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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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.

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
June devotions celebrate Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart

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, “Sacerdotal Caritas” (“The Sacrament of the Priesthood: Importance of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.” In a little book Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now Pope 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 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 fits 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 Jesus Christ. From her writing came such things as the First Friday devotions, novenas to the Sacred Heart and the enforcement 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.

Sunday, June 3, 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 is a 25, who 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 major capital project. 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’ board 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 my 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 cheese cake. (Hello, roadside snack!) 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 Oakland 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 Dan Leeuw. 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 him very well.

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.
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/ccc, 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 animed 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 “populär piety and art in dialogue with the rich pre-Columbian tradições and syntheses of the many influences of Europe and the other continents.”

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 dignity was all too often trampled.”

Pope Benedict’s comments at the audience were 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.”

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.”

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thrive 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 Dropkin, 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 engaging, and reducing our energy costs. We’re expecting significant cost reductions,” said Poulter.

“We’re very proud of this school. We love it,” Bishop D’Arcy told the audience at 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 first Bishop Luers High 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.”

Fifty years ago, Msgr. Lester was the principal of Central Catholic High School, which was our growing 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 Sylva Lake, at which Bishop Noll responded: “Well, we’ll just have to build another school.”

Msgr. Lester arranged for the Franciscan orders — the sister, priest 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.

The renderings show the phase I renovations at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne.
Mexican Bishop Flores Calzada visits area Hispanic communities

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — A special visitor to 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 issues they both considered important to Hispanics. Three years ago, Father Manuel Evangelista, whose cousin, Father Constution Rocha, is currently an 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.”

On his visit to Fort Wayne, Bishop D’Arcy visited the Mexican Bishop Flores Calzada returned to Mexico on Tuesday, following the celebration of a private Mass in MacDoughal Chapel May 22, the bishop was also able to continue his whirlwind tour the following day.

The congregation of Our Lady of Guadalupe, along with Father Paul Bueker, 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.

Thebishop was also able to tour the Notre Dame campus later that day and of the visit, “I was very impressed with the Catholic university where they prepare professionals. The basica 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 peoples, especially the Spanish community.” Bishop Calzada reported that Bishop D’Arcy “wanted 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 next 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 churches, to serve the Hispanic community. “There is so huge need,” he reported. “I believe the church is one. We have to collaborate since the diocese welcomes immigrants here.”

Of immigration he said that the church should be a model of immigration reform for a better life when they begin their journey. They are not criminals or illegal. The world belongs to everyone, one should give the good to the place where one arrives.

Bishop D’Arcy returned to Mexico on Tuesday, following the celebration of a private Mass in MacDoughal Chapel, taking with him “a good impression of the whole diocese and the experience.”

He added that “the geographic and cultural diversity of the diocese is blessed by the pastor, Bishop D’Arcy who worries about the Catholics he serves, whatever their nationality.

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 that represented the voice of the whole diocese.

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. “For me it is very important to continue to have the different worker program, the reconfiguration of the legal immigrant system and the legalization program in Senate,” he said.

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 necessary 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.


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.

Before 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.

“Bishops are very important to hear from the faith community as we go through this debate,” said Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn.
Bishops’ work group affirms church anti-abuse education programs

BY JERRY FILTEAU

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A report sent to the U.S. bishops by the Bishops’ Work Group of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2001 requires all dioceses to establish ongoing safe environment education programs for children who are not in Catholic catechetical programs for those raised by the task force of the National Review Board and not clear enough about the treatment of church teaching on the education of children in matters pertaining to for-mation in sexual morality.

The work group consisted of 15 other members selected by Bishop Gregory M. Aymond of Austin, Texas, head of the committee, and Patricia O. Ewens, 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 for children 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 respect for and not clear enough about the treatment of church teaching on the education of children in matters pertaining to formation in sexual morality.”

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 sociolog-ist David Finkelhor, director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire.

Dr. Finkelhor indicated that while the evidence of effective-

ness (of such safety training) is far from conclusive it does sug-gest that school-based prevention education programs are worth implementing as a component of a more comprehensive strategy to prevent the sexual abuse of chil-dren,” 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 likely-hood that children would disclose, resulting in termination or arrest of the perpetrator, and the mobilization of assistance, reduc-tion in isolation and the children seeing that they had successfully protected themselves. Exposure to prevention training also decreased the likelihood that chil-dren would blame themselves.”

