did not mean just physical

motherhood, nor did he mean that all women must be mothers, Shaughnessy said. The pope actually thanked women for bringing their gifts into the workplace, she said, for he saw the necessity and value of having women in the public realm.



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Shaughnessy briefly responded to criticism of John Paul's vision of women by some feminist theologians, saying that "The role of women in the church is still underdeveloped," and "Women are hurting and want to have a good experience of the church."

Furthermore, "There is very real discrimination against women in the world, especially in Third World countries."

Hence, some feminist theologians have been affected by these realities, and their frustration colors their criticism of John Paul II's theology of women, she acknowledged. However, Shaughnessy continued, this is often an emotional response rather than a valid theological assessment.

After her lecture, an audience member asked Shaughnessy if her work experience with women had confirmed John Paul II's teaching for her. She said it definitely had, since the pope had emphasized the dignity of women and motherhood. She said she had encountered "much brokenness" at the crisis pregnancy center, where the women's dignity had often been trampled by the men in their lives.

"Women need to have their gifts affirmed, and they haven't," she said. "It is affirming to them to see their fertility as a gift."

Shaughnessy's lecture was co-sponsored by the diocesan Office of Family Life and the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture.

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The Black family are members of St. Charles Parish where Gregory is in eighth grade and the twins are in first grade. Jamie is at Purdue University and Mary is at Bishop Dwenger High School.

Black was very involved as a volunteer at St. Charles Parish prior to returning to full-time employment and even worked in the parish rectory. Now she helps with special projects as needed at the children's school and enjoys field trips when her work schedule allows.

Black glowingly describes her children starting with eldest Jamie who, she says, is such a "big help, she's almost like a second mom to the twins." Black says Jamie never gives up at anything. She describes Mary as kind, great at sports and says she "smiles with her eyes;" she is proud that she gives her all at whatever she does. Gregory, she says, has a big heart and always looks out for his friends. He is willing to please. Bridgette is bubbly, outgoing, excited about learning and very helpful. And then Bradley, she describes as "energetic with a big heart and is a real giver."

The difficult part of being a single mother for Black is working

out the details, but when overwhelmed, she turns to prayer. "Since it's just me, it can be hard when I have to drive one child one way and another one in the opposite direction," she shares. "That's when I pray and somehow things always seem to work out — without my faith, I know things would be much harder."

Prayer is a mainstay for the Black family. They participate in a prayer group along with three other families who meet every Sunday to say the rosary, pray and socialize. Black says that Bridgette and Bradley have their own prayer corner in their home, and Black often rises early to say the rosary

aloud in the mornings and invites her children to join her when they wish to do so.

She also relates that holidays and traditions surrounding Easter, Christmas and Lent are very important to their family. "Basically we enjoy living our Catholic faith together," she says.

To hone her parenting skills, Black seeks parenting resources from programs on Redeemer Radio such as "Heart and Soul" and Dr. Ray as well as turning to Catholic.com on the Internet.

She also mentions that her own mother and father were wonderful Catholic role models because "they did a good job raising us in

the Catholic faith, they were always there for us and provided a good family life growing up." She also adds that she is blessed with a large support system which includes her siblings, friends at St. Charles Parish and especially her pastor Msgr. John Suelzer.

"My number one goal as a parent is to make sure my children all go through Catholic schools because I can see what a difference it makes in their lives in building a strong faith," says Black. "Jamie has already graduated from Catholic schools and is now at Purdue; she still goes to church every Sunday and is strong in her faith." Considering the span in her

children's ages, Black knows she has to work hard to stay involved in each of their lives. "I have to stay focused and very involved from college down to the seven year olds to make sure the line of communication is open and to be there for them," she says.

Black's greatest hope for her children's future is that "they make good choices; I pray for their vocations and that they become happy, well adjusted adults," she shares.

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Faith supports special mom every step of the way

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Debbie Stevens doesn't think she is an extraordinary mother. But her husband and four children would tell you differently. Stevens is raising her beloved children, some with special needs, with love, fortitude and faith.

Stevens and husband, Dave, are active members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, along with their four children. Married in 1984, the Stevens' began their post graduate careers, his in radio and hers in chemical engineering in Ohio. Following the birth of their oldest daughter Corinne in 1988, Stevens traded her promising career with Proctor and Gamble for the challenging and rewarding life of stay-at-home-mom. The following year, a career move for Dave had them settling in Fort Wayne and the next decade saw the Stevens family grow to include sons Benjamin and David with Alli sandwiched in between.

Raising the children in the Catholic faith was a given for the Stevens', though Dave was not Catholic. Following the move however, a natural conversion took place as Dave investigated the faith and in 1990 was welcomed fully into the faith.

With the two oldest children thriving, Stevens became concerned when at age one her middle daughter Alli was not yet sitting up. She was encouraged to allow more time for her daughter

to develop by the medical community from which she sought help.

Eventually a diagnosis of developmental delay was confirmed and Stevens immediately sprang into action. "We worked with First Steps and she (Alli) received physical therapy and speech therapy. We learned sign language because she didn't talk until she was two," she recalls. First Steps is an Indiana program that coordinates early intervention services for infants and toddlers age birth to three who exhibit developmental delays.

Following First Steps, Alli was enrolled in the Fort Wayne Community Schools' developmental preschool, then Harris Elementary School where she was mainstreamed with assistance from the resource room and speech therapy. Her mom made sure she had the opportunity to enjoy social activities as well, including her time in Girl Scouts. Stevens looks back and has seen God's hand in it all. "There's a reason why we have Alli. She's just a joy," she says.

Alli's siblings, some with learning disabilities of their own, are each her protector, advocate and friend. "My oldest says if anything happens to us she will take care of Alli. David, the youngest, and Alli are best friends. They have their moments but they have a very special bond," says Stevens.

Extended family has been a source of help and comfort for this devoted mom as well. The



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Debbie Stevens, center front, sits surrounded by sons, Benjamin, left, and David, right. Husband Dave appears in back left with daughters Corinne and Alli.

move to the Midwest took the Stevens' far from family, but as God would have it, Stevens' sister and husband, mother and in-laws have all relocated to the area.

It was the year Alli entered Lane Junior High School that Stevens realized that she would probably never catch up academically with the other students her age. She had been given the formal label of mildly mentally handicapped. With that, says Stevens, comes a sense of loss. But the grief did not detour this loving mom from continuing to fight the good fight for her daughter.

Stevens learned of a special reading program at the Fort Wayne Center for Learning and quickly enrolled her daughter. "We pulled her out of school and

she did an intense reading program," says Stevens, who reports that Alli now has the skills to read. She then returned to Lane for her seventh grade year.

Currently she attends the mild/moderate program at Memorial Park North, where the academic fight for an appropriate education continues. "I fought for

teamed with to educate her daughter have been "wonderful," she has another battle to attend to; passing her faith to her challenged daughter.

Stevens gratefully reports that St. Charles welcomed Alli into their religious education program from the start. They worked with Alli and three other children with special needs in kindergarten and first grades. For second grade she attended a regular class in preparation for reconciliation and first Communion.

"They have adapted. They work with her with no reading. She is with the same kids each year," says Stevens enthusiastically.

Alli enjoys the special needs religion classes, the "Amazing Apostles," with Molly Dougherty at her parish, while Stevens networks with the other parents. Confirmation will be celebrated this fall and Stevens is currently investigating service projects with Alli at the SPCA to draw on her love of animals.

Stevens feels that faith begins in the home and that's where Alli and her siblings began their instruction in faith. Of family faith development, Stevens says prayer is an integral part of each day, with meal and bedtime prayers and a daily rosary.

The Stevens' and three other families gather weekly to pray the rosary together. As she watches the faith of her children grow, Stevens says of her life, "It's a challenge, but it feels like this is what I'm supposed to be doing. It's my vocation!"

She adds that she is blessed to have the "wonderful kids and supportive husband and family" she has and reminds those who may have a child with special needs, "You can't do it without faith. Look at your kids as the blessings they are. Meet other

parents and open yourself to others to learn and get new ideas. Take one day at a time and make sure God is with you every step of the way."

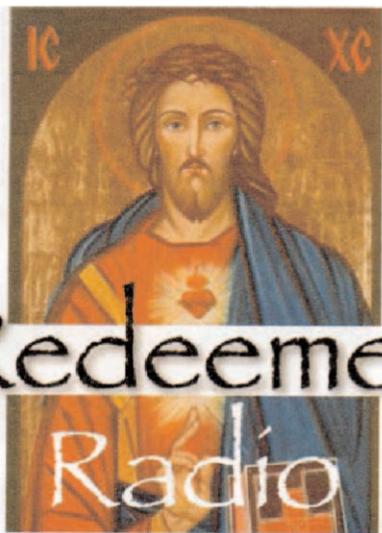
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but it feels like this is what I'm supposed to be doing.
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DEBBIE STEVENS

one regular education class for her because this program is self-contained. Alli loves social studies and catches so much in regular education," Stevens says.

While the teachers Stevens has

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Stewardship, service to others is important at St. Monica School

BY ADAM BAUMGARTNER

MISHAWAKA — Stewardship is a common theme in Catholicism. We are to be each others' servants, treating them as we'd want to be treated. St. Monica School teaches us to help others, offers situations in which it's necessary to serve and encourages us to engage in activities that allow us to be stewards to our local and worldwide communities.

One of the many projects and programs St. Monica School makes available to its students is Family Groups. In this activity, a child from each grade is placed into a group led by an eighth grader, and the nine of them play games, create artwork to be hung in the school and much more. Through this, the younger students of each group befriend those who are older, making them less nervous and more at home. The older children are given the ability to help the younger kids by helping them write or draw, encouraging participation in games and simply talking to them.

Parents of St. Monica's students often get involved in school events. Without the help of our many volunteers, numerous activities that influence the social, spiritualistic and intellectual aspects of each child wouldn't be available. Their sacrifices are examples of how people of all ages need to be stewards to each other, and we, the children, see that message.

