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Renovation on Bishop Luers infrastructure begins

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — While Bishop Luers High School students finished classes this week and welcomed their summer break, construction crews will start moving in for a major renovation to the heating, air and ventilation system, lighting and new windows.

To launch the renovation, Bishop John M. D'Arcy, with hammer in tow, presided in a window breaking — rather than a groundbreaking ceremony — on May 23 while students, teachers, staff and those associated with the renovation cheered. That was immediately followed with a swing of the hammer by Msgr. J. William Lester, a priest who played a vital role in the early history of Bishop Luers.

"I am delighted with this new addition at Bishop Luers," Bishop D'Arcy said in a statement. "It assures the continuance, and indeed the expansion, of this beloved school for many years to come. Bishop Luers is very important to our overall educational apostolate. Its academic record continues to remain outstanding. It shows the great value of faith and learning being linked, especially in the high school years."

At the opening presentation, Bishop Luers Principal Mary Keefer noted, "In September of 1958, Bishop Luers High School opened its doors to freshmen students only. For the past 49 years, Bishop Luers has been providing Catholic education to families of Fort Wayne, Ind. Today we gather to what is the biggest upgrade to our facilities since the cornerstone was laid..."

"Because of the generosity of our families, our benefactors and our diocese, we are providing a solid foundation and infrastructure to our building," she added. "Our hope is that Bishop Luers High School

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BISHOP LUERS
Bishop John M. D'Arcy breaks the glass of a window at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne on May 23 launching the renovation project that will begin at the school. The \$3 million project will include new windows, heating, cooling and ventilation and lighting.

VATICAN GOES SOLAR



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These are the type of panels that will be used on a giant rooftop garden of solar panels on the Vatican's Paul VI audience hall. The solar energy project will begin next year and, when completed, will create enough electricity to heat, cool and light the entire building year-round. See Vatican Letter on page 15.

Susan Steibe-Pasalich named to National Review Board

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — The director of the University of Notre Dame Counseling Center has been named to the National Review Board of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Susan Steibe-Pasalich is one of five new members appointed by Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, president of the USCCB. The National Review Board was established by the U.S. bishops in 2002 to collaborate with them in preventing sexual abuse of minors by persons serving the church.

Steibe-Pasalich is a licensed clinical psychologist with a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. A native of Baltimore, she received her undergraduate degree from The Catholic University of America. She joined Notre Dame's counseling center as a staff

psychologist in 1982. In 1990 she became assistant director and has been director since 2003. She also is a concurrent assistant professor in the psychology department.

Since 1992, Steibe-Pasalich has been a consultant to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, doing psychological evaluations of candidates for the seminary and making recommendations to Father Bernard Galic, the diocesan director of vocations.

"I really feel I'm part of the vocations office," she told *Today's Catholic*.

She has acted in a similar capacity for



Susan Steibe-Pasalich

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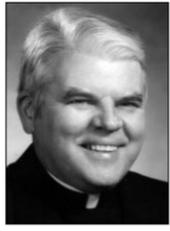
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June devotions celebrate Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Two feasts coming

There are before us two feasts, which have always appealed to me. We have the feast of Corpus Christi and the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Both came later in the church. Corpus Christi is said to have begun at the Cathedral in Orvieto, a town on a hillside in Italy, which I once had the privilege of visiting. There is a famous Corpus Christi procession there every year. The recent increase in the devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is certainly the work of the Holy Spirit. I have often said that I wonder if I would be a priest except for devotion to the Blessed Sacrament when I was a young boy and later in the seminary.

Pope John Paul II and now Pope Benedict XVI makes clear in his recent post-synodal apostolic exhortation, "Sacramentum Caritatis" ("The Sacrament of Charity"), the importance of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. In a little book Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now Benedict XVI) wrote entitled "Milestones," which is a kind of biography written up until the time he came to Rome to serve in the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he speaks of the time he spent in the seminary — just after World War II — and of many hours of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

I am grateful for those parishes like Corpus Christi, South Bend; St. John, Fort Wayne; St. Jude, Fort Wayne; and Immaculate Conception, Auburn; which have extended periods of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Jude's has had eucharistic adoration around the clock for over 20 years.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart

I have been reading Pope Benedict's new book, "Jesus of Nazareth." I find it enriching. His goal, he says, is to help people contemplate the face of Christ. This was a great theme of Pope John Paul II. Interestingly, this is also the theme of our 150th anniversary.

Over the years, ordinary people, priests, religious and laity have found themselves drawn to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The feast of the Sacred Heart comes out of such hunger. In Jesus Christ there is a heart full of love for mankind. It is a love both human and divine. This devotion fostered strongly over the years by the Society of Jesus, received great impetus from St. Margaret Mary, a devout religious in Paris; and from her personal experiences with Christ. From her writing came such things as the First Friday devotions, novenas to the Sacred Heart and the enthronement in the home of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Above all, the devotion to the Sacred Heart is an invitation to a personal relationship with someone who loves us. "Behold

this heart, which has so loved mankind." I recall at Our Lady of Presentation Parish, the Novena to the Sacred Heart every Friday night. During war time it was packed, and even after the war, there were large crowds. I always found it consoling. Any day is a good day to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, but the feast of the Sacred Heart would be a perfect day to spend time in prayer and adoration.

A special Saturday

On Saturday, June 2, it will be my pleasure to ordain two men to the diaconate. This will give us four deacons in the diocese, who are studying to be priests. One to be ordained will be Andrew Curry, a parishioner of Holy Family, South Bend. Drew, as most people call him, is a graduate of Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend. He later attended Franciscan University of Steubenville, and after that taught one year and coached basketball at Bishop Dwenger High School. Drew is one of three children, and his parents are Paul and Deborah Curry.

The other man to be ordained a deacon is Kevin Bauman, who is a parishioner of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend. Kevin is a little older and taught Spanish and modern languages at the University of Notre Dame, where he served as chair of the Department of Romance Language. He also is a graduate of Saint Joseph's High and Notre Dame. He is one of five children. His dad is Michael, and his mother, Rosemary, died some years ago.

They will be given assignments for this summer to serve in one of our parishes and will return to the Pontifical College Josephinum to complete their studies in the year to come.

A special invitation

I am grateful to Father Adam Schmitt, who on May 25, celebrated 50 years to the day of his ordination to the holy priesthood. A large number of priests concelebrated with him, along with Father Dan Leeuw, who is also a golden jubilarian. The Mass was held at St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne. It was my privilege to speak on the holy priesthood.

Father Adam has had the great gift of seeing his nephew, Father Anthony Steinacker, ordained to the priesthood.

Special time for high schools

I have recently celebrated baccalaureate Masses and preached at Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers and am now preparing homilies for Marian and Saint Joseph's High. I sensed from the beginning of my time here the importance of these four schools, all of which have begun or are contemplating building projects. So, it was a joy to go over to Bishop Luers recently and break a window to launch their next phase. Bishop Luers is an important school for many reasons. It is in a lower economic area, and has greater diversity with many African-American and Hispanic students. Congratulations to the Bishop Luers family for raising \$3 million in pledges and for beginning some major work on its infrastructure. I broke the window with no side effects.

Pentecost: A special feast

I was off on a rainy Saturday to give the sacrament of confirmation to 72 adults at St. Matthew Cathedral. Everyone tells me I should get a driver. It is not easy when you go to South Bend with the intention of staying there for three or four days, which is usually the case and is true this week also. However, since I was up and down the same day, I had our worthy diocesan master of ceremonies, Jim Fitzpatrick, and interim director of our Office of Worship do the driving. Jim, along with 12 others, has begun a course toward the diaconate. This is the first class for the permanent diaconate in our diocese in the last 25 years.

After ordaining 72 in a packed St. Matthew Parish, we were on the way home, with a short but delightful visit to a local Burger King, where I had the original chicken sandwich, along with a small cheesecake. (It is Pentecost, after all.) Then back to Fort Wayne. On Sunday, confirmation for 45 more at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Our coming retreat

On Monday, I will join our priests for our annual retreat. This year, we will hold it at Oakwood Pastoral Center in Syracuse. For many years we have held the retreat for our priests at Notre Dame, which is always so special with the grotto of the Blessed Mother and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and where our priests are very much at home. There is an Olympic-size pool for a chance for a swim. However, we do stay in a student residence, and while they give us one of the modern ones, the facilities at Oakwood are more comfortable, especially for those of us who are a bit older.

The main thing in the retreat is prayer. We will, of course, have a room with the Blessed Sacrament reserved. Our retreat master will be Father Jim Steffes. Father Jim is the rector of St. Mary's Seminary in Minnesota, where our college-age seminarians study. He is an exemplary priest. I know he will help us.

After it is over, we will have a vote among our priests as to which they prefer — Oakwood or Notre Dame.

I will be praying for all of you while on retreat. Please pray for our priests. In some parishes, you may have to have a simple Communion service in the morning for those who attend daily Mass, but it is very important to have our entire presbyterate, or at least a great majority, on retreat together.

The road to the World Series continues. Three straight over Texas. Twelve and a half ahead of the Yankees. I suppose I should feel some compassion for the Yankees, but alas, it is not possible. Too many painful memories. See you all next week.

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thrives for another, at least, 50 years. Our goal is to reduce operating costs and to improve our learning environment."

Discussing the renovations, she added, "We will replace our current boiler system. We will install a new up-to-date heating and cooling system, and this phase will also include new lighting in our gymnasium and new lighting in all of the hallways."

The first phase of the project was a \$3 million pledge campaign. Already, the school has installed a lift to make the second story handicap accessible.

Faith in Our Future capital campaign coordinators Jason Draper, a teacher at the school, and Keith Poulter, assistant principal, told *Today's Catholic* that \$1.5 million of the \$3 million pledged has already been received and puts the renovation project about eight months ahead of schedule. Poulter is very optimistic that the school will be able to launch into the second phase of the capital drive, which includes an auxiliary gymnasium-multipurpose room.

"This project has the specific goal of making our classrooms more comfortable for the students, making the hallways brighter and more welcoming, and reducing our energy costs. We're expecting significant cost reductions," said Keefer.

"We're very proud of this school. We love it," Bishop D'Arcy told the students before the opening prayer. "We're very proud of its academic, athletic and cultural accomplishments, and this proves that the best days for Bishop Luers are still ahead of us."

The bishop presented a check of \$65,000 from the high school endowment, which will be used for tuition.

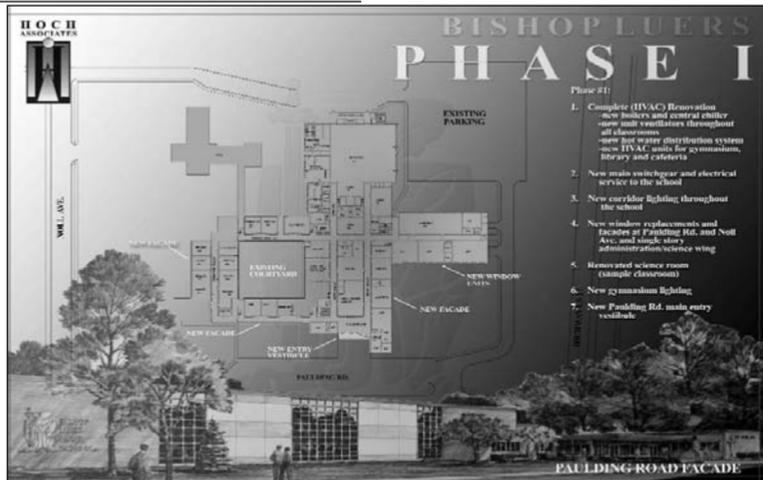
Before donning the safety glasses and gloves to break the window, Bishop D'Arcy invited Msgr. Lester to say a few words. "Fifty years ago we did this very thing — that is in 1957," Msgr. Lester said. "We opened the school in '58, but we did groundbreaking in 1957, just 50 years from around this very time. So we are so pleased to see what has happened in 50 years."

"Now the school got a little older, but I never did," joked Msgr. Lester. "I am happy to be with you all here today and to see this marvelous improvement. It fits well for the future of Bishop Luers High School, and we'll all be here to help you and aid you in any way we can. God bless you all."

Several hundred of the school's junior, sophomore and freshmen classes cheered as the window shattered. Students also marked the occasion by releasing 49 red and 49 black balloons (the school colors), one for each of Bishop Luers' 49 years of operation.

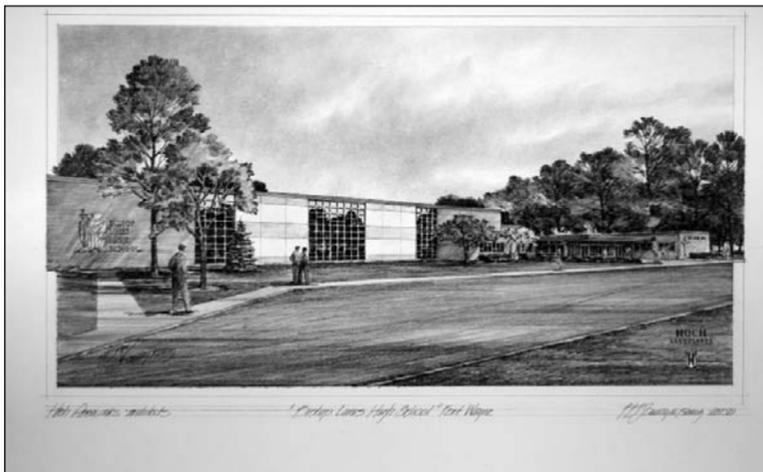
An overview

Contractors will start work as



PROVIDED BY BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

The renderings show the phase I renovations at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne.



soon as possible to begin installation of new classroom ventilators. The units will circulate fresh air, heated or cooled as the season demands. High efficiency boilers and rooftop chillers will keep the classrooms comfortable while reducing energy costs.

New high-efficiency lighting will be installed in the corridors and gymnasium. A total renovation of classroom lighting is planned for a later phase of renovation.

The most visible changes will be a new main entry on Paulding Road, and a facelift for the two-

story classroom complex on Paulding Road and Noll Avenue. The existing single-pane windows on Paulding Road and Noll Avenue will be replaced with modern, energy-efficient glazing. The building façade will be updated to reduce heat loss. The single story administrative-science wing will also receive updated window systems.

But when students return to classes late in the summer, they probably won't enjoy the new air conditioning. Construction is expected through the 2007-2008 school year.



TIM JOHNSON

Bishop John M. D'Arcy welcomed Msgr. J. William Lester to say a few words at the renovation ceremony at Bishop Luers High School. Msgr. Lester presented the study to Bishop Noll for the need for another Catholic high school in Fort Wayne.

Msgr. J. William Lester's historical role in Luers

Fifty years ago, Msgr. Lester was the principal of Central Catholic High School, which was outgrowing its building. With the Gary Diocese breaking off from Fort Wayne in 1957 and the superintendent going with that diocese, Msgr. Lester was asked to be superintendent of the Fort Wayne diocese. He was present at the Luers groundbreaking 50 years ago and easily recognized in the historical photos on display at the ceremony.

