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The pinnacle of celebrations

Thousands attend diocesan sesquicentennial jubilee Eucharistic Congress at Notre Dame

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Thousands of Catholics from around the diocese made the pilgrimage to the University of Notre Dame campus last Saturday to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. While oppressive heat and heavy rains affected much of the country, northern Indiana enjoyed an unusually mild August day, and persistent gray clouds even held back their sprinkles until everyone had gathered in the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center for the event's closing Mass.

Some participants, particularly those from Fort Wayne, came on buses chartered by their parishes. Others drove with their families, often meeting up with fellow parishioners once they arrived on campus.

Like some of the other pilgrims, the Dan and Karen VanOverberghe family from St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in New Carlisle proudly wore t-shirts with their parish's name on the front. The VanOverberghes, who are youth directors at their parish, expected their distinctive shirts to help them locate other members of their youth group in the crowd.

Shuttle buses ran continuously from parking lots to deliver people to the various pilgrimage venues on campus, but many people brought their own "wheels" for moving around, including wheelchairs for seniors and the disabled, and strollers and wagons for the youngest generation.

The day's events began with an ecumenical prayer

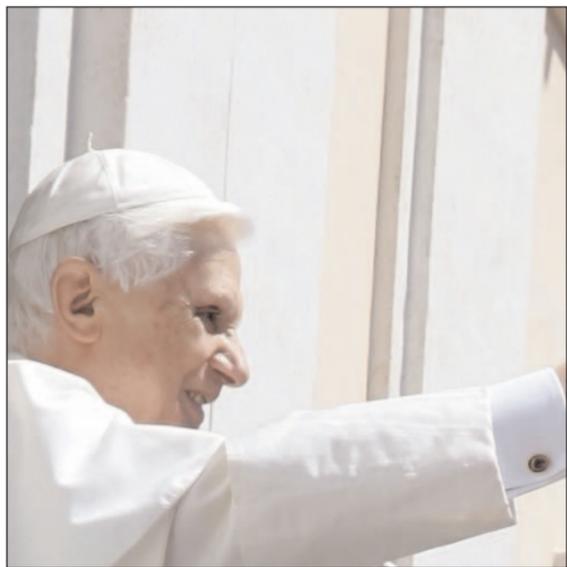


TOM UEBBING

Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrates the closing Mass of the Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame on Saturday, Aug. 18. In the bishop's homily, he told the people that we must be humble before the expression of faith because it is not something for which we should take credit, for it is all from the grace won by Christ on the cross. The bishop said he believed that the special grace of the Eucharistic Congress is the call to prayer.

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POPE GREETS PEOPLE FROM BALCONY OF SUMMER RESIDENCE IN ITALY



CNS PHOTO/TONY GENTILE, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI greets people from the balcony of his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Aug. 19. The pope announced that a top Vatican official would personally deliver a papal donation to relief efforts for victims of the major earthquake that struck southern Peru Aug. 15.

Something for everyone at the Eucharistic Congress

BY KAY COZAD

NOTRE DAME — The sun rose brightly on the morning of Saturday, Aug. 18, the day so many in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend had anticipated for so long. The Eucharistic Congress, a special day of spiritual renewal in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the diocese, had finally arrived. As hundreds of Catholic faithful from all over the diocese began to arrive at the University of Notre Dame in buses, cars and caravans a small contingent of teens representing parishes like St. Dominic, Holy Family, St. Thomas, St. Bavo and St. Pius X sleepily gathered at Saint Joseph's High School across the road.

They had come to carry the Traveling Jubilee Pilgrim Cross on its final pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The cross engraved with the sesquicentennial motto "His Steadfast Love Endures Forever" symbolizing the evangelical nature of the Catholic faith would stand at the altar where an ecumenical service would kick off the Eucharistic Congress in a special way.

When asked why he would be present so early on a Saturday morning for this event, Hank Gattinger, St. Dominic, Bremen, parishioner said with zeal, "Jesus is cool!"