Monthly, students send cards and artwork to the homebound parishioners of St. Monica. We write sentimental and sincere messages in each card, despite



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A St. Monica Family Group helped with all-school Earth Day cleanup.

the fact that we haven't met the person we're sending them to. While this example of stewardship often makes someone smile, as any act of service can potentially do, it also teaches students about unity. It reinforces that we, as individuals, have the ability (or power) to brighten someone's day simply because we're still governed and blessed by the same God. The Catholic community of which we're taught is made visible through the thank-you letters that we many times receive in return.

These are just a few examples of the

things that make St. Monica School and parish a true community. There are many more and each one leads people to feel that they are closer to each other than they previously were. In the world of today, which can oftentimes make us feel distant and detached from each other, St. Monica's stands tall as a safe haven and sanctuary wherein people have each others' support and know it to be so.

Adam Baumgartner is an eighth-grade student at St. Monica School.

In honor of Mother's Day

A POEM BY RACHEL ROBERTS

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 She's my ladder when I'm down
 She's my smile when I frown
 She's my light in the dark
 She's my comforter
 She's my escape
 She's my everything
 She's my mom
 I'm her daughter!

Rachel Roberts is a seventh-grade student at St. Monica School

Service

A POEM BY DAVID ESPIRITU

Holy people
 Obedient to the Father
 Loving God
 Yes to God's call

Continuing Christ's mission
 Receive God's word
 Overcome fear and doubts
 Strengthens fellow Christians
 Service to those in need

David Espiritu is a fourth-grade student at St. Monica School



Sixth grade students at St. Monica School make cards for the homebound parishioners of St. Monica Parish.



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Victory Noll Sisters celebrate 13 jubilarians

HUNTINGTON — Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters whose motherhouse, Victory Noll, is in Huntington, will celebrate the jubilees of 13 of their sisters. The jubilee celebrations will be held on May 24, for the 60, 70 and 75-year jubilarians and on Aug. 5 for the golden jubilarians (50 years). The congregation was founded in 1922 as a missionary community, and the sisters minister in the United States and Bolivia.

75-year jubilarians

Sister Theresa Egidy, OLMV, was born in Greeley, Kan., and entered the community from St. John the Baptist Parish. She has served in California, Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona and at Victory Noll. Her ministries have included catechetics, teacher formation, adult education and pastoral care. She also has been an instructor on the construction and use of solar ovens. She currently resides at Victory Noll and is involved in prayer ministry.

Sister Trinidad Luna, OLMV, was born in Tierra Amarilla, N.M., and entered the congregation from Santo Niño Parish. She has served in New Mexico, Texas, Utah, California, Arizona, Colorado and Indiana (East Gary, East Chicago and Victory Noll). Her ministries have included catechetics, home health aid and pastoral care. She currently resides at Victory Noll and is involved in prayer ministry.

Sister Carmen Montoya, OLMV, hails from El Paso, Texas, and entered the community from San José de Rio Grande Parish. She has served in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California and at Victory Noll. Her ministries have included catechetics, adult discussion groups, community administration, liturgy-music and involvement with Sacred Heart Home Enthronement. She now resides at Victory Noll where she sings in the choir, does watercolor paintings and prayer ministry.

70-year jubilarians

Sister John Francis Radler, OLMV, was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and entered the congregation from St. Boniface Parish. Her ministries have included catechetics, social work, clinic administration and medical social service, administration of a senior citizens' residence and as a caregiver. She currently resides at Victory Noll and is involved in preparing the Victory Noll social calendar and assisting with events. She has served in California, Washington, D.C., New Mexico, Arizona, Ohio, Wisconsin and at Victory Noll.

Sister Mary Lawrence Rochel, OLMV, hails from Sabetha, Kan., and entered the community from St. Augustine Parish in Fidelity, Kan. She has served in Nevada, California, Virginia, New Jersey, Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming and at Victory Noll. Her ministries have included catechetics, home-hospital-prison visitation, bookkeeping and secretarial

work. She currently resides at Victory Noll and is involved in prayer ministry.

60-year jubilarians

Sister Alma Bill, OLMV, was born in Arcadia, Wis., and was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. She has ministered in California, Florida, Missouri, Arizona and at Victory Noll. She has served in catechetical and music ministry, on the archdiocesan religious education staff in Miami, conducted adult and parent education classes, was a member of the congregational leadership team, and authored "The Story of Victory Noll II" (history of the congregation from 1980-2004). At present she lives in Phoenix and is a member of the RCIA team at St. Agnes Parish.

Sister Carmela Farley, OLMV, was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and entered the congregation from St. Brigid Parish in San Francisco. She has served in California, Iowa, Arizona and at Victory Noll. Her ministries have included catechetics, social services, nursing (LPN) and as assistant in the Victory Noll print shop where she now works. She resides at Victory Noll and is a member of the Victory Noll choir.

Sister Dennis Kerr, OLMV, hails from Detroit, Mich., and entered the community from St. Paul Parish in Owosso, Mich. She has served in Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Michigan, New Jersey, California and Colorado. Her ministries have included catechet-

ics, pastoral care and as a director of religious education. She currently resides in Denver and does pastoral ministry.

Sister Carolyn Ortega, OLMV, was born in Pastura, N.M., and entered the congregation from St. Rose of Lima Parish in Santa Rosa, N.M. Her ministries have included catechetics, teaching at the Victory Noll Junior College, pastoral and human rights concerns, and work with workers' unions. She, along with Sister Muriel Balch, opened the community's first mission in Oruro, Bolivia, in 1968. She continued to serve there in campus ministry and human rights concerns until her return to Victory Noll in January 2006.

Sister Marilyn Schatz, OLMV, was born in Ellicott City, Md., and entered the community from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Ilchester, Md. She has served in New Jersey, Alabama, Michigan, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Texas, New Mexico and at Victory Noll. Her ministries have included catechetics, social work, caregiver, pastoral care and as a director of religious education. She currently resides in Columbia, Ky., where she serves as an associate pastor.

Sister Priscilla Wilke, OLMV, was born in St. Rose, Ill., and entered the congregation from St. Rose Parish. She has served in California, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, Florida, Texas and Indiana. Her ministries have included catechetics, parish director of religious education, diocesan catechist formation on dean-

ery level, adult education and pastoral care. Currently she resides at Victory Noll serving as assistant librarian and other internal ministries.

Golden jubilarians (50 years)

Sister Rita Musante, OLMV, was born in Warren, Pa., and entered the community from St. Joseph Parish. She has served in California, Utah, Michigan and Indiana (San Pierre, Fort Wayne and at Victory Noll). Her ministries have included catechetics, pastoral associate in spiritual development, liturgist, hospital chaplain and as director of Elizabeth House of Prayer. Currently she resides at Victory Noll where she serves as liturgy assistant and as retreat and spiritual director of the Victory Noll Ministry Center.

Sister Rose Zita Rosonke, OLMV, was born in Carroll, Iowa, and entered the congregation from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Mt. Carmel, Iowa. She has served in Michigan, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico and Indiana (Fort Wayne and at Victory Noll). Her ministries have included religious education, RCIA and youth ministry. She was the religious education coordinator at Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne, from 1992-1996. For the past seven years she has been in ministry to her community as sacristan at Victory Noll.

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School Sisters of St. Francis celebrate jubilee

MILWAUKEE — A total of 89 U.S. School Sisters of St. Francis will celebrate milestone anniversaries of service as women religious on June 16.

Sister Rose Ann Trzil (Cordeo) celebrates 50 years as a School Sister of St. Francis. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, sister served as retreat

director at Fatima Retreat House in Notre Dame (1979-1985).

She was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She has a bachelor's degree from Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis. (1965) and a master's degree from St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. (1974). Sister has lived her religious ministry in education and spiritual direction.

Sister Rose Ann resides in Milwaukee, Wis.

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EDITORIAL

Mother's compassion goes a long way

In a recent *Chicago Tribune* issue, Mary Schmich wrote a beautiful column urging people to observe Mother's Day by thanking not just our own mothers, but all the other people who have cared for and nurtured us.

Schmich was inspired to write her column by Gerald, a childhood friend of her brother who often hung out in her family's home. Decades after the children had finished school and left home, her 80-year-old mother received a card in the mail from Gerald, in which he thanked Schmich's mother for all the nice things she had done for him when he was growing up.

Schmich quoted her surprised mother's reaction: "I couldn't remember most of the things he told me I did, but you just never know what things mean to children."

As it turns out, the "nice things" she had done for this boy were little, everyday things: A busy mother of eight, she still took time to talk to the boy and listen to him, and she loaned him tools to do yard work. She never even noticed that he often spent most of the time he was in her house not playing with her son, but rather, hanging out with her in her kitchen, just talking, listening to her motherly advice.

Gerald never forgot that kindness, and he simply decided one day to write and tell her that he "looked up to her as a wonderful mother."

This story is a touching example of what Pope Benedict XVI told us in his first encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est," meaning "God is Love." He explained in his introduction that God lavishes his love upon us, and we in turn must share that love with others. As Benedictine Father Philip Anderson told a recent conference at Notre Dame on "Deus Caritas Est," by loving one's neighbor, even one person has the power to cause "a spiritual tsunami."

So, this Mother's Day, while we're thanking our moms for everything they have done for us, let us also realize that the love parents have for their children is just a small reflection of the love God has for us. And let us make an effort to thank the other people in our lives who act as surrogate parents by nurturing and supporting us.

In turn, as we go about our daily lives, we should be more aware of the little opportunities to love others, perhaps by assisting a neighbor, or listening to a troubled child, or visiting a homebound friend, or just by offering a word of encouragement to someone who is feeling blue. Such acts of kindness take little effort, but as Gerald testified in his thank-you card, they can have a momentous influence on the lives that we touch.

And all those individual "spiritual tsunamis" eventually will erupt into a huge tidal wave to bathe the culture in God's love.

Anti-Catholic bigotry emerges from Supreme Court decision

Anti-Catholic bigotry is said to be the last acceptable prejudice, and this prejudice raised its ugly head again in reaction to the recent Supreme Court decision upholding the federal law prohibiting partial-birth abortion.

Some commentators lost little time in noting that the five justices who voted to uphold the law were all Catholic, and they insinuated that the decision was a religious one. An editorial cartoonist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* went even further and depicted the five Catholic justices wearing bishops' miters, with the caption: "Church & State." The implication, of course, was that the Catholic Church was meddling in the affairs of the state.