Grabowski pointed out that the task force paper was selective in its treatment of “teaching on parental rights in education and not clear enough about the role the church attributes to edu-ca tors 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 commit-tee at its meeting in March. It was sent out to the bishops at the end of April.

Father Jim Shafer, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, Father Bernard Namenian, 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 prac-tice, an evergreen to symbolize life and the American flag to symbolize patriotism was placed on the steel structure.
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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 for some “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 concern 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 arranged May 18 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, Mara McReynolds, found 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 arraigning May 18 she said 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 1898, 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 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 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

ROME (CNS) — After three days in the hands of kidnappers, an Iraqi Chaldean Catholic priest was released, shaken but healthy, a Red Cross-based mission said. Father Nawzat Hanna, a pastor in Baghdad’s Babil district, 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 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 answer 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 policy makers a cure are hiding the truth,” said Bishop Kevin Dowling of Rustenburg, who heads the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Domestic Justice and Development. “It is the Church’s role to say that God is with us in all these suffering (people). I am not a specialist in HIV/AIDS, but I am simply sharing what I have found in my own work. The fact is that God is with us in all these suffering (people).” Bishop Dowling said during a series of talks on HIV/AIDS care sponsored by Human Rights Watch in Uganda, a home-care organization. “I want to share with you how I have found the God of love and justice in this situation. I 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 Nester 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 commencement 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 — and how, day to day, the church changes, he said. “Our life changes — sometimes for better, sometimes for worst. 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 worse. But through it all, the Lord is the Lord of all times.”

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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 university 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 — 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 for 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 their interests. Their teamwork during the Q-and-A is also another reason for their success,” said Julie Chisman 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 Chisman.

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


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Catholic-Christian singer Tatiana makes Fort Wayne tour stop

BY LAUREN CAGNANO

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.idobelieve.com, Tatiana (Tatiana) 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 for performance arts. She graduated with an admittance into the prestigious European’s youth as “Tajci.”

Before long Tajci’s records achieved platinum and diamond status, and she was discovered and electrified by new wave of optimism, much like the Gregorian style music is moving and almost ethereal. If you’re looking for more, check out her Web site www.idobelieve.com.

Offer. Then much to the surprise of 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 quest contemplation that she was inspired to compose music and singing about her experiences, according to her story on the Web site.

In five years’ time, the couple crossed the county several times, playing concerts at hundreds of venues, Tatiana brought the same 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 message.

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 the time 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 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 untold history. 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. He is a volunteer and a member of the parish’s Vincentian conference. He was given a Top Hat Award for his service to young children in the community.

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St. Charles Borromeo Parish
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1957 - 2007

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

In 1957, the northeast side of Fort Wayne was growing, and Bishop Leo A. Persley 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 that someday St. Charles Borromeo Church would grow to the point where a new structure would be needed.

Bishop Hession was named the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church and witnessed many changes over the years. In January 1958, Hambrecht Associates completed plans for the first church, school and, at a later date, an apartment complex. The first Mass was celebrated at the Memorial Coliseum on that Sunday, and Father Hession began his pastoral responsibilities.

The St. Charles Borromeo community has been blessed with music directors of exceptional talent. One of the most talented is Sister Marie Andorfer, OSF. Sister Marie has been a staff member at St. Charles Borromeo for 33 years and her contributions to liturgy and music have been invaluable. She has been a member of the liturgy committee since the first pastor and has served as music director for Masses and liturgies.

Music is another form of prayer and worship at a Mass. The St. Charles Borromeo community has a group of talented musicians who direct the music and liturgy, and the parishioners are encouraged to participate in the worship service. The music director, Sister Marie, works closely with the music committee to plan and execute the music program at the Mass.

The parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo are proud of their rich heritage and are committed to continuing its legacy. They have built a strong community and continue to grow in faith and service. They are grateful for the guidance of Father Hession and his successors, and they look forward to many more years of growth and ministry.
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 conceded, “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 encouraged 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 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 of language skills are important facets in this pursuit of excellence. In this regard, all seventh and eighth 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.
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 Theresa Bonzel, whose cause is being considered for beatification, founded the congregation in 1860 in Olpe, Germany, in 1875, the first sisters came to Lafayette to begin a convent and the establishment of schools staffed by the sisters, including Our Lady of Angels Convent in 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 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 a 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.

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Sister M. James Agnes Maroney was born in Fort Wayne and entered the Franciscan habit several years ago. She has been living at the Franciscan Center in Lafayette 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.

Sister M. Jane Marie Klein was born in Joliet, Ill. She entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 12, 1967 from St. Benedict Parish in Evansville, Sister has ministered in several health care facilities staffed by the sisters as an accountant, comptroller, director of social service and administrator. Sister Jane Marie has been chancellor of the board of directors of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Inc. since 1993 and resides at St. Francis Provincialicate in Mishawaka.

Sister M. Theresa Ann Long 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 aide in St. Alexius Hospital in Cleveland and continued in that capacity at various health care institutions operated by the sisters, including Our Lady of Angels in Mishawaka. Sister Corita Last was born in Huntington and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis from St. Peter and Paul Parish on Aug. 12, 1967. Sister has recently been appointed as our ministry in health care facilities staffed by the sisters, including Our Lady of Angels in Mishawaka. Sister Charita Meyer was born in Huntington and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis from St. Peter and Paul Parish on Aug. 12, 1967. Sister Charita Meyer has taught in several of the elementary schools in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana that were staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Chari has 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.

Silver jubilee

Sister M. Fidelis Hunt was born in Fort Wayne and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis novitiate on Aug. 10, 1981 from St. Mary’s Parish. 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.

Jubilee Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ Redeemer of the world, through your cross and resurrection 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 who have been ministers 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 you, Lord Jesus Christ, who will be able to make the common priesthood 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 and prayers for this intention for our diocese in this year of jubilee. Amen.
Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate 1,830 years of vowed life

JUBILARIANS 13 JUNE 3, 2007

Sisters celebrating 25 years of vowed life in the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross are Charlotte Marie Bayhouse (Sister Alfreda Marie), Michella Marie Domohue and G.erald Hartney.

Donaldson — Eight Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ are celebrating jubilees this year. A community celebration is planned for July 17 at the Ancilla Domini Chapel, Donaldson.

70-year jubilarians

• Besides teaching in several schools in Illinois and Minnesota, Sister Aline Cleen 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 convent, she retired to the Catherine Kasper Home in 2003.

• Sister Bernice Buescher has ministered in the education and clerical fields at various locations including Bishop Dwenger High School 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.

• 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 18 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 teacher and a hostess at hospitals and schools in Indiana and Illinois. Before assuming the role of librarian at the convent’s Avita Library, where she still serves, she is a resident of Convent Ancilla Domini, Donaldson.

• Jubilarian Sister Stephen Bruegeman 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.

50-year jubilarians

• A native of Chicago, Sister Barbara Kober has served many of her years in the areas of parish ministry and education. In this diocese, Sister Barbara served as a teacher at St. Monika 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 provincial councilor. Sister Jolise currently resides at Catherine’s Cottage in Donaldson where she ministers as co-director.
**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 involve this), nor is it a kind of lexical archaeology, but rather as a believer seeking to understand more deeply the faith he has received. 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.

This might be 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 challenges 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 views on the issues of concern to its readers through editorials. The award represents not only a recognition of our editorial work, but also an endorsement of the commitment of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for newspapers of its circulation size.

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

**COMMENTARY**

Twentieth 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 insights. In a recent interview with NCR’s John L. Allen, Fisher stressed the significant importance of Catholic-Jewish dialogue. “Their 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, “as 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 when it is only with them that we share a common relation in Scripture, in our DNA. My image for the relation was that of a double helix. The two strands are separate, but they’re intertwined 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 Versholum, Fisher presented, as the supporting structure for his reflections, “Twenty Centuries in Two 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 turned 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 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 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 thought that Christianity was just another, if not the least, a socio-religious movement, 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,” said 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 anti-semitism was 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 adoration.