Msgr. Lester, when principal of Central Catholic, had conducted a study looking into baptismal

certificates and following those students through Catholic schools. He presented his findings to Bishop John Francis Noll on Bishop's Island at Sylvania Lake, at which Bishop Noll responded, "Well, we'll just have to build another school."

Msgr. Lester arranged for the Franciscan orders — the sister, priests and brothers — to staff the school and to take charge of nearby St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne as a mission. The Franciscans held a presence at Bishop Luers through the 1980s.

Collection supports church communications

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last weekend we celebrated the great feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon Christ's disciples and gave them the gift of preaching the Gospel in languages that each of their listeners could understand. This challenge to bring the message of Christ to every person in a way that he or she can understand has marked the mission of the church ever since.

In our own time, the field of modern communications offers us both new opportunities for evangelization and new challenges to our life of faith. For this reason, the bishops of the United States established the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) to fund media projects that bring the church's message to the men and women of our time through radio, print, video, television and the Internet. The money raised in this national collection also underwrites CCC's award-winning documentaries and its Spanish radio announcements that reach over 28 million Hispanics.

More than 50 stations now air Catholic Radio Weekly, and CCC's Web site, www.usccb.org/cc, features useful resources such as MassTimes, a database of liturgy schedules for 23,000 parishes and mission churches and reviews of movies and videos.

This weekend, June 2-3, we will have an opportunity to support the church's efforts to spread the message of Christ among the men and women of our time and place through the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Although this is a nationwide collection, 50 percent of the money we raise will remain right here in our own diocese to help support our televised Sunday Mass, *Today's Catholic* and our diocesan Office of Communications. I am always grateful for your generosity in helping to bring the message of Christ to more people in our country and our diocese through the field of modern communications.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

Pope says colonization brought injustices, opened way for Gospel

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said the colonization of the Americas brought injustices and sufferings to the native peoples, but it also opened the way to the proclamation of the Gospel and a unique "dialogue of faith and culture."

The pope used his May 23 general audience to review what he called his "unforgettable" May 9-13 visit to Brazil. With the sun beating down on St. Peter's Square, before going to greet people in the crowd, the pope donned a "galero," a wide-brimmed red straw hat.

"My trip first of all had the value of being an act of praise to God for the marvels worked among the peoples of Latin America, for the faith that has animated their lives and cultures for more than 500 years," he said.

The pope said the Catholic faith has and continues to be part of the living history of the Latin American peoples as seen in their "popular piety and art in dialogue with the rich pre-Columbian traditions and then with the multiple influences of Europe and the other continents."

Pope Benedict said that in remembering the continent's history, "one cannot ignore the shadows that accompanied the work of

the evangelization of the Latin American continent."

"It is not possible, in fact, to forget the sufferings and injustices inflicted by the colonizers on the indigenous populations whose human and basic rights often were trampled," he said.

Pope Benedict's comments at the audience appeared to be a response to some criticisms raised over his remarks in Brazil that the Catholic faith was not imposed on the indigenous peoples.

At his audience, the pope said, "the obligatory mention of the unjustifiable crimes" committed against the continent's indigenous peoples, "crimes that even then were denounced by missionaries like (Dominican Father) Bartolome de las Casas" must not prevent people from giving thanks for "the marvelous work carried out by divine grace among those peoples over the course of the centuries."

The Gospel and the local cultures, he said, came together in a "dynamic synthesis" that now forms "the identity of the Latin American people."

Pope Benedict said that in the era of globalization "this Catholic identity presents itself as the most appropriate response, if it is animated by a serious spiritual formation and the principles of the social doctrine of the church."

Mexican Bishop Flores Calzada visits area Hispanic communities

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — A special visitor from Mexico arrived last week to the delight of many Hispanic Catholics within the diocese. Luis Artemio Flores Calzada, bishop of Valle De Chalco, Mexico, spent an extended and very busy weekend visiting Father Manuel Evangelista, the Hispanic communities and parishes in the diocese and Bishop John M. D'Arcy as well. Translators were on hand at each event, including Enid Roman-De Jesus, coordinator of the Office of Hispanic Ministries.

Bishop D'Arcy and Bishop Calzada have collaborated in the past on the issue of the shortage of priests in this diocese. Three years ago, Father Manuel Evangelista, whose cousin, Father Constantino Rocha, is currently associate pastor at St. John the Evangelist in Goshen, was asked to serve in Fort Wayne at St. Patrick Parish. He has since been assigned as associate pastor of St. Michael, Plymouth, and St. Dominic in Bremen, where he ministers to the Hispanic community.

The Mexican bishop arrived in Plymouth and was warmed by the welcome he received saying, "The people were incredible to me. They were very hospitable to me."

The heart of his trip was centered on getting to know the people his Latin American priest, Father Evangelista, shepherds. "I came to know the different communities here and celebrate Mass with them," he said.

His first event on Saturday was celebrating Mass in Plymouth for the St. Michael first holy communions. He was pleased to work alongside Father Bill Kummer, pastor of St. Michael, saying, "Father Kummer participated with much joy and was very hospitable." That afternoon Bishop Calzada traveled to Goshen where he celebrated another Mass at St. Dominic Parish.

Of Father Evangelista's pastoral work there the bishop said, "They told me everything good about his work. My impression is that the people, especially Hispanics and Mexicans, are appreciative when they have a priest who speaks their language and comes from their culture."

The bishop said he was pleased that so many people came to the Masses he celebrated. "So many families came together, so many young people ... and they took part in the liturgy and the party afterwards as well."

The parish community in Plymouth hosted a "fiesta" for the visiting bishop with culinary delights including chicken dishes, salads and fruit. "They were very



KAY COZAD

Hispanic Catholics within the diocese were visited last week by Luis Artemio Flores Calzada, bishop of Valle De Chalco, Mexico. He is shown at a private Mass at MacDougall Chapel May 22.

happy," Bishop Calzada said, smiling. "I was happy to be with them, as if we were in Mexico."

Saturday evening found the bishop snugly tucked in the Warsaw area where he would continue his whirlwind tour the fol-

lowing day.

The congregation of Our Lady of Guadalupe, along with Father Paul Bueter, pastor there, gathered to celebrate Sunday morning Mass with their esteemed visitor. Of the church and shrine the Mexican bishop said, "It is very beautiful. But most important is the community there who worship." Following the Mass, the bishop was delighted to share a meal with those parishioners.

The bishop was also able to tour the Notre Dame campus later that day and said of the visit, "I was very impressed with the Catholic university where they prepare professionals. The basilica was impressive and part of the university. You don't see that in Mexico. It (religion and education) is separate."

Monday, the bishop found himself in Fort Wayne where he and Bishop D'Arcy had "an important encounter" concelebrating Mass in the chapel of Bishop D'Arcy's home.

Following lunch the two shepherds spoke of pastoral work within the diocese and the "devotion of Bishop D'Arcy to serve all people, especially the Spanish community." Bishop Calzada reported that Bishop D'Arcy is "happy to know Father Evangelista and the way he works with the Hispanic community." After capturing the meeting on camera, Bishop D'Arcy presented

his visitor with Pope Benedict's new book, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Over a dozen Hispanic members of St. Patrick, Fort Wayne, St. Michael, Plymouth, and St. Dominic, Bremen, met with the bishop for dinner at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center Monday evening where they shared their stories of immigration and struggle.

Bishop Calzada believes it is important to have a relationship with other dioceses, to serve the Hispanic community.

"There is a big need," he reported. "I believe the church is one. We have to collaborate since the diocese welcomes immigrants here."

Of immigration he said from the heart, "Every immigrant looks for a better life when they begin their journey. They are not criminals or illegal. The world belongs to everyone. Wherever you go, one should give the good to the place where one arrives."

Bishop Flores Calzada returned to Mexico on Tuesday, following the celebration of a private Mass in MacDougall Chapel, taking with him "a good impression of the whole diocese and the experience."

He added that "the geographic area is a beautiful place and the diocese is blessed by the pastor (Bishop D'Arcy) who worries about the Catholics he serves, whatever their nationality."

Bishop Wenski testifies on immigration reform before House panel

BY ANDREA SLIVKA

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The problem that must be solved by immigration reform "is not the immigrants" but "the broken system," the former chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration told a House subcommittee.

In testimony May 22 before the House Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, Bishop Thomas G. Wenski of Orlando, Fla., urged lawmakers to produce legislation that would reform the current immigration system and respect the dignity and rights of immigrants and migrant workers.

He spoke on behalf of the U.S. bishops about comprehensive immigration reform, joining representatives of other religious denominations in giving testimony to the subcommittee.

Before the hearing, Bishop Wenski told Catholic News Service that one of the most important aspects of immigration

reform is to ensure that policies would help unite families and not divide them.

He expressed concern in his testimony that the current Senate bill would separate families by replacing the family preference system with a merit-based system and by capping the number of visas for parents of U.S. citizens.

"From the church perspective, a family member from Central America, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean or elsewhere could well offer the country as much as a computer software engineer," he said. "We should not abandon family unity as the cornerstone of our immigration system."

He also encouraged lawmakers to reconsider the temporary worker program, the reconfiguration of the legal immigrant system and the legalization program in the Senate bill.

On May 23, senators passed an amendment to the bill to reduce the number of temporary workers from 400,000 to 200,000.

Bishop Wenski said the temporary worker program would

create an "underclass of workers in our society who are easily exploitable and without full rights and privileges in the society." In addition, the bishops believe requiring workers to return home for a full year every two years could encourage some to remain illegally.

Instead of the temporary worker program, Bishop Wenski proposed elements of a "new worker visa program" agreed on by both U.S. and Mexican bishops as ways to safeguard the rights of migrant workers.

Bishop Wenski said a new worker program should require migrant workers to be given the same wage levels, benefits and worker protections that other workers are granted.

He also said the workers should be able to sue in federal court for violation of their rights and should be able to earn permanent residency over time.

As part of comprehensive immigration reform, the bishops also believe an earned legalization program for the 12 million undocumented workers is neces-

sary and would benefit national security by creating an opportunity to identify those living in the country illegally.

On the West Coast, the church also is taking action to encourage lawmakers to support fair and just immigration reform.

On May 29, Auxiliary Bishop Ignatius Wang of San Francisco and Auxiliary Bishop Oscar A. Solis of Los Angeles were to deliver 45,000 petitions to the California offices of U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., in addition to 5,000 petitions previously delivered to the senator.

Before the hearing, Bishop Wenski dismissed the idea that the church is involved in the immigration debate to gain more members, as political pundit Bill O'Reilly had suggested in light of the fact that many Hispanics are Catholic.

"We're involved in this issue because it touches human lives and that's what the church cares about — human beings and their souls," the bishop said.

The church has a strong interest in the current immigration debate because of its history of assisting immigrants and its

social teaching, Bishop Wenski said.

"As providers of pastoral and social services to immigrants throughout the nation, we in the Catholic Church witness the human consequences of a broken immigration system every day in our parishes, social service programs, hospitals and schools," he said. The church sees divided families and exploited workers under the current system, he added.

In the past 100 years, the Catholic Church has developed a body of teachings on migration, the bishop said.

"Pope John Paul II stated that there is a need to balance the rights of nations to control their borders with basic human rights, including the right to work," Bishop Wenski testified.

At the end of the hearing, members of the subcommittee acknowledged that faith communities have a role to play in the debate because of the close ties between churches and immigrants.

"For me it is very important to hear from the faith community as we go through this debate," said Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn.

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the Congregation of Holy Cross since first coming to Notre Dame, and also serves on Notre Dame's Student-Athlete Drug Testing Committee, the Committee for Academic and Student Life and the University Wellness Committee.

Steibe-Pasalich also has been a member of the diocesan Lay Review and Advisory Board for the Protection of Children and Young People since its inception in 2002. That board advises Bishop John M. D'Arcy by reviewing cases and making recommendations for providing a safe environment in church-affiliated venues and programs. Bishop D'Arcy is chairman of the diocesan board.

"It is a wonderful board with brilliant people who are committed Catholics, who take their role seriously and offer great advice," Steibe-Pasalich said, endorsing the wisdom of tapping into the knowledge and experience of lay experts.

Her role on the National Review Board will be different, she explained, because the national board does not deal with specific cases. Rather, the national board provides policy advice to the USCCB and approves reports on implementing the 2002 Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in every diocese.

The national board also commissions studies that have to do with sexual abuse. The first study was on the nature and scope of the sexual abuse problem in the church. The second study deals with causes and context. Referring

to the second study, Steibe-Pasalich explained that "It's an exciting time for me to be on the board as a psychologist," because psychologists study behavior, causes and treatment.

The other new members joining the National Review Board are: Judge Michael R. Merz of Dayton, Ohio, who will be the new chair; Dr. Emmet M. Kenney, Jr., a psychiatrist in Fargo, N.D.; Diane M. Knight, a social services professional who recently retired as executive director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee; Judge Robert C. Kohm, a justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York; and Dr. José Santiago, a psychiatrist who is senior vice president and chief medical officer of the Carondelet Health Network in Tucson, Ariz.

The National Board Members all are appointed by and report to Bishop Skylstad, president of the NCCB. They serve a three-year term and meet as a board five times a year. Their service is voluntary.

Steibe-Pasalich's service on the diocesan review board also is uncompensated financially, but is rewarding in other ways, she told *Today's Catholic*. She said that her experience on the diocesan review board had been "wonderful" because of the high quality of the other members of the board and because Bishop John M. D'Arcy listens well and takes the board's advice into account when he makes decisions.

Steibe-Pasalich is married to Dan Pasalich, a financial consultant for Wells Fargo Bank. They are the parents of one child, Danielle, who is a fifth grader at Stanley Clark School in South Bend. The family belongs to St. Joseph Parish, South Bend.

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. Blaize 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 for-

mation in sexual morality." Accompanying the work group's report were two assessments of the task force's critique: one by moral theologian John S. Grabowski of The Catholic University of America in Washington, the other by sociologist David Finkelhor, director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire.

"Dr. Finkelhor indicated that while the evidence of effectiveness (of such safety training) is far from conclusive it does suggest that school-based prevention education programs are worth implementing as a component of a more comprehensive strategy to prevent the sexual abuse of children," the report said.

"A study conducted in 1995 by Dr. Finkelhor failed to find that children with prior exposure to prevention programs had fewer subsequent victimizations," it added. "However, the study indicated that exposure to prevention education increased the likelihood that children would disclose, resulting in termination or shorter duration of the abuse, mobilization of assistance, reduction in isolation and the children seeing that they had successfully protected themselves. Exposure to prevention training also decreased the likelihood that children would blame themselves."

Grabowski pointed out that the task force paper was selective in its treatment of church teaching on parental rights in education and not clear enough about the role the church attributes to educators in assisting parents in that task.