This scenario is so unfair and inaccurate that it's hard to know where to begin in protesting. For starters, let us note that abortion is a civil rights issue, not a religious issue. To imply that the decision was religious denies the reality of partial-birth abortion, which has so horrified the general public that many people who had formerly supported abortion rights have changed their stand.

Furthermore, many non-Catholic members of Congress voted for the partial-birth ban, which passed 64-34 in the Senate and 281-142 in the House. And the bill was signed into law by a Protestant president.

To imply that the five Catholic Supreme Court justices based their decision on religion also is an attempt to divert attention from the legal issues involved and an attempt to dismiss Catholics as unqualified for the high court. That attitude is nonsense, and Catholics must not allow such bigotry to limit our activity in the public square.

Today's Catholic editorial board consists of Ann Carey, Don Clemmer, Father Mark Gurtner, Father Michael Heintz, Tim Johnson and Vince LaBarbera.

COMMENTARY

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An aid to understanding the resurrection of the dead

Father Robert Schulte, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception composed the following to help his congregation understand the meaning of the resurrection of the dead:

I Believe in the Resurrection of the Dead

The Lord Jesus descends from heaven's chair
To raise human form, his to resemble.
This day the choirs of fiery spirits stare
At nature made of clay and then tremble.

Cemeteries and seas give up their dead.
All bodies now glorified seek the Son.
Awaking at the trumpet's blast are led
To the Holy City; all time has run.

Vested for Mass in paradise now stand
Priests who brought to the many sacraments,
Gath'ring the church of ages to a land,
Ripe with promise of new astonishments:

From the narrow bond of times' brevity
To the wide freedom of eternity.

CCHD offers deep gratitude for 2006 contribution

I wish to acknowledge with deep gratitude your diocesan contribution from the 2006 Appeal for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

In his first encyclical, Pope Benedict XVI defines clearly a vision for a just society which includes eliminating poverty and protecting human dignity. He writes, "... within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life." ("Deus Caritas Est," No. 20). Your recent contribution of \$44,553.50 from your 2006 Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection will make a real difference in our efforts to break the cycle of poverty in America. Thank you very much for this generous support.

Last year, CCHD was able to grant nearly \$9 million to community organizing and economic development projects in 47 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The projects are planned and managed by local groups who are

working for affordable housing, living wages, accessible health care, improved schools and access to social services. Your leadership and the faithful and committed service of your diocesan director, Ms. Ann Helmke, are sources of great encouragement to all of us.

Gratefully in Our Lord,
Timothy F. Collins
Executive Director
Catholic Campaign for Human
Development
Washington, D.C.

Indian priest requests mission needs

Dear editor and readers,

I am thankful for publishing my request for mission needs. Kindly note the change of address. Kindly send rosaries, statues, ballpoint pens, pencils and other mission help to the following new address:

Father Paul Cruz
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Kottiyam - P.O.
Kollam - 691 571
Kerala - India

Father Paul Cruz
Kerala, India

A virtuous way of life

Christian stewards give the best of themselves and set their lives as an effort to do good and to live according to God's will. Article 7 of our catechism teaches: "a virtue is a habitual and firm disposition to do the good. It allows the person not only to perform good acts, but to give the best of himself." The Christian steward actually exemplifies the cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.

- **Prudence** disposes practical reason to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it. Prudence guides the judgment of our conscience.

- **Justice** is constant and firm-willed to give what is due to God and to neighbor.

- **Fortitude** is firmness in difficulties and consistently in the pursuit of good. Fortitude enables us to conquer fear.

- **Temperance** moderates the attraction of pleasure; keeps desires within the limits of what is honorable. It can also be called moderation or sobriety.

To be a good Christian steward means that we are virtuous. Yet, to be virtuous is not easy because we have been poisoned by sin, which makes us weak and incapable of being virtuous on our own. It is



STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

HARRY VERHILEY

truly by the grace of God, example of Jesus, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we are able to be virtuous people.

A steward also lives in a relationship with God connected by the three theological virtues: faith, hope and charity (or love).

- **Faith** is the belief in God and belief in all that he has said and revealed to us. It is by faith that we

- **Charity** is a way in which we love God above all things for his own sake and for our neighbor's — a fellow creature, who is also loved by God. St. Paul says in 1 Cor 13:4-7, "If I have not charity, I am nothing." Charity upholds our ability to love and raises it to a supernatural level of perfection of divine love. If we are charitable, we can expect to receive the fruits

of charity, which are joy, peace and mercy.

As Christians, we are on a pilgrimage towards our heavenly Father. Along the way, we should

seek and savor the things which are from above. The virtues are actually gifts to guide us along the way. Habits which we can embrace as we strive to reunite with our heavenly Father. We really do not make it on our own but by the power of God. Receive God's gifts gratefully and use them for his greater glory.

Harry Verhiley is the director of the diocesan Development Office.

"If I have not charity, I am nothing."

CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

are able to commit ourselves to God, and that is why we seek to know and do God's will.

- **Hope** is our desire for the kingdom of God. It is the desire to see Christ's promises fulfilled. Hope is what keeps us from being discouraged. The beatitudes of Jesus actually express hope. Blessed (or happy) are the poor, hungry, weeping persecuted. In other words, no matter what your situation is right here, right now, you are blessed and God loves you.

Fraud history leading to tougher visa path for foreign church workers

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It's likely to get a little harder to ensure that the Polish, Tanzanian, Ugandan and Peruvian priests who minister to the Catholic immigrants of western Massachusetts in their own languages get to stay in the United States.

So too for Filipina nuns staffing hospitals in the Midwest, Mexican seminarians doing pastoral internships in Southwestern states, the Franciscan brother from Nigeria working with immigrant teens, the Irish priest teaching history and the lay catechist from Brazil.

Allegations of fraud that have plagued the religious worker visa program since it was created in 1990 have prompted proposed changes that users of the visas worry will add unnecessary delays and costs.

In the Diocese of Springfield, Mass., one of Father Bill Pomerleau's jobs is to handle the paperwork for eight foreign priests who work for the diocese.

He helps with applications that the would-be employees file with U.S. consulates in their home countries and gathers the supporting documents that the federal

office of Citizenship and Immigration Services, or CIS, requires to prove that there's a valid employment offer from a bona fide religious organization. If the immigrants decide they want to stay permanently, he helps them apply to change their temporary visas to permanent ones.

In the last few months Father Pomerleau's part-time position as vicar for international clergy also means he has had to play host to inspectors from CIS who came to the chancery unannounced to ensure the diocese is what it said it is in the visa paperwork and that the church genuinely sought to hire the applicants. The priest is also a reporter for the diocesan newspaper and a pastor.

Such inspections are under way for an estimated 4,000 religious institutions nationwide that have applied for immigrant religious workers, according to CIS spokesman Bill Wright. Between 10,000 and 11,000 religious worker visas are approved each year, about half for temporary workers, he told Catholic News Service.

The others are permanent resident visas, and are capped at 5,000

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PATRICIA ZAPOR

annually, a limit which typically does not come close to being reached. For comparison, in 2006, a total of 1.26 million people became legal permanent residents of the United States, the vast majority — more than 800,000 — under family-sponsored visas. About 160,000 came under various employment-related visas.

Physically inspecting the sponsoring organizations, like the Diocese of Springfield, is one of the steps CIS has taken to address fraud. A survey by the Homeland Security Office of Fraud Detection for National Security found a fraud rate of 33 percent in applications for R (for religious) category visas.

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Disciples are called to love one another



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

6th Sunday of Easter Jn 14:23-29

As Christianity grew, it not only expanded beyond its original base in the Holy Land, but it also drew gentiles as well as Jews. This increasingly multicultural nature of the broad Christian community presented problems.

Such a problem is evident in this weekend's reading. The dispute arose in Antioch, at the time one of the major cities of the Roman Empire. It was located on the Mediterranean Sea north of the Holy Land.

Obviously, a Christian community had formed in Antioch. Most likely, its membership was composed of people from all backgrounds. Jews would have been among them. The roots of Christianity theologically, geographically and historically were in the Jewish culture and in the Holy Land.

Still, at this point, the major figures among the Christians, certainly including the apostles who had known Jesus, were Jews.

The dispute was about circumcision, the ritual followed by Jewish males to this day.

Evidently, in Antioch some Christians were demanding that converts from paganism submit themselves to this ritual.

Antioch's Christian leaders, nor Antioch's individual Christians, resolved the dispute. It was not left to the personal thinking of the persons directly involved, namely the converts themselves.

Rather, the question was taken to Jerusalem, for review and response by the apostles.

Replying, the apostles called the Antioch Christians "brothers." The decision was that this Hebrew ritual need not be imposed upon converts. The apostles said that this decision was, through them, an act of the Holy Spirit.

The Book of Revelation furnishes the second reading. As all the readings in Revelation, his passage is poetic and symbolic. The city, of course, is heaven, the "heavenly Jerusalem." This heavenly city awaits all who love God. On each of its four sides are three gates. Three was a perfect number. The gates are open to anyone.

Also, written on the city's walls are the names of the 12 tribes of Israel. It is another symbol to say that salvation is offered to all.

St. John's Gospel gives this weekend its third reading. It is one of the most eloquent passages in the New Testament. Three points are important.

Jesus calls upon the disciples to love each other. The mere construction of this passage illustrates the fact that following the Gospel will not be easy.

However, following Christ will not be impossible. The Holy Spirit will assist and strengthen.

Finally, for those who truly love God, peace will be with them. It is not necessarily an absence of conflict, or necessarily the peace that hopefully exists among people or among nations. It is the peace of heart and soul that comes from knowing that right is served and that God is present.

Reflection

Already the church is directing us to Pentecost. But, it is not dwelling on a mere anniversary. It is telling us that, if we accept Jesus and live by the Gospel, God will be with us in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Then, the church gives us very practical advice. To be with God in the heavenly Jerusalem is the only true source of peace. Anything else is death.

We reach God's heavenly Jerusalem by our decisions every day to follow Jesus. Guidance in this regard is not coincidental, nor is it always reliable if it simply represents our personal judgment. God is in the church. The church is here to teach us, judging as it must the questions of our time.