Sean Scott, youth minister at St. Bavo

Parish, Mishawaka, who attended the same school and religious programs he now leads added, "I'm here for my kids. I love doing these things with my kids."

During the walk the youth sang hymns of praise and worship and upon arrival at the basilica, its bells joyfully ringing a call to the faithful, the pilgrim youth lifted the cross at the foot of the stairs. Joann Dereiszewski of St. Pius Parish said, "It (the pilgrimage) was fun!"

Bishop John M. D'Arcy welcomed all Christian pastors of South Bend to pray together during the standing room only ecumenical service, which included clergy representing several denominations. Pastor Michael Cobbler of Hilltop Lutheran Church of the Ascension in South Bend felt honored to participate in the service saying, "It was a privilege to be here. It (the service) reflects the heart and mind of Jesus Christ, who desires that we continue to manifest his prayer that we may be one. After all we are all one in him." Molly Chalk of St. Patrick Parish in Arcola said of the service, "It was so unique. I've never seen anything like it."

As groups, couples, families and teens reverently strolled the walks of Notre Dame in anticipation of what the day might hold Cliff and Judy Hallgren of St. Elizabeth Ann

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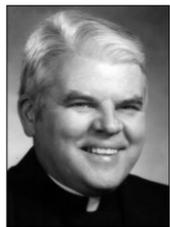
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Eucharistic Congress makes a grace-filled day for the diocese



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A day of faith and prayer

The splendid day that our diocese experienced on Saturday on the magnificent campus of the University of Notre Dame will stay in my memory, and the memory of our diocese, forever. Is there any place in the world so appropriate for an event like this as Notre Dame? Rome, certainly, for the World Youth Day in 2000 with its great basilicas and piazzas and its beloved old churches. Not too many other places.

We began at 10 a.m. with an ecumenical service at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A huge crowd drawn to prayer, and about a dozen Christian pastors from the South Bend area, each one reciting a prayer. Archbishop Daniel Buechlein was kind enough to be the celebrant and to preach a beautiful reflection. Afterward he, Bishop Daniel Jenky, Msgr. William Lester and many others took up their places in the confessionals of the basilica. As I was told later, they heard confessions for a lengthy period of time. Confessions in the basilica went on all day.

Speaking of confession

Almost immediately, yellow umbrellas sprouted around campus and there was a priest at each one. I stopped by the grotto where the continuous rosary had already begun and the seats around that historic venue were filled.

I was off by golf cart commanded by Drew Curry, one of our seminarians who is now a deacon, to the DeBartolo Classroom Building where I gave my seminar on the life of faith. I was provided with space in the beautiful amphitheater classroom. My talk was broadcast on our two Catholic radio stations — Redeemer Radio in Fort Wayne and Holy Radio in South Bend. I started with two of the apparitions to Abraham and proceeded to reflect on the characteristics of the life of faith, quoting such authors as Rudolph Schnackenberg, SJ; Joseph Ratzinger from his wonderful book, "Introduction to Christianity" where he talks about the challenges to faith today; and a lesser known author, Francis Tirrell, a priest of the Diocese of Rockville Center, author of "Man, Believer and Unbeliever."

Then I climbed once again on a golf cart. I was off to my place near the Hesburgh Library where I heard confessions for 90 minutes.

A testimony to priests

The next day, I spoke to the pastor of Little Flower Parish, South Bend, a Holy Cross missionary who served years in Africa, Father Neil Ryan, CSC. He told me he heard confessions near the chapel of Alumni Hall at the forefront of the univer-

sity located near the basilica and heard confessions the same amount of time. So many priests had volunteered that we were able to escape the long lines we had in 2000. It was made convenient for everyone who wanted to receive the sacrament.

Instructions everywhere

We are a church of word and sacrament. We believe in teaching. People coming to confession and being met on the grounds of the university spoke about lectures by Professor John Cavadini on "Deus Est Caritas." Professor Gary Anderson on the story of Joseph in the Old Testament and its implication for the mystery of Christ. Dean Carolyn Woo of the Notre Dame Business School on Catholic ethics.

