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## Service and joy

Two seminarians ordained to the transitional diaconate



DON CLEMMER

Bishop John M. D'Arcy stands with newly ordained Deacons Kevin Bauman and Drew Curry outside St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend following the June 2 ordination Mass. The two new deacons will study for one more year at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, before their anticipated ordination to the priesthood in 2008.

BY DON CLEMMER

SOUTH BEND — Kevin Bauman and Drew Curry came one step closer to the Catholic priesthood on June 2 with their ordination to the diaconate by Bishop John M. D'Arcy at St. Matthew Cathedral. Bishop D'Arcy celebrated the Mass with Msgr. Paul Langsfeld, rector of Pontifical College Josephinum, where Bauman and Curry are studying for the priesthood, as well as Father Bernard Galic, diocesan director of vocations, Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral and numerous other priests from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"This is a day where we look upon Jesus Christ the servant, who offered himself for our salvation, and to ordain two men for similar service with the same spirit," Bishop D'Arcy said at the start of the Mass.

In his homily, the bishop reiterated this focus on Jesus Christ, the servant, citing numerous examples from Scripture, such as the washing of the disciples' feet and the notion of the greatest becoming the least, as the model of Christ's servant leadership that the men ordained to the diaconate would now follow. The deacon, he said, is "a reminder that we are all servants of Jesus Christ and that our goal is to be the least and not to draw attention to ourselves."

Bishop D'Arcy also read from Pope Benedict XVI's exhortation on the Eucharist, regarding the notion that priests must not put themselves in the center of their ministry, but must rather seek to be "a docile instrument in the Lord's hands."

He also spoke of the pope's reflection on priestly celibacy, not in functional terms, but in theological terms, namely of "conforming oneself to Christ's own way of life." The theme of celibacy was particularly pronounced during the Mass, as ordination to the diaconate is the step on the road to priesthood

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## Music at Eucharistic Congress will be a diocesan effort

The Aug. 18 prelude and closing Mass will consist of choir and instrumentalists from across the diocese

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

SOUTH BEND — While the singing will be beautiful, Eucharistic Congress choir director Jeremy Hoy wants everyone to know that the role of the choir is not to perform.

"The choir's role in the Eucharistic Congress is not that," Hoy said. "Their primary function is to help the people of the diocese to sing and participate in the liturgy. In the end, the choir will add beauty and solemnity to the 150th Anniversary Mass and will assist and encourage the singing of the

assembly of the diocese."

Besides the Eucharistic Congress music director, Hoy is the director of music and liturgy at St. Pius X Parish, Granger.

The Eucharistic Congress Choir will be singing at the 4:30 p.m. concluding Mass on Aug. 18 in the Joyce Center with a prelude beginning at 4 p.m. In addition to the choir, instrumentalists from the parishes around the diocese will be adding their talents in woodwinds, strings, brass and percussion. The handbell choirs from St. Pius X, Granger, Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne, and St. Charles, Fort Wayne, will also be joining the choir.

Besides adults, the choir is open to children in grades 5-8 and high school youths in grades 9-12 as well. "We also hope that they participate," said Hoy. He hopes as many participate as possible.

Those who wish to be part of the

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## BISHOP PRESENTS CHECK TO MARIAN



LISA EVERETT

Bishop John M. D'Arcy presented a check from the high school endowment to Marian High School Principal Carl Loesch. Joining Principal Loesch in the photo is Marian High School chaplain Father Daniel Scheidt. The Legacy of Faith report can be found on page 4 in this week's Today's Catholic

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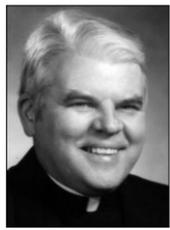
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# Deacon highlights service so that the rest of us can embrace this spirit



NEWS  
& NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## A morning of hope

It was a joy to ordain two men to the diaconate, who, with God's help, will be ordained to the priesthood next year. Both are graduates of Saint Joseph's High School. Before a fine crowd at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, on a warm Saturday morning, Kevin Bauman and Andrew Curry received the Holy Order of Deacon through the ancient rite of the laying on of hands.

First, let us speak of the obligations that they embraced. They accepted the lifelong obligation of celibacy, giving up something beautiful to embrace something beautiful. Marriage, family, children and grandchildren — things deep within the human heart are given up, not because they are not attractive, but because each one believes that Christ is asking it of them. Pope Benedict XVI has told us recently that celibacy for the priests is not a question of availability, for he says such a concept can lead to a certain cold-heartedness and to denigration of the married life. Who is more available, after all, than a mother with six children or a father of three with two jobs? Rather, it is because the priest takes the Lord as his portion, "my portion and my cup." This requires a spirituality of celibacy — a sense of belonging fully to God. Acceptance of this comes only with prayer.

I always read the instruction from the Ordination of a Deacon, Priest or Bishop, rather than my own words, because it represents the tradition of ordained priests. However, I did indicate that our focus during this service should not be on these two young men, as valuable as they will be to the church, but on Jesus Christ, the servant, the one who said, "I have not come to be served but to serve." The one who washed the feet of his apostles. Only then can we understand the deacon. Priests are deacons and so is the bishop. We don't give up the office of the deacon, but we must embrace its spirituality. It can be summed up in words taken from the Letter to the Philippians: "Though he was equal to God, he did not cling to this but emptied himself, even unto death, even unto death on the cross."

You may say, well, aren't we all supposed to be servants? Yes. The deacon, however, highlights it so that the rest of us can embrace this spirit of service. That is

why Paul VI used the word stimulus. The deacon is a stimulus for all of us to focus not on ourselves but on Christ and others. These two deacons also intend to be priests and for this reason I quoted these recent words from Pope Benedict XVI:

"... priests should be conscious of the fact that in their ministry they must never put themselves or their personal opinions in first place, but Jesus Christ. Any attempt to make themselves the center of the liturgical action contradicts their very identity as priests. The priest is above all a servant of others, and he must continually work at being a sign pointing to Christ, a docile instrument in the Lord's hands. This is seen particularly in his humility in leading the liturgical assembly, in obedience to the rite, uniting himself to it in mind and heart, and avoiding anything that might give the impression of an inordinate emphasis on his own personality. I encourage the clergy always to see their eucharistic ministry as a humble service offered to Christ and his church. The priesthood, as St. Augustine said, is 'amoris officium,' it is the office of the good shepherd, who offers his life for his sheep." — cf. Jn 10:14-15.

The deacon takes up the obligation for the rest of his life to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. They are the old monastic hours, but updated and refined. They are a blessing for the priest, reminding him of his great responsibilities to be sure that prayer dominates every day of his life. It is this constant offering of the day to God, through

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I will pray for all of you there.

the Liturgy of Hours, the psalms, the readings, etc., that consecrates the priest, enriching him and strengthening him through days of constant work and sometimes inner turmoil. A beautiful event at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish, South Bend.

## A South Bend week

It was a joy to offer baccalaureate Masses for Marian and Saint Joseph's high schools. Both are doing quite well in their enrollments, and Saint Joseph's is now well over 800 students for next year, the most in quite a few years. At the conclusion of the Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, two stalwart seniors came up to present to me a magnificent statue of St. Joseph. Carved in Europe, it came from Our Lady of Presentation Parish, my home parish, where I grew up in Massachusetts. Two nights later, a similar event happened at St.

Matthew Cathedral Parish; two more graduates carried up a statue of Our Lady. It seems that Father Dan Scheidt, through his connections in Boston where he studied, procured these beautiful statues and had them shipped to our diocese so they could be here as a reminder of my beloved parish church, Our Lady of Presentation, which has now been closed.

This was a very poignant moment. These were gifts for my golden jubilee.

We are a church where the visible is important. We go from the physical to the invisible, and I am grateful to Father Dan for his thoughtfulness and to those who helped him to bring this about.

At the same time, I am sad that these statues are not in the place intended by the priests and parishioners who originally purchased them.

## Legacy of Faith

Elsewhere in this edition (on page 4), you will find a report on the Legacy of Faith. In coming weeks, I will make a full report on our Annual Bishop's Appeal and also a financial report as we try to show our people our fiscal situation in full and with transparency.

## Congratulations department

To Bishop Luers High School, which has achieved a regional championship in softball and a sectional title in baseball after a win over Bishop Dwenger, the league champions. Also, to Marian and Saint Joseph's high schools who played for the 3-A sectional in South Bend, with Saint Joseph's High School getting the win.

When I finish these notes, I will be heading north to Oakwood Inn at Lake Wawasee for a week of retreat with our priests. I hope also to get some much-needed rest and some good walks along the lake, along with some prayer. I will pray for all of you there.

## Red Sox report

Stayed up too late last night and saw the Yankees beat the Red Sox with a homer by a certain third baseman who will remain anonymous. Still, we are about 12 games ahead. I recall being that much ahead in July, and then losing the pennant, so I am always wary and anxious.

See you all next week.

# Death of student in house fire unites Holy Cross Parish community

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — When tragedy hits, a community's character, compassion and generosity are measured delicately and with sensitivity as various segments bring their expertise to bear.

Such an unfortunate accident fell upon the members of Holy Cross School and Parish on the morning of May 30 when fourth-grade student Molly Ridenour, 10, was taken in a house fire.

"It is extremely hard when you lose an angel," commented Angela Budzinski, the tearful principal of Holy Cross Grade School. "Molly was a great kid, always had a smile on her face and was always willing to help others."

Holy Cross Father Michael Mathews and Budzinski, upon being notified of the tragic event, immediately collaborated with staff, the diocesan Catholic Schools' office and counselors put into effect a crisis-response plan for the family as well as the students and teachers affected by the loss.

"Our first objective was to call all the parents of the fourth grade classes and invite them to the school to be with their children when we informed them of the loss of Molly," Budzinski explained. "It was important that the children had a support group around them, and our parents responded by leaving work, canceling appointments and attending

the announcement and prayer service.

"With great help from Rebecca Elswerky, associate superintendent of Catholic Schools, counselors were on site to help identify students that were struggling and to work them through the crisis," Budzinski added. "Right now our fourth-grade teachers have had to be strong for the students but are very fragile trying to cope with the passing.

"It is important to balance the loss and maintaining as normal a school day as possible," Budzinski responded. "The news is hitting everyone at the school very hard. Molly's mother, Becky, is a recess monitor, and (Molly) has two younger siblings attending the school."

The objectives of the school are very closely linked to the goals of the parish when an occurrence of this magnitude hits a community.

"We are trying to respond directly to the needs of the family as things unfold," Father Mathews said. "Both of Molly's parents have been hospitalized, and we are taking it slow because for them, everything is moving so fast.

"The pouring out of generosity by our parish, the local community and the Catholic community has been tremendous," noted Father Mathews. "It is a one-day-at-a-time situation, and the day after the news the building is feeling a little better.

"The help has come from many directions; good support from

Bishop D'Arcy, Rebecca Elswerky drove from Fort Wayne to give support and advice, Catholic Charities was on site to counsel, counselors from Saint Joseph's High School attended to students, the other diocese's schools have offered help and support, First Source Bank has set up a memorial fund and the local little league has stepped up with fundraising efforts," Father Mathews said. "In the face of this great loss, it is both wonderful and beautiful to see this display of charity.

"It was comforting to know that things were in place for such an occurrence with respect to a crisis-response plan," Father Mathews said. "Our big family has responded when it needed to respond, I was so impressed by our principal, staff and parents."

The healing process started the moment of the loss of Molly and will continue for many more days, months and years for the Holy Cross family.

"The school has come together in prayer and is working together for a common goal to keep the loss of Molly in perspective and understanding the emotional needs of the staff and students," Budzinski added. "It is so painful to lose an angel."

Chet Waggoner Little League raised enough funds on Saturday, June 2, to cover the entire funeral expense and donate \$9,000 towards the family's Memorial Fund.

## ORDAIN

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where a man embraces lifelong celibacy.

Bauman and Curry embraced not only celibacy, but also commitments to the Liturgy of the Hours, obedience to the bishop and other vows immediately following the homily before lying prostrate before the altar and having the laying of hands and prayer of ordination administered by Bishop D'Arcy. They later

received books of the Gospels, were vested by Fathers Galic and Heintz and then welcomed into ordained life by Deacons Jason Freiburger and Bob Lengerich.

The ordination of Deacons Bauman and Curry gives the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend a total of four transitional deacons, which Bishop D'Arcy noted at the Mass, is the highest number the diocese has seen in a long time. The bishop expressed a desire to freeze such a significant moment in time.

But the significance of the day for the bishop and the diocese seemed dwarfed by its importance for Deacons Bauman and Curry, who received an overwhelmingly warm reception from friends, family and other faithful at the Mass.

"We are most grateful for all of you to be here to share this day, this hour, with us," Deacon Bauman said on behalf of the two new deacons near the end of Mass. "It is a tremendous milestone for both of us, and we cannot thank you enough. The words 'thank you' almost seem trite compared to what we wish to express."

Deacon Bauman went on to acknowledge a number of the special guests present for the ordination, including seminarians from other dioceses and his own third grade teacher, and noted that he and Deacon Curry are continually formed and helped by the prayers

of the faithful. He also asked that the congregation pray for future vocations to the priesthood.

But with all the words of the day, from service to celibacy to vocations, it became clear over the course of the Mass that it was also a day of joy for the two new deacons and the

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DEACON KEVIN BAUMAN

diocese.

Deacon Curry reflected after Mass, "It seems like all my preparation has finally led me to this moment and what I'm supposed to do, in following closely with Christ's mission of preaching the Kingdom of God. And I feel as if God has always put it on my heart that my joy would be in following him in doing that."

# Pope canonizes four new saints, God's 'masterpieces'

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI canonized four new saints from Malta, Poland, the Netherlands and France and said they exemplified the many and varied forms of holiness in the church.

"God's wisdom is manifested in the cosmos, in the variety and beauty of its elements, but his masterpieces are the saints," the pope said during a rain-soaked liturgy June 3.

Some 40,000 pilgrims who huddled under umbrellas applauded as the pope read decrees proclaiming sainthood. Tapestry portraits of the newly canonized hung from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica, and relics of the saints were carried to the altar, where the pope celebrated Mass beneath a white canopy.

The new saints were:

• **St. George Preca (1880-1962)**, the first native saint of Malta and founder of the Society of Christian Doctrine, a group of celibate laypeople devoted to prayer, studying church teaching and instructing the young.

As a young priest, he had a vision of the child Jesus that stimulated his efforts to promote sound doctrine and formation among Catholics. The author of numerous books and booklets, he was also a renowned preacher

who drew crowds of faithful wherever he went.

In the 1950s he suggested use of five "mysteries of light" for praying the rosary, an innovation later adopted by Pope John Paul II for the universal church.

In his sermon, Pope Benedict praised him as a consummate evangelizer, above all through the example of his own life. St. George's liturgical feast is celebrated May 9.

• **St. Simon of Lipnica (about 1435-1482)**, a Polish Franciscan who ministered to plague victims in Krakow before succumbing to the disease.

The pope said that although St. Simon lived in a distant age, he was being proposed by the church as a modern model of the Gospel spirit of sacrifice.

"Today in a particular way we entrust to his protection all those who suffer because of poverty, sickness, solitude and social injustice," the pope said. The new saint's liturgical feast day is July 30.

• **St. Charles of St. Andrew Houben (1821-1893)**, a native of the Netherlands who, after joining the Passionist order, spent most of his life ministering in England and Ireland.