The work group's 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.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH HOLDS 'TOPPING OFF' CEREMONY



KATHY DENICE

Father Jim Shafer, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, Father Bernard Ramenaden, assistant pastor, and the schoolchildren of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton joined the workers from Weigand Construction May 14 for the "topping off" celebration of their new parish activities center. In large building construction, topping off is the placement of the piece of the structure that will form the highest elevation. In keeping with this Scandinavian practice, an evergreen to symbolize life and the American flag to symbolize patriotism was placed on the steel structure.



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The challenge: Does seven days on food stamps make one weak?

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It's one thing to walk in somebody else's shoes. It's another thing to live in somebody else's pantry — for an entire week. Yet that's just what four members of Congress did in mid-May. Reps. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., and JoAnn Emerson, R-Mo., co-chairs of the Congressional Hunger Caucus, issued the "Food Stamp Challenge" to their colleagues in both the House and the Senate to do what millions of Americans are expected to do each week: live off the groceries purchased with food stamps. For a single person, that comes to \$21 — one dollar for each meal, each day. Only two members in the House, Reps. Tim Ryan, D-Ohio, and Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., took up the challenge; McGovern and Emerson, having issued the challenge, did so as well. The challenge showed how far \$21 of groceries go today. The answer: Not very. For Ryan, a Catholic, "the real lesson is not that you can't get food or not enough food, but it's the kind of food you eat," he told Catholic News Service. Ryan's menu for the week consisted largely of angel-hair pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly, wheat bread, cornmeal and cottage cheese.

Report on children's welfare highlight familiar problem

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., hosted a national summit on child welfare, she shined a light on a problem that is all too familiar to officials of Catholic Charities USA. "The numbers are moving in the wrong direction," said Desmond Brown, director of health and welfare policy at Catholic Charities USA, about a new report released by the National Center for Children in Poverty to coincide with the summit. The report said 42 percent of U.S. children under the age of 6 — roughly 10 million — are vulnerable to poor health and substandard education, largely as a result of poverty and economic hardships. "We have gathered today to begin what will be a long-term conversation, and to signal our deep commitment to caring for our children and creating a prosperous future for them and for our entire nation," Pelosi said at the May 22 summit in Washington, attended by academic and policy leaders who spoke about the state of early childhood development in the U.S.

Kansas diocese marks Rural Life Day with Mass, talk on resources

SALINA, Kan. (CNS) — Convincing Americans how to be better stewards of their natural resources has been a 30-year quest for the Land Institute of Salina. "We need to turn things around right away," Ken Warren, the institute's managing director, told members of the Salina Diocese's Rural Life Commission at Rural Life Day activities coinciding with the May 15 feast of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers and rural commu-

VOLUNTEERS CONSTRUCT WHEELCHAIR RAMP



CNS PHOTO/MALEA HARGETT, ARKANSAS CATHOLIC

A group of retired telephone employees called the Southwestern Bell Pioneers construct a wooden wheelchair ramp by the front door of Father Udochukwu "Udo" Vincent Ogbuji's new home in Little Rock, Ark. Parishioners at Christ the King Church in Little Rock helped renovate the house in less than two weeks for the Nigerian-born priest, who suffered paralysis following a car wreck.

nities. The day concluded with a Mass celebrated by Salina Bishop Paul S. Coakley at Immaculate Conception Church in Solomon. Warren said the best description he's read of what the Land Institute does is promoting "nothing less than the overthrow of agriculture as we know it." He was quick to say, however, that the institute does not disparage farmers. "It's a problem of agriculture," he said. "We've had it wrong for a long time." What institute founder Wes Jackson and his staff want to do is reverse the depletion of soil, water, oil, minerals and air.

Pope supports Italian bishops' promotion of pro-family policies

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI gave his full support to the Italian bishops' efforts to promote public policies aimed at helping the traditional family. Addressing the annual meeting of the Italian bishops' conference May 24, Pope Benedict said the bishops' pro-family initiatives were "in full agreement with the constant teaching of the Apostolic See." The bishops have been criticized by some for "interfering" in Italian politics, and the president of the bishops' conference, Archbishop Angelo Bagnasco of Genoa, has been given a police escort after receiving death threats. Pope Benedict told the bishops that while the church respects the separation of church and state "we cannot help concerning ourselves with that which is good" for the person, created in the image of God, and for society. The

gathering of some 1 million people in Rome May 12 to celebrate the traditional family and call for family-friendly policies confirmed the fact that Italians still believe in the family, the pope said.

Woman charged with stealing \$525,000 from girls' Catholic high school

CLEVELAND (CNS) — Colleen Kempf of Olmsted Falls has been charged with stealing \$525,000 from St. Joseph Academy, an all-girls Catholic high school in Cleveland where she worked until last fall. Kempf, 46, was charged with one count of theft and arraigned May 15 before Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Joseph D. Russo. Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis, St. Joseph Academy president, said the charges came about after the school's director of finance, Moira McGreer, discovered irregularities in financial records last fall. The school immediately called in fraud examiners who worked with school officials. During the investigation Kempf admitted altering the ledgers, but at the time of arraignment it was not known whether she would face trial or reach a plea agreement. If found guilty, she could face up to five years in prison. St. Joseph Academy, founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1890, has 660 students. Kempf graduated from the academy in 1978 and sent her own daughters there as well.

Pope names North Americans to two Vatican offices

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named several North Americans as members of two Vatican offices. He named Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien, head of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services, to be a member of the Congregation for Catholic Education. The congregation includes responsibility for Catholic seminaries, and Archbishop O'Brien is the former rector of the Pontifical North American College, the U.S. seminary in Rome. Among other members of the congregation named May 24 were U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet of Quebec. Also May 24, the Vatican announced a married couple as new members of the Pontifical Council for the Family: Carl A. and Dorian Anderson of Madison, Conn. Carl Anderson is the supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life.

Vatican official tells U.N. world must boost funds for AIDS drugs

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — The world community needs to boost its funding for providing antiretroviral drugs to people with HIV in poor countries, a top Vatican official told the U.N. General Assembly May

22. Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Vatican nuncio at the United Nations, said the apparently huge amount of money needed to bring life-saving drugs to those who cannot afford them would average out to "only \$3 to \$4 per person on the planet." The fact that only 28 percent of the 7.1 million people get the antiretroviral treatment they need "represents a sorrowful ratio," he said. Archbishop Migliore spoke during the 61st session of the U.N. General Assembly, which met to follow up on the "Implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS." In 2001, governments pledged to help provide universal access to HIV prevention programs, treatment, care and support by 2010.

Iraqi bishop says kidnapped priest returned unharmed

ROME (CNS) — After three days in the hands of kidnapers, an Iraqi Chaldean Catholic priest was released shaken, but healthy, a Rome-based missionary news agency reported. Father Nawzat Hanna, a pastor in Baghdad's Baladiyah neighborhood, was released late May 21. He had been visiting a sick parishioner May 19 when he was seized by a group of men who apparently had been waiting for him. Chaldean Auxiliary Bishop Shlemon Warduni of Baghdad told AsiaNews that he had been given the location of "a place in the city" where he would find the priest at about 9:30 p.m. May 21. "When he saw me, Father Nawzat embraced me tightly, cried and was very shaken; then he thanked everyone who had prayed for him," Bishop Warduni said. Speaking May 22, the bishop said, "I hope he has the courage to continue serving the church in Iraq. His family already has moved abroad, but he had chosen to remain here, to remain at the side of his faithful." The AsiaNews report did not say what finally led to the priest's release.

South African bishop discusses finding Jesus in HIV/AIDS care

KAMPALA, Uganda (CNS) — Although no easy answers can be found in the suffering of people affected by HIV/AIDS, God is with them and their caregivers, said a South African bishop. "There are no easy answers to the suffering of the people, and those who tell the poor and the sick that there is a cure are hiding the truth," said Bishop Kevin Dowling of Rustenburg, South Africa. "But the truth is that God is with us in all these suffering (people). I am not a specialist in HIV/AIDS, but I am simply sharing my story — the story of my people," Bishop Dowling said during a series of talks on HIV/AIDS care sponsored by Hospice Africa in Uganda, a home-care organization. "I want to share with you how I have found the God of love in this ministry, because I truly believe God is with us to help us do his work." Jesus did not come to explain away suffering and did not tell people there is no suffering, said the bishop, but he wanted to feel people's suffering.

Diocesan seminarians receive degrees at Josephinum

COLUMBUS, Ohio — "Each of you has played a unique role in making the Josephinum what it is today," said Rector and President Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, STD, to the 2007 graduating class of the Pontifical College Josephinum at the seminary's 108th baccalaureate Mass and commencement exercises on May 12.

More than 30 students from 17 different dioceses were awarded degrees from one of the school's three programs of formation for the Catholic priesthood: the College of Liberal Arts, Pre-Theology Program and School of Theology.

The morning of celebration began with baccalaureate Mass in St. Turibius Chapel with Auxiliary Bishop Earl Boyea of Detroit and former Josephinum rector (2000-2002), as principal celebrant and homilist.

Bishop Boyea focused much of his homily on the concept of time — past, present and future. "From day to day, the church changes," he said. "Our life changes — sometimes for better, sometimes for worse. But through it all, the Lord is the Lord of all times." The bishop urged the graduates to avoid dwelling on the past — either in regret or nostalgia — to the point where it detains one from moving forward. He advised the seminarians to avoid the temptation to focus on the future and the ambition that often accompanies it.

"We all want our talents and gifts recognized," he said. "But to focus too much in this area means that we have not really made a gift of our life to the Lord." The key is to remain in the present and to dwell on the time at hand. "We cannot long for the past or yearn for the future. Rather, here and now we listen to the voice of the Lord who calls us. Today is our day to be the sons and daughters we are called to be at this moment."

After a celebratory luncheon, faculty, staff, seminarians and guests assembled in the Msgr. Leonard Fick Auditorium for the commencement exercises. Msgr. Langsfeld acknowledged faculty members.

The awarding of degrees followed: 10 seniors in the College of Liberal Arts received a bachelor of arts; seven pre-theology students earned a bachelor of philosophy while two others in the same program earned a certificate of achievement in philosophical and theological studies.

The degree master of divinity, which signifies completion of the requirements for ordination, was awarded to 17 graduates of the School of Theology, four of whom also earned a master of arts in theology. Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend seminarian Bob Lengerich earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (STB), the first pontifical degrees conferred by the Josephinum since its affiliation with the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome nearly two years ago. Deacon Lengerich and the seminarians who earned master of arts degrees, "achieved a quality of scholarship that sug-

AROUND THE DIOCESE

DECATUR TEACHER HONORED AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR



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At a recent awards presentation, Decatur's St. Joseph middle school science teacher Joe Miller was awarded the Wal-Mart 2007 Teacher of the Year award. Denise Kreischer presented the award on behalf of Wal-Mart with St. Joseph students Nick and Kaylie Dohrman who nominated Miller for the award. Miller is shown holding the award. He also received a \$100 gift card, plaque and shirt, and the school received \$1,000 from Wal-Mart.

gests the ability to do further serious theological work and to make original contributions to the field," said Msgr. Langsfeld.

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 108th commencement was brought to a close with remarks from Msgr. Langsfeld: "As our graduates bid farewell to the Josephinum, they will remain part of the community, united with each other in the Spirit wherever they are. May God who began his good work in them during their years at the Josephinum bring his purpose for them to fulfillment where they may serve him."

Basilica of the Sacred Heart spires removed, redesigned as a precaution

NOTRE DAME — The Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame was closed from May 22-24 to remove three spires from the church's bell tower. The daily 11:30 a.m. Mass was moved to the basilica's crypt during the project.

The work was done as a precaution after strong winds last May 15 caused a fourth spire to crash to the ground. No one was hurt in that incident.

There were no visible signs of distress to the remaining three spires, according to Notre Dame's architect, Doug Marsh, but univer-

sity officials decided to be proactively cautious and remove them. A cap was placed over the bases of the spires to seal off water.

Marsh said all of the spires will be reinstalled after engineers redesign them. No time frame or cost estimates are available at this time.

Saint Joseph's fed team goes to national challenge

SOUTH BEND — The Saint Joseph's High School Fed Challenge team has been on top during 2007 with a win at the State Championship, the Regional Competition in Chicago and their recent achievement of being in the final four at the Fed Challenge, a national economics challenge in Washington, D.C.

"I believe the success of this year's team is their preparation for the Q-and-A portion of the competition. The team reads the research and analysis, has a command of the current topics of discussion at the fed and are motivated to read more in preparation for the national competition at the Board of Governors. Their teamwork also plays a role in their success; they alert each other to articles that fit another person's expertise. Their teamwork during the Q-and-A is also another reason for their success," said Julie Chismar who coaches the team at Saint Joseph's

High School along with English teacher Phil DePauw.

Fed Challenge is a national program where high schools and colleges field teams to debate monetary policy. This was the school's third trip to nationals since it formed a team in 1999. For the competition, students make a presentation on the U.S. economy, followed by a monetary policy recommendation. Then they have to field questions from the experts, who are usually officials from the Federal Reserve and help to write the policy the students are debating.

"The Fed Challenge program requires the students of macroeconomics to apply the theory they learn in the textbook to the current economy. All students in the macro class study the current economy in preparation for their Fed Challenge presentation. The presentation requires teams of students to forecast economic growth, inflation, and to identify the risks and imbalances in the current economy. The students make a recommendation for short-term interest rates based on their analysis of the current economy," said Chismar. "Enrollment in AP Macroeconomics has more than doubled since the introduction of the Fed Challenge program. The 'dismal' science comes alive as students use the same economic indicators used by the Federal Reserve in assessing the current state of the economy for their pre-

sentations to university economists at the end of the semester. In addition, the conversations of these high school students change. They talk about inflation, the CPI, personal consumption expenditures deflator, the yield curve, speeches of Chairman Bernanke and Fed Governors. Students preparing for their Fed Challenge presentation anxiously await the FOMC statement at 2:15 on FOMC meeting days. Most importantly the Fed Challenge creates economic literacy and informed citizens."

The Fed Challenge team for Saint Joseph's High School consists of Zach Stangebye, Matt Pellegrino, Drew Olson, Elise Jordan, Phil Langthorne and Katie Watkins.

Luers students receive scholar-athlete award

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School seniors Robert Handel and Kristen Dirig were recently honored as their school's recipients of the 2007 U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar-Athlete Award.

For more than 25 years, the Army Reserve has recognized high school students nationwide for outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments. Past recipients have included National Merit Scholarship finalists and Olympic competitors.

Robert and Kristen were nominated for this award by guidance director Becky Handel.

A National Honor Society member and academic scholarship winner, Robert Handel has competed in wrestling, football, track, and intramural volleyball, was named a wrestling Academic All-State and ranked as an all-conference athlete. He has also served as a freshman mentor, student ambassador and peer tutor.

Dirig, a National Honor Society member and academic scholarship winner who participated in the Academic Super Bowl and captained the math team, served as girls' track team captain and played on the volleyball team. A student ambassador, freshman mentor and peer tutor, she has also been active in SADD and the World Culture Club.