One of the most popular lectures with one of the largest crowds was by our own Father John Pfister, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Huntington. Father John has made a serious study of the Book of Revelation and his own clarity, combined with the questions people have about that book, produced a large crowd. There was a talk on immigration, on the death penalty, on teenage dating.

Well over 100 seminars by distinguished speakers. There were special events for youth. Some of the talks were given by our own seminarians, and the young people found them especially relevant to their lives. This beautiful and splendid day seemed to fly by.

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The pilgrimage cross

This cross had been to every parish in the diocese and to most of our institutions. It started at Notre Dame two years ago, and crisscrossed the diocese going from parish to parish. About 100 young people carried it from Saint Joseph's High School onto the campus. It was brought first to the basilica and then to the youth events. At the end of the day, it was carried into the Joyce Center.

The closing liturgy

The rain held off as it did seven years ago. The day was sunny at the beginning and then cool and pleasant with some clouds. But no rain until we were all safely covered at Mass.

Then, there was the magnificent Mass at the Joyce Center. In my homily, I told the people that we must be humble before the expression of faith because it is not something for which we should take credit, for it is all from the grace won by Christ on the cross. I believe, and I expressed this in my homily, that the special grace of this event is the call to prayer. We took our theme from the theme of Pope John Paul II, "Sir, I want to see Jesus," said the Greeks to Phillip on the feast day just before the Lord's Passion.

Pope John Paul II made this his theme for the new millennium. What the world is asking the church in every generation and certainly in the new millennium is this, "Show us the face of Christ." He also said that our witness and our ability to do this would be "painfully inadequate," unless we had first ourselves contemplated the face of Christ. In other words, a call to prayer.

There have been many beautiful Masses in this diocese these past 22 years when I have been bishop here. This Mass and the wonderful music were offered with great reverence.

Churches and works of art

A special thank you to Sharon Little who traveled the length and breadth of the diocese for the past year or more taking photos of our churches, finding and photographing images of Christ, which she has published in a beautiful book now available.

Throughout the rotunda near the Joyce Center were beautiful pictures of this art which she had taken along with photos of our various churches. The book is available under the title, "Behold the Face of Christ."

This magnificent service, gathering together under one cover the Christ-centered art of our diocese, represents a great service of love which Sharon carried out assisted by Sister Agnes Marie Regan, OSF. The book is a treasure.

All in all, it was an unforgettable day. After a nice reception following the Mass, I walked into the rainy surroundings and gave thanks to God for the privilege of this diocese in the holy Jubilee Year. Thanks also to all our priests. About 120 priests concelebrated Mass and 50 or more heard confessions. Others gave seminars and talks. A day long to be remembered.

Pray now that we will continue to press forth in this Jubilee Year contemplating the face of Christ for, if we do not do this, if we do not pray, our witness, as Pope John Paul II tells us, will be "painfully inadequate."

Little Flower Parish

Off early Sunday to Little Flower Parish for the installation of the previously mentioned Neil Ryan, CSC. Delighted to hear the joy with which he has been received. He served as a missionary in Uganda in difficult times. We can never properly thank the Congregation of Holy Cross for the splendid and truly approachable and holy priests they have offered to our diocese as pastors; and Father Ryan is one of these.

Report

Only four games ahead. Have I pressed the panic button? No, but I'm close. See you next week.

Eucharistic Congress offers catechetical insights

BY TIM JOHNSON

NOTRE DAME — A variety of workshops offered a broad array of catecheses at the diocesan Eucharistic Congress held at the University of Notre Dame on Aug. 18. From families with young children learning contemplative prayer to praying as a couple to an in depth look at the saints and shapers of our own diocese, the Eucharistic Congress had something for all ages.

The congress included special catechetical tracks for teens, families and Hispanics.