He was especially known for his healing touch, his ministry as a confessor and for insisting in his preaching that God's love could not be understood unless



CNS PHOTO/CHRIS HELGREN, REUTERS

The banners of four new saints hang from the facade of St. Peter's Basilica as Pope Benedict XVI leads their canonization Mass at the Vatican June 3. The new saints are: St. Charles of St. Andrew Houben, a native of the Netherlands who ministered in England and Ireland; St. George Preca, the first native saint of Malta; St. Simon of Lipnica, a Polish Franciscan who ministered to plague victims; and St. Marie Eugenie de Jesus Milleret, who founded the Religious of the Assumption order.

people understood the passion and death of Jesus.

The pope noted that at the funeral of the much-loved priest, his superior was moved to observe, "The people have already declared him a saint." His feast day is Jan. 5.

• **St. Marie Eugenie de Jesus Milleret (1817-1898)**, who founded the Religious of the Assumption order when she was just 22 years old. Born to a nonbelieving and affluent family, she was inspired by a series of Lenten talks in Paris at age 19 and experienced a

conversion.

Her religious order, which began in a small Paris apartment, began opening schools and today its members work in 34 countries. The pope, in his homily, underlined her commitment to the moral, intellectual and spiritual formation of younger generations. Her feast day is March 10.

In the audience were the presidents of Malta, Poland, Ireland and the Philippines. The Philippine delegation was there because the miracle attributed to the intercession of St. Marie Eugenie involved the cure of a young Filipina, Risa Bondoc.

Risa was born with a serious brain malformation, and doctors said she would never walk, talk or develop into a normal child. When she was a year old, she was taken to the Paris Assumption convent and laid on top of the tomb of St. Marie Eugenie as her adoptive parents prayed for a cure.

The following year, the girl had regained many functions and continued to show extraordinary progress as she grew up. She is now a 12-year-old student at an Assumption-run grade school, where teachers describe her as a good student with a high level of social skills.

At the Vatican canonization ceremony, Risa was part of the procession that carried offertory gifts to the altar.

# Report on the Legacy of Faith campaign

BY BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

For some time, I have felt the importance of sharing with you as fully as possible the present situation of the Legacy of Faith. In fact, I promised to share with our people a full report on this initiative from time to time.

The total amount pledged was \$48,573,464. As of April 30, 2007, \$30,996,129 has been paid. Active pledges stand at \$16,995,031.

There are 56,241 families in the diocese and 22,278 have made pledges.

Four million dollars was used that year to provide for the many works of the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

## Endowments funded

The main endowment was for elementary schools. This was to be set at \$20 million. So far, as of April 30, 2007, \$14,077,400 has been placed in this endowment. The endowment currently stands at \$15,691,536.

When will this begin to be distributed? How will it be distributed?

It was first intended that money would only be distributed when the full goal of \$20 million was reached. However, it has been decided that the first distributions will begin in the July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 fiscal year. Thus, contributions will be made to parishes with schools this coming school year.

## How will this be distributed?

A large committee of educators, business men and women and pastors examined this situation over a long period of time and made the following recommendation, which I have accepted.

1) As promised, every parish with a school will receive funds equally from one-third of the amount to be distributed.

2) A second third will be given based on the percentage of students with free or reduced lunch at a particular school. This means that schools most in need, with a large percentage of families with financial difficulties, will receive more under this second instrument.

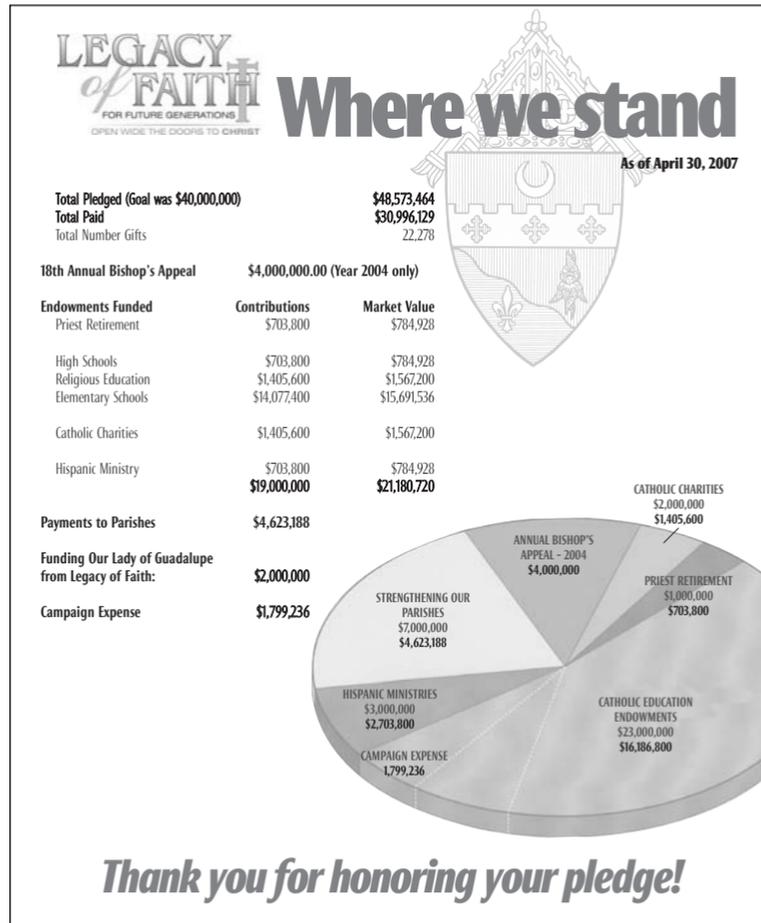
3) A final amount will be given to those schools based on their number of empty seats in the school.

## Why is this important?

For two reasons: If there are empty desks, then the cost of education is greater. Secondly, it is hoped these funds can be used to recruit new students.

## What are the other endowments?

**The High School Endowment**, which began in 1987 with the first Annual Bishop's Appeal, received \$703,800; and this, through investments, has reached \$784,928. Since 1987, \$3 million has been distributed



percent of all income received from Legacy of Faith was returned to the parish which had raised the money. Also, when parishes exceed their goal, 60 percent would return to parishes. Thus, it is hoped that close to \$7 million will be returned directly to parishes when all pledges are paid.

Funding of Our Lady of Guadalupe — \$2 million was taken for this campaign to build Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Church and Shrine in Warsaw. The total cost was \$3 million. The additional \$1 million was money raised by the parish and also received from other funds and grants.

## Was any money given directly to the diocese?

No. All of the funds were put into endowments to provide for the future, returned to parishes, or used to fund Our Lady of Guadalupe. As can be seen, the large amount was for Catholic schools. In one sense, the diocese did benefit. With the good will and generosity of all, the diocese received help in the following way:

There were six parishes with debts. It was agreed with these parishes that all funds over their goal would be returned to the diocese to pay toward their debt. Thus far, over \$500,000 has been used to retire these parishes' debts. So, in this sense, the diocese does benefit.

I hope this is helpful. In future weeks, I will be sharing with our people the following:

- Results of our 20th Annual Bishop's Appeal. It is encouraging that this appeal was the second highest in our history.
- We also will be sharing a full financial report, as we do every year. What better work than to take care of your children and grandchildren and those who come after them? That is what people of our diocese have done this year through the Legacy of Faith.

I thank all of you with all my heart.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend  
John M. D'Arcy

among the four Catholic high schools. The full High School Endowment now stands at \$5,522,684.

**Priests' Retirement** contributions stand at \$784,928. Priests receive \$1,000 a month in their retirement; this will be increased slightly during each of the next two years.

**Catholic Charities** — \$1,405,600 has been contributed to the

Catholic Charities endowment. This now equals \$1,567,200 with market value appreciation and earnings.

**Endowment for Catechetical Parishes Without Schools** — It was promised that funds would be given to parishes without schools to help with religious education and youth ministry; \$1,405,600 has been given and this now stands at \$1,567,200. A committee will be formed soon to decide how this endowment can be used to help catechesis in our diocese.

**Hispanic Ministry Endowment** has reached, with the help of investments, \$748,928.

Thus, \$19 million has been placed in these various endowments. With investment earning and appreciation, they now equal \$21,180,720.

## The question arises, has money been returned to parishes?

The answer is yes. As of April 30, 2007, \$4,623,188 has been returned to parishes.

## How has this money been realized?

As was agreed prior to the Legacy of Faith campaign, 20



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# MUSIC

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Eucharistic Congress Choir and didn't sign up by the May 31 deadline should note that signup sheets will still be accepted, but not very much longer, said Hoy.

"The Eucharistic Congress Choir will be made up of choir members from across the diocese," Hoy said. "I had sent out a signup sheet to all the directors of the diocese. While the deadline was May 31, signup sheets will still be accepted into June, so it is still not too late to sign up."

The choir will be comprised of "up to 300 choir members," he added, noting that the Mass in the large Joyce Convocation Center at Notre Dame allows for the acceptance of such a large choir.

After the signup sheets have been returned, Hoy said that everyone will be sent music to practice and rehearse.

Hoy said that the music was chosen by the Eucharistic Congress Mass Preparation Committee of the diocese as well as other music directors.

He would particularly like to thank Jim and Karen Fitzpatrick of the diocesan Office of Worship and St. Vincent, Fort Wayne; Terry Broberg-Swain of the Office of Worship and Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne; Theresa Slott, music committee of St. Joseph, South Bend; Carolyn Sherman, music committee of Holy Cross and St. Stanislaus; Meg Hartz, music committee of Cathedral of St. Matthew; Kevin Demetroff, music committee of St. Jude, Fort Wayne; Ken Jehle, music committee of St. Joseph, Fort Wayne; Mike and Anne Bechtol, music committee of St. Bernard, Wabash; Humberto Delgado, youth committee, Spanish Ministry; and John Zack, sacristan of Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Hoy said, since such a large number of choir members will be coming from all parts of the diocese, rehearsals will be held only twice before the Eucharistic Congress — one in the Fort Wayne area on Aug. 7 and another in the South Bend area on Aug. 9.

Specifically the Aug. 7 Fort Wayne rehearsal will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with children in

**The Fort Wayne area handbell rehearsal will be held Aug. 6 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fort Wayne.**

**The South Bend area handbell rehearsal will be held Aug. 8 from 7-9 p.m. at St. Pius X in Granger.**

**Instrumentalist rehearsals will be arranged at a later date.**

grades 5-8 meeting from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. and grades 9 through adult meeting at 6:30 p.m.

In South Bend, the Aug. 9 rehearsal will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Granger with children in grades 5-8 meeting from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m. and grades 9 through adult rehearsing from 6:30-9 p.m.

"We will then combine Fort Wayne and South Bend groups in a joint rehearsal at 2 p.m. on the day of the Eucharistic Congress," said Hoy. He added, it will be a "challenge putting everything together especially in such a large space."

"We will come and share what we have in common — our faith and the gift of music that God has blessed each one of us with," said Hoy.

"This is probably the biggest Mass I have ever undertaken. I am very excited because we will be uniting together musicians across the diocese under the leadership of our bishop to celebrate our 150th anniversary," added Hoy.

# Bishop, priests join St. Charles Borromeo Parish to celebrate 50 years

BY DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Borromeo Parish continued its yearlong celebration of its 50th anniversary on June 3, with Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrating a Mass. Over a dozen other priests concelebrated including the current pastor and associate pastors. The Mass was dedicated in memory of Msgr. Edward I. Hession and for all in the parish community, past and present. Several consecrated religious who formerly served the parish community were also in attendance.

The church was filled to near capacity with faithful parishioners. The gathering song was the "Hymn to St. Charles" written by the late Msgr. Hession.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish was the vision of Bishop Leo A. Pursley in 1957 when he saw the population growing in northeast Fort Wayne. Bishop Pursley asked then Father Edward Hession to establish a new parish named after St. Charles Borromeo, the patron saint of the clergy, the arts and of learning.

The St. Charles Parish community has grown from a few hundred in the early years to the second largest parish in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend with over 2,400 families registered in the parish and the actual count of registered individuals exceeding 7,000.

On this special occasion, Bishop D'Arcy tied the success of St. Charles Borromeo Parish to the guidance set forth in the readings and Gospel for Holy Trinity Sunday.

Bishop D'Arcy explained that the mystery of the Holy Trinity is central to our daily prayer life and the prayer life of a parish community.

"How do we know it?" the bishop rhetorically asked. "Because it is Revealed, with a capital R, to us in the Book of Revelation" answering the question he posed.

Furthermore, believers are to be in communion with one another, supporting one another in prayer to the Holy Spirit. To know God deeply over time is everyone's true vocation.

He encouraged those in attendance to look to the priests over the years that have administered



PHOTOS BY DEB WAGNER

**Bishop John M. D'Arcy concelebrated the 50th anniversary Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne on Sunday, June 3. Msgr. John Suelzer joins the bishop with parochial vicars Father Tony Steinacker and Benedictine Father James Kumbakkeel.**



**The mosaic of Jesus, used to celebrate the 50th anniversary of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne, is made out of thumbnail photos of parishioners from the parish directory.**

the Holy Spirit to each of us through the sacraments and prayer. Monsignors Hession and John N. Suelzer, the only two pastors in the 50 years of St. Charles Borromeo Parish, were acknowledged for the continuity they have provided the community. Msgr. Hession was credited with possessing the joy that is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit as told by St. Paul to the Corinthians.

The bishop commended all of the laypeople who have served the parish community. He found favor with the vocation committee at St. Charles saying that such a commit-

tee whose mission is to pray for vocations will bring more of them.

When asked about the parish community, Msgr. Suelzer offered these thoughts about the parish: "I have been the second pastor of this wonderful parish of St. Charles since 1986. I have tried to build upon what the founding pastor, the legendary Msgr. Hession, did while shepherding this flock. My prayer is that, on my watch, the flock here at St. Charles has drawn themselves closer to their faith and the good Lord."

Parishioners were given the opportunity to draw themselves closer in faith and one another by enjoying a meal together. Those attending watched a video presentation set to music after Mass. Following the meal, the following charter members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish were acknowledged for their support: Larry and Pat Kelly, Ellen Kitt, Teresa Miller, Bill and Doris Plant, James Reynolds, Rosemary Rounds, Paul Roy, Russell Sordelet and Bob and Sally Weigand.

Leanne Mensing, who has been a parishioner for 45 years, remarked that the 50th anniversary celebration was "a joyful event. It was good to see so many faces that were and are the parish of St. Charles. It's wonderful to see the generations who have stayed with the parish. Msgr. Hession's spirit lives on." She attended the event with her daughter and son-in-law Lynn and Kevin Adamson.

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## Pope to proclaim year dedicated to St. Paul

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI plans to proclaim a year dedicated to St. Paul, in preparation for the 2,000th anniversary of the apostle's birth, the Vatican said. The pope was scheduled to announce the commemorative year at a vespers service June 28 in the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls in Rome, on the eve of the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. The Pauline Year will run from June 29, 2008, to June 29, 2009, according to information published in a Vatican Radio calendar. No details were immediately available about possible events during the year. St. Paul was born in Tarsus, in what is now Turkey, at the start of the Christian era, about 10 A.D., according to church historians. After his conversion on the road to Damascus, he became one of the church's foremost evangelizers, first among Jews, then among Gentiles. St. Paul's letters are a primary source of information about the life of the early church and have strongly influenced church thinking through the centuries. In his first official visit outside the Vatican in April 2005, Pope Benedict went to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls to pray at the tomb of the apostle and pay homage to his legacy of spreading the Gospel.

## Top cardinal says documents on China, Tridentine Mass, coming soon

ROME (CNS) — A leading Vatican official said two important documents from Pope Benedict XVI — a letter to Chinese Catholics and a decree liberalizing use of the Tridentine Mass — were coming soon. Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican secretary of state, told the Italian newspaper *Avvenire* June 3 that the pope had “definitively approved” the text of his letter to the church in China. “Now the various translations are being carried out, along with the technical aspects of its publication,” Cardinal Bertone said. Vatican sources have said that, as a courtesy, the letter would be sent to the Chinese government before it was released publicly. The letter follows a meeting at the Vatican in January on the state of Catholics in China. As for the document granting wider latitude for celebration of the Tridentine rite, Cardinal Bertone said that “one shouldn't have to wait long to see it published.” The cardinal said the pope was “personally interested in making this happen” and that the pontiff had prepared an accompanying letter explaining the move and expressing the hope for a serene reception by the church.