Saint Joseph's High School update

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend has announced Vinay Patel as the valedictorian of the class of 2007 and Zach Stangebye as salutatorian. Their photos were not available at press time for the May 20, 2007 issue of *Today's Catholic*.



Vinay Patel



Zach Stangebye

Catholic-Christian singer Tatiana makes Fort Wayne tour stop

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — With flawless fair skin, blue eyes and golden blonde hair, the young woman bore an uncanny resemblance to the pop icon Madonna. But unlike her American counterpart, Croatian born superstar Tatiana (Matejas) Cameron left fame, glamour, friends and even family for something larger than herself.

Her story

According to the Web site www.idobelong.com, Tatiana (Tatjana) Matejas was born and raised in Zagreb, Croatia, formerly communist Yugoslavia. Surrounded by music from a young age, the Yugoslavian was singing in her father's band by the time she was four years old. Tatiana's talent and interest led to her admittance into the prestigious Croatian Music Conservatory, where she focused on piano and discovered her love of theatre.

At the tender age of 19, she was discovered and electrified Europe's youth as "Tajci." Soon Tatiana's bubblegum music became synonymous with a new wave of optimism, much like the Beatlemania phenomenon that struck the Western world three decades prior, according to her Web site.

Before long Tajci's records achieved platinum and diamond status and Tajci dolls and photos in magazines were ubiquitous. But sadly this newfound fame and "dream come true" only left her empty inside. Something was missing her in life — that something was God.

As a pop icon, many looked to her for answers to the nation's problems, but Tatiana had none to



PROVIDED BY TATIANA

European pop singer, now Christian performer Tatiana recently made tour stops at St. Joseph's Church, Garrett, and in Fort Wayne at Most Precious Blood and St. Charles Borromeo.

offer. Then much to the surprise to her family and fans, the 21 year old left it all to come to the United States hoping to find some answers.

Once in Los Angeles, the former star changed her name and image, studied English and worked modest jobs to make ends meet. It was in this time of quiet contemplation that she was inspired to compose music and sing about her experiences, according to her story on the Web site.

Life in the America brought her more than just anonymity, but love as well. Her studies at a Carmelite retreat house in Los Angeles led her to meet and marry her future husband Matthew Cameron in 2000. Cameron proved to be a significant source of inspiration, as he encouraged his wife to pursue a

calling in Christian music to share her story of her spiritual healing.

Faith and music

The newly-married couple hit the road in a donated minivan and a zealous quest to share their faith with other Christians in America. Tatiana won the hearts of America — this time not with her good looks and celebrity, but with her striking vocals and moving performances.

One thing's for sure — no matter how large or small the venue, Tatiana brings the same message of faith and energy to her performances. It seems the former pop star has finally found the answers she needed.

In five years' time, the couple crossed the county several times, playing concerts at hundreds of

churches. Notably, Tatiana recently performed in northeast Indiana May 16-18, in Garrett at St. Joseph's Church and in Fort Wayne at Most Precious Blood and St. Charles Borromeo.

Singer, wife and mother

Yet in the midst of her cross-county touring, Tatiana has fulfilled another vocation — becoming a mother. God blessed the couple with three children, Dante, Evan and Blais. The Camerons currently live in Cincinnati, Ohio, when they're not on the road.

Tatiana's biography, sample of her music, as well as merchandise and a concert schedule can be found at her Web site www.idobelong.com

'Let It Be': a review

Tatiana has gained international appeal, as she sings in nine languages. Her faithful calling prompted her to release six albums and a DVD version of an April 2004 concert.

The artist's music is particularly

inspiring around the holy times of Lent and Advent, as two of her albums are dedicated to these themes. However, for everyday listening, I recommend "Let It Be — Mary's Story," a live recording of the artist's musical interpretation of Mary's life as mentioned in the Gospels.

Tatiana's version of "Ave Maria" will send shivers down your spine. With a voice as clear as a bell and flawless Latin, she does this biblical verse justice. Moreover, the singer's dramatic introduction and narration invites listeners to meditate on the song's message.

"Silently," is the beautiful story of Mary's faithfulness at the time of Jesus' crucifixion put into song: "Silently she followed/And quietly she cried/When silently he stumbled/And silently he passed by/."

Overall, the album captures Tatiana's essence as a performer. The Gregorian style music is moving and almost ethereal. If you're looking for more, check out her Web site for her live DVD "I Thirst" — The Crucifixion story.

Stanley Cukrowicz receives Top Hat Award

SOUTH BEND — Stanley Cukrowicz, of St. Jude Catholic Church in South Bend, is the winner of the 2007 Top Hat Award by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County.

Cukrowicz has been a member of the St. Jude Vincentians for 30 years. He has been its secretary, treasurer, pantry manager, call secretary and a home visitor. He has organized fund-raising, food drives and distribution to the needy.

Those who nominated him wrote that he has been the "driving force" in the parish's Vincentian conference, and he has "answered the call — whatever and whenever."

"He has always been quick and positive in responding," wrote another nominator.

The Top Hat Award is given every year to an outstanding Vincentian. The award gets its name from Frederick Ozanam, founder of the worldwide Society of St. Vincent.

Ozanam, like other learned men, wore a top hat when he went out in public. He and other law students at the University of Sorbonne organized to serve the poor and met with them in the tenements.

After receiving the award, Cukrowicz said he got involved

in the society because he "just wanted to do something for someone."

His most memorable moment as a Vincentian happened while bringing food to a family with young children. "There was a little girl, about four years old, and she said 'Look mommy, now we have something to eat.' That makes it all worthwhile," he said.

Cukrowicz is retired from Uniroyal, where he worked for 40 years until 1982 — first as a clerk, then in engineering and lastly in research and development.

The award was given May 20 at the society's annual Family Communion Breakfast, hosted this year by St. Joseph Parish in Mishawaka.

Certificates of appreciation were given to Eva Howard of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Granger and to Joan Richard and Annette Thompson of St. Joseph Parish in Mishawaka.



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ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY 1957 - 2007



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ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH REFLECTS ON

FORT WAYNE — In 1957, the northeast side of Fort Wayne was growing, and Bishop Leo A. Pursley asked Father Edward Hession to establish a new parish named after St. Charles Borromeo. This saint is the patron saint of the clergy, the arts and of learning. The site of the new parish was a cornfield at the corner of Reed and Trier roads. The pastoral assignment was Father Hession's second parish appointment since ordination. While graciously accepting auxiliary requests such as TV Mass host, he remained at St. Charles Borromeo Parish even in retirement until his death in February of last year.

Father Robert Dombrowski was appointed the first assistant at St. Charles followed by Father Walter Bly. Since that time, over 25 priests have served the St. Charles Parish community including: Fathers Victor Lisek, John F. Pfister, Eugene Koers, Richard P. Hire, Barry C. England, William Sullivan, Paul A. Anandam, James A. Schafer, Michael Buescher, Laurence Tippmann, Steven Morrison, James Koons, Stephen Colchin, Timothy Wrozek, Matthew S. Kafka, Patrick Fras, Ronald Ramenaden, Michael Heintz, Polycarp Fernando, Christopher J. Young, John Klimczyk, Gabriel Coelho and Christopher Smith. The pastor of St. Charles is now Msgr. John N. Suelzer with parochial vicars Benedictine Father James Kumbakkeel and Father Tony Steinacker.

Several deacons have also served at the parish and in recent years, many seminarians have had the opportunity to experience parish life at St. Charles Borromeo through short-term, summer assignments.

Father Hession was named the first pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church and witnessed many changes over the years. In January 1958, Humbrecht Associates completed plans for the first church, school and all-purpose room. Michael Kinder & Sons was awarded the building



TODAY'S CATHOLIC ARCHIVE PHOTOS

The original St. Charles Church and school. A new church was built in the mid-1970s to accommodate the substantial growth in the parish.

contract and the project was completed in December 1958. At that time, there were approximately 280 families who belonged to this new church.

Since the new church pews were delayed due to a fire on the shipping deck, parishioners were seated on metal folding chairs for the first Mass, which was on Christmas Day that year. It seemed unfathomable at the time that someday St. Charles Borromeo Church would grow to become one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

On Dec. 28, 1963, a tragic fire did considerable damage to the church and adjoined spaces. The charred cross encased in protective glass at the main entrance of the present church is a reminder of the tragedy. Holy Mass was celebrated at the Memorial Coliseum on that Sunday and continued at Bishop Dwenger High School for several months while the church was being rebuilt.

In March 1969, a new parish was established at Our Lady of Good Hope Church on St. Joe Road. Many members of St.

Charles became parishioners at our Lady of Good Hope once the new parish boundaries were determined.

By the mid 1970s, St. Charles outgrew the original church, and planning began to build a new church, capable of seating 1,400 worshippers. Schenkel and Schultz were the architects, and Weigand Construction Company was the building contractor for the new structure. The first Mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve, 1975 with nearly 2,000 parishioners crowded into the church for Mass.

Music is another form of prayer and worship at a Mass. The St. Charles Borromeo community has been blessed with very talented directors of music and organists over the years including Richard Eykholt, Sue Golembiewski, Katy Carroll Parson, Tom Farwell, Brother Walter Duguay, Thomas McNerney, Paul Crawford, David Simon, Judy Throm, Patricia Usina, Deborah Redon and Jeremy Hoy. Karen Hope is the current director of music and liturgy and Marie Andorfer shares her talents as organist and pianist for liturgical celebrations.

The parish community is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the parish with many activities during the 2007 calendar year. St. Charles Borromeo Church is the 79th parish founded in the diocese and it is noted as "a significant historical event" by parishioners that the parish anniversary coincides with the 2007 Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

St. Charles ministries By giving, we receive

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Borromeo Church is the second largest parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and located on the 17-acre campus at the intersection of Reed and Trier roads in northeast Fort Wayne. By size alone one might view it as a little village within a large city. With over 7,000 registered parishioners, one family might find the vastness of the community to be an avenue that has the capacity to grow and change as their personal and spiritual needs take shape. Another might find the size a bit impersonal and therefore bothersome. Regardless of perspective, the Gospel calls everyone to heed the apostolic life since the harvest is plenty and the laborers are rewarded with eternal life. If one seeks a smaller community within the larger one, one will find it. St. Charles Borromeo has apostolic ministries available to almost every-

one. There are nearly a dozen outreach ministries to assist people in need. One of the outreach ministries is the St. Charles Book Ministry. As coordinator, Tom Auer explains, "St. Charles Book Ministry, located in the north entrance of St.

Charles Church after the later morning Sunday Masses, was established for the convenience of the people of St. Charles and guests of the parish to obtain many books for spiritual growth, Bibles, rosaries, statues, first Communion gifts and many other religious articles." The book ministry also has a number of children's books available.

In keeping with St. Charles Borromeo's care for the poor and needy, the parish also has a number of committees, which address the concerns of those individuals who may be rich in spirit, but short on basic needs. The pro-life committee

fosters a greater respect for life of each person through education, reconciliation, legislative action and communication.

St. Charles supports a ministry within a sister parish, St. Patrick's Clothes Closet and Food Pantry, by providing food, clothing and money to the inner city poor. This is a well-organized ministry spanning over 30 years. Many of today's volunteers worked side by side with the late Virginia Schrantz who operated a mission out of her house for 47 years prior to her death. One volunteer explained, "There's not a lot of meetings in this ministry. Everybody just knows what needs to be done and does it." There might be clothes to sort or food to transport depending on the day and need at the time. The function of this ministry essentially carries on the ministry of the woman affectionately known as "Miss Virginia."

Since St. Charles Borromeo is the patron saint of priests, it would seem only fitting religious vocations and the vocation committee is a focal point of the parish community. The vocation committee meets for one-half hour before daily Mass to silently pray for religious vocations to spring forth from the parish. They also work in conjunction with Our Lady of Good Hope Parish to host a retreat at Lake Wawasee once

a year for male high school students who are open to the possibility of attending the seminary. One of the priests from St. Charles and seminarians from the diocese attend. It is very relaxed, low-key and down-to-earth where young men can enjoy speedboat rides on the lake, a cook-out and the chance to fellowship with others.

As Dave Stevens reflects on the purpose of the vocation committee, he says, "We really want to cultivate an environment of religious vocation awareness at St. Charles." A few from St. Charles Parish have attended the seminary, been ordained to the priesthood or entered a women's religious community.

St. Charles also offers choirs for those with musical ability and interest for all ages, talents and work schedules. Karen Hope, director of music and liturgy, professes, "We are truly blessed to have so many parishioners willing to share their musical talents, and pray that we will continue to sing and play for the glory of God for many more years."

Lectors share their gifts by proclaiming the Scripture readings dur-

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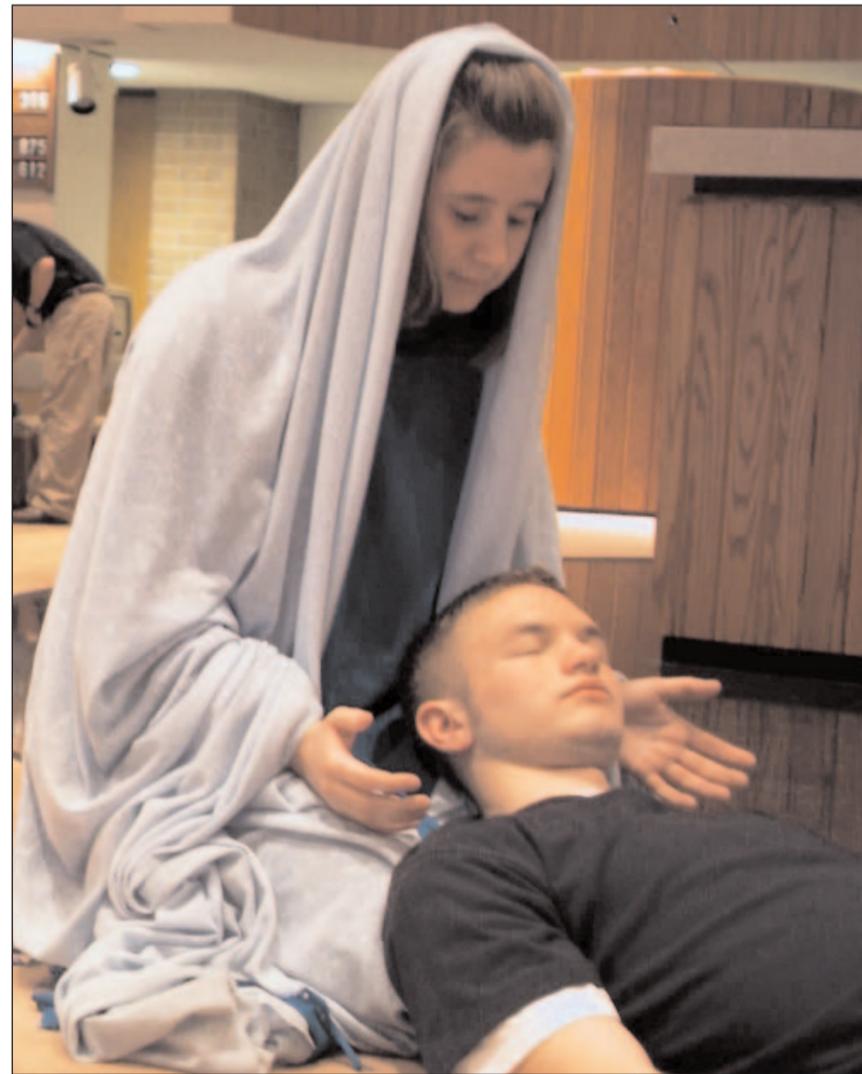
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ing Mass. Student servers assist the priest during liturgical celebrations and volunteers provide baby-sitting in the church nursery.