Parents, grandparents and young children learned how to pray in a contemplative manner as Ginny Kohrman from the diocesan Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization and Lisa Everett from the Office of Family Life conducted workshops in the morning and afternoon sessions.

Although the prayers that enrich our Catholic life are important, "sometimes it is good to pray to God by sending a message from my heart to God's heart," Kohrman told the preschoolers and kindergarten children. The workshops for the younger children were highlighted with quiet time, music, storytelling, a chalk art drawing by Mary Hilger and a craft. The workshops emphasized talking to Jesus, but also listening.

A roster of speakers, including Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB, of Indianapolis, and Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, of Peoria, Ill., enriched the workshop roster list. And Father Bill Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, whose recent pilgrimage to Spain was highlighted, proved to be a popular speaker.

At Bishop D'Arcy's morning workshop, *The Call of the Disciple to Prayer and to Growth in Faith*, he discussed that a promise from God and faith tested are forever with us in the biblical account of Abraham and the near sacrifice of his beloved son Isaac. Even though most know the outcome of this event, it is fearsome to any father, son or family member.

The bishop said that the veiled visual of this occasion is the actual sacrifice of the Son of God; the carrying of the wood — the wood of the cross, and with the crucifixion, the simultaneous giving of Christ's life and the gift of faith seen in the flow of blood and water from the savior's body symbolizing baptism and the Eucharist.

Archbishop Buechlein discussed the saints who labored in Indiana. Hoosiers walk in the hallowed shadows and footsteps of St. Theodore Guérin and Bishop Simon Bruté, whose sainthood cause is underway and who nourished the faith and Catholic education in Terre Haute and Vincennes when personal existence depended on the ability to live on the edge of wilderness.

Central in their lives was a profound, acute devotion the Blessed

Sacrament, the archbishop said.

Each was an example that the Eucharist must be believed, must be celebrated, and must be lived, and that the Eucharist is at the root of any form of holiness.

By their efforts, these saints laid the foundation for receiving the Eucharist and passed on to us the responsibility of continuing its presence.

Bishop Jenky's workshop, *The Eucharist: The Greatest Spiritual Gift*, also proved a popular destination for workshop registrants. Bishop Jenky said that "sharing a meal defines the essential relationships and common identities.

When we share food, in some cultures, it is a sign of social bonding and identification. A meal is simply a social event where food happens to be served."

Bishop Jenky said, Jesus nourished all of those who believe with the gift of the Eucharist, "the central act of Christianity and the priesthood of the New Testament."