## Bishops urge G-8 leaders to reduce poverty, focus on Darfur

LONDON (CNS) — The presidents of the bishops' conferences of some of the world's wealthiest nations urged their heads of state to take “bold action” to reduce global poverty. The presidents of the bishops' conference of the United States, England and Wales, France,

# NEWS BRIEFS

## POPE MEETS PARENTS OF MISSING CHILD



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Pope Benedict XVI greets Kate and Gerry McCann, the parents of 4-year-old abducted British girl Madeleine McCann, after his weekly general audience at the Vatican May 30. Kate McCann appeared to be holding back tears as she held up a picture of her daughter, which the pope touched gently, then blessed.

Germany, Japan, Canada and Russia made their request in the run-up to the G-8 summit in Germany June 6-8. The May 31 letter, which was sent to the heads of the G-8 nations, with the exception of Italy, asked the heads of state to “act out of the moral obligation that we all share for the well-being of every human person, but also because replacing despair with hope in Africa will lead to a more secure world for all nations.” The bishops said they prayed that the “meeting will be blessed by a spirit of collaboration that enables the G-8 leaders to advance the global common good by adopting concrete measures on global poverty, health care, climate change and peace and security.” The bishops reminded the world leaders that at the 2005 G-8 summit in Scotland, the richest countries promised to spend an additional \$50 billion per year on foreign aid by 2010, half of which would go to Africa. However, they noted, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reports foreign aid levels remained stagnant in 2006.

## Study finds more U.S. Catholics preparing for diaconate, lay ministry

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate reports that in 2006-07 it identified more permanent deacon candidates and more students in U.S. lay ecclesial ministry programs than in the previous year. The number of seminarians in graduate theological studies during this past academic year was down

slightly. While enrollment was up in college seminaries, it was down in high school seminaries. The biggest change was in the number of people working toward degrees or certificates for lay ecclesial ministry — 20,240, or 25 percent higher than reported in 2005-06. CARA, based at Georgetown University in Washington, has been tracking U.S. seminary enrollments for 40 years. In more recent years it also has conducted annual surveys of enrollment in deacon and lay ministry formation programs across the country. The results of the latest studies appear in the 2007 edition of the “CARA Catholic Ministry Formation Directory,” due out in early June. CARA provided Catholic News Service with an advance copy of the directory's statistical overviews of each type of ministry formation May 30.

## Tucson Diocese exploring how to develop a ministry to homosexuals

TUCSON, Ariz. (CNS) — The Diocese of Tucson will develop a ministry to homosexuals, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas said in a column in his diocesan newspaper, *The New Vision*. In the May edition of the paper, Bishop Kicanas said he thinks the church should be doing more to minister to people with a same-sex orientation than the approach he and his priests' council settled upon several years ago. The consensus of those discussions was that ministry to homosexuals was best accomplished at the

parish level, through spiritual direction and the sacrament of reconciliation. “I thought then that was a sound approach to ministry,” he wrote. “I still think that but I also now believe we should be doing more.” At recent meetings with pastoral leaders and parishioners, he said he heard “that in whatever ministry we ultimately may develop we must challenge any attitudes, language or actions in the church and in society that demean people of same-sex orientation.” He said he also heard “that we need to be clear about the church's moral teaching on homosexuality” and that “it is important that we articulate a positive vision of how a person of same-sex orientation can live in communion with the church and remain faithful in living as a Catholic.”

## Benedictines open cause for 36 North Korean martyrs

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS) — The largest Benedictine abbey in Asia has opened the canonization cause for three dozen 20th-century martyrs of the Benedictine mission in North Korea. Abbot Simon Petro Ri Hyeong-u of the Order of St. Benedict Waegwan Abbey said the order is setting up a tribunal for the cause, so the community can “honor the faith witness of our predecessors.” The martyrs include a bishop, 18 priests, 13 brothers, three nuns and a laywoman. They died in prison or in detention camps between 1949 and 1952 at the hands of North Korea's communist regime “due to hostility against Christianity,” said Abbot

Ri. His remarks were reported by UCA News, an Asian church news agency, May 31. The Benedictines, who arrived in northern Korea in 1909, set up an abbey in Tokwon and administered two church jurisdictions. The Korean peninsula was partitioned in 1945, and during the 1950-53 Korean War the Benedictines fled to South Korea and re-established themselves in Waegwan.

## Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue to get its own leader

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, which has shared a president with the Pontifical Council for Culture for more than a year, will get its own leader shortly, the Vatican secretary of state said. Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, speaking May 26 at a conference on interreligious dialogue in Vercelli, Italy, said, “the change demonstrates the importance of interreligious dialogue” for the Catholic Church. The Vatican press office confirmed Cardinal Bertone's remarks but said it had no information on when Pope Benedict XVI would name the new president. Since March 2006, French Cardinal Paul Poupard, 76, has led both the Pontifical Council for Culture and the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. The Vatican said at the time that the joint presidency would be temporary. Still, many people involved in interreligious dialogue saw the move as a downgrading of the council's importance or as a shift in emphasis from focusing on the faith and practice of the Catholic Church's dialogue partners to focusing on their contributions to local culture and on fostering joint cultural projects.

## Orthodox official says his church rules out papal-primacy compromise

MOSCOW (CNS) — A Russian Orthodox official who represents his church on a Catholic-Orthodox commission said his church rules out any compromise on papal primacy. “Historically, the primacy of the bishop of Rome in the Christian church, from our point of view, was that of honor, not jurisdiction — the jurisdiction of the pope of Rome was never applied to all the churches,” said Bishop Hilarion Alfeyev of Vienna and Austria, who represents the Russian Orthodox Church on the International Commission for Theological Dialogue Between the Catholic Church and Orthodox Churches. The commission is scheduled to meet in October in Ravenna, Italy, for the 10th plenary since its creation in 1979. After a six-year break, the 60-member commission reconvened in September to debate conciliarity and authority. “There can be no compromise whatsoever” on papal primacy, Bishop Hilarion said in a May 28 interview with Russia's Interfax news agency. He added that “the aim of the theological dialogue is not at all to reach a compromise. For us, it is rather to identify the church's original view of primacy.”

## Our Lady of Hungary blesses alumni bricks

SOUTH BEND — Our Lady of Hungary Parish will hold a blessing and dedication ceremony for the church's new Legacy Walkway on Sunday, July 15, after the 11 a.m. Mass. The event is sponsored by the Our Lady of Hungary Alumni Association and is the culmination of the Our Lady of Hungary Legacy Walkway Campaign, in which alumni and friends of the parish have been honored through the purchase of engraved bricks for the walkway leading to the front of the church. The parish will lay the bricks around the third week of June.

The Our Lady of Hungary Alumni Association became established after a successful multi-class grade school reunion was held one year ago at the parish. Almost 600 alumni attended from graduating classes 1956 up to around 1974.

## Elementary teachers learn cutting-edge science instruction techniques

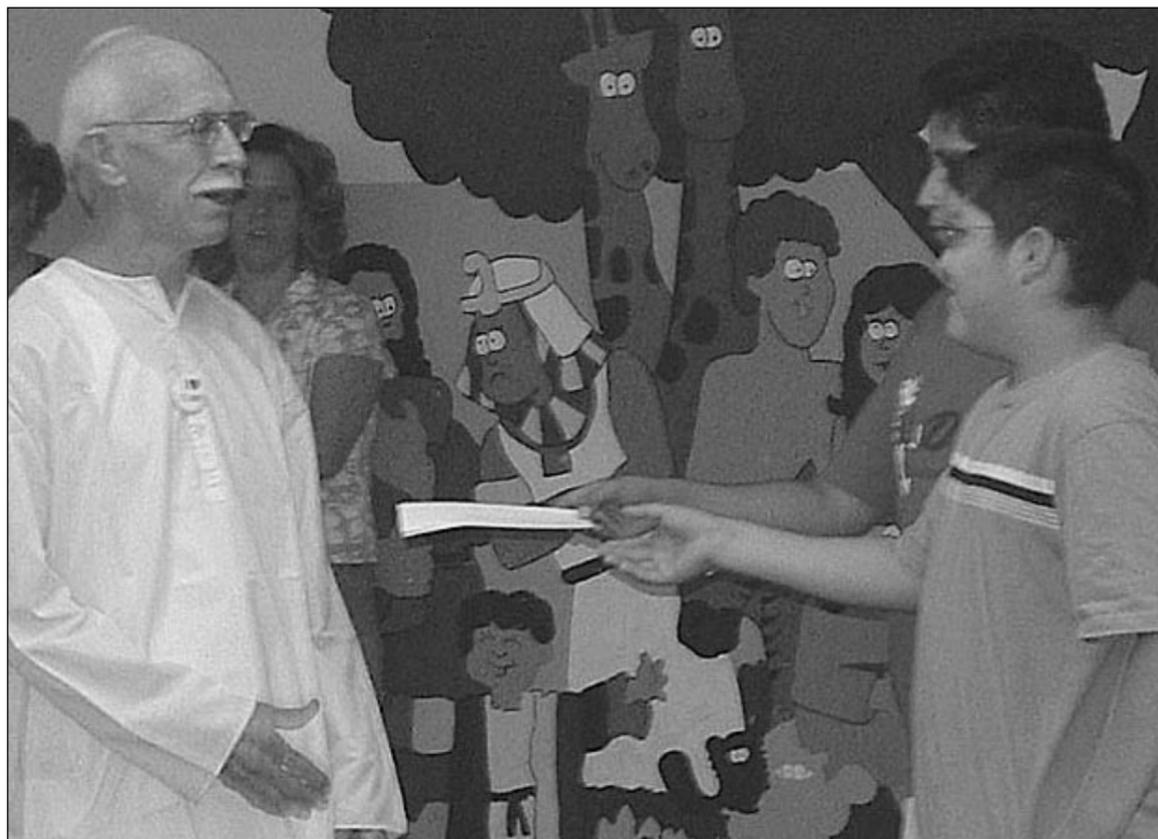
NOTRE DAME — More than 100 elementary school teachers and administrators from School City of Mishawaka will be at Saint Mary's College this summer learning — or enhancing their knowledge of — a cutting-edge science instruction technique called "guided inquiry." Led by Dr. Joseph Bellina, Jr., a Saint Mary's College physics professor, and Dr. H. Gordon Berry, a physics professor at the University of Notre Dame, this one-week workshop will immerse K-6 teachers in the strategies and practices of guided inquiry science instruction using the Full Option Science System (FOSS) developed at the Lawrence Hall of Science. The workshops will take place in the Science Building at Saint Mary's College.

"Science is a subject that can seem overwhelming as people envision difficult calculations and lots of memorization. However, the research results indicate that students learn science best by experimenting — testing their own observations and real-life experiences with hands-on activities — rather than memorizing formulas and facts," says Bellina. "The FOSS curriculum that School City of Mishawaka has chosen encourages students to explore and experience the world in a hands-on and minds-on way that is similar to how scientists themselves learn science. As a result, the children in the Mishawaka Elementary Schools look forward to doing science and enjoy learning."

The first session, June 4-8, involves teachers sitting at tables with partners, conducting experiments and discussing their findings. In conversations, Bellina and Berry prompt participants to approach a problem from multiple angles so that they learn both from their successes and their failures. The second and third sessions, June 11-15 and June 18-22, go a step further. Teachers review with

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## GOSHEN GIVES TO MARYKNOLL PRIEST



ROBIN KRUSE

Two students from St. John the Evangelist school in Goshen present Maryknoll priest, Father Bob McCahill, with a check for \$1,052.30. The school raised the money during Lent. Father McCahill serves in Bangladesh.

Catholic Purchasing Services is a national not-for-profit purchasing organization to dioceses throughout the country. As a support organization, its mission is to assist the 40,000 parishes and institutions of the Catholic Church with their basic purchasing needs. Its executive office is headquartered in Newton, Mass. The organization negotiates national purchasing contracts for use by Catholic institutions nationwide.

Mary Lou O'Keefe, general manager of the Diocesan Services Agency for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, attended the conference.

## Bremen Knights honor religious education teacher

BREMEN — Marcia Wagner, who served the parish as a religious education teacher at St. Dominic Parish for 43 years was presented an appreciation plaque from the Knights of Columbus for her "Lifetime of Teaching Religious Education" at a closing of the year religious education program. "I was shocked. I didn't expect it. I am flattered. It was wonderful of them," she noted. "I'm so thankful God directed my life to helping serve children," added Wagner.

## Correction

Sister Jolene Heiden, SSND, wrote the shared faith reflection in the June 3, 2007 issue of *Today's Catholic*.

one another the work they've done with the FOSS system over the past year and discuss and assess their work to improve student engagement next year.

These Teacher Science Institutes are funded as part of a \$420,000 Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) grant awarded to School City of Mishawaka by the Indiana Department of Education. The MSP program was designed to encourage colleges and universities, local school districts and individual schools to participate in professional development activities that increase the knowledge and improve the teaching techniques of math and science teachers. In Indiana, funds must be used to promote and enhance inquiry-based learning in science at the elementary level.

## Mass times corrected at St. Stanislaus, Holy Cross

SOUTH BEND — The following Mass times at St. Stanislaus and Holy Cross in South Bend were confirmed after the Summer Mass Guide in the May 27, 2007 issue of *Today's Catholic* had gone to print. The summer schedule is the following:

- Saturday, 4:30 p.m., St. Stanislaus Church (Sunday Vigil)
- Sunday, 8 a.m., Holy Cross Church
- Sunday, 9:30 a.m., St. Stanislaus Church
- Sunday, 11 a.m., Holy Cross Church
- Sunday, 7 p.m., Holy Cross Church

## Catholic Purchasing Services elects new officers and directors

LONGBOAT KEY, Fla. — Catholic Purchasing Services elected new officers and directors on May 1 at its annual membership meeting. The following people were elected as officers of the not-for-profit corporation:

- Steve James, director of purchasing of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, was elected to the position of chairman of the board.
- Edith Tierney, director of central purchasing agency of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Mo. was elected to the position of vice chairman of the board.
- Richard Wasilaukas of Wellesley, Mass., chief executive officer of the corporation was elected as president.
- John Crowley, Jr. of Arlington Mass., vice president of finance and administration of the corporation was elected treasurer.

- Catherine Rowan of King of Prussia, Pa., was elected secretary of the corporation.

- Members of the board of directors newly elected for three year terms were Charles Mussen of the Diocese of Buffalo and Robert Rymers of the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York.

Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., is the episcopal advisor to the organization. He acts as a liaison between the corporation and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD



TIM JOHNSON

Father James Rose, Father Daniel Leeuw and Father Adam Schmitt, who were all ordained to the priesthood 50 years ago, celebrate Father Leeuw's jubilee Mass on May 27 at Queen of Angels Parish in Fort Wayne. Father Adam Schmitt celebrated May 26 at St. Joseph Parish. A celebration took place June 3 for Father Rose at St. Mary of the Angels, Big Long Lake. Father Leeuw remains active in ministry to those in nursing care and U.S. veterans. Fathers Rose and Schmitt are retired, but assist in parishes.

# Marian conference encourages life in accordance to God's will

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — We are living in troubled times, with wars abroad and daily violence within our own country, but as Catholics we should remain hopeful. In order to do that, it is necessary to be spiritually armed and ready for action. According to Croatian priest Franciscan Father Petar Ljubcic, we have the means for peace literally at our fingertips.