There is no escaping the fact that the early Christian faith, as revealed in the New Testament, was critically involved with the notion of the visible church, built on the apostles.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-10 Jn 16:23b-28

THE CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

Currently a three-hour documentary has hit movie theaters depicting life in a Carthusian Monastery. This quiz looks at that monastic order.

1. Why are the Carthusians so called?

- a. from "Carta Fraternalis Deus" — the charter of the Brotherhood of God, their founding document
- b. from Chartreuse (Chartres) in France where their order began
- c. from Castrus Rex, a Roman imperial camp at the site of their first monastery

2. Who was their founder in the 11th century?

- a. St. Bruno
- b. St. Bernard
- c. St. Charles Roi

3. He was from this city, now in Germany:

- a. Aix
- b. Strasbourg
- c. Cologne

4. Why did he go to France?

- a. He was originally a member of an invading army led by Charlemagne.
- b. to seek a more spiritual life
- c. to serve the popes at Avignon

5. The original order had this number of members at first:

- a. 7
- b. 12
- c. 99

6. When the founder was called to this job, the order almost collapsed:

- a. advisor to the pope in Rome
- b. bishop of Aachen
- c. spiritual advisor to the cathar "perfecti"

7. The order in France had to rebuild their monastery at Grenoble after it was

- a. destroyed by the invading Moorish armies from Muslim Spain.
- b. destroyed by an avalanche which killed seven monks.
- c. burned down by the rival order of Trappists.

8. The order got its guidelines (rule) and official start in this century:

- a. the 11th
- b. the 12th
- c. the 13th

9. What distinguishes Carthusian monks from many other orders?

- a. They live a life which is mainly solitary, with a few communal aspects.
- b. They are totally silent.
- c. They accept only men who have committed grave misdeeds such as murder or playing curling.

10. What physical arrangements make this possible?

- a. They have developed a language of taps and punches, called Car A Te.
- b. Like the Foreign Legion, they grant a fake identity and passport.
- c. They live in individual cells joined to a monastery with common areas.

11. There are two main roles in a Carthusian monastery. What are they?

- a. friar and chip monk
- b. renunciant (one who has taken solemn vows) and juror (takes an oath)
- c. monk "fathers" (cloistered priest or candidates) and brothers

12. What is the main difference?

- a. The friar cooks meat or fish for the community; the chip monk does the veggies.
- b. The cloistered monk remains in his cell, leaving only for services; the brother does other necessary work.
- c. The renunciant can only be released by Rome; the juror can just leave.

13. Another thing that sets these monastics apart is that they do not encourage:

- a. visitors or retreatants (apart from those contemplating joining)
- b. prayer or contemplation
- c. silence or liturgy

14. Although it is not a military order, the head of all the order is called the

- a. general
- b. commander in chief
- c. imperium millitorum

15. John Paul II encouraged orders such as the Carthusians

- a. to update their lives to conform to modern realities.
- b. to seek also to be present in new lands (this is why they are in Korea).
- c. to boldly go where no monk has ever gone.

ANSWERS:

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

Both St. Mark and St. Luke end Gospels with ascension of Jesus

How do we know that Jesus really ascended into heaven? Anonymous.

St. Mark and St. Luke speak of the Ascension of Jesus at the end of their Gospel. St. Mark says "Jesus was taken up into heaven and took his seat at God's right hand." St. Luke says "as Jesus blessed the people, he left them and was taken up to heaven." St. Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles.

To show the connection between the two books, St. Luke ends his Gospel with the Ascension and begins Acts with the Ascension. Acts says "Jesus was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took him from their sight."

In the Gospel of John, the risen Jesus asks Mary Magdalene to tell the disciples "I am ascending to my Father and your Father."

Since human beings learn through their senses, the risen Jesus appeared to many people, like the apostles, the Blessed Mother, Mary Magdalene and over 500 people at once to show them convincingly that he was risen and alive.

Similarly, to show the people that he was returning to God the

Father in heaven, Jesus visibly ascended before their eyes. There is an insistence in the Bible that the apostles actually saw Jesus ascend into heaven. A cloud "took him from their sight."

The two men in white asked why the apostles were "looking into the sky"? The first Epistle to Timothy also says "Jesus was taken up into glory." And the first Epistle of Peter says "Jesus went to heaven and is at God's right hand."

The New American Bible says there might have been several visible ascensions of the risen Jesus. St. Luke's ascension takes place on the Mount of Olives outside Jerusalem. But the final instruction of Jesus to his disciples at the end of St. Matthew's Gospel occurs on a mountain in Galilee. The visible ascension of Jesus is in accord with the ancient world view that held the sky to be a solid vault above which was God's throne. Later on the risen Jesus, now in heaven, appears to St. Paul on the road to Damascus and asks "why do you persecute me?" This led to St. Paul's conversion to Christianity.

Father John McKenzie says the ascension of Jesus is the transfer of his risen, glorious

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

body to heaven, namely the world of the divine. This implies Jesus' corporeal survival, his final glorification, his departure from the material universe.

The new Catechism of the Catholic Church calls the ascension of Jesus into heaven an historical event. The ascension of Jesus is linked to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation, when the son of God became man.

The Gospel of John says only the one who came from the Father can return to the Father, namely Christ Jesus. Left to its own natural powers, humanity does not have access to heaven. Only Christ can open to man such access. Jesus said: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself."

The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his

lifting up by his ascension to heaven. In heaven Jesus dwells in the presence of God interceding for us.

Church tradition also locates an historical site for the ascension of Jesus at the highest point of the Mount of Olives. G. Freeman says here is the Greek chapel of Viri Galilaei, where two columns mark the spot where two men in white are said to have addressed the disciples after the Ascension: "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?" This tradition first appears in the 13th century, but is not solidly established until the 16th.

Eusebius of Caesarea (d. A.D. 340), the Father of Church history, says the Roman emperor Constantine chose a cave on the top of the Mount of Olives to remember the ascension of Jesus into heaven. Early Christians believed that, at this cave, Jesus foretold the end of the world and

instructed his disciples on many other occasions. The pilgrim of Bordeaux (A.D. 333) associated this cave with the teaching of Jesus before his Passion, namely the last discourses in the Gospel of St. John.

Father Richard Hire, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka, answered this week's question.

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Your mother is calling

When I was in the second grade, my teacher Sister Teresa Marie, at Holy Cross School, next to the brewery of-all-things, used to give out prizes for exceptional work. Amazingly each week, every child was exceptional. Usually these prizes bestowed were holy cards, but one Friday, Sister walked up and down the rows of desks and allowed everyone to pick a book from her box. The books were withdrawn from the school library and were old, but to us they were treasures. This was not the time of Scholastic book fairs or super bookstores where one can simultaneously enjoy cool beverages while browsing in a text complex the size of a football field. Back then, one could not select reading material with a simple click of the mouse, as one can today, and expect it to be in your mailbox in five to seven working days. No, this was a simpler time. Books were sparser. And I think a little more cherished.

As sister approached me, I decided to close my eyes and let fate decide my reading selection. Looking the other way, I thrust my hand into the box and grabbed a tattered book with a maroon linen binding. The name of the book was not readily seen, and at first I wanted to throw it back and have a "do-over." But I didn't. Rummaging through the pages I finally found the title. "A Story of Our Lady of Fatima."

The book began, "On a hot May day in 1917, three little shepherds were watching their sheep ..." and it proceeded to tell the beautiful story of the Blessed Mother who came to three poor peasant children as Our Lady of Fatima. Only years later did I learn that that "hot day in May"



EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Theresa A. Thomas

spoke of in the book was May 13, my birthday.

In 1981, near the date of my high school graduation, I heard the pope had been shot. The bullet passed through him but did not hurt vital organs. Since I had gone to see him when he visited Chicago, I felt a special kinship with him. I really liked this young pope, John Paul II, who was Polish like me. Later, the pope credited the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of Fatima with sparing his life on that fateful day. He felt it was her hand that guided the bullet to a safe destination. The day of the shooting and Mary's protection: May 13.

Fast forward to 1998. I was married and had six children. I had been considering the purchase of a statue of the Blessed Mother for our little schoolroom. I was drawn to Our Lady of Grace because her image was in all the Catholic school classrooms of my youth. I also felt drawn to Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is the patroness of Americas and the unborn. During this time, my husband's grandmother moved out of her home because of failing health. We were given boxes and boxes of her old things. "Take what you want and get rid of the rest," she told us, and we started the daunting task of going through boxes. Guess what I found while rummaging through one box, right next to a crocheted hot pad holder and a package of unused drinking straws? Yup, you guessed it — a

statue of our Lady of Fatima. She was definitely trying to stay in touch with me.

Of course I dusted her off and put her in a position of prominence, and I laughed at myself for taking 25-plus years to figure out that she was reaching out to me and that I should pay attention. I finally realized the Blessed Mother was there when I was 8. She was there when I was 18. She was there when I was 28, 38 and is here right now. Like the gentle mother that she is, she quietly knocks on the doors of our hearts, waiting for us to respond, but never forcefully entering.

This year, May 13 is Mother's Day. How fitting. Our heavenly mother who loves us completely beckons us all to her love and protection. Is it a coincidence that the feast of Fatima falls on Mother's Day this year? I think not. I imagine she has blessings like delicate fragrant flowers she wishes to bestow on all mothers whose hearts are open. Consider this article your dusty maroon book, your realization of a hand of protection, your found statue in a box of useless things. Your mother is calling. Go to her. She loves you, and she's waiting.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for May 13, 2007

John 14:23-29

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Sixth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C: Jesus' reassurances as he prepared to leave his disciples. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

KEEP	MY WORD	MAKE
WHOEVER	LOVE ME	SENT ME
ADVOCATE	HOLY	SPIRIT
TEACH	PEACE	I LEAVE
GIVE TO YOU	WORLD	DO NOT LET
TROUBLED	AFFRAID	HEARD ME
GOING AWAY	GREATER	BELIEVE

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The most common type of fraud found was applications in the name of a nonexistent religious institution, he said. Other problems included using the name of an institution that did not support the application or applying for the visa on the basis of one type of job and then taking another one.

Because the Office of Fraud Detection is relatively new, Wright said there is little information about fraud in other visa categories to compare with that found in R visa categories.