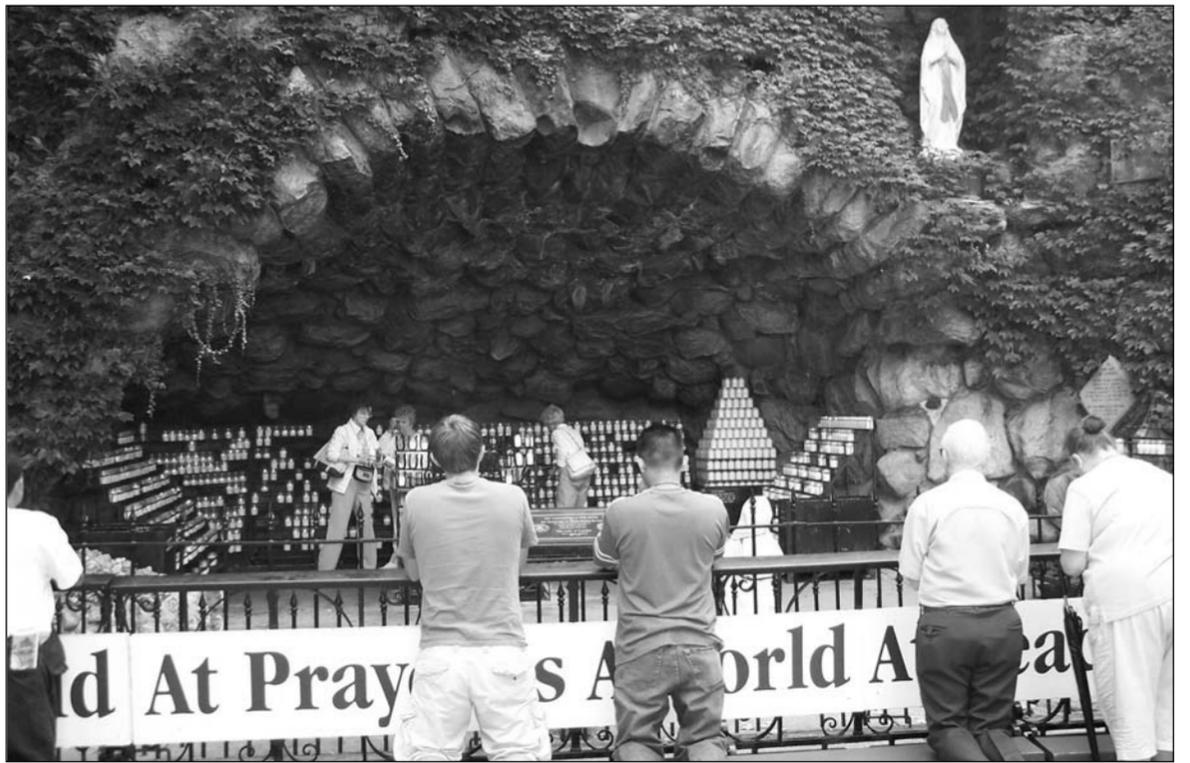
Table fellowship as Jesus enjoyed with his followers transformed people, Bishop Jenky related. They had known only of Christ crucified at that point in their spiritual journeys, and now they know of Christ through the Eucharist. Consequently, we are called to renew our appreciation of the Eucharist each time Mass is celebrated, and we gather around the sacrificial table of the altar.

Among the first session workshops, Father John Pfister, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Huntington, spoke on the Book of Revelation. A condensed version of a series of talks he has given numerous times over the years, the session began with Father Pfister describing Revelation as the most misunderstood book of the Bible. He said it is largely associated with fear, but that it is actually a message of hope to the communities of the early church during a time of persecution.

As he built this historical context around the book, Father Pfister also debunked popular misconceptions about Revelation, stating that Catholic teaching does not include such notions as the rapture or a literal battle of Armageddon or future 1,000-year reign of Christ.

Rather than waiting for signs of a coming apocalypse, Father Pfister said the Book of Revelation serves Christians today just as it did the communities for whom it was written, by providing hope in times when the faith is persecuted, such as with its teachings on abortion and euthanasia.

In the workshop, *Praying as a Couple; Can We Do It Together*, speaker, Sister Jacinta Kreck, a Mishawaka Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, admitted to the crowded classroom that she too originally felt uncomfortable praying spontaneously when she first joined the order, but that she would be providing the tools to learn how to pray within a rela-



ANN CAREY

The grotto at the University of Notre Dame was a frequented destination by the faithful who attended the diocesan Eucharistic Congress Aug. 18. Parishes and groups provided support by praying the rosary beginning at 10:30 a.m. and throughout the day, concluding with a 3 p.m. rosary.

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service in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart that was filled to capacity. An array of Christian pastors and leaders from around the city of South Bend lined the front of the sanctuary along with Bishop John M. D'Arcy and Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, of Indianapolis.

Archbishop Buechlein presided at the service and, at Bishop D'Arcy's request, gave a reflection on the early church's "collage of ministry" as an insight into how different Christians can appreciate what each contributes to the church.

The grotto also experienced crowds coming and going all day long for ongoing recitation of the rosary, led by various diocesan groups. Day-long eucharistic adoration in the Alumni Hall Chapel was a suitably quieter venue that experienced a stream of worshippers throughout the day.