"Only prayer will bring peace," he told a large crowd at Notre Dame during the 19th National Medjugorje Conference held over Memorial Day weekend. "We cannot solve injustice with injustice, or violence with violence. Our Lady implores us to decide for God, and to live every moment of our lives in accordance to God's will."

Father Petar was one of several speakers on hand for the three-day conference, sponsored by Queen of Peace Ministries. The event opened Friday evening at the Joyce Center, followed by a candlelight rosary procession. Some 1,200 faithful wound their way through the Notre Dame campus, with wireless speakers echoing their prayers as "Ave Maria" was sung between each sorrowful mystery. The entire group, comprised of young and old, families and religious, crowded into the grotto for benediction to close the evening.

"When you get that many people praying together," recalled Corpus Christi parishioner Mary Kloski, "it is definitely an outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

The Kloski family has been attending the conference for years, and Mary says what struck her most about this year's event was Father Petar's talk.

"I enjoyed how he addressed today's youth," said Kloski, "and stressed how much we really need to pray for them."

The Notre Dame conference featured several other speakers, including Al Barbarino, a popular



DIANE FREEBY

**A young volunteer hands out candles to the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration prior to the rosary procession on the first night of the Medjugorje Conference May 25, which was held at the University of Notre Dame.**

charismatic singer and speaker; Matthew Kelly, an internationally acclaimed Catholic lay evangelist; Moira Noonan, who was raised as a Catholic, later became deeply immersed in New Age ideas and occult practices before returning to the fullness of the Catholic Church; and Immaculee Ilibagiza, the author of "Left to Tell," a gripping story of survival of the 1994 Rwandan genocide.

Immaculee says praying the rosary her father hastily handed her is what saved her as she fled for her life 13 years later. Sent to the home of a nearby Hutu pastor, Immaculee and seven other women lived shoulder to shoulder in a cramped bathroom for three months. Through it all, Immaculee says her faith was first challenged, and then strengthened as the killers continually ransacked the house looking for her.

"I prayed 'God, if they don't find us today, I will try to find out who you are,'" Immaculee told a rapt audience. "The killers searched everywhere, but not the bathroom. The pastor later told us 'Whatever

you prayed, keep doing it.'"

Immaculee said she meditated on and prayed the rosary almost nonstop for the remainder of her captivity.

Those at the conference had opportunities for confession, praying the Divine Mercy chaplet and a living rosary. Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne, presided over a beautiful eucharistic adoration hour Saturday evening, parading the Blessed Sacrament throughout the basketball arena for all to venerate. Many in attendance said that was the highlight of their weekend.

The conference wrapped up Sunday afternoon with Mass and

homily by Father Gio, followed by the May Crowning as Marian hymns filled the arena.

Father Petar's closing prayer Saturday afternoon reflected the theme of the entire weekend:

"When you seek the will of God, when you thank him, when you give him glory, he works all things for good. Let us believe, let us be thankful, and let us seek his will. We will one day be in heaven with Our Lady. Let us help one another so every moment of our lives is a moment of salvation."

The Catholic Church has not confirmed the apparitions in Medjugorje. In a June 16, 2006, the 25th anniversary of the apparitions, Catholic News Service reported, "At the Vatican, officials said they are still monitoring events at Medjugorje, but emphasized that it was not necessarily the Vatican's role to issue an official judgment on the alleged apparitions there.

"More than once in recent years, the Vatican has said that dioceses or parishes should not organize official pilgrimages to Medjugorje. That reflects the policy of the bishops," CNS reported. "But the Vatican has also said Catholics are free to travel to the site, and that if they do the church should provide them with pastoral services," the report added.

"That has left a margin of ambiguity among Catholics. Adding to the confusion have been claims that the late Pope John Paul II strongly supported Medjugorje in various private statements; the Vatican has never confirmed those statements," CNS wrote.

## St. Jude receives gift from Target and honors teacher

SOUTH BEND — St. Jude Catholic School in South Bend was honored May 23 when Target presented the school with a check in the amount of \$755.61. The gift is a return of proceeds that came to the school through Target's "Take Charge of Education Program."

Parents and friends who use their Red Card to make purchases can have up to 1 percent contributed back to the school. For the 2006-2007 school year, St. Jude received over \$1,500 in proceeds from this program. Information can be found at Target.com/tcoe.

St. Jude also honored a retiring teacher for her 26 years of service at St. Jude. Mary "Winnie" Makris is a beloved teacher of language arts and literature. Her leadership was evident through her faith, her love of music and through projects such as the school yearbook. A former St. Jude student, currently at Marian High School, composed a poem about Winnie's years of service and memories at the school.

Makris was presented with a medallion from the St. Jude Home and School Association. She was also presented with the gift of a gold apple from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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# Sisters bring adoration to Eucharistic Congress

BY DIANE FREEBY

MISHAWAKA — In an event that seems to be tailor-made for their order, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration will share their charism during the diocesan Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration, the Eucharistic Congress, Aug. 18 at the University of Notre Dame.

But just what is their charism, and how can we all be a part of it? As their name states, the sisters are devoted to adoring the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Every hour of every day, at least two sisters are praying in the adoration chapel at St. Francis Convent.

Such adoration is a continuous act of reparation and atonement for the offenses against God throughout the world. In adoration, the sisters lift their hearts and hands, as well as their minds and voices, to God in intercession for the needs of the church and the world. In adoration, we can all become intercessors.

Sister Rose Agnes Pfautsch explains that hers is a community that is both contemplative and active, spending time first and foremost with Jesus. She says doing this helps the sisters in their other duties, whether that is teaching, working in a hospital or tending to the business office.

"The effectiveness of everything I do comes from the time I spend with the Lord," says Sister Rose Agnes. "He works through me. I am just the instrument."

In order to receive such graces, sister says first and foremost one must really believe in the real presence. In doing this, we are free to

truly pray from the heart.

"If you feel Jesus is your friend," continues Sister Rose Agnes, "and you really believe strongly he is the good shepherd, you can better enter into prayer during adoration."

Many churches have opportunities for eucharistic adoration, but true perpetual adoration means someone is before the exposed Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Sister Estelle Veik turns 90 this September, and has been a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration for 72 years.

Still exuding the sweetness of a former first-grade teacher, Sister Estelle looks forward to each day when she is taken over to the chapel for adoration.

"Jesus is my love. I go to give him my love, respect and honor. I also listen to him," she says.

Listening is vital to any good relationship, and it is Jesus' voice we need to recognize amidst the busy noise of our days. It may not be a booming noise we hear, but more likely the stirrings of our heart.

"He puts it in your mind," explains Sister Estelle, "so you know how and where he is leading you. If I don't get to go to adoration, I really feel a loss."

Sister Rose Agnes tells us why we can all benefit from eucharistic adoration, quoting St. Clare who

once said, "You become what you gaze upon."

We benefit in ways we cannot fathom by gazing upon Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, according to Sister Rose Agnes. Imagine what is to be gained by replacing one hour of staring at television with one hour of adoration?

"What makes the sisters unique is contemplation," continues Sister Rose Agnes. "Contemplation should flow into our service. We first gaze, then contemplate. We consider. Then we act."

The sisters will share their charism during the Eucharistic Congress. They will be with Jesus during the 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. eucharistic exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome to join them during this time in Alumni Hall on the campus of Notre Dame.

For more information on the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, visit their Web site at [www.ssfpa.org](http://www.ssfpa.org). You may also submit prayer requests via e-mail. Those intentions are then quickly transferred into chapel books so, as Sister Estelle says, "the sisters know for just whom and what they are praying."

"We first gaze, then contemplate. We consider.

Then we act."

SISTER ROSE AGNES



SISTER MARGARET MARY

A charism of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka is adoring the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Every hour of every day, at least two sisters are praying in the adoration chapel at St. Francis Convent. Pictured are Sister Anna Marie and Sister Dorothy before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel.

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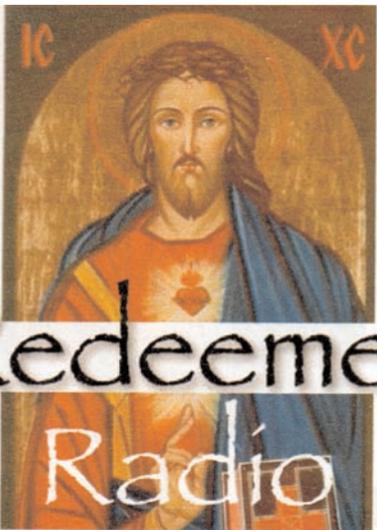
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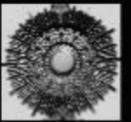
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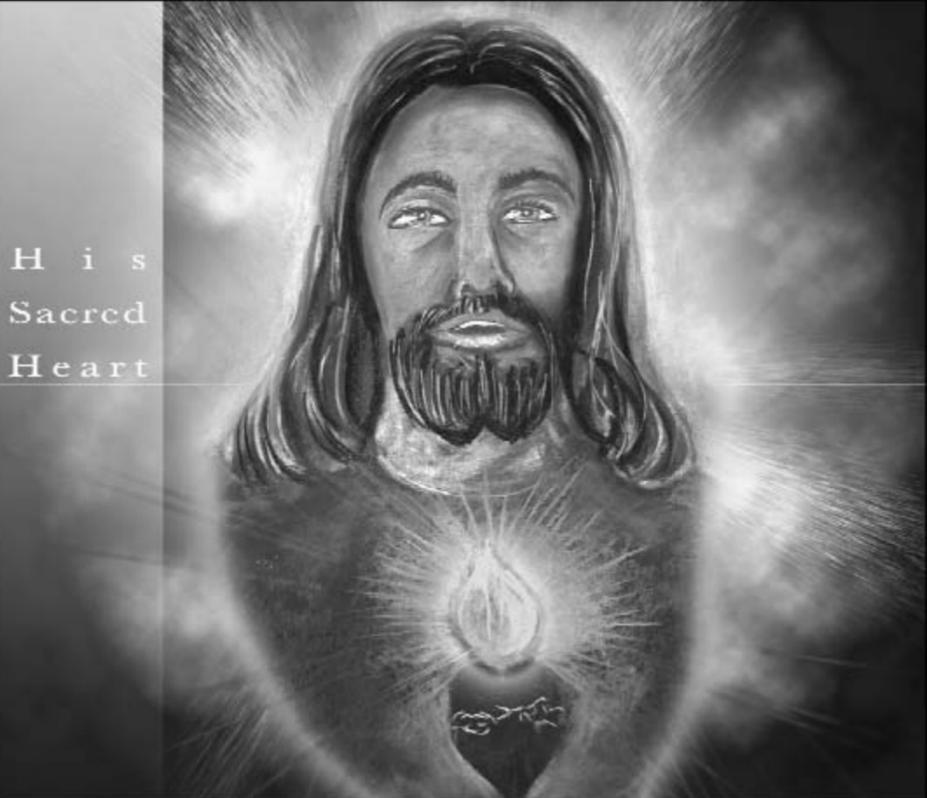
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# EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, A LOOK BACK

In the Great Jubilee Year 2000, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend hosted a Eucharistic Congress. The following is a look back but also provides an opportunity of what to expect this Aug. 18 as the diocese celebrates its Sesquicentennial Jubilee Year with a Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame.

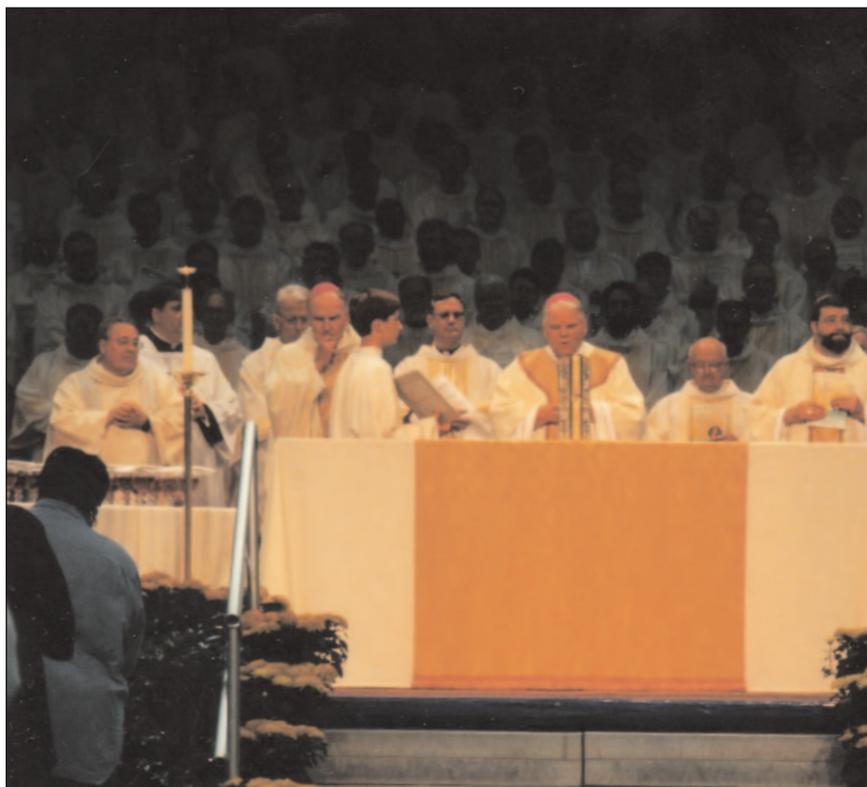


**SOMETHING FOR THE FAMILY**

Steve Angrisano entertains youths and all ages at the 2000 congress. A special track of workshops has been organized for families, teens and preteens — some offered in Spanish. Register online at [www.diocese-fwsb.org](http://www.diocese-fwsb.org) for the workshops you wish to attend or retrieve the April 29 issue of Today's Catholic for information.

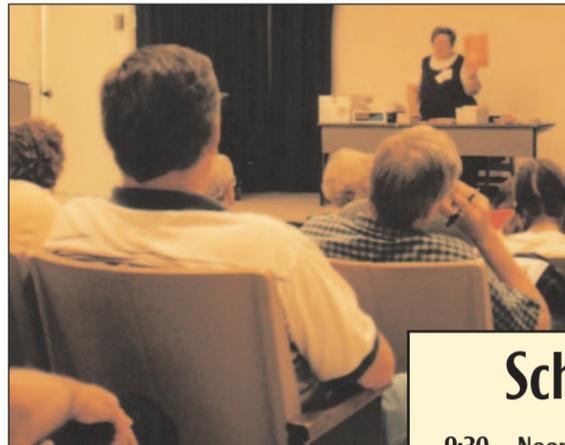
**HOW DO I GET AROUND CAMPUS?**

There will be shuttle buses available primarily to assist those who, for any reason, have difficulty walking. The buses will travel around the perimeter of the campus on a regular schedule, stopping as close as possible to buildings hosting jubilee events and activities. Walking will still be required from the shuttle bus stop to the jubilee event. Shuttle bus transportation will also be provided from the parking areas to the shuttle bus stops. Accessible seating will be available at the Sacred Heart Basilica for the ecumenical prayer service at 10 a.m. and at the Joyce Center for the closing Mass. Wheelchairs may be reserved or rented for the day by calling Alick Home Medical at (574) 273-6000.



**MASS IN THE JOYCE CENTER**

The apex of the day is the diocesan-wide Mass at the Joyce Athletic Center. Doors open and overflow seating available in the adjacent fieldhouse where the Mass will be televised. The photo above shows the altar at the 2000 celebration. A prelude celebration, including a diocesan-wide choir and an artwork slideshow featuring parishes across the diocese.