Other ministries using the talents of parishioners there include the Annual Bishop's Appeal, where members may serve on the development, finance or long-range planning committees, become an RCIA sponsor, involvement in Christ Renews His Parish Program (CRHP), the high school youth ministry group, national

affiliations for Catholic youth, Home and School Association, boosters or religious education programs.

There are many ministries within the St. Charles Borromeo Parish community that are designed to bring people with common interests together for fun and fellowship in service to each other and the larger community. St. Charles Borromeo Parish is equipped to serve many because many are committed to using their gifts to glorify God.



St. Charles youth ministry reenacts the living Stations of the Cross.

St. Charles Borromeo School: Built and maintained out of love for students

FORT WAYNE — The new St. Charles Borromeo Church was nearing completion when focus turned to building a school. St. Charles Borromeo is not only the patron saint of clergy, he is also the patron saint of the arts and learning.

In 1958, in a typewritten letter and hand-sketched version of the school layout, Father Edward Hession told parishioners that he was targeting the fall of 1959 to open the school. He further explained that the mother general of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart would decide in the next weeks ahead if two sisters would be missioned to teach at the new school and addressed the parishioners regarding "our weekly budget envelopes." It seems two were better than none at all, as Father Hession added that they "will probably have to resort to lay teachers for the rest of the staff." He concedes, "These good lay people are doing a wonderful job when called upon."

Today, lay teachers educate students and Franciscan Sister Genevieve Raupp, once co-principal with Sandra Koziol, remains as assistant principal working with Principal Robert Sordelet.

The letter also spoke of weekly budget envelopes, which consisted of Sunday, holy day and orphans envelopes, the Lenten envelopes for diocesan causes and monthly building fund envelopes.

Father Hession proposed that if enough money was collected, there would be no other collections throughout the year. Everyone was expected to give a "just share" despite building homes for their personal futures. Members were encourage to adhere to the biblical tithe of 10 percent of the weekly income in order that building of the school could commence without overwhelming debt.

A notice was sent out in late August of 1958 that St. Charles School would open two weeks later than planned due to unavoidable delays in building materials. Four sisters from the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred



St. Charles class of 1966 is shown in this archive photo. Today, lay teachers educate students and Franciscan Sister Genevieve Raupp, once co-principal with Sandra Koziol, remains as assistant principal working with Principal Robert Sordelet.

Heart, double the requested two, arrived at the new convent on Westlane Drive. Sister M. Anna was the first superior of St. Charles Borromeo School. Two lay teachers were hired and one more teacher sought as the list of students began to rapidly multiply. St. Charles School opened with an enrollment of 247 students.

Students who lived beyond walking distance were eligible for bus service to and from school. School uniforms were not required the first year, but strongly encouraged and subsequently voted in to policy for future years. School tuition was taken care of by the Sunday envelope offerings.

Additional facilities were added in the 1960s and a new wing for first and second grades was added in 1978. Weigand Construction Company constructed the new addition with the skillful eyes of architects from Martindale, Tourney, Gibson, Inc. There are now 764 students in the school in grades kindergarten through eight. The kindergarten program is held offsite at Our Lady of Good Hope on St. Joe Road and was started in 1999.

The fully-certified and licensed faculty teach a curriculum of traditional subjects as

required by the state of Indiana, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the National Catholic Education Association. St. Charles Borromeo School continues to emphasize the importance of math, computer training and science. In the 1990s, the eighth grade math program was expanded to include eighth grade math, pre-algebra and algebra courses.

The new computer lab and automated library, as well as computers in every classroom allow students to become familiar with computer software applications on which they can build upon for a lifetime.

St. Charles Borromeo School enables every student to become a well-rounded individual. Communication and the development language skills are important facets in this pursuit of excellence. In this regard, all seventh and eight grade students have studied French or Spanish. Students are also encouraged to participate in fine arts enrichment programs, outdoor environmental education and a wide variety of athletic opportunities. St. Charles Borromeo School cares for the academic, spiritual, emotional and physical needs of each student.

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Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration celebrate jubilees and anniversaries

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka are honoring 16 of their Sisters who are celebrating jubilees of 75, 60, 50, 40 and 25 years of religious life. Mother Theresia Bonzel, whose cause is being considered for beatification, founded the congregation in 1863 in Olpe, Germany. In 1875, the first sisters came to Lafayette at the invitation of Bishop Joseph Dwenger, who was bishop of the then Diocese of Fort Wayne. In addition to their assigned ministries for the needs of the church, the sisters fulfill their primary charism of perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop John M. D'Arcy will celebrate the eucharistic liturgy for the sister jubilarians on June 16 at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

75th anniversary

Sister M. Miriam was born in Lafayette and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis from St. Boniface Parish on June 29, 1932. Sister taught in several schools staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis, including St. Mary's in Huntington, St. John the Baptist in South Bend and Saint Francis College/University in Fort Wayne. Sister Miriam has resided at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka for the past several years.



Sister M. Miriam

Sister M. Marita was born in Huntington and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis from Ss. Peter and Paul Parish on June 29, 1932. Sister has been engaged in the teaching ministry her entire life as a religious. The schools where she served include, Saint Francis College/University, Central Catholic High School and St. Andrew in Fort Wayne and Marquette University in Milwaukee. Sister Marita has resided at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka since 1968 and presently works with the poor at the Center for Basic Learning Skills in South Bend.



Sister M. Marita

60th anniversary

Sister M. Julitta Biegel was born in Bluesky, Alberta, Canada and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 12, 1947. Sister ministered as a nurse, nursing supervisor, nursing administrator and vice president in administration in hospitals staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Julitta presently



Sister M. Julitta Biegel

ministers in the Pastoral Care Department at Greater Lafayette Health Services and resides at St. Elizabeth Convent in Lafayette.

Sister M. Grace Clemens was born in Lafayette and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 12, 1947. For many years Sister Grace was a teacher, organist, principal in several schools staffed by the sisters, including St. Andrew School in Fort Wayne and St. John the Baptist School in South Bend. Sister has also ministered as director of religious education in the Diocese of Gary and the Diocese of Lafayette. In recent years, Sister Grace ministered in the pastoral care departments in health care institutions. She presently resides at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka.



Sister M. Grace Clemens

Sister M. JoEllen Scheetz was born in Lafayette and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis from St. Lawrence Parish on Aug. 12, 1947. Sister taught in several elementary schools staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis and also at Bishop Luers High School and Saint Francis College/University in Fort Wayne. Sister JoEllen served as president of Saint Francis College/University from 1970-1993. She presently resides at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka and is writing the history of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province, which is based in Mishawaka.



Sister M. JoEllen Scheetz

Sister M. Dolores was born in North Judson and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis from St. Mark Parish in Gary on Aug. 12, 1947. Sister served as sacristan for many years in the chapel at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka and also at St. Margaret Hospital in Hammond. Sister Dolores retired from active ministry in 1977 and is presently residing at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka.



Sister M. Dolores

Sister M. Patricia Ann was born in Fort Wayne and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 12, 1947. Sister taught in several schools staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis and also served as principal of some of the schools. Included in these schools are St.



Sister M. Patricia Ann

Therese School in Fort Wayne and St. Mary's in Huntington. From 1986-1990 she did research work at Saint Francis College/University in Fort Wayne. Sister Patricia Ann is now retired and residing at Our Lady of Angels in Mishawaka.

Golden Jubilee

Sister M. Jane Marie Klein was born in Jasper and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 12, 1967 from St. Benedict Parish in Evansville. Sister has ministered in several hospitals serviced by the sisters as an accountant, comptroller, director of social service and administrator. Sister Jane Marie has been chairman of the board of directors of the Sisters of St. Francis Health Services, Inc. since 1993 and resides at St. Francis Provincialate in Mishawaka.



Sister M. Jane Marie Klein

Sister M. Theresa Ann Long was born in Joliet Ill. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis from St. Edward Parish in Lowell on Jan. 6, 1957 and received the habit on Aug. 12 later that year. Sister worked in domestic housekeeping and as chapel sacristan in several hospitals of the community, and in the pastoral care department for 20 years. Sister Theresa Ann presently resides at Our Lady of Angels in Mishawaka where she assists the sisters in various ways and is active in the ministry of prayer.



Sister M. Theresa Ann Long

Sister M. Ann Christine Kozlowski entered the Sisters of St. Francis from St. Casimir Parish in Hammond on Feb. 2, 1957 and received the habit on Aug. 12, 1957. Sister spent most of her teaching years in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, having taught at St. Andrew School and Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, Catholic High School and Huntington Catholic Junior High in Huntington, and also Marian High School in Mishawaka. Presently Sister Ann Christine is working with our elderly Sisters at Our Lady of Angels Home in Mishawaka.



Sister M. Ann Christine Kozlowski

Sister M. James Agnes Maroney was born in Fulton and was a member of St. Joseph Parish in Logansport. She entered the Franciscan Community on Jan. 20, 1957



Sister M. James Agnes Maroney

and received the Franciscan habit several months later on Aug. 12. Sister ministered as a nurse in institutions staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis in the eastern and western provinces of the community, including Our Lady of Angels in Mishawaka. Since 1999, Sister James Agnes has been a patient at Our Lady of Angels.

40th anniversary

Sister M. Madonna Rougeau was born in Detroit, Mich., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis from Southfield, Mich., on Aug. 12, 1967. Sister Madonna ministered as a nurse in various health care facilities staffed by the sisters, including Our Lady of Angels in Mishawaka. Later Sister Madonna transitioned into healthcare administration, and served for several years at the corporate office of Sisters of St. Francis Health Services, Inc. in Mishawaka. Sister presently ministers at St. James Hospital and Health Centers in Illinois.



Sister M. Madonna Rougeau

Sister M. Corita Last was born in Hammond and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 12, 1967 from Our Lady of Grace Parish in Highland, Indiana. She began her ministry in health services as a nurse's aid in St. Alexis Hospital in Cleveland and continued in the nursing ministry in health care institutions operated by the sisters, including Our Lady of Angels in Mishawaka. Sister Corita was vicar provincial from 1994-1998 and is presently vice-president at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.



Sister M. Corita Last

Sister M. Charita Meyer was born in Huntington and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis from Ss. Peter and Paul Parish on Aug. 12, 1967. Sister has taught in several of the elementary schools in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana that were staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Charita taught at St. John Evangelist School in St. John for 17 years and is presently continuing in her teaching ministry at St. Boniface School in Lafayette.



Sister M. Charita Meyer

Silver jubilee

Sister M. Fidelis Hunt was born in Griffith and entered the Sisters of St. Francis novitiate on Aug. 10, 1981 from St. Mary's Parish. Sister ministered in pastoral care in St. Anthony Hospital in Terre Haute and at the information desks in Hammond and Michigan City. For the past several years, Sister Fidelis has worked in the business office at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka. Sister has recently been appointed to assist in the permanent deacon formation program in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



Sister M. Fidelis Hunt

Sister M. Julie Marie Oxley was born in Fort Wayne and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis from St. John the Baptist Parish on Aug. 10, 1982. Sister Julie Marie has taught in several elementary schools staffed by the sisters including St. John the Baptist School in South Bend. Sister also ministered to the needs of the Sisters at St. Francis and Our Lady of Angels Convents in Mishawaka. Presently Sister Julie Marie works in the admitting office at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne.



Sister M. Julie Marie Oxley

Jubilee Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ Redeemer of the world. It is through your cross and resurrection that we have been called to intimacy with you and, through you, to God the Father, all through the power of the Holy Spirit.

From the beginning, you have called forth young people willing to give their lives to you for the sanctification and salvation of their brothers and sisters. Bless our families so that they may become instruments of holiness and vocations.

As we celebrate 150 years of grace in this diocese, we call to mind the priests and consecrated religious whose lives have been instruments of holiness. During this jubilee year, please grant that many young men may hear and answer the call to be priests, and that young men and women may be prompted to give their lives as consecrated religious, for it is your will that priests and religious serve as an inspiration for all.

Mary, Mother of the Savior and patroness of our diocese, we place this great need in your Immaculate Heart, asking your prayers for this intention and for our diocese in this year of jubilee. Amen

Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate 1,830 years of vowed life

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Thirty-four Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee years in Holy Cross on July 22 in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's.

Three sisters are celebrating 75 years since their first profession; 13 are celebrating 60 years; 15 are marking 50 years; and three are celebrating 25 years of vowed life.

In addition to serving in ministries throughout the world, 14 of these 34 sisters have ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend during the collective 1,830 years of vowed life in the congregation. The sisters who have served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are highlighted here.

75-year jubilees

Sisters celebrating 75 years of vowed life in the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross are Sisters Charlotte Marie Bayhouse (Sister Alfreda Marie), Michella Marie Donohue and M. Gerald Hartney.

60-year jubilees

Jubilarians celebrating 60 years are Sisters Mary Farrer (Sister Marie Helene), M. Gladys Dombek, Mary Jane Honan (Sister M. Augustin), M. Joellen Sabin, M. Laurinda Jasica, M. Cyril Dubala, Margaret Ann Nowacki (Sister M. Peter Claver), Mary Margaret Koester (Sister M. Leo Irene), M. Leo Joseph Koester, Mary Agnes Mullen (Sister M. Camillus), Miriam Regina Brosnan, Mildred Marie Keefe and M. Agatha Ann Farrell.

• **Sister M. Gladys Dombek** taught at Holy Cross School, South Bend, 1947-50 and 1963-64; St. Thomas

the Apostle School, Elkhart, 1950-53, 1980-83; St. Patrick School, South Bend, 1954-58; Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, 1961-63; St. Vincent de Paul School, Elkhart, 1989-90; and Christ the King School, South Bend, 1990-92.

• **Sister M. Cyril Dubala** grew up in South Bend and entered the congregation from St. Stanislaus Parish. She taught at St. Joseph Academy, South Bend, 1948-49, and Saint Joseph's High School, 1973-74. From 1977-78, she served as the high school's accountant.

• **Sister Margaret Ann Nowacki** is a eucharistic minister at Holy Cross Care and Rehabilitation Center, South Bend, and volunteers at the information desk at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

• **Sister Mary Margaret Koester** served as a hospital chaplain at Saint Joseph Hospital, South Bend, 1973-74.