Priests offered the sacrament of reconciliation at 45 stations sprinkled around the campus and marked by distinctive yellow umbrellas. Father John Stecher of the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne told *Today's Catholic* that confessions had been "steady" all day. There weren't long lines of people waiting, he said, but people milling around would come to confession when they saw that a priest was free. In fact, University of Saint Francis sophomore Megan Gamble said that for her, confession was the best part of the whole congress.

"It's probably the best confession I've had in like, five years," she said. "I don't know the priest's name, but he was fabulous."

A vast array of workshops in morning and afternoon sessions kept the pilgrims moving between buildings, and many first-time visitors to Notre Dame enjoyed touring the campus while walking to their chosen workshops. First-time visitor John Fedele of St. John the Baptist Parish in New Haven pronounced Notre Dame "breathtak-

ing" as he admired the preservation of historical artifacts and buildings on the campus.

University of Saint Francis student Nikki Turner found the basilica so "gorgeous" that "I was looking up the whole time."

Workshops at the congress were quite varied and included adult, family and youth tracks. Some were interactive, like the family concert with Amanda Vernon that recruited entertainers out of the audience of families with children from preschool through age eight. Other, more heady adult workshops covered everything from Scripture to the Blessed Mother to Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical. Workshops of a practical nature offered lessons in areas like preparing children for first Eucharist, encouraging vocations and inviting non-practicing Catholics back to the church.

One of the goals of the congress planners was to attract a wide variety of people, and the crowds moving around the campus gave testimony to their success. Senior citizens, families and youth all seemed to find something of interest, and one older person was overheard remarking that it was very inspirational simply to be among so many other Catholics.

Greg Sweeney, youth minister at Christ the King Parish in South Bend was very happy to see at least 20 young people from his parish at the event, but he was even more impressed by the large number of youth in attendance.

"I'm really thrilled and surprised to see so many young people here today with their families or by themselves, united for one cause," Sweeney said. "They were laughing and really enjoying the day. For them, it was a chance to experience Christ in a new way."

After the last workshops ended at 3 p.m., about 40 young people gathered on the steps of the Administration Building to transfer the Jubilee Pilgrim Cross to the Joyce Center for the 4:30 p.m. closing Mass, ending the two-year pilgrimage of the cross around the diocese. As the young people proceeded across campus singing rousing verses of "Lift High the

Cross" and "We Are Marching," they were joined by other youth, and eventually close to 100 young people carried the cross into the Joyce Center where approximately 6,000 pilgrims had gathered for celebration of Mass.

The culmination of the Eucharistic Congress was Mass at the Joyce Center at 4:30 p.m. after a 30-minute musical prelude of music provided by a diocesan-wide choir and music directed by Jeremy Hoy. Treasured artwork of each parish and Catholic institutions in the diocese was also featured in a slide presentation during the prelude.

Bishop D'Arcy was joined by Bishop Daniel Jenky, CSC, of Peoria, Ill., Bishop Dale Melczek of Gary, Father David Tyson, CSC, the Indiana provincial for the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Archbishop Michael A. Blume, SVD, a native of South Bend who is the apostolic nuncio of Togo and Benin, and Bishop Felix Toppo, SJ., of Jamshedpur, India, and over a hundred diocesan and Holy Cross priests in celebrating the Eucharist.

In his homily, Bishop D'Arcy spoke of the theme of the jubilee year, "Behold the Face of Christ," and asked how one pursues the face of Christ. He said the emphasis of this pursuit should not be on visions or the extraordinary, but in finding it in what God has left his people, such as prayer and his presence in the Eucharist. He said it also comes in knowing Christ as a contemporary, as a friend.

At the close of Mass, the priests of the diocese once again presented Bishop D'Arcy with an artifact from his boyhood now-closed church in Boston, this time a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

After Mass, cookies and punch were served in the Joyce field house at a reception to celebrate Bishop D'Arcy's 75th birthday — a fitting conclusion to a beautiful day of praise, thanksgiving and celebration based on the theme: "Behold the Face of Christ: His Steadfast Love Endures Forever."