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**Schedule of the**

9:30 – Noon	Information Table
10 a.m.	Ecumenical Prayer Service
11:30-12:30 p.m.	Workshops and forums
11:30–2 p.m.	Lunch on your own
2-3 p.m.	Workshops and forums
4 p.m.	Prelude for Celebration
4:30 p.m.	Celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) available in the adjacent fieldhouse
6:30 p.m.	Bishop D'Arcy's Birth Anniversary
<b>ONGOING EVENTS:</b>	
10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Eucharistic Exposition
10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Continuous Rosary
10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Stations of the Cross (available either in the Basilica or in the fieldhouse)
10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Tours of Snite Museum (The last tour begins at 10:30 a.m.)
10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Catholic Art Exhibition (exhibits from diocese)
11 a.m.-3 p.m.	Reconciliation — Three sites will be located

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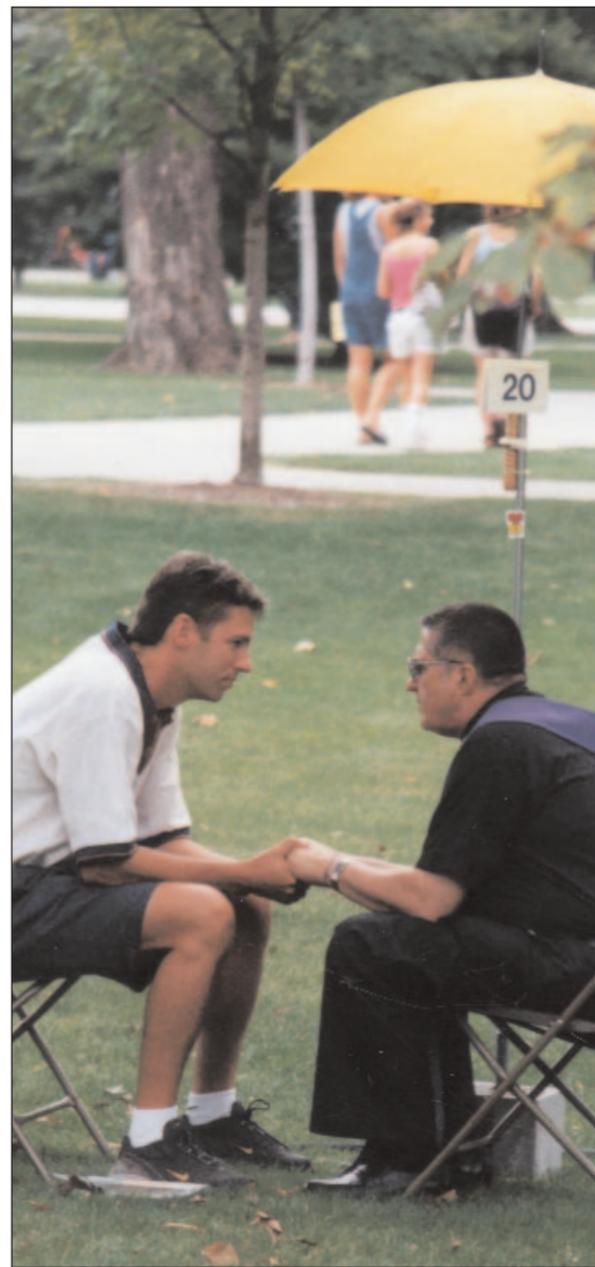


### ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO

A visit to the Notre Dame campus could not be complete without a visit to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. A continuous rosary at the grotto, led by various groups, will be prayed from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also, Stations of the Cross can be prayed on your own throughout the day from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**FOOD AND VENDORS AVAILABLE**  
This 2000 photo shows lunch time at the Eucharistic Congress. Some chose to bring a picnic lunch, but many took advantage of the food vendors who provided food. There will be places across campus, including the fieldhouse, where Eucharistic Congress participants can "get out of the elements" and into air-conditioned comfort for lunch.



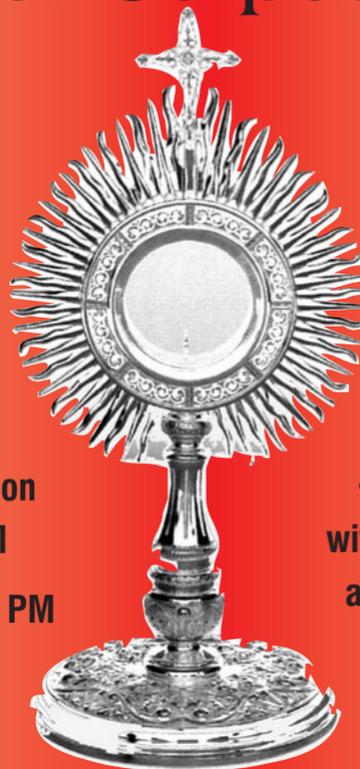
### YELLOW UMBRELLAS, A PLACE OF RECONCILIATION

Yellow umbrellas marked the site for the sacrament of reconciliation. Priests from across the diocese will listen to confessions from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 45 reconciliation sites throughout the campus, five in the basilica. Bilingual confessors will be available.

## 2007 Eucharistic Congress events

- Joyce Center
- Service — Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- ums — Session I
- (picnic or food for purchase)
- ums — Session II
- tion of the Holy Eucharist — Joyce Center
- Holy Eucharist at the Joyce Center. Doors open at 3:30 pm. Overflow seating adjacent fieldhouse where the Mass will be televised on closed-circuit TV.
- hday Reception — Joyce Center Fieldhouse
- on and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Alumni Hall
- at the Grotto led by various groups. The last rosary will begin at 3 p.m.
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- Joyce Center. Photographic exhibit of diocesan parish artwork with san high school and college art departments.
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## Feast of Corpus Christi



- Eucharistic Adoration in Church 1 - 5 PM
- Potluck Dinner 6 - 7 PM

- Eucharistic Procession with the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 5 - 6 PM

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# Diocesan History: Noll years, 1925-1944

BY ANN CAREY

**T**he Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, with a grant from *Our Sunday Visitor*, has commissioned Dr. Joseph M. White to write a history in celebration of the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Year.

The following is excerpted from "Worthy of the Gospel of Christ: A History of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend," by Joseph M. White:

"The diocese's first native son to serve as its bishop — John Francis Noll — began his years of leadership as the spectacular Catholic population growth of the Alerding era (1900-1924) diminished. During the first two decades of Bishop Noll's tenure, the diocese's Catholic population increased modestly from 162,586 in 1925 to 185,494 by 1944. ...

"By the time he became bishop, Noll was an established figure on the national Catholic scene as publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor*.

"... When Noll became bishop, his diocese lacked what many populous dioceses had — that is, a newspaper serving its communications needs. ... *Our Sunday Visitor*-Fort Wayne Edition began publication in January 1926. He intended the *Visitor's* national-diocesan editions to enter every Catholic home as the 'most far reaching missionary movement that could be devised.' The missionary aim of the *Visitor* corresponded with his belief that a laity well instructed through an informative Catholic publication is capable of defending and spreading the faith.

"Though the Ku Klux Klan had been discredited in Indiana by the late 1920s, the hostility to Catholics in the state and nation continued into the late 1920s and evoked Noll's response. The possibility of a Catholic — New York's Democratic Governor Alfred E. Smith — becoming

President of the United States kept the anti-Catholic spirit alive.

"In *Our Sunday Visitor*, Noll took aim at the religiously motivated agitation against Smith's election. ... Noll answered 'unsupported charges of the church's enemies and used by them for political propaganda.' His pamphlet 'Do Catholics Owe Civil Allegiance to Rome?' refuted claims of the church's supposed political agenda.

"From Huntington, other publications rolled off the presses. ... By the early 1930s, over a hundred pamphlets explaining Catholic teachings, practices and policies were in print and sold to parishes, where they were available on pamphlet racks in church vestibules.

"As bishop, Noll kept up the practice, started under Bishop Alerding, of directing funds from *Our Sunday Visitor, Inc.*, for the benefit of the diocese. The Great Depression accelerated this practice. ... (C)hurches and educational institutions suffered, as millions of unemployed were unable to contribute any funds beyond what they needed to sustain their families. In the diocese's urban parishes, where most family breadwinners were industrial workers, devastating job losses in manufacturing industries produced crises at several levels. The crises of individual families extended to parishes that could not raise the income to make mortgage payments; most could not meet ordinary expenses.

Responding to this formidable challenge to parish life, Noll decided that 'no creditor of any parish of the diocese should lose a single dollar of the principal loaned.' ... (H)e contacted all parish creditors ... to promise complete payment of principal if they would consent to lower interest rates. ... Still, many parishes were so poor that they could not make even reduced interest payments. ... Through the

## World and diocesan timeline 1925-1941

**1925 Little Flower Chapel — Lake Wawasee**

**1928 St. Jude, Fort Wayne St. Augustine, South Bend**

**1929 Holy Cross, South Bend St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne**

**1932 Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lakeville 1933 Christ the King, South Bend**

**1936 St. Joseph, LaGrange**

**1937 St. Mary of the Lake, Long Lake Little Flower, South Bend**

**1940 St. Paul Chapel, Clear Lake**

**1941 St. Mary of the Annunciation, Bristol**

### World events

**1925** March 31: WOWO radio station in Fort Wayne begins broadcasting. Nov. 28: Grand Ole Opry makes its radio debut on station WSM.

**1927** April 16: (born) Josef Alois Ratzinger later Pope Benedict XVI. Philo Farnsworth transmits first electronic television pictures.

**1929** March 4: Herbert Hoover inaugurated as 31st president of the U.S.,

**1933** Jan. 30: radio — the first airing "The Lone Ranger"

March 3: Mount Rushmore is dedicated.

March 4: Franklin D. Roosevelt inaugurated as president of U.S. U.S. is deep in "the Great Depression"

March 20: Dachau, the first Nazi concentration camp is completed.

May 26: Nazi party introduces legalized eugenic sterilization.

June 1: First drive-in theater opens in Camden, N.J.

Sept. 26: The ice cream cone invented in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**1937** March 10: The encyclical, "Mit Brennender Sorge" of Pope Pius XI, condemning Nazism is read in all parish churches in Germany. Pius XI credited its creation and writing to his Papal Secretary of State, Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, who later became Pope Pius XII. May 27: The Golden Gate bridge in San Francisco opens for traffic.

**1940** May 10: WWII — Battle of France begins. German forces invade low countries.

May 20: WWII — Holocaust/concentration and death camp

Auschwitz Birkenau opens in Poland.

June 14: WWII — Paris falls under German occupation.

**1941** Jan. 23: Aviator Charles Lindbergh testifies before U.S. Congress and recommends the U.S. negotiate a neutrality pact with Adolf Hitler. Dec. 7: Japanese Navy launches a surprise attack on U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor, thus drawing U.S. into WWII.

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depression years, Noll paid \$515,352.64 for parish mortgages.

"... (P)arishes faced ups and downs against the background of the drastic economic changes, from prosperity to depression to economic recovery by the late 1930s, and full employment and economic prosperity during World War II. Through the Noll years, the diocese's parishes numbered 179 in 1926 and made a modest increase to 192 in 1944."

## HONG KONG BLIND STITCH DISPLAYED AT MUSEUM



MARK WEBER

A tight close-up of the Sacred Heart of Jesus surrounded by a crown of thorns shows detail so fine that it appears to be printed. The illustration is actually made of colored thread in stitches so tiny that the Asian seamstresses who made them eventually went blind, hence the name "blind stitch." The vestment was a gift to the museum, purchased in Hong Kong by Father Joseph Schnurr (deceased) when he was a Navy chaplain. The Cathedral Museum is in the garden level of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center at 915 South Clinton St.

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## EDITORIAL

## Unite yourself in love to your eucharistic Lord

The diocese will be celebrating a Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame on Aug. 18. The occasion for the celebration of this congress is the jubilee celebration of the 150th anniversary of our diocese. All in the diocese are encouraged to attend. But why do we celebrate a Eucharistic Congress?

### Pilgrimage

It will take some effort to join in the celebration of this congress. A person would have to mark out the whole day for this. For many, joining in this congress will involve traveling some distance, but the church has always seen in setting out on spiritual pilgrimage a symbol of our earthly journey to heaven. Pilgrimages involve a bit of hardship. So too does our earthly journey, but the destination is worth the journey. So by setting out on pilgrimage to Notre Dame for this congress, we give the Lord the opportunity to focus our vision once again concerning our earthly pilgrimage. He wishes to remind us that we who are his followers are not simply wandering aimlessly through life. Rather, we are on a journey, a journey to heaven.

### Eucharistic piety

We live in a world that frequently blasphemes almighty God in many ways. By joining together in this Eucharistic Congress, we are given the opportunity as individuals and together as the body of Christ to offer our love and devotion to God. We do this by adoring the most precious gift of the holy Eucharist, which is Jesus himself present among us under the form of bread and wine. God does not wish to be in some far away place removed from our lives. Rather, he comes right into the midst of us in this holy gift, and we are given the opportunity in August to thank him in a most profound way.

### A moment of grace

It is important to remember that this kind of event involves not so much what we do for God but what he does for us. This Eucharistic Congress is a gift from God to us, a moment of grace in which he stretches out his hands in an extraordinary way. By participating in this worship and adoration of God, God will deepen our love for him in the holy Eucharist, a deepening that could change us for the rest of our lives.

### To those who cannot attend

A word to those who cannot attend, especially because of physical or mental illness or because of the weakness of old age. Certainly there will be some who will wish to attend this congress but who are simply not able to. Join in spiritual pilgrimage from where you are. Unite yourself in love to your eucharistic Lord who knows the desire of your heart to be close to him, and know that Jesus will be generous in showering the grace of this congress on you also.

### A note to all

To all, do not let the busyness of the world or the laziness of the spirit keep you from joining this great moment of grace, this Eucharistic Congress, which God offers to us.

### Register now

Workshop registration for the Eucharistic Congress is now, or will be available soon, in parishes across the diocese. It is a reprint of the April 29 Eucharistic Congress package that was a part of *Today's Catholic* that was mailed to registered diocesan households. We encourage online registration. Visit the diocesan Web site, [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) and follow the registration links.

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## Irish QB candidates offer mixed bag of 'qualities'

Quarterback at the University of Notre Dame.

Is there a more coveted title for an athlete in America?

To be sure, playing third base for the New York Yankees pays a whole lot better while the quarterback of the New England Patriots never seems to have trouble finding a date.

Come to think of it, neither does the Yankees' third baseman.

But there probably isn't a more prestigious and coveted title for young athletes than aspiring to become the quarterback at Notre Dame.

Brady Quinn did it, only his childhood dreams also drifted toward quarterback at The Ohio State University while growing up in Dublin, Ohio.

Quinn held the title of Notre Dame quarterback for four years, and he held it with class and distinction. He fit the job description perfectly. He made his alma mater proud, on and off the field.

Now, there's a new battle to wear the crown, and the winner is ... Jimmy Clausen ... or Demetrius Jones ... or Evan Sharpley.

On Wednesday, May 30, Irish head coach Charlie Weis announced that these three young men would battle it out over the summer and into August camp for the right to be named Quinn's heir apparent.

Another quarterback — Zach Frazer — finished fourth in the competition and could choose to seek an alternative to the goal of becoming the quarterback at the University of Notre Dame.

Weis said in the spring that he wanted to name a top-two heading into the summer, and then let them battle it out in August camp. But two things happened in the spring: 1) Clausen threw the ball the best, Jones made the most big plays and Sharpley directed the offense the best, creating a three-man dead heat, and 2) Jones was pulled over while driving a borrowed vehicle with an illegal substance in the ashtray.

Jones was cleared of any wrongdoing pertaining to the illegal substance. But suddenly an unexpected dynamic was added to the equation, just as Weis was about to name his top quarterback candidates heading into the summer.