Fraud allegations have haunted the religious worker visa program since it was created. Each time the program for temporary visas has come up for renewal in Congress — it currently has been extended through September 2008 — hearings are held to discuss the benefits of the visa category and its problems.

Musings on the tragedy at Virginia Tech

BY MIKE GIBSON

Musing 1: Emotional ... or not?

Teresa Volante, Catholic campus minister at Virginia Tech, tried to describe how students reacted after the shooting deaths of 33 Virginia Tech students and faculty by saying that there were lots of tears and sadness. Immediately she added that there had also been overwhelming help and support from people everywhere.

So, how did this tragic event affect you? People often remember what they are doing when they are first shocked by a significant event. Did this event shake your emotions deeply — or did it seem far removed from your life? Can you imaginatively place yourself in the scene and experience the horror and sorrow — or is it just another news story?

Thinking about how we are affected can be a helpful spiritual exercise. On one hand, if we get emotionally caught up in the details of a tragedy, it can adversely affect our health and anxiety level. It can even lead to unreasonable paralyzing fears; then, it is difficult to do anything proactive. At this extreme, we can pray to God for peace and ask others to do the same.

On the other hand, if we are complacent about tragedies, it may be because of a hardened heart. Perhaps we don't care enough about others in the world. In this day and age, we can easily become complacent about news events when we are constantly bombarded with media messages. Over time we can become "hardened of heart" to the actual happenings of a story and the people involved.

But if we truly have a hardened heart, it is a type of turning inward, caring only about ourselves, and not about others. With selfishness often comes restlessness. As Mother Teresa said, if we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

Musing 2: Antidote to violence

Of course, most of us fall in between those two extremes. Can this event have a positive effect in your life? It can make a difference if we learn that the antidote to violence is love.

How can we be proactive with love? First, we go to the source of love, God, and try to understand, in our limited capacity, the quantity and quality of God's love. Humbly we must acknowledge that we understand very little about the magnitude of God's love and what that really means.

We react differently to tragedy at different times in our lives, but sooner or later we all come to realize that we are very small in our world and universe. We have less control over events than we care to admit. We are highly dependent on everything around us: the air we breathe, the warmth and light of the sun, the water we drink. God provides all these for us in nature and gives us even more through other human beings.

Accepting our dependence on God is the beginning of the unfolding of the sacred mystery of salvation and the beauty of God's love for us.

So, you may ask — how much does God love me? Here is one example: imagine all the steps and how many people are involved in getting a simple loaf of bread to

you. Grains of wheat are paired with a farmer's labor and move toward you through various stages of production, ending up as a loaf of bread bagged for you by someone at the grocery store. In reality, you pay very little for that loaf of bread compared to everything and everybody that are involved. This is a simple illustration of God's love reflected through the gifts of nature and human beings, all created by God for you.

In truth, we are highly dependent on others, and they serve us well, compliments of our Creator. We often do very little to thank God and others. We must try to reciprocate this love, even when it is difficult.

Musing 3: Control, trust and response

In addition, we must learn to trust even when it is difficult. Just think about all the ways we trust one another without even realizing it. We really trust much more and have much less control than our culture leads us to believe. And the power and control we do have is another gift from God. Our culture emphasizes that we need money, control and power to get what we want, the way we want it, but the reality is that we have to trust our God who holds the universe in "being" and counts every hair on our heads. The things our culture overemphasizes are really very small compared to what God gives us in the heights, depths and breadths of love.

We can choose to use the control we do have either positively or negatively. Unfortunately, we are products of a culture that emphasizes the negatives and debates even the simplest and most basic questions of life. We think we

have the right to control things better entrusted to God. For example, why do we question when a baby's life begins or whether a person should live or die?

These are all dark things on a societal level, and yet, when it comes right down to it, we trust they don't matter as much as how we personally respond to them and live out the truth.

It is natural to wonder why God allows tragedies. Perhaps some of the details of this tragedy, paired with God's word expressed through St. Paul, can shed some light. St. Paul said where evil is, God's grace abounds all the more. The simple truth is that we need to trust we can make a difference in the world even if we don't understand it. As Mother Teresa pointed out, "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

I heard a priest once say that there is a lot of darkness in the world, but he said the greater the darkness, the brighter the stars. He said we are those stars. We are created in the image and likeness of God, and when we are true to that image, we truly shine like the stars. In this tragedy a teacher chose to lay down his life for his students. Another teacher thought quickly, responded, and saved lives. Others offered food, support and a listening ear. All of them, in great and small ways, worked together to combat the darkness and shine like stars.

Musing 4: Judgment

Perhaps some ask, "What about the murderer?" In a way we can almost hear Jesus respond, "Judge not lest you be judged." We would

be wise not to judge too quickly, for despite the great evil done by this person, that is something best left to God. The murderer said that those around him made him do it; perhaps others didn't recognize how much he needed love. He was likely hurting a great deal because of past experiences; perhaps people didn't recognize his pain or care enough. Perhaps the pain increased and escalated into this tragedy ... we may never know what or why.

Musing 5: What can we do?

Whatever the case, we all have a responsibility to make use of the gifts God has entrusted to us to make this world a better place — especially a more peaceful, loving one. Mother Teresa pointed out that loneliness is the most terrible poverty. It seems this ingredient may be at the heart of this tragedy and countless others in our modern day world.

What can we do? We can be there for others and love them in our everyday circles. These rays of love, rooted in prayer, emanate out through us in our thoughts, feelings and actions. Carrying out deeds of mercy will truly help others feel less lonely and help prevent forms of violence by our proactivity. If we are true to our calling as sons and daughters of the light, then, the darkness won't envelope us, but the light of Christ will shine more profoundly through us and for all.

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What was your primary influence in your decision to become a priest?

In 1945, I joined our parish Praesidium of the Legion of Mary. Over a period of 13 years, except for two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, I was active in various Legion of Mary ministries to parishioners in our local parish, St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, Holy Name Cathedral Parish in Chicago — while in social work school — and St. Augustine's Church in Detroit — while working at Catholic Social Services. Father Louis Putz, chaplain to the Legion of Mary in South Bend, and Father Jack Trese, a friend in the Catholic agency, were priest-mentors and loving, caring exemplars to me. All of these influences ended in my entering the seminary in 1958 at the age of 33.

What is the most rewarding part of being a priest?

The pope's most significant title is "Servant to the Servants of God." Like the pope, service to the people of God is the most rewarding part of being a priest. ... My



service is lived out on the same level as those people I serve. I have learned so very much about our common humanity from those I serve. I find the presence of Jesus in them, and they find the presence of Jesus in me. My pastoral experience and knowledge of those I serve have deeply influenced and informed my priesthood and my theology. I especially feel close to the people of God during the celebration of Mass in which, under the chief priesthood of Jesus Christ, we share our priesthoods, the people's priesthood of the baptized and my priesthood of the ordained. My tombstone, which is

already in place at my gravesite, defines me:

Edward J. Ruetz
Human — Christian — Priest

What are your interests and hobbies?

I am very interested in ecology and the scientific story of creation. For the past 12 years, I have been studying the scientific story of creation in order to write this story with the Godhead birthing forth the universe at its beginnings and accompanying its creative activities during the past 15 billion years. I have written Book I, entitled "The Love Story of Creation," and am working on Book II. My hobbies are gardening and walking amidst God's "divine milieu" — the earthly environment.

Do you have a pet?

No. I enjoy animals but feel that I would not be able to give them the time and care they require because of my busy life.

What do you do for relaxation?

I love to listen to symphonic music. I attend concerts and plays occasionally. I try to take time for the prayer of quiet such as centering prayer. I attend Notre Dame basketball games and occasional

minor and major league baseball games.

What is your favorite reading material and authors?

I read regularly the *National Catholic Reporter*, *Today's Catholic*, *Commonweal*, *Emmanuel Magazine* and *New York Times*. In spirituality: Peter VanBreen, SJ, Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, Patricia Livingston and Caryl Houselander. In ecology: Teilhard de Chardin, SJ, Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme and Lynn Margulis. In theology: Hans Kung, Edward Scillebeeckx, OP, Charles Curran, Raymond Brown, SS, Carol Struhmueller, CP, and Rosemary Ruether.

What is the best part of being Catholic?

My being a member of the body of Christ, the Christian community and the feeling of love and unity with Jesus and the people of God within this body is the best part of being a Catholic.

What is your favorite prayer?

the Prayer of Serenity and Francis of Assisi's prayer for peace

Meet the Priest

What is your favorite Scripture passage?

the parable of the prodigal son

Who is your favorite pope?

Pope John XXIII

What is your favorite food?

I like any kind of seafood.

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

I was a stutterer and stammerer from the age 15 to 61, which caused periods of depression during 46 years. Through counseling from 1962-63 and 1984-86, especially the last period in which I recorded and analyzed 129 dreams, I found the cause and symbolism of my speech problem. As I look back, I would not trade those 46 years of tribulation for peace-filled years because I learned so much authentic wisdom and self-knowledge during these difficult years. I am grateful for the guidance and assistance of the Holy Spirit during all those trials.

How do you prefer to be addressed?

Ed or Father Ed

Good relationships don't just happen

The one of the four core values of the Sisters of the Holy Cross is "community." We declare and believe that we are called to build community wherever we are. Every place we find ourselves is an opportunity to do this. The key word is "build." Relationships are the core of community and meaningful community doesn't just happen. A community is only as strong as its relationships.

Some have many relatives and still do not experience "family." On the other hand, a group of unrelated people can mean more to us than our own brothers and sisters. What makes the difference?

None of us chose our family of origin. Parents do not select their children and children don't choose their birth mothers and fathers. However, how we develop family relationships, whether by blood or through friendship, is up to us. To build community and/or family requires effort on the part of each person. Members must actively care for and respect one another. Trust and honesty between the members are crucial elements.

Parenting is a lot more than taking care of the material needs of children. Too often parents are so busy with their work and other



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interests that they fail to spend quality time with and really listen to their children. Being a good mother or father does not mean giving our children everything they want. Life-giving relationships are fueled by mutual, active love and by sharing oneself with others. If I work day and night to give my family members whatever material things they want, but rarely spend time with them, problems often develop.