Nancy Cavadini is the South Bend coordinator of the Diocesan Ecumenical Office.
God’s love comes through the Spirit

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

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 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, and God is behind the one who writes. Wisdom declares in the reading, “From of old,” it continues to the quality of wisdom. Wisdom is of God, and God is behind the one who writes. Wisdom declares in the reading, “From of old,” it continues to

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 forms.

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 do and to everything 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 grace now and for joy forever.

READINGS

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 18:9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 6:12-15

Monday: Tb 1:3-12; Ps 112:1-6 Mk 13:1-2

Tuesday: Tb 29:14-15; Ps 112:1-7; 9:18-27 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:16-18 Ps 125:2-9 Mk 12:18-27

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

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

Saturday: Tb 12:15-16 Ps 150:4-10 Tb 13:26-38 Mk 13:44-45

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Campbell

This quiz looks at baptism.

1. Baptism is one if these
   a. sacramentals
   b. sacraments
   c. sacrosancts

2. It always requires the use of this
   a. a cloth of white wool
   b. candles
   c. water

3. Baptism was
   a. invented by the Catholic Church
   b. practiced by the Jews and possibly (not likely) by pagans before Christ (though with different effects)
   c. established by Abraham as the fourth element of the covenant

4. In baptism a person is associated with Christ’s
   a. charisma
   b. death and resurrection
   c. dual personae

5. Jesus’ views of baptism were clearly
   a. favorable, as he himself was baptized
   b. unfavorable, though he tolerated it for his followers
   c. we cannot say, he never was involved with it

6. John, the most famous baptizer, was Jesus’
   a. brother in law
   b. cousin
   c. nemesis

7. What formula is required for a valid baptism?
   a. baby formula if the baptized in an infant
   b. the Trinitarian formula, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
   c. any Jovian or Aaronic formula

8. Infant baptism is
   a. implied in Scripture but not clearly described
   b. illegal under canon law
   c. a sin against the freedom of conscience

9. In the first five centuries of the church, some people delayed baptism until near death. Why?
   a. to avoid the cold water in a time when heating was poor
   b. they could not afford to tip the altar boys till hay had saved up
   c. to avoid some of the responsibilities of the Christian life as long as possible

10. These people who were baptized late were given this strange title
   a. Lapsi
   b. Clinici
   c. Donatists

11. This late form of baptism was, surprisingly, not equal to an early baptism. It rendered the recipient for example ineligible for this:
   a. ordination
   b. the afterlife
   c. the use of a church

12. Baptism can be received
   a. once only (though it can be administered conditionally if there is doubt)
   b. twice, if the person is baptized Protestant and later Catholic
   c. as many times as needed to get their attention

13. Historically though, especially in the east, baptism was often
   a. repeated if the first baptism was by a known or suspected heretic (and so thought invalid)
   b. omitted to spare the soul a permanent mark
   c. made a regular part of Sunday service and thus repeated weekly

14. Who can baptize in an emergency?
   a. only an ordained minister
   b. only a godparent or a clinician
   c. anyone

ANSWERS

1. b, c, 2. b, 3. a, 4. b, 5. a, 6. a, 7. a, 8. a, 9. c, 10. b, 11. a, 12. a, 13. a, 14. c
We can be with the risen Lord Jesus anywhere, anytime.

That's a Good Question

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 church. The legislator who does this knows clearly, until Jesus Father Federico Lombardi, the papal press office, went on to note that the press section of the papal press office had been deleted, as had the reference was posted on the Vatican website.

First, it is the settled conviction of the Catholic Church that a legislator's facilitating abortion through a vote or legislation or fund the procedure puts that legislator outside the communion of the church. The pope's papal press office 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 to be 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, "by deeming it a pastoral necessity to order that politicians in this position of estrangement from the Church not be given holy Communion — for that to be a lie to the original offense against justice, the taking of an innocent human life."

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By Patricia Kasten

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While not revealing how much the solar project will cost, Cusciannia said "it will pay for itself in a few years" from the savings on the energy bills. Whatever solar power the hall will be using will be funnelled into the Vatican's energy grid and benefit other energy needs, he said.