Did Jones really warrant being included among the top candidates, or did the off-the-field incident force Weis to play some politics before the university's disciplinary board had a chance to weigh in on the situation?

Regardless whether Jones had any knowledge of the illegal substance in the vehicle, the person

who holds the title of quarterback at the University of Notre Dame needs to be a bit more prudent when selecting a vehicle to borrow.

One might be inclined to wonder how the decision-making process on the field can be entrusted to a person whose decision-making process off the field is so suspect.

Clausen, for those who don't follow the college football recruiting game, is the golden boy figure in the competition. Tabbed the nation's top high school quarterback coming out of the California system, Clausen chose to announce his decision to attend Notre Dame at South Bend's College Football Hall of Fame, where he arrived wearing all three of his state title rings. (He would pick up a fourth a few months later.)

As if that weren't a gaudy enough display, Clausen and his family couldn't travel to downtown South Bend via conventional means. They arrived in a specially designed stretch Hummer.

From humble beginnings ...

The third candidate, Sharpley, is rather quiet and unassuming. So is his baseball swing. As a part-time player for the Irish baseball squad this spring, Sharpley went 1-for-28 (.036) with 12 strikeouts.

Sharpley was the backup to Quinn in '06, but never really got a chance to play. He's been in the program longer than any of the other quarterbacks, and it shows with his knowledge of the system. But he is, by most accounts, not as physically gifted as Jones and Clausen.

While Jones and Frazer were expressing their confidence that they would be selected as Quinn's



FROM THE SIDELINES

BY TIM PRISTER

heir apparent — Clausen, an early-enrolled freshman was not allowed to talk to the press this spring — Sharpley refused to take the bait and would not declare himself the frontrunner for the position.

So who will it be, the sophomore quarterback who could use better judgment off the field, the freshman hotshot with prima donna tendencies, or the humble, unassuming junior who already has struggled mightily in another sport?

It's easy to point out the foibles of others, and let the record show that I'm taking some liberties in doing so as a college football analyst.

Let the record also show that all three — four, including Frazer — impress the media that covers Notre Dame football as good kids who are competing their tails off to achieve a goal.

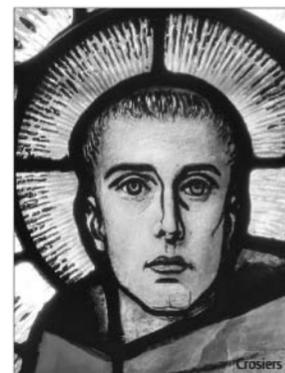
Still, it strikes one as a rather unique crop of candidates vying for one of the most coveted titles in all of sports.

**Tim Prister** is a 1978 graduate of Marian High School and a 1982 graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

## Anthony of Padua

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This doctor of the church was born in Lisbon, Portugal, and joined the Augustinians at age 15. In 1220 he entered the Franciscans to become an African missionary and was sent to Morocco. However, poor health forced his return to Europe and a storm at sea deposited him in Sicily. He traveled to Assisi, where his gift for preaching was recognized and put to use in Italy and France. St. Francis appointed him the order's first "lector in theology"; he also was the superior of several communities. Many believers seek his intercession when something is lost.



Saints for Today

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# Benedict and Bush: Meeting to highlight shared values, objectives

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — U.S. President George W. Bush is coming to the Vatican for his first formal audience with Pope Benedict XVI, a meeting seen on both sides as immensely important.

Vatican officials said the June 9 encounter would give the pope and the president a chance to sit down for a survey of dramatic situations around the world, including Iraq, where thousands of Christians have been forced to flee.

The Bush administration believes the audience will highlight the shared values and common objectives of the Vatican and the United States.

In an interview June 1 with Catholic News Service, the U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, Francis Rooney, said the meeting was “a hugely important reflection” of the president’s respect for the role of the pope and Vatican agencies around the world.

“It opens up opportunities for doing good in the world ... by leveraging our mutual values and interests in promoting human dignity and religious liberty and for broadening all freedoms,” Rooney said.

One specific area of common concern is global terrorism, Rooney said.

“Certainly, the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and the use of religion as an excuse for terror are areas the Holy Father has spoken clearly about,” he said.

Vatican officials said one sure topic would be the fate of Iraqi Christians, who have faced increasing violence and discrimination since the U.S.-led invasion of the country in 2003 and the overthrow of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Rooney said the Bush administration is also troubled that thousands of Christians have left Iraq.

“The whole reason we’re in Iraq is to try to build a country in which all the people of Iraq can lead a peaceful life,” Rooney said.

As for the pope’s recent comment that “nothing positive” was coming from Iraq, the ambassador said that should not be read as a blanket criticism of U.S. operations there.

“I don’t think the Holy Father was indicting the nation-building, democracy- and freedom-building and institutional development

## THE VATICAN LETTER

JOHN THAVIS

aspects of the coalition’s work,” Rooney said.

“I think he was rightly — and how can you argue? — reflecting on the sadness of the continued violence being perpetrated by the few against the many,” he said.

Global economics could also be an important topic during Bush’s meeting with the pope and in separate talks with the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone.

Bush will come to Rome immediately after participating in a G-8 summit in Germany, where the leaders of the world’s most powerful nations were to discuss, among other things, proposals to

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### Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ Lk 9:11-17

This weekend the church celebrates the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, or

Corpus Christi, as it was known in the days of the Latin liturgy. In all its celebrations, the church has a twofold purpose. The first purpose, of course, is to call us to be joyful in the reality observed by the feast. The second purpose is to teach us.

In calling us on this weekend to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It is the feast of the holy Eucharist. The holy Eucharist is the greatest of treasures for the church, and the church on this feast uses the opportunity to reflect upon the Eucharist.

The first reading for this weekend is from Genesis. Genesis shares with all the other books of the Old Testament this identification. These books are more than merely history or the statements by prophets. Rather, each in its own way reveals the fact that God is the creator. After creation, and indeed after human sin, God did not leave humanity to its own fate.

Instead, God reached out in mercy, sending figures such as Abraham and Melchizedek, mentioned in this reading, to clear the way between God and humankind.

Melchizedek, the king of Salem, better known as Jerusalem, was a man of faith, as was Abraham. In gifts symbolizing their own limitations, but also representing the nourishment needed for life itself, they praised God’s mercy.

St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians gives us the second reading. It is a revelation of the Last Supper, using the same words found in the Synoptic Gospels. The presence of this story in all these sources tells us how important the first Christians regarded the Last Supper. Celebrating the Eucharist in ancient Corinth tells us how important to Christians even in the first century A.D. was the Eucharist.

Finally, the words are unambiguous. They say, “Bread ... my body,” and “Cup ... my blood.”

St. Luke’s Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a familiar story. A great crowd has gathered to hear Jesus. Mealtime comes. The apostles have virtually nothing to give the people, only five loaves and two fish. In the highly symbolic use of numbers in days when scientific precision was rarely needed, five and two meant something paltry and grossly insufficient.

Jesus used gestures also used at the Last Supper, gestures actually a part of Jewish prayers before meals. He then sent the disciples to distribute the food. All had their fill. After all had eaten, 12 baskets were needed for the leftovers. To return to the symbolism of numbers, 12 meant over-abundance and lavishness.

### Reflection

The church on this feast calls us to focus our minds on the Holy Eucharist and our hearts on God.

In the second reading, from

Paul’s Second Epistle to the Corinthians, it teaches us about the Eucharist. The reading takes us back to the Last Supper, but also to the beliefs of the Christians who lived a generation or so after the Last Supper. For them, the reality of the Eucharist was clear. Paul was clear about it. “This is my body.” “This is my blood.” The words are crisp and straightforward.

The first reading reminds us that all through history God has reached out to people to nourish their starving, fatigued souls.

Finally, the Gospel tells us of God’s immense love. When our soul hungers, God supplies, not in any rationed sense, but lavishly. This outpouring of spiritual nourishment comes in and through God’s love, shown and given by Christ.

God’s love in nourishing us still is available, through the Eucharist in the church, as it was long along on the hillside when the apostles assisted Jesus in feeding the multitudes.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Gn 14:18-20 Ps 110:1-4  
1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17

**Monday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3  
Ps 98:1-6 Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22 Ps 119:129-133, 135 Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11 Ps 99:5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Ps  
85:9ab-14 Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** Ez 34:11-16 Ps 23:1-6 Rom  
5:5b-11 Lk 15:3-7

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21 Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12 Lk 24:1-51

## CATEQUIZ’EM

By Dominic Camplisson

On June 19, the church remembers St. Romuald, abbot. This quiz looks at abbots and abbesses.

- The term abbot is ultimately derived from this term, used by Jesus:**
  - Botta
  - A bass
  - Abba
- What is its basic meaning?**
  - a house
  - a fish
  - father
- What does “abbot” usually refer to?**
  - an intermediary cleric halfway between a priest and a bishop
  - the head of a monastic community
  - any cleric who has served as an acting bishop
- In modern times, abbots are always chosen by**
  - election
  - the pope
  - the local diocesan bishop
- How long do abbots serve?**
  - a maximum of five years
  - it varies by order or houses
  - for life, like ordination it is a permanent change
- Abbesses are in charge of certain houses of**
  - nuns
  - priests
  - converts
- The term abess is ancient being documented at least from this century**
  - the 6th
  - the 9th
  - the 12th
- The abess and abbot often have the same rank of major superior. However they differ in one essential aspect:**
  - Abbots are allowed to leave their house, abbesses are not.
  - Abbots are ordained to the priesthood, abbesses are not.
  - Abbots can appoint bishops, abbesses cannot.
- Historically abbesses often exercised powers that raised some eyebrows. Innocent III told several abbesses to cease this custom:**
  - wearing skis and slaloming down the alps
  - saying Mass without a priest present
  - hearing the confessions of their nuns.
- In France, “Abbe” is used rather inaccurately for this group:**
  - Buddhist monks
  - Lexicographers
  - Any ordained cleric
- Why did this custom start?**
  - To show the revolutionary and warped ideas of the French church
  - It started as an honorific and just took over as reference to any cleric
  - It had to do with the fourth secret of Fatima
- A related medieval tradition (now defunct) was conferring the title abbot on these as a mark of respect:**
  - long serving monks
  - benefactors
  - trees
- For some major houses the following title is also used in the West:**
  - Abbot et Costello
  - Archabbot
  - Abba
- In the church in the East the term abbot is not used. They often use**
  - Archimandrite or Hegumenos
  - Kontakion or Iconostasis
  - Monkocrator or Panisangelicum
- St. Abbot, who was, not surprisingly, an abbot, was killed in an unexpected way:**
  - He was slipped the first documented Mickey Finn.
  - He was killed by having stayed awake too long to pray.
  - He was killed in a riot provoked by his attempts to reform a French priory.

### ANSWERS:

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

# Apocryphal writings tell of grandmother of God

## What do we know about St. Anne, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The names of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Anne and St. Joachim, are not mentioned in the Bible, but in an apocryphal work outside of the Bible called the "Protevangelium of James." A. Buono says this work, dated from the middle of the second century A.D., is of unknown authorship. H. Daniel-Rops says this work is closest to the high level of the biblical writings. The Catholic Church uses the names of St. Anne and St. Joachim from this apocryphal work and gives them a feast in its liturgical calendar on July 26.

This apocryphal work, says A. Jones, pictures St. Anne as the childless wife of St. Joachim. But she was visited by an angel as she prayed and was promised that she would have a child. St. Anne vowed to dedicate the child to God, and so the Blessed Virgin Mary was born. This story of St. Anne is similar to the Old Testament story of Hannah who was childless, prayed to God, and bore a son named Samuel who became the last judge of Israel. Anne and Hannah are similar

names meaning "grace."

M. du Buit says the "Protevangelium of James" tells of the Blessed Virgin Mary being born to St. Anne in Jerusalem in the neighborhood of the Sheep Pool close by the Temple. It was these considerations that determined the site of the Church of St. Anne not far from the ruins of the Sheep Pool. A Byzantine church was built here in the sixth century A.D. At the time of the Crusades in 1142 Avda, the widow of Baldwin I, the first king of Jerusalem, built a church here on these Byzantine foundations and preserved the spot where St. Anne was supposed to have lived. The church is in Romanesque style. The interior has three naves and is tall, dim and austere.

G. Freeman says below the present church is a crypt said to be the home and birthplace of Mary. A small cave is shown as her birthplace. Above the altar is a figurine of a babe in swaddling clothes. In the church are paintings of Mary's upbringing by her mother St. Anne and the Presentation of Mary in the Temple. The "Protevangelium of James" says St. Anne was of the tribe of Judah like her husband St.

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Joachim. Both led a saintly life and possessed great herds.

Northeast of the Church of St. Anne is the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed a man who had been crippled for 38 years. In Roman times, the water was said to have healing properties, so the sick, blind, lame and paralyzed waited for an angel to go down at a certain season into the pool and disturb the water (90 B.C.-70 A.D.) This indicates the presence of an intermittent spring. Baedeker says here in the second century there was a shrine to Asclepius, the god of healing, whose cult had spread from Epidaurus in southern Greece throughout the world. In 1871 votive offerings to Asclepius were found, as well as a relief with the snake of Asclepius. Father Murphy-O'Connor says by the

middle of the fifth century A.D. a church was built at the Pool of Bethesda commemorating the healing miracle of Jesus. In the sixth century we find here the name of Mary.

There is another tradition that St. Anne lived in Sepphoris, the capital of Galilee in the time of Jesus. The Gospels do not mention Jesus visiting Sepphoris, but he could have gone there to visit his grandmother St. Anne or to pay taxes. G. Grenville says at Sepphoris was a piazza and theater with 4,500 seats. There was a palace with elegant mosaics. There was a residential area with elaborate water supplies, ritual baths, and underground cisterns.

Another apocryphal work says that St. Anne's father was a nomad named Akar and she was born in Nazareth. This legend says St. Anne married St. Joachim at age 20 and gave birth to Mary at age 40. Then Joachim died soon after

the birth of Jesus. The Gospel of Luke does show the angel Gabriel appearing to Mary at Nazareth and announcing the birth of Jesus. The Church of the Annunciation has been built over this site.

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

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# A position call brings a lesson in life

Ever since Mike was a little boy, he wanted to play football. When he was little he slept with footballs. He refused to take off his shoes for bed, and when his dad or mom insisted that the shoes come off, he slept with them clutched to his side in, of course, a football hold. When it was time to choose wallpaper, I'm sure you can guess what kind Mike wanted — that which depicted the gridiron. He and his brother did not choose wallpapers with mere footballs, but that which showed quarterbacks in varying poses, running with or throwing the ball. When his dad put the wallpaper up, Mike didn't want to leave the room.

While other boys wanted to be Power Rangers in colorful suits or super heroes with a cape, Mike just wanted black reflective tape under his eyes and a jersey, any color. And while many little boys may have dreamed of having the ball, Michael actually had an aptitude for it. He tossed it, ran with it, and athletically tumbled and rolled when he was "down."

When he was taken outside in the backyard of his parent's first house, he would clutch his pigskin and just run. In fact, his mother strong-armed her husband into buying a fence for the yard because Mike ran so much with his little brown football she was afraid he would dash into the street and get hit by a car.

First Mike played flag football, then "real" football. As quarterback of his high school freshman team, Mike and his teammates were undefeated. His sophomore year he started as junior varsity quarterback and led the team to an 8-1 record. As quarterback of JV his junior year the team again won all games but one.

The summer before Mike's senior year he competed for the quarterback position with another ath-



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lete. He did not win the position. He was, however, offered the "opportunity" to play the starting safety position on defense. Mike did not initially see this as an "opportunity."