Distance can limit our physical presence to others. Even so, there are many ways we can stay connected. We can write letters (When is the last time you received a "real" letter by snail mail?), e-mail, text message, telephone, etc. The bottom line is we must share ourselves with those who have an important place in our lives.

The quality of community and family is based on the quality of our relationships. Just living in the

same house or being related by blood does not make a community. Even in our church. We belong to the Christian community through our baptism, but experiencing that community doesn't just happen. Some people can be members of a parish for 20 years and not relate in any meaningful way to other parishioners. Too many Catholics just go to Mass, and that is the extent of their involvement in the parish.

To make community happen we must be willing to go out of ourselves. We must share our lives with others. This includes both our joys and our pain. It means letting other people into our lives. It means striving to become interdependent rather than independent and self-sufficient. Being part of a community means being willing to receive as well as give.

Authentic Christian community requires a willingness to share our values and our faith in Jesus. It involves forgiving and asking for forgiveness. Sometimes we have to take the first step. We might have to be the ones who introduce ourselves to the people who sit next to us at Mass, invite someone to join a parish organization or begin the process of reconciliation in my life.

The maker's mark: Don't underestimate your value

"Antiques Roadshow" catches ordinary people in an endearing position: their nerve-racking television debut. They tend to be talkative and made-up, dressed in coral, spattered in rouge and framed in fluffed-up curls.

Then an appraiser delivers the news that they're richer than they thought they were. Substantially richer.

The poised persona they were trying to project snaps, giving way to a Macaulay Culkin face and homespun expressions such as "Oh my lanta" or "Egads!"

Some can't fathom the dollar value, repeating "You're kidding!" in a stunned daze. Others focus on one fact to navigate through their shock. For one man, that was the handle of his sword, which, evidently, was made of rhinoceros horn. "The most amazing thing is the rhinoceros!" he exclaimed. "I thought that was plastic!"

Now in its 11th season, PBS' "Roadshow" is currently being filmed in Omaha, which should be fertile ground for granny curls and my lantas. It's one of a few reality TV shows that stimulates rather than saps brain cells. It's packed with obscure tidbits.

"This artist always painted a blue bird in the upper right corner of his landscapes. This is the only one with a crow in the corner, which increases its value."

Anything can be rendered fascinating and valuable on Roadshow. An ashtray. A pocket watch. A pillowcase. You never know how it was stitched — or who drooled on it.

Once I watched an ugly mahogany chair yield an astonishing appraisal. Its back was unusually long and skinny. But the bottom bore the letters RX, the "the maker's mark," the appraiser said, and the maker was a famous artist.

That phrase lingered in my mind long after I turned off the TV: "the maker's mark."

We each bear the maker's mark, and our maker is the most famous artist of all time. In six days, he created Niagara Falls and the Grand Canyon. And the original "Starry Night" that Van Gogh later ripped off.

We are each unique, a limited edition, one out of one. You know what that does to the value of the art.

It's important that we keep this in mind as we prepare for summer, wriggling into swimsuits and staring into threefold full-length mirrors. It's hard to shake that model in our mind and it's easy to spot our physical deviations.

But the image we envy is generic. One print out of 10 million. So don't sell out.

Many young women make this mistake. Look at Ashlee Simpson, who burst into a music scene filled with blonde look-alikes and turned heads with her black hair, fair skin and fresh look. She looked as though she ate peanut butter. Girls liked that, and they turned her first album into a triple platinum. (Whereas Britney had to thank creepy old men for that distinction.)

Alas, Ashlee turned skinny,



TWENTY SOMETHING BY CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

tan and blond. She got a new nose. And her next album didn't come close in sales.

Thousands of girls follow her lead. Some submit themselves to ice-cube diets. Others submit themselves to the plastic surgeons on "I Want a Famous Face."

God created you one of a kind. He sculpted you carefully, counting the hairs on your head. So when you try to emulate Eva or Jen, you insult your Creator's fine taste.

Like the Blenko glass on Roadshow, our physical imperfections add an interest and value that collectors covet. The chick-enpox scar on your forehead. The birthmark on your left calf. You've been trying to hide the very mark that makes you special.

So take care of yourself, the fabulous original, avoiding scratches and cheap imitations. God's appraisal of your value wildly exceeds your estimation.

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Notre Dame's pro-life conference welcomes respected experts

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Students from eight Midwestern colleges came to the University of Notre Dame for a weekend conference on the Christian view of human life April 13-14 to hear the wisdom of some of the most respected experts in the pro-life movement.

The speakers included Father Thomas Euteneuer, president of Human Life International; Katrina Zeno, founder of Women of the Third Millennium; Dr. Jose Bufill, cancer specialist; Kristan Hawkins, executive director of Students for Life of America; Daniel McConchie, executive director of Americans United for Life; and Deirdre McQuade, director of planning and information for the U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat. Father Alfred Wierzbicki, director of the John Paul II Institute at the Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, was celebrant and homilist for an April 14 Mass.

All the speakers came to the conference to help the students explore the teachings in "Evangelium Vitae" ("The Gospel of Life"), Pope John Paul II's 1995 encyclical. This is the second consecutive regional conference on "Evangelium Vitae" conducted by the student group, Notre Dame Right to Life.

In addition to Notre Dame students attending the conference, other students came from Saint Mary's College, Holy Cross College, the University of Illinois, Illinois Wesleyan, Loyola University of Chicago, DePaul University and Purdue University.

Father Euteneuer talked about the wisdom of the church's teaching on contraception. He pointed out that abortion was imposed on the people of communist countries like Russia and Vietnam. In a democracy, he continued, "The path to institutionally killing takes longer, so they work on changing the culture first and then the law."

The first way to change the culture is to change definitions and values, Father Euteneuer said, pointing out that after 90-plus years of hearing the rhetoric of Planned Parenthood regarding contraception, people now think of contraception as normal. Thus, childbearing is not valued, and definitions are changed, like calling a baby a fetus or claiming that pregnancy begins with implantation rather than conception, thus paving the way for acceptance of abortion.

Pope Paul VI saw the devastation that would come with contraception, predicting in his 1968 encyclical, "Humanae Vitae" ("Of Human Life"), the reality we have today of widespread promiscuity, adultery, increase in pornography and a diminishing sense of modesty, Father Euteneuer said.

"The church prophetically spoke out, and we are dealing with the consequences 40 years out," he said, urging the students to learn, understand and live the church's teachings as a way to

change the culture.

Katrina Zeno spoke about how John Paul II's theology of the body parallels "Evangelium Vitae." She told the students that the dignity and destiny of human beings is caught up in the purpose of the body: "To reveal God." Being made in God's image and likeness is a gift that flows out to others, she explained, and we fulfill ourselves by making a gift of ourselves.

However, when the body is considered to be "pure materiality," "sin and lust reduce the person down to an object," she said, through activities such as abortion, pornography, casual sex, masturbation and in vitro fertilization.

Dr. Jose Bufill, who practices medicine in South Bend, traced the history of euthanasia and assisted suicide. He pointed out that euthanasia is not a new issue and was often considered acceptable in ancient Greek and Roman societies. Abhorrence toward euthanasia grew as Christianity grew, and it is only in modern times that the ancient acceptance of euthanasia has resurfaced, he said.

Euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide is a cultural problem, not a medical problem, Dr. Bufill explained, so the cultural problems surrounding the issue need to be addressed. It is ironic, he said, that now, when physicians can offer good palliative care — pain relief and comfort — there is more interest in physician-assisted suicide.

As executive director of Students for Life, Kristan Hawkins, told the conference that "Our mission is to equip the pro-life generation." She noted that young people today are more pro-life than their parents' generation, and she offered encouragement to the student pro-life groups and made suggestions for improving their groups on their campuses.

Daniel McConchie traced the development of abortion laws in the United States and assured the students that "I am fully confident that some day in the future, Roe v. Wade will be overturned." He said that Americans United for Life (AUL), a public-interest bioethics law firm, has crafted model pro-life legislation that has passed in all the states where it was introduced.

McConchie noted that at first pro-life efforts were focused on overturning Roe v. Wade, but experience with cases like Planned Parenthood vs. Casey, has convinced his firm that making incremental gains is the wiser course of action.

Deirdre McQuade told the students that human nature is such that our hearts and minds are ordered to what is true and just, "So we know we must care for those most vulnerable." No person can arbitrarily choose to live or die, and God will hold us accountable for our lives.

Since humans were created in the image of God and our destiny is to live with God forever, she continued, "All human life is sacred, and it deserves the ability to grow and mature."

Sports

BASKETBALL COACH TO LEAVE MARIAN After six years as head basketball coach of the Marian Knights, Ron Dietz is leaving. Dietz came to Marian after stints at Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne and Concord High School. He compiled a record of 44-86. Marian Athletic Director Reggie Glon said, "We wish to thank Coach Dietz for his dedication and steadfastness for running an upright and moral program. We value the leadership he has given to his players for the past six years, and we wish him well." — EJD

Tournament season begins

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — As the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) soccer season winds down, the eighth grade Lady Cardinals from St. Charles have earned 10 points going undefeated (5-0) and are the top seeded team in the seven-team tournament to be played this week. The Cardinals received a bye and will face the winner of Monday night's opening round game between the No. 4 and No. 5 seed — St. Joe/St. Elizabeth vs. St. John Wednesday night, May 9.

In the lower bracket, St. Vincent will play St. Therese. And St. Jude's opponent will be St. Charles 7. The winners will meet Wednesday night at Kreager Park vying for a spot in the finals. The championship game will be held at Fort Wayne Sports Club at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday evening, May 10.

Girls Soccer Standings heading into the CYO tournament:

Team	Wins	Ties	Points
St. Charles 8	5	0	10
St. Jude	4	1	9
St. Vincent 8	4	1	9
St. Joe/Eliz	2	0	4
St. John	2	0	4
St. Therese	2	0	4
St. Charles 7	1	0	2

Softball

CYO softball will also be playing their tournament this week. In her first year as a fast pitch coach, St. Joe-St. Elizabeth's Monica Zwick says the season got off to a slow start with several rainouts. The team got in just three games

and finished with a 1-2 record. Zwick has 12 girls on her roster ranging from grade 5 through 8.

"It has truly been a learning experience for me and the girls," she remarked. Zwick recalled that the final regular season game against Queen of Angels was a very positive experience for her team. "And it was not just because we won," she said.