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

by Ginny Kohnman

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 nudges 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.


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 of listening to the voice of God. John was the forerunner of Jesus — a person who came to prepare the way of the Lord. He was sent to prepare the way of the Lord, to announce the coming of Jesus the Messiah, and to point to Jesus as the true light, which enlightens every person who comes into the world. John, like the people of his time, was troubled and fearful at the thought of bringing forth a child. But the Spirit of the Lord was with John. His mother, Elizabeth, was the one to whom the angel Gabriel appeared. From her, John’s voice was to go out to the people of Israel. This probably was the promise he heard while he was in the womb. He would drink no wine or un发酵的饮品 to keep his body pure for the mission of preparing the way for Jesus, his true light. John was born and named at the exact time his parents were supposed to be circumcised and named. He was struck dumb until the time his parents rejoiced that his wife, Elizabeth, would bear a son. The promise was fulfilled. John was a special emissary for God. His name is John, a name meaning “grace.” His parents fully expected he would be of the priestly function of offering incense before the Lord to tell him about his assigned mission. John’s name would be John, and still he was struck dumb until the time his parents rejoiced. Finally the day of John’s birth arrived and we know from Scripture their neighbors rejoiced and Zechariah could speak again, saying, “Blessed are you, my child, for you will bring forth a child who will be circumcised and named John.” John was coming into the world.

The mission

Living in the desert for years was the training ground for John. It was a time spent in solitude, fasting, and prayer. He was brought out of the desert to be formed by the Spirit in order to carry out God’s mission to the people of Israel. John came to testify to the light, so people could see what it is if they are uncertain. He was not the light, but he was sent by God to the people of Israel. This probably was the purpose of John’s baptism. To John regarding John the Baptist, a professional, a teacher, a worker, a parent, a grandparent, a student, a worker, and a person of your vocation. Whatever your walk in life, are you ready to be open to the Spirit as John was to be open to the Spirit of God? Be aware of your own dignity and your strengths, weaknesses, and challenges.

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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, the oath he swore to our fathers Abraham and to David, his servant, to set us free from all our enemies, 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 through the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to give 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 will be forever, world without end. Amen.
**What’s Happening?**

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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 Jeffrey Manns directing the Fort Wayne Mannchor and Dammenschörn 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.

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**Divine Mercy devotions**

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

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**Centering prayer**

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

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**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 5:30-7:30 p.m. with music by Loose Change from 8-11 p.m.

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**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.

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**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 a season ticket; second prize is $100 and third prize is $50. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. Cash or check or money order to St. Hedwig Holy Name Society, 1104 N. Elliott St., South Bend, 46628.

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**Rummage Sales**

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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.

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**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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**Donations**

**Mustard Seed Furniture Bank can use your donations**

Fort Wayne — The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank is in need of furniture. Donations may be picked up by calling (260) 471-5802. The Mustard Seed is dedicated to providing household furnishings to those in need.

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**Children’s Faith Formation**

Precious Blood Church in Trotwood, Ohio

Seeks applicants for the position of Director of Children’s Faith Formation. This full-time position is responsible for the Parish School of Religion, the sacramental preparation programs for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation and serves as a resource for the youth ministry program and the parish elementary school in the areas of catechetical instruction, catechist formation and spiritual development. This person is part of the Pastoral Staff that works collaboratively to unite all the ministries with a welcoming spirit where diversity is an asset. Candidate should possess a Master’s Degree in Theology, Religious Studies or a related field as well as some teaching experience. This position will be open August 1, 2007. Competitive compensation and benefits will be provided commensurate with qualifications and experience. Interested persons should submit a resume and cover letter by June 15, 2007 to:

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Bishop shares God’s love and pizza with Antioch Youth

BY SUSAN RAXTER

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 congregially 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 with 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 disciples had begun to understand them as he ascended?”

Bishop D’Arcy explained that the Ascension “is a casting out of God.”

“God 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 theologians expected Pope Benedict’s first encyclical to be about the dictatorialism 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 Englert, pastor of St. Bavo, hosted the bishop, along with Antioch facilitator Bob Kloksa and St. Bavo Parish associate Gus Zielke. 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 hard.”

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.