Sister M. Gladys Dombek



Sister M. Cyril Dubala



Sister Margaret Ann Nowacki



Sister Mary Margaret Koester

• **Sister M. Leo Joseph Koester** served as a nurse at Saint Joseph Hospital, South Bend, 1957-61, and Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, 1972-73. She also worked at Mary's Solitude, Notre Dame, 1984-89.

• **Sister Miriam Regina Brosnan** taught at Saint Mary's Campus School, Notre Dame, 1960-63.

• **Sister Mildred Marie Keefe** taught at St. Joseph School, South Bend, 1948-53. She served as principal at both Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, 1964-69, and St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, 1977-82.

50-year jubilees

Sisters celebrating 50 years are Sisters Marie Imelda Neville, M. Clare Alfred Bill, Marian Daniel Creamer, Joan Carusillo (Sister Damian Marie), Jeanne Buisson (Sister Miriam Emile), M. Veronica Kerwin, Shirley Ann Simpson (Sister M. Joseph Michael), Miriam Angela Volkmer, Mary Clennon (Sister Miriam Paul), Mary Louise Deroin (Sister Andre Marie), Gladys Marie Martin, Eileen Dewsnup (Sister M. Anne Beatrice), Mary Josephine Delany (Sister James Mary),



Sister M. Leo Joseph Koester



Sister Miriam Regina Brosnan



Sister Mildred Marie Keefe

Frances Mary Werland and M. Carolita Hart.

• **Sister Marie Imelda Neville** taught at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, 1984-87, and 1989-99. She served as the school's office manager, 1987-88.

• **Sister M. Clare Alfred Bill** is a native of South Bend and entered the congregation from St. Patrick Parish. She taught at St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, 1957-59 and 1961-67; Holy Cross School, South Bend, 1969-70; and served as director of religious education at St. Stephen and St. Casimir parishes, South Bend, 1990-99.

• **Sister Marian Daniel Creamer** taught at Saint Mary's Campus School, Notre Dame, 1954-57.

• **Sister Miriam Angela Volkmer** taught at St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, 1983-86.

• **Sister Gladys Marie Martin** co-directed the Mary's Song ministry at Mary's Solitude, Notre Dame, 2003-06, and currently ministers at



Sister Marie Imelda Neville



Sister M. Clare Alfred Bill



Sister M. Daniel Creamer



Sister Miriam Angela Volkmer

St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend.

• **Sister Eileen Dewsnup** gave retreats and spiritual direction at Mary's Solitude, Notre Dame, 1986-89.

• **Sister M. Carolita Hart** was a nursing instructor at Holy Cross School of Nursing, South Bend, 1960-61, and served as a nurse at Saint Joseph Hospital, South Bend, 1963-68.

25-Year Jubilees

Sisters Philomena Quiah, Anne Veronica Horner Hoe and Pushpa Teresa Gomes are silver jubilarians celebrating 25 years since their first profession.

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross is an international congregation with administrative offices located at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, France. Founded in 1841 in Le Mans, France, the congregation numbers over 500 members worldwide and ministers in the United States, Bangladesh, India, Brazil, Peru, Mexico, Uganda and Ghana.

In the South Bend area, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross is the founding sponsor of Saint Mary's College and founder of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.



Sister Gladys Marie Martin



Sister Eileen Dewsnup



Sister M. Carolita Hart

Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ celebrate jubilees

DONALDSON — Eight Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ are celebrating a jubilee this year. A community celebration is planned for June 17 in the Ancilla Domini Chapel, Donaldson.

70-year jubilarians

• Besides teaching in several schools in Illinois and Minnesota, Sister Aline Clesen served as organist and teacher at St. Vincent Villa in Fort Wayne before beginning her ministry in the Registrar's Office of Ancilla College. After many years of service at the college, she retired to the Catherine Kasper Home in 2003.



Sister Aline Clesen



Sister Bernice Buescher

• Sister Bernice Buescher has ministered in the education and clerical fields at various locations including Bishop Dwenger High School and St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, St. Bavo and St. Monica Schools in Mishawaka and Holy Family Hospital in LaPorte. Sister Bernice retired to the Catherine Kasper Home in 1999.

60-year jubilarians

• Born in Carlyle, Ill., Sister Alice Kunkel spent several years as a teacher at St. Bavo and St. Joseph schools in Mishawaka before spending the next 36 years in the business office at Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson. Presently residing at Convent Ancilla Domini, Sister Alice remains active as a volunteer around the campus.

• Jubilee celebrant Sister Loretta Volk has ministered as a



Sister Alice Kunkel

teacher and a hostess at hospitals and schools in Indiana and Illinois. In this diocese, Sister Loretta taught at St. Monica and St. Joseph schools in Mishawaka. She has lived at the Catherine Kasper Home retiring in 2002.

• Sister Mary Jane Sloderbeck has devoted most of her religious career to the areas of education and librarian. She has served at Bishop Dwenger High School and Marian High School, as well as several other schools in Illinois and Indiana. Sister Mary Jane was also the sacristan at Convent Ancilla Domini for several years before assuming the role of librarian at the convent's Avita Library, where she still serves.



Sister Loretta Volk



Sister Loretta Volk

She is a resident of Convent Ancilla Domini, Donaldson.

• **Jubilarian Sister Stephen Brueggeman** has served the Poor Handmaid community in the areas of health-care, administration and mission effectiveness, primarily in the Chicago and northern Indiana areas. She has also served as the PHJC provincial and has done research on the history of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Sister Stephen recently retired to Catherine's Cottage in Donaldson.



Sister Stephen Brueggeman

50-year jubilarians

• A native of Chicago, Sister Barbara Kober has spent many of her years in the areas of parish ministry and education. In this diocese, Sister Barbara served as a teacher at St. Monica School in Mishawaka, and recently as an English-as-a-second-language teacher at the Plymouth Public

Library as well as at Heart and Hands in Plymouth. Sister Barbara is enjoying her retirement at Catherine's Cottage in Donaldson.

• During her 50-year religious career, Sister Jolise May has ministered in education and administration in the Chicago and northern Indiana areas, as well as in

Coatzacoalcos, Mexico. In addition to teaching high school at Ancilla Domini Convent, she has also served her congregation as provincial, provincial treasurer and local leader. Sister Jolise currently resides at Catherine's Cottage in Donaldson where she ministers as co-director.



Sister Barbara Kober



Sister Jolise May

EDITORIAL

Benedict on Jesus

With the first half of Pope Benedict's projected two-volume work, "Jesus of Nazareth," now available in English translation, we can see Benedict the theologian at work, so to speak.

We can see him thinking and writing not in an exercise in magisterium — which he makes clear he is not doing in this book — but rather as a believer seeking to understand more deeply the faith he has received.

There are a number of things he does in this new book that are interesting and important. First, he notes the positive contribution made to our understanding of the Bible, and the Gospels in particular, by the so-called historical-critical method of scriptural interpretation. However, he also notes the inherent limitations of such an approach: it tells us what the text *meant*, but cannot offer an account of what the text *means*. While an important tool, it cannot be the only instrument employed in a theological reading of the Scriptures. Our understanding of the biblical text must be supported by the larger, lived experience of the faith that we call tradition.

Second, he makes clear that there can be no authentically Christian faith that is not grounded in a correct understanding of Jesus and his saving work. That is, Christology is a, if not *the*, pivotal discipline within theology.

This might help to explain the recent "Notification" issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the work of the theologian Jon Sobrino; the concerns are essentially Christological in nature: if we understand Jesus and his mission inaccurately, it will lead to numerous other problems in our theologizing (and one might argue in our life of faith as well).

So for Benedict the theologian and believer, a reading of the Gospels is not merely an exercise in textual analysis (though it might involve this), nor is it a kind of lexical archaeology, but rather an encounter with a person: Jesus Christ. And such an encounter, achieved in faith, is personally transformative.

Benedict's reflections remind us that to read the text of Scripture is not like reading anything else. Because the word of God is a living thing, it simultaneously cajoles and consoles, provokes and eases, invites and demands, and — read with the eyes of faith and through the "lens" which is Christ — culminates in personal and communal transformation.

A citation in Brooklyn

The 2007 Catholic Press Awards were presented at the annual Catholic Media Convention in Brooklyn, N.Y., and *Today's Catholic* received the second place award in general excellence for a diocesan newspaper with a 1-17,000 circulation.

The Catholic Press Association, in bestowing the award, cited *Today's Catholic* for its serious tone and a strong mix of news and commentary, as well as its inclusion of editorials, an apparent rarity for newspapers of its circulation size. *Today's Catholic* expresses its thanks to everyone whose contributions to the paper precipitated this award. We intend to continue bringing a quality product to the people of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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

Blessed Pope John XXIII

1881 - 1963
feast - June 3

Ordained a priest in Italy in 1904, Angelo Roncalli was a medic and chaplain in World War I. He served as a Vatican diplomat in Bulgaria, Turkey and France before being named a cardinal and patriarch of Venice in 1953. Elected pope in 1958, he convened the Second Vatican Council and issued the famous encyclical "Pacem in Terris" just months before his death from stomach cancer. In the book "Last Words," Pope John is quoted as saying to family members by his deathbed, "Do you remember how I never thought of anything else in life but being a priest?"



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COMMENTARY

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Twenty centuries in 20 minutes shares threads of commonality

Dr. Eugene Fisher will take early retirement on July 31 from his work at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in the office of associate director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. His retirement is not due to lack of work for him to do, but from the downsizing of the staff at the USCCB.

Fisher has served in an official Catholic capacity in this area for over 30 years, bringing to his work a wealth of friendships, experience, education and insight. In a recent interview with NCR's John L. Allen, Fisher stressed the singular importance of Catholic-Jewish dialogue.

"Direct Catholic-Jewish dialogue can't be replaced or subsumed under another dialogue — we have an agenda with the Jews as with no other people," Fisher said.

"This is the first schism in the history of the church," he added. "It's the primordial relationship, and we can't do without it. Augustine was right. We need to witness together with the Jewish people, which we can't do in this sense with others because it is only with them that we share a common relation in Scripture, in our DNA. My image for the relationship is a double helix. The two strands are separate, but they're interwoven and linked all the way through."

The histories of the two faiths are intertwined, and the more we know our own history with the Jews, the better we will know and understand ourselves. This is also true for the Jewish people. The better they know their history with Catholics, the better they will know and understand themselves.

These are related stories. So in his talk on May 9 in Fort Wayne's Temple Achduth Versholom, Fisher presented, as the supporting structure for his reflections, "Twenty Centuries in Twenty Minutes." The Fort Wayne Catholic-Jewish dialogue group found Fisher's informed grasp of our common history fascinating.

Our misunderstandings, he said, are due to our history. Catholics have torn out pages that the Jews remember, and Jewish history, from an historical point of view, cannot be experienced without Catholics.

Fisher began his 20 minutes with the need for historically correct understanding of Jewish life in New Testament times, to appreciate the Jewish and Christian debt in the structure of liturgy, thought and life.

For instance, he stressed the rejection by the early church of the first supercessionist heresy of Marcion, who insisted there was no need for Christians to read the Hebrew Scriptures. The church rejected Marcionism, insisting that the relationship with Judaism was essential for the understanding of the church.

He spoke of the Christian awareness that the majority of Jews did not accept the divinity of Jesus, the need for the church to have the legitimacy and antiquity, which Rome extended to Judaism, the gradual separation of synagogue and church in the



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Passion plays in the Rhineland encouraged the flourishing of blood libel there. In 1492, Spain expelled the Jews.

"We needed Pope John Paul II then," Fisher simply stated.

Continuing, he noted the church began to lose power with the Protestant Reformation and the Enlightenment, noting the many different factors, mostly socioeconomic, which carried the Christian culture of Europe into the 20th century.

If we know ourselves and others better by knowing our history,

Fisher's very brief recounting of Christian-Jewish history allowed him to contemplate a thesis, now frequently stated but still much discussed. "Christianity is a necessary cause, but not an adequate cause, of Nazi

anti-semitism." This thesis is, he said, "a set of distinctions to be explained."

Fisher's contemplation of this thesis focused around the historical anomalies that he could find in the Christian Jewish history — to look and see "when all sorts of things began to happen" that were bad, where didn't they happen, and why did they not happen there? For instance, he pointed out that only in the Italian peninsula was there relatively no anti-semitism after 1096, and during the Shoah, Italy saved 70 percent of its Jewish citizens.

Yet the same catechism was being taught in Italy and elsewhere. What can we learn from this? It is one of the "sets of distinctions to be explained."

In the midst of Fisher's survey of history, he offered such interesting questions, helping his listeners not only to learn a common history, but also to contemplate in what ways we might rediscover honesty, forgiveness and admiration.

Nancy Cavadini is the South Bend coordinator of the Diocesan Ecumenical Office.

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early centuries and Christianity's need to identify with and yet be separate from Judaism.

The parting of the ways is undeniable in the fourth century, with the Christian burning of the synagogue in Milan, and Ambrose's debate that it should not be rebuilt.

Augustine had his own understanding, that Jews should be the only other valid religion, though he considered them blind to the significance of Jesus. Following on this, canon law protected those of the Jewish faith. Jews were allowed synagogues, and could not be forced to convert to Christianity.

The first Crusade, called by the pope in 1096, was "the first real blood letting," when a mob in the Rhineland — not called by the pope — tried to force the conversion of the Jews there. The mob was opposed by the Bishop of Mainz.

After this, as Fisher said, "all sorts of things happen." The pressure to defend Christianity from Islam "created a dynamic of greater suspicion." From 1096, there is a trail of blood libel charges against the Jews, and their expulsion from Britain.

In the 14th century, the first

Going green: Vatican expands mission to saving planet, not just souls

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Expanding its mission from saving souls to saving the planet, the Vatican is going green.

A giant rooftop garden of solar panels will be built next year on top of the Paul VI audience hall, creating enough electricity to heat, cool and light the entire building year-round.

“Solar energy will provide all the energy (the building) needs,” said the mastermind behind the environmentally friendly project, Pier Carlo Cuscianna, head of the Vatican’s department of technical services.

And that is only the beginning. Cuscianna told Catholic News Service May 24 that he had in mind other sites throughout Vatican City where solar panels could be installed, but that it was too early in the game to name names.

Even though Vatican City State is not a signatory of the Kyoto Protocol, a binding international environmental pact to cut greenhouse gases, its inaugural solar project marks a major move in trying to reduce its own so-called carbon footprint, that is, the amount

of carbon dioxide released through burning fossil fuels.

The carbon dioxide-slashing solar panels will be installed sometime in 2008 after prototypes, environmental impact reports and other studies have been completed, Cuscianna said.

In a May 23 article in the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*, Cuscianna wrote that safeguarding the environment was “one of the most important challenges of our century.”