"The players and coaches were very encouraging and complimentary of our girls. It exemplified to me what CYO sports are all about," Zwick concluded.

Track and field

In May 3 track and field action, the St. John, Fort Wayne-Benoit Academy team pulled out wins in the boys' and girls' competitions edging out St. Joe-St. Elizabeth in both meets. The top two places in each event are listed below. The CYO city meet is slated for Saturday, May 12. The meet will begin at 10:30 a.m. and be held at Bishop Luers High School. St. John Fort Wayne's Anne Marie Shank will attempt to defend her 1,600-meter run title and break the CYO best she set in 2006 of 5:49.

Event	Boys	Girls
100-meter hurdles	Cooper 17.1 Deiser 17.5	Lee 18.2 Taylor 19.1
100-meter dash	Fincher 12.3 Pritchard 13.3	Taylor 13.8 Yeager 14.0
800-meter run	Torkeo 2:32.5 Baldus 2:32.5	Shank 2:34.3 Lee 2:45.9
4x100 relay	St. John-Benoit 52.5 St. Therese 56.9	St. Joe-St. Elizabeth 1:02.6 St. Vincent 1:05.7
400-meter dash	Fletcher 1:03.1 Puitz 1:06.4	Carroll 1:13.4 Pollifrone 1:14.0
200-meter dash	Fincher 25.0 Shutt 26.3	Yeager 29.0 Pollifrone 31.0
1,600-meter run	McManus 5:38.6 Torkeo 5:38.6	Shank 5:49.7 Weilbaker 6:39.1
4x200 relay	St. John-Benoit 2:04.3 St. Joe-St. Elizabeth 2:05.7	St. Joe-St. Elizabeth 2:18.2 St. Vincent 2:19.7
Shot put	Dohrman 33-6 Bowers 29-10	Widner 35-7 Hammock 53-5
Discus	Shutt 83-2 Driscoll 74-1	Widner 76-11 Hammock 53-5
High jump	Byrd 5-00 Pritchard 4-10	Lee 4-04 McNamara 4-02
Long jump	Fincher 16-8 1/2 Torkeo 14-3 1/2	Bartels 13-4 Taylor 12-11

ICCL baseball teams vie for top division placements

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — Drew Hasler turned in a spectacular three-hit performance for St. Jude Green as his mates pounded out 10 hits to hand St. Joseph of Mishawaka its first loss of the year. At the same time, St. Jude Green tied the Mishawakans for first place in the Martin De Porres Division of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL).

St. Jude's 6-0 blanking of the Mishawakans was spearheaded by Kyle Luczkowski who cracked out three doubles to bat in four runs.

As the teams head into the final weeks of the regular season campaign, the John Bosco Division leadership is still up for grabs. St. Thomas of Elkhart still has to make up a game with Holy Family and a victory for the Elkhart team would give them the top position in the division. Holy Family still has make-up games and must win their last two with deadlocked St. Anthony Maroon and St. Thomas for the top spot.

In one of the best slugfests of the season, Holy Family pounded out a 21-18 decision over St. Monica of Mishawaka as Blake Palicki had three hits — including two doubles — to lead Holy Family. Zach Fozo, Sidney Leda, Zach Zehender and Alex Zielinski chimed in the Holy Family attack with two hits each. N. Neuklis had three hits for St. Monica.

Corpus Christi nipped St. Anthony Maroon, 3-1, as Dylan McMahan turned in a 10 strikeout performance for the victory. Tyler

Lukens and McMahan collected two hits each for Corpus Christi.

St. Anthony beat St. Thomas of Elkhart, 16-6, in another slugfest.

In other makeup games, Corpus Christi beat St. Jude 10-0 as Andy Klimek fanned nine for the victors. Tate Bellegrante collected four hits for Corpus Christi.

St. Jude Green defeated St. Thomas Gold, 15-5, with the hitting of Tyler Olkowski and Mark Downs, who each had three hits.

St. Joseph of Mishawaka won easily over St. Anthony Gold, 15-8, as Mike Lauderback and Andrew O'Lena smashed out three hits apiece.

Other results included Holy Family downing St. Joseph of South Bend, 10-2. St. Matthew downed Holy Family Blue, 15-10, and Holy Family defeated Holy Cross, 16-6.

Marian golfers win country club invitational

MISHAWAKA — Mishawaka Marian's talented golfers won the prestigious nine-team South Bend Country Club Invitational golf tournament with an 18-stroke victory over rival Penn High School.

The victorious Knights were paced by Adam Sumrall who carded a 77 and Stephen Sexton a 79. Sumrall also won medalist honors by defeating Steve Spiritoso in an extra hole playoff.

Team scores included Marian, 312; Penn, 330; LaPorte, 354; Saint Joseph's, 355; Adams, 355; Mishawaka, 358; Riley, 373; Clay, 390; and Washington, 413.

Marian team scores — Colin Van Es, 78; Adam Sumrall, 77; Bryant Demeter, 78; Stephen Sexton, 79; and Michael Patty, 94.

Saint Joseph's team scores — Riley Fitzsimmons, 92; Tyler Kancuzewski, 84; Tyler Bliha, 89; Brooks Demars, 94; and Andrew Thomas, 90. — EJD



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Fort Wayne runners receive bishop's blessing to run Boston Marathon

BY CRAIG J. BOBAY

FORT WAYNE — The symbol of the Boston Marathon is the unicorn. In the days and hours leading up to the Boston Marathon this year, it looked like there might be a better chance that unicorns would be running the Boston streets rather than the 24,000 registered marathoners.

A severe spring storm, called a "nor' easter" hit New England on the recent mid-April marathon weekend. Treacherous winds and torrential rains pounded New England on Patriots' Day, the day New Englanders annually honor our country's early heroes and the day when the marathon is held.

Rumors were flying in the media that the legendary marathon would be canceled. However, in the 111 years of the Boston Marathon, the race has never been canceled, and for better or worse, this year proved to be no exception.

Allen County Circuit Court Judge and St. Patrick, Fort Wayne, cantor Tom Felts and I were among those who traveled almost halfway across the country to Bishop John M. D'Arcy's hometown to run the famous marathon this year.

We left home with the bishop's blessing and encouragement and with the keys to the bishop's boyhood home in Brighton. The bishop graciously made his Boston-area residence available to us as our home for the weekend — the same weekend he was celebrating the golden anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Tom and I, and our wives, Kay and Nancy, arrived at the John Hancock Sports Expo, where we picked up our running "bib" numbers and timing "chips." There, we saw legendary marathoners Bill Rodgers and Katherine Switzer. Switzer caused an uproar in 1967 by being the first woman to officially be entered in the Boston Marathon. Rodgers won the marathon four times in the 1970s.

After the expo, we headed to Brighton, just a few miles from downtown Boston and checked in to our marathon headquarters — the D'Arcy home. Nothing about the bishop's house would surprise regular readers of *Today's Catholic*.

Located in an old Irish neighborhood, it was a comfortable home on a hillside street, filled with Boston Red Sox memorabilia (including dish towels and even a Red Sox tissue dispenser), and



PROVIDED BY CRAIG BOBAY

Allen Circuit Court Magistrate Craig Bobay, right, and Allen County Circuit Court Judge Tom Felts, left, and their wives stayed at Bishop John M. D'Arcy's Boston home. Both Bobay and Felts ran the Boston Marathon April 16.

many photos of the bishop's cherished family, which hung on the walls. We also found favorite books about Ireland, Notre Dame and the church.

The bishop's sister, Sister Anne D'Arcy, a Sister of St. Joseph, thoughtfully supplied us fresh milk and orange juice in the fridge and cereal in the cupboard. She also called while we were there to make sure everything was well.

Tom wandered out to the second floor back porch, often mentioned in bishop's "News and Notes" column. Unfortunately the weather didn't permit us to enjoy the solitude of the porch, but we could definitely picture the bishop out there enjoying a warm July evening after dinner.

Sunday was probably the worst weather day of the long weekend, but it did not dampen our spirits. Our first stop was for Mass at Our Lady of Victories Church, in the heart of Boston's Back Bay. Father John Harhager held the traditional "marathoners Mass" for those who would be running.

At the end of the Mass, all marathon runners were called up to the altar for a special blessing as the organist played the inspiring theme from "Chariots of Fire." The Mass and blessing was definitely one of the highlights of the weekend for the four of us.

We then tried to dodge the raindrops as we visited several well-known Boston sites, including the Boston Commons, Faneuil Hall, Cheers and Old North Church. Our day also included bowls of chowder and the traditional pre-race

pasta meal.

On marathon Monday we woke at 6 a.m. to rain that seemed to be coming down sideways due to the winds. Kay and Nancy drove us out to the start through the downpour. The wind was a steady 25 mph, with gusts up to 50 miles an hour. The temperature hovered in the high 40s. The 26.2-mile course would take us through six small towns today before returning to Boston.

The rain eased to a light drizzle before the start, and the ladies headed back downtown so they could meet us at the Boylston St. finish line. The weather was merciful for the first five miles through Ashland and Framingham, but the cold hard rain returned at mile four, and stayed with us until we made it to picturesque town of Natick around mile nine.

Midway through the race, we heard the screams of the coeds along the course at Wellesley College from the point we entered the small college town, almost a mile away. The next town on the course was Newton, home of the marathon's dreaded hills, including the infamous "Heartbreak Hill." The unforgiving hills of Newton lived up to their reputation and took a great toll on me. We later learned that at the top of Heartbreak, a couple running the race stopped briefly to get married, and then continued on the course after exchanging their vows.

After Heartbreak, just when my legs were starting to tire, the students at Boston College (B.C.) were out in force, despite the weather, cheering us on. Tom was still going strong at this point, the only time the wind was at our backs the entire race. Shortly past B.C., we turned onto the home stretch at Cleveland Circle. I dropped back from Tom to stretch my legs' cramping quad and calf muscles, and to say a few "Our Fathers" to give me the strength to go last miles.

The great crowds cheering all along that last three miles brought back strength to my sore legs. When, at last I passed Fenway Park and its green monster, and passed the famous Citgo sign on Beacon St., indicating there was just one mile left, I knew I would finish strong.