This was Mike's senior year, which he had looked forward to for four years — playing starting quarterback for the varsity team. Now it was over. He would not reach that personal goal of being starting quarterback. The position call was not Mike's decision, but his wise coach sought Mike's cooperation. What would Mike do? Oblige with a positive attitude? Fight it? Bad-mouth the coach? Call it bad luck? Storm off the team? Mike took a deep breath and told the coach, "Whatever you need."

Some might say, "What's the big deal? The kid didn't get the position he wanted. It happens all the time." And the truth is that's absolutely right. But what does not happen all the time is someone accepting reality with class and grace, which Mike did.

Mike didn't complain to his mom or his dad. He embraced what he was supposed to do. It's a little thing in the scheme of life, perhaps, but definitely preparation for many of life's twists and turns. I looked at him during many games this past season and thought, "If only I could adapt and adjust when unanticipated events occur such as he did. I would weather my life so much better."

But that's not the end of the story. Mike didn't just do what he was told. He threw himself 100 percent into his new responsibility. He started racking up tackles like

he had previously thrown passes and began to excel. He even got to play quarterback a few times. In the end, he ended up with several awards and recognition for skill in the safety position he initially never wanted.

This gave me pause to think, how many times do I want a certain outcome and refuse to change midstream when something collides with my goals? "I deserve it" "I earned it" "This is my dream. I'm not giving it up." I tell myself these things over and over, admittedly sometimes without looking at the cause of a higher good. Watching Mike taught me a valuable lesson. Adapting to life's curve balls is a necessity. And sometimes it even works out better than you think.

Today, it is June, long past football season. Tonight, this quarterback-safety graduates from high school. The equipment is put away. The fans are gone. Mike begins a new chapter in his life. But the lessons learned on the football field will stay with Mike and his family. They are grateful for a coach who challenged this young man and who helped him discover something about life and something about himself.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for June 10, 2007

Luke 9:11b-17

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SPOKE	KINGDOM	HEALED
CURED	DRAWING	A CLOSE
TWELVE	THE CROWD	VILLAGES
DESERTED	GIVE	FIVE LOAVES
TWO FISH	UNLESS	BUY FOOD
FIVE THOUSAND	SIT DOWN	FIFTY
HEAVEN	ATE	BASKETS

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## LETTER

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increase aid to developing countries.

Pope Benedict has strongly encouraged countries to implement the Millennium Development Goals, a plan that aims to cut global poverty in half by 2015. To accomplish this, richer countries have been asked to increase development aid to 0.7 percent of their gross domestic product.

The Bush administration has endorsed the goals but balked at

supporting numerical aid targets.

Rooney said that position was based on the principle that "you can't necessarily apply a rigid mathematical formula to economies and circumstances that are radically different in scale and type."

"You've got to factor in the private charities, NGOs and things like that, where the United States is far and away the world leader," he said.

"The United States is the world leader in private charity and generosity to underprivileged and disadvantaged people. No country gives more," Rooney said.

# Sports

**NEW BROADCAST 'HOME' ANNOUNCED FOR COUGAR SPORTS** The University of Saint Francis announced that it has reached agreement with Summit City Radio Group, owner/operators of four commercial radio stations in Fort Wayne, naming WGL-1250 AM as the new broadcast partner for Cougar football and basketball games. The Cougar football 2007 season begins on Saturday, Sept. 8 with a noon kick off at Bishop John M. D'Arcy Stadium against William Penn University (Iowa). Initial plans with WGL Radio call for a 15-minute pre-game show prior to each game.

## Determination drives CYO runner

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Eighth grader, Anne Marie Shank was a double winner in this year's Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) year-end track and field meet. Her goal was to win both events this season at the city meet.

"Annie is very determined," said her father, John Shank. "I won't put anything by her."

The runner from St. John Fort Wayne not only won both the 1,600-meter and 800-meter runs, but set new records in each event as well.

The 1,600-meter run is a four lap race, which totals approximately one mile.

Since her CYO running debut in fifth grade, Shank has not been beaten in the mile race. During her perfect career, she won the 2004 city meet, first broke the record in 2005, reset it in 2006 and shattered it at the Bishop Luers' track in 2007.

Her personal best time during the 2007 regular season was 5:43. A new record can only be set at the city meet. So she trimmed off even more seconds at this year's event turning in a time of 5:38.05.

Meet coordinator, Jacob Doctor said, "It was especially astounding that she broke her own city meet record (5:49) by over 10 seconds even after a long day of events."

In the half mile, Shank ran a 2:28.17 for the two lap event. This beat the standing record, which was set clear back in 1982 by Laurie Krouse from St. Jude. Her best time had been 2:31 prior to the 2007 city meet.



PROVIDED BY JOHN SHANK

**Anne Marie Shank, a recent St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, graduate who will attend Bishop Luers next year, is shown at a meet. At the city meet at Bishop Luers, the runner not only won both the 1,600-meter and 800-meter runs, but set new records in each event, as well.**

Shank does not train for her distance running year round, but is involved in many sports keeping her in good shape.

"Annie does not really focus on any one sport in particular," reported her father. He said, "She probably enjoys basketball the most and hopes to play at Bishop Luers next year. She ran track as a fifth grader, experienced some success and has stayed with it." Some success is right.

## Saint Joseph's wins 3-A baseball sectional

SOUTH BEND — John Gumpf, who took over as baseball coach of the Saint Joseph's Indians, received a prize from his players he will not forget for some time.

His talented players won the Class 3-A sectional championship for the first time since 2004 by defeating their arch rival Mishawaka Marian Knights, 10-4, in the championship round of the Plymouth sectional.

Eric Hartman, a right hander, pitched a well-catered nine hit game for his seventh win of the season against the defenders. The victory upped Saint Joseph's No. 6 season record to 23-6 while the Knights finished the year with a 23-7 record.

Andrew Mysliwiec led the blistering Saint Joseph's 14-hit attack with three hits while the Indians also capitalized on eight Marian errors. — EJD

## Marian golfers head to regionals this weekend

SOUTH BEND — Mishawaka Marian High School's talented golf team, which this year shared the Northern Indiana Conference championship with an equally talented Mishawaka Penn team, will carry their rivalry into the Indiana High School Athletic Association regionals this weekend.

## 'Gracie' uses real events from Elisabeth Shue's life

NEW YORK (CNS) — A father-daughter story as much as a sports drama, "Gracie" uses real-life events from actress Elisabeth Shue's family in 1970s' New Jersey in an inspirational movie about pursuing both literal and figurative goals.

In suburban South Orange, N.J., in 1978, teenager Gracie Bowen (Carly Schroeder) is the lone girl amid three brothers. Their father, Bryan (Dermot Mulroney), had been a college sports star, and now his boys all live to play soccer. Eldest son Johnny (Jesse Lee Soffer), the pride of the Columbia High School Cougars, is killed one rainy night in a car accident.

Gracie takes it particularly hard, and declares she wants to play soccer on the boys' varsity

team. The school board opposes the notion. Even the newly passed Title IX, the federal regulation giving girls equal access to school sports, only mandates the existence of boys' and girls' teams. Gracie's own dad doesn't think she has the right stuff.

Rebuffed, Gracie develops a pattern of bad behavior: riding with boys, stealing the family station wagon to skip school with her friend and necking with a college boy at the Jersey shore.

Her father and her school-nurse mother, Lindsay (Shue), are so despairing that dad relents and agrees to coach her.

Director Davis Guggenheim, Shue's Oscar-winning documentarian husband, wrote the story along with Shue's actor brother, Andrew, and a third writer.

Penn edged Marian in the sectional finals by a single stroke, 293-294, when Penn's Ben Bellville sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th green at Erskine Park to win the sectional in a dramatic finish for the Penn Kingsmen.

LaPorte will be the third area team in the regionals, finishing 20 strokes ahead of South Bend Saint Joseph's. However, Ryley Fitzsimmons of Saint Joseph's carded a 77 to qualify as an individual.

Marian's Adam Sumrall shot a

sparkling 67, five under par, to lead his team and also tied Steve Spiritso of Penn for medalist honors. However, he lost the medalist honor to Spiritso in a one-hole playoff.

Marian's team scores: Adam Sumrall, 67; Colin Van Es, 69; Bryant Demeter 78; Nick Fitzpatrick, 80; Stephen Sexton, 82

Saint Joseph's scores: Tyler Bliha, 78; Tyler Kanczuzewski, 80; Ryley Fitzsimmons, 77; Brooks Damarais, 82; Andrew Thomas, 86. — EJD

## Holy Cross College adds men's golf to varsity sports

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College has announced the addition of yet another varsity sport: men's golf. As a recent member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), Holy Cross is very excited about not only the launch of another team, but the excellent coaches found right across the street.

This team will be coached by Ryan Gowen and Cody Risedorph, Class A members of

the PGA of America and current assistant golf professionals at the Warren Golf Course at the University of Notre Dame.

The Holy Cross golf team will be utilizing this facility and is fortunate to have the opportunity. The Warren Golf Course was rated by *Golfweek* as the No. 2 public golf facility in the entire state of Indiana and was rated in 2006 as one of the top 15 overall university-level golf facilities by

*Golf Digest*. The Saints will also be practicing at the Notre Dame Golf Course, right across the street from Holy Cross.

Coach Gowen and Coach Risedorph say they are very excited about the upcoming year. "We have both had the ability to participate in athletics, are both very competitive and are looking forward to bringing our experiences and backgrounds to Holy Cross College. We strongly anticipate being nationally competitive within the program's first two seasons."

This team will participate in about five tournaments this fall and five in the spring. While a women's team will be added in 2008, there are also opportunities for women to play this year on a club-sport basis.

Holy Cross College just held its first ever signing day on March 24. Three athletes were signed to the Holy Cross Golf Team: Jared Sawyer, C.J. Nachteggall and Tyler Alge. Tryouts for the rest of the available spots on the team will be held during the first two weeks of the 2007-2008 academic year.

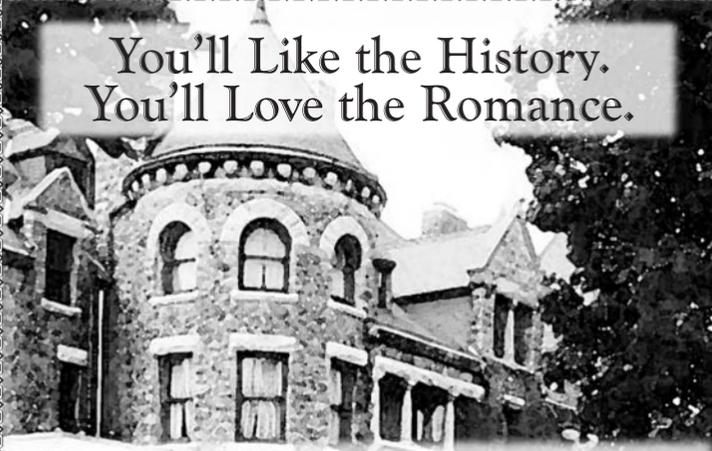


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# Your dreams tell a lot about you



## THE CUTTING EDGE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Many have already graduated, or graduation is right around the corner. It would be interesting to find out each person's hopes and dreams for the future. Although we think of graduation as an end to something, commencement really means beginning. If you are graduating or starting something new, what do you dream about as you continue along the journey of life?

It might be good for the rest of us to also reflect upon our hopes, dreams and goals in life because they reveal a lot about us as individuals. Think of two or three dreams or hopes you have. Are all your dreams centered on what you want to get out of life and what life can do for you? Do you aspire to be wealthy and have everything you want? Do you want the prestige of an important job so others will think highly of you?

Or do you dream of making a difference in the world? Do you want a just world and are willing to work at it? Do you want to help others through your regular job or by volunteering?

Do you always think about what you will get out of a permanent relationship or do you think about all that you want to give to a marriage and family or a congregation or a diocese if you choose religious life or priesthood?

Are you primarily self-centered or other-centered? When you agree to do something for someone is your first thought, "What's in this for me?" Does this desire hold a lot of weight in your decision-making? Or do you help others out of your generosity and care?

This may sound like a corny exercise but it can be very revealing. If, in your reflection, you discover that you basically take care of "number one" then it is time to stop and look at where your life is going?

It is not possible to be a good Christian if we only think of ourselves. Take Pope John Paul II, for instance. Despite his illness and frailty he continued to reach out to others. If he only thought of himself he would probably have stayed in bed for most of the time during these past couple of years. His age and Parkinson's disease

would have been a valid excuse. However, like Jesus and so many of the saints, he was a person for others.

As Christians we have a road map for how to live. Jesus could not be any clearer about the fact that his followers are called to love. Yes, he did say that we are to love ourselves too, but he was not talking about self-centered love. The love of self he wants us to have is that love and respect for ourselves that makes it possible to love and respect others. It is being grateful for our God-given gifts and using them for others.

Think of how different our lives would be if Jesus had been a self-centered person? He could have gotten a lot of glory and fame if he had used his divine power or became the military leader who would conquer the Romans and free the Jews from domination. He probably would not have died and we would not be saved.

Now is a good time to look at our lives and reflect upon what gives us meaning. When our days on this earth are over, how do we want to be known? Do we want other people to say that he or she was a guy or gal who had a gorgeous home, three cars and made a six-digit salary and all his or her children went to expensive schools? Or would we rather be known as the woman or man who gave time to many



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causes that helped others, improved the world and was a loving and compassionate person.

Think about your hopes and dreams and if they center on what you can get out of life, then switch gears and begin to dream about what you can give. If you do, I guarantee that your life will be a lot happier.

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# Shed your inhibitions and embrace the dance of life

There's something about warm weather that prompts people to wed.

You'll probably hear wedding bells ringing nearby — a relative, a friend, a neighbor — which means you're warming up your iron and your dance legs.

And if you tuned into ABC's "Dancing with the Stars," you might be feeling a bit unprepared, keenly aware that you lack expert instruction, fake eyelashes, dazzling dresses, spray-on tanner and killer legs.

It's a daunting endeavor, to hear music and move your limbs in a way that somehow corresponds. People approach the challenge in a variety of ways. As a young adult on an active wedding circuit, I've been tracking the different dancing styles. Perhaps you identify with one:

**• The dancer.** These are the annoying people who are blessed with that innate gift of rhythm. They embody music in a way that makes sense and looks good.

**• The seductress.** These people hit the dance floor and suddenly feel incredibly attractive. Every motion is dramatic — the squinted eyes, the sharp head turns, the pelvic thrusts.

**• The cradle robber.** This subgroup typically involves gray-haired men whose self perception is skewed by dancing. To them, every young woman is available and (inexplicably) attainable.

**• The jumper.** This group's working on their vertical. Every beat is cause to bounce.

**• The dapper.** Every beat is cause to clap, too. Clappers tend to sway side to side: clap to the left, clap to the right, repeat. Soon they're carried away and they can't be stopped.

**• The sweater.** These people look like Steve Nash in the fourth quarter of a playoff game: flushed cheeks, matted hair, shirt drenched in sweat. But they're having the time of their lives.

**• The slow dancer.** These people pop up when the music slows down. They had seconds on cake. They're still feeling it. But they'll waltz to "Wonderful Life."

**• The interpreter.** These people love charades. So if there's a

lyric that can be gestured, they'll do it. This can get pretty advanced. For Tommy Tutone's "867-5309," they punch the numbers in the air.

**• The MTV star.** These are the ones who mem-

orize and recreate Beyonce's hip-hop routine. But without the special effects and talent, it can look like hopscotch gone mad.

**• The lyric lover.** They know every word to every song played the entire night. Makes you wonder if they listen to the radio in their sleep. Also makes you feel seriously uncool for never having heard half the songs before.

**• The chicken dancer.** These folks love to flap their elbows. And



## TWENTY SOMETHING BY CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

when the tempo picks up, they scrunch their faces in concentration. They're determined to keep up. They're working out old wounds from being picked last for seventh-grade flag football.