The Italian engineer said appeals by Popes Benedict XVI and John Paul II to respect nature inspired him to help power the Vatican’s energy needs with renewable resources.

He recalled how, in his 2007 World Day of Peace message, Pope Benedict warned of “the increasingly serious problem of energy supplies” that was leading to “an unprecedented race” for the earth’s resources.

Cuscianna also found inspiration from Pope John Paul’s 1990 peace message, dedicated in its entirety to the need to respect God’s creation.

“We cannot continue to use the

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goods of the earth as we have in the past,” the pope wrote, calling for “a new ecological awareness” that leads to “concrete programs and initiatives.”

Cuscianna took the initiative and helped draw up and deliver to the Vatican governor’s office a feasibility study of going solar.

He said the Paul VI hall was chosen first for a number of reasons: Cooling and heating the large audience hall makes it one of the top energy guzzlers in the Vatican, and its roof was in need of repair.

When the project is finished, more than 1,000 solar panels will cover the football field-sized roof.

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God’s love comes through the Spirit



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Trinity Sunday Jn 16:12-15

The church celebrates Trinity Sunday this weekend, and it uses the celebration to teach us about the Holy Trinity, the mystery of three persons in the one God.

For its first reading, the church offers us a passage from the Book of Proverbs. Proverbs is one of a series of books in the Old Testament, the series being called the Wisdom Literature. The purpose behind the writing of all these books was to reassure pious Jews that their belief in the one God of Israel, a divinity of mercy and eternal faithfulness, was not in the least contrary to sound human reasoning.

This reading reveals the essential link between God and the quality of wisdom. Wisdom is of God. “The Lord begot me,” Wisdom declares in the reading. “From of old,” it continues to say, “I was poured out upon the earth.”

We cannot be wise, unless we partake in the divine wisdom. In short, we cannot understand life without this wisdom.

The Epistle to the Romans furnishes the second reading. As so often appears in the writings of the Apostle Paul, the reality of Jesus, and of life in Jesus, is

majestically presented. Through the Lord Jesus, and through the sacrifice accomplished by Jesus in the Incarnation and in the Redemption, humans are at peace with God.

God’s love comes to us through the Holy Spirit. This statement affirms the Spirit’s divine identity. Love is dynamic. It is not a commodity. Love is something essential to the lover. It is not an item to be handed on.

St. John’s Gospel provides the last reading. As is typical of all the parts of the Fourth Gospel, the reading literally glows with eloquence and grace.

This passage is a direct quotation from Jesus. In it the Lord powerfully reassures the apostles that the Holy Spirit will come to strengthen and empower them. “He will guide you with all truth,” the Lord tells the twelve.

So, the reading establishes the place of the apostles in the unfolding of salvation. It testifies to the esteem in which the church holds the apostles, and their successors, today.

The reading also reveals the Trinity, albeit obliquely. The Holy Spirit will convey to the apostles God’s truth. As with love, truth is not a commodity. It is an awareness of what actually is. It is a frank look at reality. Only the wisest, namely God, possesses this unobstructed view of reality.

Finally, the reading reveals the place of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit of God will give glory to God in the bestowal of divine wisdom upon the apostles. Jesus foretold the coming of the Spirit. God sends the Spirit. Guided and strengthened by the Spirit, the apostles continue Christ’s works of salvation.

Reflection

The church teaches that the Holy Trinity is one of the greatest revelations of God. It is indeed. As such, the church not only presents this teaching to the world in the very solemnity of infallibility, and the church will never compromise the teaching, but it includes confession of the Trinity in all its formal creeds.

From the moment that Catholic parents teach toddlers the sign of the cross, through extensive studies at the highest levels of institutional education, Catholics hear of the Trinity, and they know that it is basic to the Catholic tradition.

Nevertheless, even for those who believe, it can be quite dry, an academic statement of a reality that has little relevance.

To the contrary, it is relevant to everything we are and to every thing we do. It explains creation. It explains salvation. It explains God. God is love. God is all-wise. God is with us. We belong to God. In God’s unchanging love is our hope for peace now and for joy hereafter.

READINGS

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

Monday: Tb 1:1,3;2:1a-8 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14 Ps 112:1-2,7-9 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a Ps 25:2-9 Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11;7:1bcde,9-17;8:4-9a Ps 128:1-5 Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17 Ps 146:2,7-10 Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1,5-15,20 (Ps) Tb 13:2,6-8 Mk 12:38-44

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

This quiz looks at baptism.

- Baptism is one if these**
 - sacramentals
 - sacraments
 - sacrosancts
- It always requires the use of this**
 - a cloth of white wool
 - candles
 - water
- Baptism was**
 - invented by the Catholic Church
 - practiced by the Jews and possibly (not likely) by pagans before Christ (though with different effects)
 - established by Abraham as the fourth element of the covenant
- In baptism a person is associated with Christ’s**
 - charisma
 - death and resurrection
 - dual personae
- Jesus’ views of baptism were clearly**
 - favorable, as he himself was baptized
 - unfavorable, though he tolerated it for his followers
 - we cannot say, he never was involved with it
- John, the most famous baptizer, was Jesus’**
 - brother in law
 - cousin
 - nemesis
- What formula is required for a valid baptism?**
 - baby formula if the baptized in an infant
 - the Trinitarian formula, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 - any Jovian or Aaronic formula
- Infant baptism is**
 - implied in Scripture but not clearly described
 - illegal under canon law
 - a sin against the freedom of conscience
- In the first five centuries of the church, some people delayed baptism until near death. Why?**
 - to avoid the cold water in a time when heating was poor
 - they could not afford to tip the altar boys till hay had saved up
 - to avoid some of the responsibilities of the Christian life as long as possible
- These people who were baptized late were given this strange title**
 - Lapsi
 - Clinici
 - Donatists
- This late form of baptism was, surprisingly, not equal to an early baptism. It rendered the recipient for example ineligible for this:**
 - ordination
 - the afterlife
 - the use of a church
- Baptism can be received**
 - once only (though it can be administered conditionally if there is doubt)
 - twice, if the person is baptized Protestant and later Catholic
 - as many times as needed to get their attention
- Historically though, especially in the east, baptism was often**
 - repeated if the first baptism was by a known or suspected heretic (and so thought invalid)
 - omitted to spare the soul a permanent mark
 - made a regular part of Sunday service and thus repeated weekly
- Who can baptize in an emergency?**
 - only an ordained minister
 - only a godparent or a clinician
 - anyone

ANSWERS

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

We can be with the risen Lord Jesus anywhere, anytime

Why did Jesus ascend to heaven after 40 days? Wouldn't more people have believed in him if they could see that he had risen from the dead?

Anonymous

First, imagine if Jesus had not ascended to heaven, if he were still here with us physically in bodily form? If you wanted to see him or be in his presence, he would have to physically come to you or you would have to physically go to him, and on top of that how difficult would it be to get any private time with him at all?

But Jesus wants all people to have access to him in all places and at all times. So he ascends to heaven and sends us the Holy Spirit. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be with the risen Lord Jesus anywhere, anytime. We experience him when we pray alone in our rooms. He becomes present to us "where two or three are gathered together" in his name. He becomes uniquely and most powerfully present to us in the holy Eucharist, which can be found in every tabernacle, in every Catholic Church throughout the world. All this and more, through the power of the Holy Spirit, which the risen Lord sent us so

that we could always be with him. This is why the Lord says in John 16, "But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the (Holy Spirit) will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."

Second, notice that in all of the Resurrection accounts, Jesus appears only to his followers, only to those who already believed in him. He does not appear to unbelievers. He clearly is not trying to convince unbelievers that he has risen. He appears to those who already believe to strengthen their belief in him. The believers in their turn are eventually filled with the Holy Spirit and sent by the Lord Jesus on mission to make disciples of all peoples. Again, it is through the church by the power of the Holy Spirit, that the resurrected Jesus wishes to show himself to the world in all places and at all times.

During the Eucharistic Prayer, why does the priest breathe or speak into the chalice? Anonymous, Fort Wayne

During the words of institution over the wine in the chalice ("Take this all of you and drink

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from it. This is the cup of my blood ...") the priest is actually not breathing or speaking into the chalice. At this point, the directives for celebrating Mass call for the priest to make a slight bow as he says these words out of reverence for the sanctity of this most holy moment. So even though it may look this way, the priest is not speaking into the chalice.

In the Passion narrative it says, "Not a bone of it will be broken." What about where the nails were driven into Jesus' hands and feet? LF, Ossian

Forensic physicians who have studied the Roman method of crucifixion have found that in both the hands and the feet the nails would have been driven between the bones and not through them. Thus, no bones were broken in the

hands and feet of the Lord during his crucifixion.

How could this be? Concerning the hands, unlike traditional imaging of the wounds of Christ, the nails would have been driven through his wrists, which were considered by Jews as part of the hand. Forensic physicians have shown that the nails were not driven through the center of the hand because there is no way that this placement of the nails would have been able to support the weight of a man hanging on the cross. Also, this placement avoided major arteries and at the same time cut the median nerve in half causing excruciating pain. Concerning the feet, the nails were driven between the first and second metatarsal bones not through those bones. This was done in order to avoid major blood loss and thus to prevent a quick death.

The Romans were precision

killers. They had perfected this method of execution. The placement of the nails in these places were meant to hold the man on the cross and at the same time limit his blood loss in order to produce as much suffering before death as possible.

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

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Pope Benedict XVI on abortion, politicians and communion

Flying to Brazil on May 9, Pope Benedict XVI was asked whether he supported the excommunication of Mexican legislators who had voted to legalize abortion. The pope replied, "Yes, this excommunication was not something arbitrary, but is foreseen by the Code (of Canon Law). It is simply part of church law that the killing of an innocent baby is incompatible with being in communion with the body of Christ." That seemed clear enough, until Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the papal press spokesman, went through the press section of the papal plane and told reporters that the pope "was not announcing a new policy on Catholic politicians," and that in any case, as the Mexican bishops had not pronounced a formal excommunication of the legislators, the pope wasn't doing so.

The next day, a transcript of the pope's impromptu press conference was posted on the Vatican Web site, in Italian; alert observers like my friends John Thavis of CNS, Philip Pulella of Reuters, and Victor Simpson of the AP (who seems to have been covering popes since Linus, Cletus and Clement) reported that the transcript had altered what the pope had actually said. The "yes" at the beginning of his answer (which might have been a bit of rhetorical throat-clearing, much like someone saying, "Well ...") had been deleted, as had the references to Mexican bishops. Not altogether reassuringly, Father Lombardi went on to note that this was standard procedure, as the Vatican Secretariat of State "reviews and cleans up" the pope's remarks "every time the

pope speaks off the cuff."

All of which tended to create, unnecessarily, an image of confusion, vacillation, and, as Vic Simpson put it, a "roll back" of a tough papal stance. In fact, however, there is considerable clarity beneath the surface confusion, and it's worth noting precisely what's clear.

First, it is the settled conviction of the Catholic Church that a legislator's facilitating abortion through a vote to legalize or fund the procedure puts that legislator outside the communion of the church. The pope seems content to leave it to moral theologians to determine precisely how this form of cooperation with grave evil touches on legislators (as distinguished, say, from abortionists). But that a public official's act in facilitating the "killing of an innocent human baby" is "incompatible with being in communion with the body of Christ" is not in doubt. And if one's communion with the body of Christ that is the church is radically ruptured, then one must not present oneself for holy Communion — for that is to add a lie to the original offense against justice, the taking of an innocent human life.

Second, Benedict's answer indicates that he will support the actions of those bishops who deem it a pastoral necessity to order that politicians in this position of estrangement from the Church not be given holy Communion. Anyone who expects Pope Benedict to distance himself from the American bishops who have taken this stand is likely to be disappointed.

And third, the pope's answer suggests that he is prepared to leave the pastoral judgment on



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these cases to the discretion of the local bishops, who are presumably better-informed about the circumstances than he is: and by "circumstances," I do not mean "balancing" serious (and, some would argue, canonically required) sanctions against wayward politicians with other prudential considerations, but the specific circumstances of Legislator X. All of which is to say that Pope Benedict seems unlikely to issue a universal edict on the subject.

This may well be good ecclesiology and prudent pastoral practice, but it is very difficult to communicate without appearing to vacillate. Thus it would be helpful if the Holy See would, on some future occasion (and not six months from now) underscore that a) deliberate legislative facilitation of abortion is a grave evil that puts one outside the communion of the church and thus renders the reception of holy Communion a dishonest act, and b) that, when local bishops choose to forbid obstinate politicians from receiving holy Communion for this reason, they will receive the full support of the Holy See.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

For June 3, 2007

Rm. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Following is a word search based on the Second Reading and Gospel for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JUSTIFIED	BY FAITH	PEACE
OUR LORD	JESUS	ACCESS
BOAST	ENDURANCE	CHARACTER
HOPE	DISAPPOINT	LOVE
CANNOT BEAR	SPIRIT	OF TRUTH
GUIDE YOU	SPEAK	DECLARE
GLOIFY	FATHER	REASON

ACCESS

J O C H A R A C T E R E
G U I D E Y O U F N A D
G G J S S E C C A D E I
O P L S P E A K E U B S
U E D O I H A I N R T A
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L O V E I I S J O N N P
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While not revealing how much the solar project will cost, Cuscianna said "it will pay for itself in a few years" from the savings on energy bills.

Whatever solar power the hall is not using will be funneled into the Vatican's energy grid and benefit other energy needs, he said.

The solar rooftop garden is not the first environmental project the

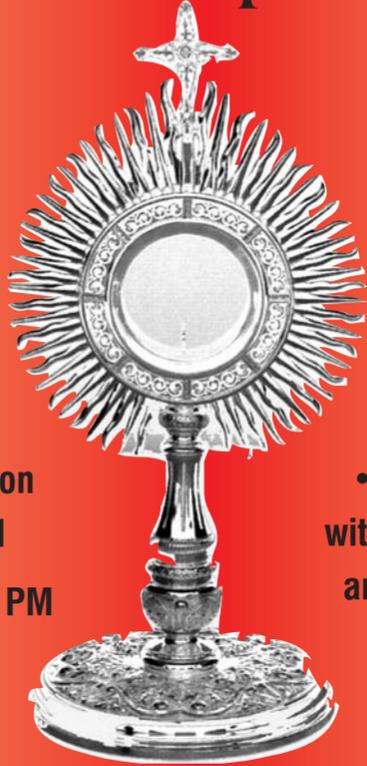
Vatican has undertaken. In 1999, as part of preparations for the jubilee year, the entire lighting system of St. Peter's Basilica was upgraded to be low-impact. Strategically placed energy-saving light bulbs were installed inside and out, cutting the basilica's energy consumption by an estimated 40 percent.

In 2000, the Vatican unveiled its own electric motor vehicle recharging station, where electric wheelchairs, scooters and cars could "tank up."