The roar of the crowd at the finish line made us all feel like Olympians. I was happy to have met my goal of completing the marathon in less than four hours, clocking a 3:59:54, while Tom delighted in improving on his 2006 Boston Marathon by finishing in 3

hours, 52 minutes.

Nancy and Kay were truly heaven-sent, meeting us at the finish with warm hugs and dry clothes. We also were rewarded with the Boston Marathon finisher's medal — featuring a unicorn.

The cold rain and windy nor' easter conditions were said to be the worst weather for the race since 1970. It caused most people to run much slower than they had planned and resulted in the slowest winning times since 1985. Robert Cheruiyot of Kenya won the race, with a time of 2:14:13. Russian Lidiya Gregoryeva won the women's race in 2:29:57, while Boston area native Deena Kastor finished fifth, and was the first American woman to cross the line.

People came from all 50 states and 88 countries to run the oldest and most famous annual foot race in the world. Of the 23,869 who registered for the race, 20,640 decided to run on that day. However, of those who braved the weather to run, almost all made it to the finish in downtown Boston.

For those like us who traveled a great distance, we were not going to let the weather stop us. As the Boston Athletic Association president said after the marathon, quoting Shakespeare, "And gentlemen in England now abed, shall think themselves accursed they were not here." Despite the weather, we were truly not cursed. No, we were very blessed to have met this challenge in such a great and historic city, with the support of many good friends and family.

Craig Bobay is a member of St. Jude, Fort Wayne, and is the Allen Circuit Court magistrate.



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'Spider-Man' sequel builds on admirable themes

BY HARRY FORBES

NEW YORK (CNS) — Any fears that this second sequel in the phenomenally successful "Spider-Man" franchise would signal a diminution of quality prove happily groundless.

When the film opens, our endearingly self-effacing hero, Peter Parker, aka Spider-Man (Tobey Maguire), is ready to propose marriage to his longtime girlfriend, Mary Jane Watson (Kirsten Dunst). M.J. is about to get her big break in a new Broadway musical.

Peter is still contending with the ongoing enmity of his former buddy, Harry Osborn (James Franco), who continues to unfairly blame Peter for the death of his villainous father (Willem Dafoe) who had, in fact, taken his own life. An airborne battle between the two results in a knockout of Harry, who wakes up with no memory of his grudge against Peter.

Thanks to this amnesia-inducing

accident, the trio's friendship is back on track, despite Harry's lingering affection for M.J. But there's trouble ahead.

On the personal level, M.J.'s less-than-stellar stage performance results in her firing. Peter is letting his Spider-Man accolades go to his head, even allowing himself to be photographed being kissed by first girlfriend Gwen (Bryce Dallas Howard) in the same famous upside-down manner as he memorably kissed M.J. Peter is completely oblivious to both M.J.'s hurt and her professional humiliation.

Fueling Peter's arrogance is a slimy substance that he has inadvertently tracked into his apartment, and a mysterious black Spider-Man suit which has magically appeared, and which gives Spider-Man added strength, albeit at the cost of his basic decency.

At the *Daily Bugle*, Peter's budding career as a photographer is undermined by a conniving newcomer, Eddie Brock (Topher Grace). Peter eventually gives

Eddie his comeuppance, but the vengeful act results in Eddie's transformation into the fearsome Venom.

The other new villain with which Peter/Spider-Man must contend is jailbird Flint Marko (Thomas Haden Church), whom we first see trying to reunite with his little girl against the opposition of his estranged wife (Theresa Russell). When Flint flees from the cops and gets trapped in a giant vat used for physics experiments, his molecules decompose, and he turns into the Sandman, able to morph into sand formations large and small.

Most admirable is the very human story imbued with a strong moral focus. When Peter kills the putative killer of his beloved Uncle Ben, and gleefully reports the villain's demise to his gentle Aunt May, her disapproving words to him about revenge are about as potent a discourse on that subject as we've heard on screen in some time.



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Tobey Maguire stars in a scene from the movie "Spider-Man 3." The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

Miracles of reconciliation shared in book

"Facing Forgiveness: A Catholic's Guide to Letting Go of Anger and Welcoming Reconciliation," by Loughlan Sofield, Carroll Juliano and Bishop Gregory Aymond. Ave Maria Press (Notre Dame, 2007). 128 pp., \$9.95.

BY REVIEWED BY PATRICIA BARTOS

Easter's promise of redemption and forgiveness offers hope to people whose lives are compromised by anger and bitterness.

Such emotions imprison them in burning resentment, obsessive thoughts of revenge or in cold behavior, refusing to deal with the offender.

For Christians, "the ultimate example of forgiveness is Jesus on the cross," write the authors of the new book, "Facing Forgiveness: A Catholic's Guide to Letting Go of Anger and Welcoming Reconciliation."

"Forgiveness is neither a cognitive nor an emotional response. Forgiveness is an act of the will. It is the choice to let go of the desire to get even with an offending

party," they write.

The three authors, a "brother-sister-bishop team," distill their experiences gathered over many years of teaching and counseling into a small but helpful book on the dynamics of forgiveness.

The topic of forgiveness, they write, "is like a magnet that draws people into its field."

The book pulls together 25 brief stories of people who struggled to forgive, overcoming anger and the depression such feelings often lead to.

"The main reason why people choose to retain their anger and not forgive is, as they declare, 'I don't know how to forgive.' They may not know how to forgive because they lack human models of forgiveness," the authors write.

Again and again the authors share the small miracles of reconciliation that result when someone makes a gesture of forgiveness from the heart.

Patricia Bartos is senior staff writer at the Pittsburgh Catholic diocesan newspaper.

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Immaculée Ilibagiza is the author of *Left to Tell*, a gripping story of survival of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. She has appeared on Public Television and major network programs. Dr. Wayne Dyer, a renowned speaker, says "she not only talks about unconditional love and forgiveness, she radiates it wherever she goes." Her testimony will touch you deeply.



Al Barbarino is a popular, charismatic singer, speaker, and master of ceremonies at conferences and parishes throughout the U.S. and Canada. He has recorded seven inspirational Catholic music albums with proceeds going to the poor. Al's ministry was inspired by his first pilgrimage to Medjugorje in 1985. He is a lay member of Father Groeschel's Franciscan Friars.

Matthew Kelly is an internationally acclaimed Catholic lay evangelist. His talks and retreats have entertained and inspired Catholics at conferences and retreats throughout the country. Matthew is the author of ten books, some of which were New York Times best sellers. Originally from Australia, he now resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Father Giordano Belanich (Father Gio) is the founder of Croatian Relief Services, an outreach that feeds and clothes the poorest of the poor in many different countries of the world. He is also well known for his evangelization and healing ministry work throughout the United States and Canada. Father is a priest in the archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey.

Maira Noonan was raised as a Catholic, but for a period of time became deeply immersed in New Age practices and ideas. After a series of powerful conversion experiences, she returned to the Church and is now a popular speaker telling her story via religious cable and radio stations throughout the world. Her most recent book is titled *Ransomed from Darkness*.



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7:00 pm... Conference begins
Guest speaker
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Saturday, May 26

7:15 am... Doors open
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Holy Mass
Guest speakers (all sessions)
1:30 pm... Afternoon session
6:30 pm... Evening session
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DEVOTIONS

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Deacon Bob Lengerich will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:15 p.m. Deacon Bob will be ordained to the priesthood in October. Join in praying for vocations.

German Mass and dinner

Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church, 500 E. Dewald St., will open German Fest with a Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 3. Father Charles Herman will be the celebrant, with Jeffery Manns directing the Fort Wayne Mannerchor and Dammenchor in German music. Following Mass a traditional dinner of bratwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, dessert and beverages will be served in the Pavilion for \$7. The Pavilion is handicapped accessible.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A Day of Reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) on Wednesday, May 30, from 9:30

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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.

Anniversary celebration for Father Adam Schmitt

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Parish invites all to celebrate the 50th anniversary of ordination of Father Adam D. Schmitt. A Mass of thanksgiving will be Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, corner of Brooklyn and

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FUND RAISERS

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 18, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$6, children (5-12) \$3. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and coffee. Carry-out available.

Pancake breakfast supports youth concert

South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish will have a pancake breakfast after all Sunday Masses May 20 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Peterson Room. All-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs and sausage plus juice and coffee. Save a dollar buying tickets in advance by calling Diane at (574) 243-9879. At the door, tickets are \$6 for ages 11 and up, \$5 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for ages 3-10, ages 3 and under are free. A family package feeds a family of 6 for \$30 (advance purchase only). Proceeds support Rock-n-Soul Fest '07, a Catholic youth concert held in June. Catholic t-shirts and other merchandise proceeds will also benefit the concert.

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Evelyn Jean Dammeier-McAbee, 81, St. Michael the Archangel

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.

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Rosary Society plans card party

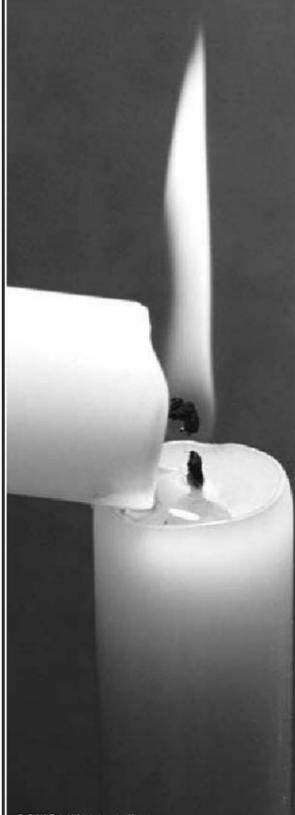
South Bend — The St. Adalbert Rosary Society will have a card party on Wednesday, May 16, at 6 p.m. in the Heritage Center. A plate lunch will be served. Tickets are \$4.50 each with a deadline of May 14. Call (574) 258-4535 for information or tickets.

Breakfast supports Sosenheimer family

Fort Wayne — A pancake breakfast and silent auction will be held Saturday, May 19, from 8-11 a.m. at the St. Charles cafeteria. All proceeds will benefit Rick and Heather Sosenheimer who have three boys with Chiari malformation of the brain. To make a donation contact the St. Charles Parish office.



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