Being a young adult feels like standing on the edge of the dance floor. Everyone else seems to know the steps and have momentum. It's awkward easing in.

But you can't really dance if you're watching your feet. And you'll never have fun if you don't shake your self-consciousness. So dive in with a sense of humor and a smile. Feel the beat. Do your thing. And don't look back.

That's St. Paul's advice in Colossians 3:23. "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do wholeheartedly."

It's Jesus' first miracle at the Cana wedding, embracing and extending fellowship.

It's Marty Haugen's hope in his hymn "Gather Us In": "Give us the courage to enter the song."

And it's my prayer for the next dance and the next day: that we find courage to enter the song. That, when handed hokey pokey, we shake it all about.

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# Notre Dame undergrads flock to peace studies

BY JOAN FALLON

NOTRE DAME — The number of Notre Dame undergraduates who choose peace studies as either a minor or major has more than doubled in the past three years — from fewer than 100 students in the 2003-04 academic year to 216 in the 2006-07 academic year.

The program attracts highly accomplished students, according to Jaleh Dashti-Gibson, director

of academic programs at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Of the 64 peace studies undergraduates who were graduated from Notre Dame this month, 30 were graduated with honors. Two recently graduated peace studies students, 2006 alumnus Peter Quaranto and Megan Towle, who was graduated this year, received prestigious Marshall Scholarships, and Towle's classmate, Monica Boomer, received a Fulbright research and study grant.

"Our students are very enthusiastic about their professors and classes," Dashti-Gibson said. "They tend to be very active at Notre Dame and throughout the community, so they spread the word about peace studies all year long."

Violent conflicts around the world also have exerted an influence, according to Dashti-Gibson. "In a time of war, students have a heightened sensitivity to issues related to peace," she said. "We're seeing growing numbers of students who report that they knew about the peace studies program before they enrolled, and that it's one of the reasons they chose Notre Dame."

The rising interest in peace studies among undergraduates is a trend that shows no sign of

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stopping, Dashti-Gibson said. "Last year at this time, we had 42 peace studies majors and minors among sophomores. This year, we had 72 peace studies sophomores — and that class is not yet done declaring their majors and minors."

Because peace studies is a supplementary major, its students are also majoring in other fields ranging from political science to business, anthropology, biology, history and liberal studies. They choose to take an additional eight classes, or 24 credits, in peace studies. A minor requires an additional 15 credit hours.

Peace studies undergraduates organize and run their own peace conference every year, conduct research and are active in peace-building projects on campus and worldwide.

# Author explores observance of Sunday through the ages

BY YORK YOUNG

What are your plans for this Sunday? Your answer to that question probably fits into one of two extremes. Nothing. Or specifically something. The notion that we, individually or as a family, will just see what happens and go with the flow seems to be a minority approach. And that seems to be the way it has always been, at least according to Craig Harline, author of a new and interesting historical book titled "Sunday: A History of the First Day from Babylonia to the Super Bowl" (Doubleday, \$26).

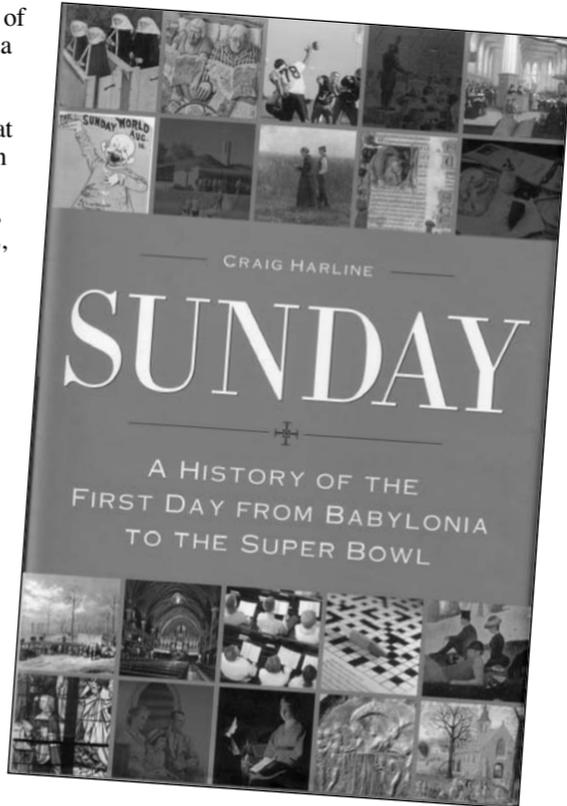
Historical books too often get bogged down in details of who, when and where. Even when the author does a good job of explaining the why and how — I'm thinking here of books such as "John Adams," by David McCullough, and "Team of Rivals," by Doris Kearns Goodwin — the focus on one specific character or a short period of time often doesn't help us understand how people of the time lived. To understand that, an approach that looks at an overarching theme can take us into the daily lives of normal people of the time — a decent example is "Night in the Middle Ages," by Jean Verdon and George Holoch (2002), in which, by looking at how people lived half their lives in near utter darkness, we caught a great of glimpse of relationships, crime, meals, judicial system, religion and more with this unique entry point.

"Sunday" offers something similar. Harline provides a snapshot of several historical points in time, pulling on extant sources. Opening with a look at ancient times, including how the Greeks and Romans

approached a day of rest even without a religious background, he then offers chapters that look at England in 1300, the Dutch Republic in 1624, Paris in the 1890s, Belgium in 1914, England in the 1930s and the United States in the 1950s and onward.

Sundays have had a religious component for centuries, but even the state has been interested in a day of rest and recreation for various reasons — and sometimes against. Harline culls from sources that resemble diaries and uses concrete examples to set the tone of the populace in each time frame. He also reflects on a variety of Christian denominations and how they worshiped and viewed Sunday. Catholics will enjoy the multiple times he focuses on the Roman church.

He analyzes the day of rest through the viewpoints of the rich and poor, worker and nonworker, laypeople and clergy, children and adults. Some of the recounting can border on too much — after a dozen lists of foods that were eaten by various groups of people, the reader might want to skip ahead some — but overall, the varying accounts show how things have changed, ever so slowly. And how some things stay the same — some people will always be bored with



Sunday and complain about it.

Perhaps most engaging is the chapter on Belgium, which was overrun by Germany during World War I. Soldiers and those close to the front reported that it felt like Sunday ceased to exist. Having to be ready to fight at a moment's notice didn't take a break on Sundays. A glimpse of how the populace survived this horror makes us appreciate Sundays even more.

Well noted with a long bibliography, Harline has put together an impressive collection of information. Maybe you can put this on your Sunday reading list — if that's the kind of thing you do on Sunday.

# Teen makes movie, raises awareness about Darfur crisis

BY JENNIFER BURKE

ONTARIO, N.Y. (CNS) — Erin Schultz has never been to the Darfur region of Sudan but that has not stopped her from reaching out to ease the suffering of the people in that region.

After learning that Darfur is currently in the throes of a crisis so violent that many are classifying it as genocide, 15-year-old Erin, who lives in Ontario, created a short movie about the crisis and e-mailed it to everyone she knows.

She had only intended to raise awareness about the problem, but she has also raised approximately \$2,000 for relief efforts in Darfur.

Last year at this time, Erin had barely even heard of Darfur. She was active in the youth group at her parish, St. Mary of the Lake in Ontario, and had volunteered at a food bank a few times, but she had never been overly involved in activist efforts. She did, however, regularly read news magazines and that's where she first learned about what was happening in Darfur.

"I found it horrible how almost nobody knew" about what was going on there, she told the *Catholic Courier*, newspaper of the Rochester Diocese. She found out more information from news stories and Web sites devoted to raise awareness of the crisis.

Then she used a computer program to put together a five-minute movie that incorporates photos from Darfur, statistics about the number of people killed, injured and displaced, and a poem written by a Sudanese man who fled the country on foot when he was a teen.

She showed the video to her parish youth group, then she e-mailed it and asked friends and family members to pass it on.

In early February, the parish

youth group raised money for relief efforts in Darfur when they took part in a national effort called Souper Bowl of Caring. Through this program, youth groups collect money in soup pots after Masses on Super Bowl Sunday and donate the proceeds to charities of their choice.

The teens raised \$582.87 that weekend. Those who donated received a prayer card and a petition to send to President George W. Bush, asking him to push for a stronger multinational force to protect the people of Darfur.

Although there is no mention of fundraising in Erin's video, people who saw the video soon started sending donations to Erin and Carol May, youth minister at St. Mary of the Lake, who then forwarded the money to Catholic Relief Services asking that the funds be used only for humanitarian aid in Darfur. Erin hopes to eventually raise \$10,000 for this relief work, but says fundraising is not her primary goal.

"That's second. I'd really rather raise a lot of awareness," she said.

May was so impressed with Erin's efforts that she nominated her for the town's "Catch a Kid Who Cares Award" honoring children and teens who do kind deeds. The town supervisor presented Erin with a certificate this spring.

"It was nice," she said. "I just like that it's going to spread more awareness, not because I want to have my name in the paper."

**Donations for Darfur relief** may be sent by check to: Erin's Darfur Project, c/o St. Mary of the Lake Parish, 5823 Walworth Rd., Ontario, NY 14519. Copies of Erin Schultz's movie on Darfur are available by contacting Carol May at: (315) 524-2611.

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## MISC. HAPPENINGS

**Spring potluck planned by ladies**  
South Bend — The Altar and Rosary of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lakeville will host the Area Council of Catholic Women Spring potluck on Tuesday, June 26. Father Thomas King will offer Mass at 11 a.m. at the church, with the luncheon following. All women are welcome but reservations are needed by Sunday, June 24, to Rosemary at (574) 291-2395.

### Luers oldies reunion

Fort Wayne — Graduates of the classes 1962-1971 will be celebrating the first 10 years on Saturday, Aug. 4, at the home of Ken Hensch, 7421 Maples Rd. Hosted by the class of 1965. For information contact Ken Hensch at (260) 447-2294 or e-mail KenAesthetic@aol.com or Tom Schilling at (260) 625-6924 or e-mail tjssynergy@comcast.net

### Daughters of Isabella honor 25 year member

South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572, will honor 25-year member Patricia Mathes at their June 4 spaghetti dinner meeting at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus on Linden Ave. Members are asked to bring paper products to be given to the needy. A Corporate Communion will be celebrated Sunday, June 17, at the 9 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Hungary Church. Breakfast to follow at Honkers on South Michigan St.

### Cubs game bus trip planned

Fort Wayne — Join St. Jude Parish for a Chicago Cubs game Sunday, July 29, at Cincinnati. \$60 includes game ticket, luxury bus, box lunch and souvenir. Contact Barb at St. Jude at (260) 484-6609.

### Fatima group plans Mass, breakfast

Fort Wayne — The World Apostolate of Fatima will have a Mass and breakfast Saturday, June 16, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Time for reconciliation begins at 8 a.m. followed by the rosary and consecration to Mary at 8:45 and Mass at 9 a.m. A breakfast with speaker Colin Donovan, VP for Theology at EWTN, will follow at St. Mary Parish. Adults \$6, children ages 10-4 \$3. For information call Emma Momper at (260) 625-3281 or (574) 233-5414.

## FUND RAISERS

**Spaghetti dinner helps the Knights**  
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council #5570 is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner

Thursday, June 14, from 4-6 p.m. Adults \$7, children ages 5 to 12 \$2.50. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, beverages and dessert. The council is located at 5202 Linden Ave., one block east of Mayflower Road.

### Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$6, children (5-12) \$3. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and coffee. Carry-out available.

### Holy Family Parish plans festival

South Bend — Holy Family Parish will have a festival June 22-24 at the church. Friday's events include a Jonah fish fry, rides, games and bingo. Saturday includes Mass at 4 p.m., rides, games, bingo and music from 7-11 p.m. Sunday will offer a Polish buffet from noon to 2 p.m. and rides, games and bingo. A raffle for a 2008 Dodge Avenger will be Sunday at 9 p.m.

### St. Hedwig announces summer festival

South Bend — St. Hedwig Parish will have a summer festival Sunday, July 1, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Hedwig Memorial Center. Dancing, games, Pierogi cabbage rolls, pastry, raffle, bingo and Polish dinners. Music by the Soundstations. Call (574) 287-8935 for information.

## RUMMAGE SALES

### 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.

## DEVOTIONS

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

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## 'Together We Can — It Takes Teamwork'

BY ELIZABETH SWYGART

MONROEVILLE — At St. Joseph Catholic School, our motto is "Together We Can — It Takes Teamwork." Whether referring to the students, teachers, or even the parents of this school, everyone makes a conscious effort to live this motto. Students at St. Joseph School even apply this motto to their everyday lives, sports, extracurricular activities and academics.

Together with their parents, the students and teachers work together, for example, to help the less fortunate in their community. Through the Giving Tree project available at St. Rose de Lima Parish during the Christmas season, St. Joseph School helped supply local charities. Once a month, the students of this school are asked to bring nonperishable food items to Mass. The food that is collected is then sent to the local St. Mark's Food Pantry.

In addition to the Giving Tree and monthly food collections, the students and staff at this self-giving school partner with The Franciscan Center. Each year, the fifth and sixth graders volunteered their time stocking shelves with donations, bagging sandwiches and sack lunches and carrying boxes filled with food to patrons' cars. This opportunity teaches the students the importance of service to others.

Another example of the teamwork shown at St. Joseph Catholic School is the sports program. Although we are a smaller school, the teammates work together to the best of their abilities. The students are competitive yet friendly. Whether shaking hands with the opponent or wishing them luck, students at St. Joseph display examples of true sportsmanship.

Recently the teachers at this school created a fun activity for the students after every quarter. The teachers collect a list of accomplishments the school family achieved that quarter. The teach-



The eighth grade girls crowned Mary with a crown of flowers while the first communicants looked on.

ers compose a silly phrase or word to be cheered after they announce each accomplishment. This recognizes the student body as a group who helped others in little ways throughout the quarter.

The last day of Catholic Schools Week is spent focusing on the formal dinner. This positive experience teaches the students proper etiquette. Students learn important rules that can be applied in the future. Each table sits with their school "family" of the week and encourages others to behave properly during this time. This event brings the students of all ages together to form unity during this celebrated week.

The students and teachers of St. Joseph Catholic School would like to personally thank the parents. We sincerely appreciate the effort put forth in order to make events such as the dinner,

dance and auction, family fun nights, fish fries and chicken dinners a success. Only with the love, support and sacrifices of parents can St. Joseph School be a success. Most importantly, we thank our parents for allowing their children to receive a Catholic education. By doing this, students are given the skills needed in order to become strong, mature spiritual leaders. The close bond with God the teachers show helps students realize the importance of him in their lives. Parents, thank you for everything you do.

"Together We Can — It Takes Teamwork." As you can see, this motto truly reflects St. Joseph Catholic School.

Elizabeth Swygart is a 2007 graduate.

The student body performed the living Way of the Cross for parishioners during Lent.



An Advent service project is the Giving Tree partnered with St. Rose Parish. Pictured are Taylor and Tanner Wild, Alisha Gerardot, Katie Griebel, Maddy Jacquay and Madison Smith.



The entire student body gathered at St. Rose Cemetery to offer the Mass for their deceased loved ones. Pictured are Madison Smith, Father Steve Colchin, Alisha Gerardot and Abby Gerardot.



Fifth and sixth grade kindergarten buddies teach the younger students Spanish. Pictured are Ashton Castle, Brenna Keppel and Emaly Brinkman.



Every year, the fifth and sixth graders give their time volunteering at The Franciscan Center. Pictured are Holly Wenger, Torry Wild and Adam Brinkman bagging lunches.



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