Sports

BISHOP DWENGER HOSTS HEART AND SOUL WRESTLING CAMP Bishop Dwenger High School will host the Heart and Soul Wrestling Camp in the school's wrestling room June 18-21 from 1-4 p.m. Incoming 2007-2008 students in grades kindergarten through 12 are invited. The cost is \$100 dollars per camper (reduced group rate available). Checks are payable to John Bennett. Attire for the camp is shorts and t-shirt (wrestling shoes not required). Camp technicians are Joshua Buuck, Angel Escobedo and Andrae Hernandez. For information, contact John Bennett at JBennett@BishopDwenger.com, (260) 496-4700 or (260) 486-5805 or Joshua Buuck at jrbuuck@indiana.edu.

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The St. Jude Lady Eagles were recently crowned the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) 2007 soccer champions.

St. Jude Lady Eagles soar to a soccer victory

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Lady Eagles from St. Jude school were recently crowned Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) 2007 soccer champions.

The team consisted of nine eighth graders and nine seventh graders this season. Winning members included Ann Kebede, McKenzie Guiver, Caroline Kilbane, Caroline Glowacki, Emma Collis, Stevie Fyfe, Lori Hubertz, Danielle Miller, Gabrielle Ferro, Tia Miller, Hannah Bair, Andrea Ehinger, Adrienne Korson, Aubrey Schrader, Gretchen Clemens,

Molly Werling, Ally Osburn, and Suzie Charais. Coach Yemura Kebede praised this group stating "they all played as one."

On the road to the championship, the Eagles downed St. Vincent and St. Charles 7. In the final game of the tournament, St. Jude outscored St. Joe-St. Elizabeth 3-1.

"Our girls played with great heart the whole game," said Kebede. Martha Kebede, Jeff Parks and Paul Glowacki also helped coach the CYO champs this season.

During the regular season match ups, St. Jude lost one game to St. Charles 8 and tied St. Vincent finishing runner-up.

Dwenger announces more summer camps

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School in Fort Wayne has announced the following summer camps:

- Youth basketball camp for boys and girls will be the following: session one, June 11-15; or session two, July 9-13. Grades kindergarten through 3 meet 9-10:15 a.m., and grades 4-8 meet 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$40. Contact Coach Kostoff or Coach Scudder at (260) 496-4700, ext. 316 and 336, for information.

- Dance team camp will be June 18-22, 9-11:30 a.m. in the SAC. Grades kindergarten through 8 are eligible. Cost is \$40 or \$45 at the door.

- Wrestling camp will be held June 18-21 from 1-5 p.m. in the SAC. The camp is open to grades 1-12. Cost is \$100.

- Cheerleading camp will be

held July 23-27, 9-11:30 a.m. Grades kindergarten through 8 in the 2007-08 school year, are invited. Cost is \$30 or \$60 including shorts and a shirt. For information, contact Amy Gonzagowski at (260) 496-4700, ext. 340.

- Stunt camp is scheduled July 23-27, 9-11:30 a.m. The camp is open to grades 5-8 in the 2007-08 school year. Cost is \$50 or \$80 with outfit. Contact Amy Gonzagowski at (260) 496-4700, ext. 340 for information.

Most forms available online at www.bishopdwenger.com and in the front office of the school. For more information, call the school at (260) 496-4700 unless specified otherwise. The school will be implementing summer hours on June 4. Staff will be available from 7:30-11:30 a.m.



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St. John the Baptist — open to God's call

BY GINNY KOHRMAN

Opening prayer

All gracious God, you gave to us St. John the Baptist who was open to your call even before he was born. Give to us that kind of listening heart so we may respond to your calls and nudgings which often come to us through others. Bless us with generous hearts, knowing all things are possible with your grace. This we ask through Jesus your Son in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture: Is 49: 1-6; Acts 13: 22-26; Lk 1: 57-66, 80

Commentary

John the Baptist, a prophet for his time, was destined before his birth to be a special emissary for the people of his time and a model for us. He was the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah. Since they were up in years they had not been blessed with children, which was a heavy burden to bear. Yet in their old age, the Angel Gabriel visited Zechariah who was carrying out his priestly function of offering incense before the Lord to tell him that his wife, Elizabeth, will bear a son and his name is to be John. Startled, afraid and incredulous at hearing such news, Zechariah was slow in believing this good news and as a result of his lack of belief he was struck dumb until the time the promise was fulfilled. John would be great before the Lord. He would be a person filled with the Spirit even from his mother's womb. He would drink no wine or strong drink but would challenge the people of Israel to repent and

turn back to the Lord.

We read also in the Gospel of John regarding John the Baptist, that he was sent by God to the people for a purpose. "He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." (Jn 1: 6-9) Often we read he was the forerunner of Jesus — a person with a mission to be carried out to the people of Israel.

The call — Is 49: 1-6 and Lk 1:57-66, 80

While in the womb, God called him and named him. God had a definite purpose in mind for John. I often wonder what went on in the minds of Zechariah and Elizabeth during this time of waiting and confinement. Certainly their trust in God deepened at the incredible news of bringing forth a child but in their old age. Yet so often Scripture reminds us nothing is impossible with God. This is our faith to believe in the wondrous works of God. Imagine the surprise of their friends and neighbors on hearing the news that Elizabeth was with child.

Finally the day of John's birth arrived and we know from Scripture their neighbors rejoiced at the news and fully expected he would be named after his father, Zechariah. On the eighth day, as was the custom, the child would be circumcised and named. Imagine again the surprise, when Elizabeth was asked and said his name would be John, and still being more incredulous they asked Zechariah, who wrote "John is his name."

Only when they realized Zechariah could speak again,

amazement and fear came over them. It seems everything the neighbors expected turned out to be so totally different. Perhaps they left asking themselves, "What then, will this child be?"

These events bring to mind that none of us can know the mind of God. Life is a journey of trust with many unexpected turns and twists, which often bring us to our knees. St. Teresa of Avilla had this to say about her journey, "God leads souls along many roads and paths, just as God has led mine."

We are asked to be open, believing and trusting, following the God who will lead us to where we would rather not go at times. Just getting the news of a family member diagnosed with cancer or some other serious illness. Being told your position is being cut or one of the children was in an accident on the way home from school. Incidents like these can be the heartbreakers and cause one to question one's faith. But like John "who grew and became strong in spirit, while in the wilderness, these can become our wilderness/desert experiences to make us strong in spirit and have the courage to face in faith life's challenges.

The mission

Living in the desert for years was like the training ground for John. It was a time spent in solitude, fasting and prayer to be formed by the Spirit in order to carry out God's mission to the people of Israel. This probably took a span of years and when the time was right he seemed to be on fire with God's Spirit. He went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, "proclaiming a baptism of

repentance for the forgiveness of sins." People began to wonder if he could be the Messiah they were waiting for all these years. John sensed this and told the people I am not the one. I am not worthy to even loosen his sandal strap. He went on to say, "I am baptizing with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

John certainly was a humble man. He was who he was meant to be — he preached the good news to the people, helping them to look at their lives and the way they were living. Some turned away because it was touching areas of their life they didn't want to change.

John did not take on a role of being someone else. He challenged people to change and be who they were meant to be. We too, have been given a purpose in life, God's Holy Spirit is within us guiding and directing us if we are open to hear through our times of prayer and quiet. Ask to be able to see what it is if you are uncertain. Pray for confidence that you will be given the courage and strength to carry out and fulfill God's plan in your life. Change is never easy but we have many good models in the lives of saints.

We have been called by God. Through our baptism we are to be disciples of God's love, peacemakers and bearers of the good news.

Evangelization and action challenge

Interior renewal

Whatever your walk in life, are you trying to be the person God created you to be? Reflect on your purpose in life — carrying out the demands of your vocation as a parent, a grandparent, a student, a teacher, a professional, a worker, etc. Pray for the grace to be faithful to your mission.

Reaching out to others

John the Baptist brought good news to people, Jesus is the Good News in our lives. What good news can you bring to someone

today that will give that person some encouragement?

Transforming society

Be aware of your own dignity as a son or daughter of God and give that same respect to people you work with, meet on the street, as you drive today, or in whatever situation you find yourself in today.

Closing prayer

The Canticle of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to his father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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DEVOTIONS

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 handicap accessible.

Divine Mercy devotions
Fort Wayne — St. Henry Parish has Divine Mercy devotions every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and first Sundays at 3 p.m.

Centering prayer
South Bend — Centering prayer is held every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. at Little Flower Chapel, 54191 N. Ironwood.

FUND RAISERS

Funfest announced at Precious Blood
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish will have Funfest 2007 on Friday, June 1, with a hotdog and hamburger picnic from 5-7:30 p.m. and music by Jim Didier and friends from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, June 2, beginning at 11 a.m. will feature children's games, raffle, bingo, crafts, a beer tent and a hog roast from 5-7:30 p.m. with music by Loose Change from 8-11 p.m.

Knights host fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus, Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., Fort Wayne, will sponsor their monthly all-you-can-eat fish fry on Friday, June 1, from

5-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 years of age and under. Fish, two sides and beverage included.

St. Hedwig Holy Name Society is selling raffle tickets for ND season tickets
South Bend — A raffle for two Notre Dame season tickets will take place from now until Aug. 19. First prize is two season tickets; second prize is \$100 and third prize is \$50. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Send check or money order to St. Hedwig Holy Name Society, 1104 N. Elliot St., South Bend, 46628.

RUMMAGE SALES

Luers loot on sale
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a rummage sale on Saturday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bishop Luers cafeteria. A bag sale will begin at 1 p.m.

Christ Child Society plans sale
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society will have a garage sale on Friday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to noon at Queen of Angels Activities Center, 1500 W. State.

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Volunteers needed for Hospice Home
Fort Wayne — Volunteers are needed to assist the agency in a variety of roles. Duties include patient support and clerical support. Garden volunteers are also needed to maintain the Seasons of Life perennial garden. Volunteer training is being planned. Call Ann Blue at (260) 435-3235 or visit www.vnhh.org for information.

Volunteers needed
Fort Wayne — The Franciscan Center Clothes Closet is in need of volunteers. Call Doris Bermes at (260) 744-3977 for information.

Erin's House seeks good listeners
Fort Wayne — Erin's House is seeking volunteers who are good listeners with a caring and compassionate heart for children and young adults ages 3 to 25. Call (260) 423-2466 for information.

Volunteer for St. Mary Soup Kitchen
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Bishop shares God's love and pizza with Antioch Youth

BY SUSAN BAXTER

MISHAWAKA — Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated the feast of the Ascension May 20 with some of his biggest fans — the Mishawaka Antioch Youth Group. St. Bavo Church was packed with the teens and their families for the 7 p.m. Mass.

During his homily, Bishop D'Arcy moved down from the altar and congenially questioned the youths. His kind yet challenging manner reminded many older parishioners of the bishops who catechized them at their confirmations.

"I am delighted to be here with you on this feast of the Ascension," he said. "The disciples returned so joyfully from this moment ... having seen Jesus leave them that day. Yet they were so very sad, so dejected on Good Friday, when Jesus was laid in the tomb."

"Can anyone tell me what was the difference between these two experiences? Why would they be so full of joy when Jesus left them as he ascended?"

After praising the valiant attempts at what he called "some pretty complicated theology," Bishop D'Arcy explained that the disciples had begun to understand the nature of the church.

"When Jesus was with them before the Ascension, only a few people could meet him face to face," he said. "But they had begun to understand that afterward, it was better: now, all could meet him face to face. This happens through grace, which comes to us through the sacrament of baptism. At our baptism, Jesus becomes present in each one of

us. That's why sin is so terrible; it is a casting out of God."

Bishop spoke of the many scriptural images of Christ's relationship with his church: Vines and Vinedresser, Good Shepherd and Flock, Building and Cornerstone, and Bridegroom and Spouse. These images, he said, only prove up in our closeness, our unity and in holy Communion.

"Jesus is closer to us than we are to ourselves."

Unity is an important theme with Antioch Youth. With what they call their "Four Pillars" (youth Mass, weekly eucharistic adoration, Sunday evening meetings, and youth retreats), the youths evangelize in more than eight area high schools and represent many of the South Bend area parishes. This past Easter Vigil, the Catholic Church welcomed several young people into full communion, who said their Catholic faith is a fruit of the Antioch Ministry.

Barbara Finkelstein, an Antioch mom who was present at the Mass, said she felt deeply moved as she watched the youth interact with their bishop.

"These kids really respect our priests... They won't let anyone ever so much as criticize a priest in their presence."

"Seeing them with the bishop, too — they truly seemed to understand how important he is to us; they understand who the bishop is ... that he appears in the place of the Holy Father, of the apostles, of Peter himself."

Bishop D'Arcy speaks often to diocesan youth about the pope and his mission, and the Ascension Mass was no exception. Also during his homily, he discussed the fact that theo-



SUSAN BAXTER

Marian student and Antioch participant Hank Gettinger of Bremen was invited by Bishop John M. D'Arcy to talk about Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, "God Is Love," ("Deus Caritas Est") during the homily at the Antioch Mass on May 20 at St. Bavo in Mishawaka.

gians expected Pope Benedict's first encyclical to be about the dictatorship of relativism.

"So many times we have seen this in our culture: 'You will decide what is good and evil.' This has been true whether it is an attack on a great building on a beautiful September morning, or on a new life in the womb."

But Bishop D'Arcy said the pope's first encyclical had a very different title, and again, he questioned the youths about the name of that document. He called on Marian High School student William "Hank" Gettinger, the

son of Paul and Monica Gettinger, of Bremen. Gettinger, who said he had just studied the text at Marian, correctly answered "God is Love" ("Deus Caritas Est") in English and Latin.

Bishop D'Arcy explained the importance of the document, as he invited the young theologian to share the spotlight with him for a few moments. From the altar, the two discussed the pope's words.

"The Holy Father said love must be disciplined," Bishop D'Arcy said. "This is the way

God loves his church: Passionately — yet with a complete renunciation of self. This kind of love we call agape; and this is the way Christ loved his church.

"In a sense, your heaven has already started — through the Eucharist. When you receive Communion, your heaven has already begun."

As he concluded, the bishop called for silence, and asked the young people to reflect on the nature of this selfless love:

"Pray for the gift of knowing how to love," he said, "and tell him what you will do in return."

Father Barry England, pastor of St. Bavo, hosted the bishop, along with Antioch facilitator Bob Kloska and St. Bavo Parish associate Gus Zuehlke. After the Mass, Bishop D'Arcy accepted an invitation to the humble pizza-and-pop post-Mass celebration. Because a bishop's visit always is a door-buster for Antioch, the party had to be moved to the gym because of the crowds.

The visit left many youth with a strong sense of belonging. One teen, who asked to remain anonymous, said he felt the bishop truly cares for young people of the diocese.

"He was like a celebrity ... everybody wanted to be around him, but we were all kind of shy. He joked around a lot and he can be really funny ... but when he talks about loving God, it's no joke."

"It always seems like he's best buddies with the pope when he quotes him, so you feel closer to the pope. (Bishop D'Arcy) is a very holy person."

"He inspires me to pray harder."

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