Don Clemmer contributed to this story.

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tionship. Sister Jacinta and Kevin and Kathy Misiewicz from Christ the King Parish in South Bend spent the hour sharing real life examples of praying as a couple.

They explained that prayer as a couple is different than prayer as two separate people, because God becomes an integral part of the couple.

Some of their suggestions were to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of the other person with a blessing at the beginning of the day. Also, both husbands and wives can reflect on the same Bible verse throughout the day. Handouts of prayers to share and multiple reasons for making prayer as a couple a daily habit were offered as well.

Father Miles O'Brien Riley drew nearly 200 people for the first of his two workshops in McKenna Hall Auditorium.

With nearly four decades of media ministry and communications training experience, the entertaining "storyteller" regaled his audience with amusing anecdotes, often concluding with his own voice breaking during an emotional appeal.

"People who are dying talk about two things, their faith and their family; two things we take for granted during life," he said. "And the key to both is being able not necessarily to pardon but to forgive." He related the following:

- Faith: "God will find you — you don't have to spend a lifetime searching for him!"

- Family: "Six things are important — commitment, time together, appreciation, communication, spiritual wellness and coping with crisis."

- Forgiveness: "We're all too quick to judge, expecting too much of ourselves and one another. We need to give 'old bones' (hurts) to God so we don't have to handle them anymore."

Again at an afternoon session, Father Miles tackled So, We're Created in God's Image — What is God's Image? In this workshop, Father Miles encouraged participants to establish a contract with God, a contract of wholeness, in body — with health; heart — with humor; mind — with reflection; and soul — with prayer and the sacraments.

Give God a chance and he will appear to you, Father Miles encouraged. The first level of spirituality is to be quiet and listen. Pope John Paul II spent three-and-a-half hours of total silence each day, and Mother Teresa spent four hours per day. Father Miles asked

workshop participants to remember the only thing you can control in your life is your attitude. We must have an attitude of gratitude.

Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, entertained a full lecture room at the Mendoza College of Business with a lighthearted discussion about Prayer and the Spiritual Life: Essence and Obstacles.

He posed the question, "What is the essence of being a Christian?"

Father Mike offered models of Christian discipleship for participants to reflect upon. He said that the essence of being a Christian is living in communion with Jesus Christ. While this sounds easy, it challenges all of us to see ourselves as Christ sees us, to grow in our attentiveness and total availability to God, and that we will meet a fair amount of opposition or martyrdom in our Christian walk. He reminded those in attendance that there are "dire consequences in eternity for how you live your life today."

Professor John Cavadini, gave the workshop titled God is Love: Understanding Pope Benedict XVI's First Encyclical. Cavadini asked why a pope would choose, as his first encyclical, a topic that is not "a hot button issue." In fact, "this encyclical offers in some way the essence of the Christian faith.

... The most fundamental reality of Christianity ... is that God is love." It is this sacrificial love of God that we contemplate as we see the blood and water flowing from the crucified Christ that is so appealing to others.

"Benedict says if we contemplate the pierced side of Christ, we ourselves will become formed by it ... to the extent that we live a eucharistic life, we will be transformed by the blood and water."

The more deeply this change takes place, others will discover that "your presence becomes the sacrificial love of God." All doctrine and apologetics flow from this self-giving love; it is this love that makes our faith fundamentally attractive.

Father Stoye, associate pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, spoke on the topic Loving the Church. He drew upon the distinctions found in Greek, which has three different words for love:

- Eros — a desire for someone or something.
- Philia — respect, friendship, familial love; and
- Agape — self-giving, self-surrendering, divine love centered on others.

Pope Benedict's encyclical "God is Love" synthesizes these different aspects of love "as a fuller way to relate to Christ and the church."

Father Stoye next listed the

different images of the church found in the Bible: The body of Christ, the bride of Christ, the Way, the community of believers, disciples of Christ, a building of living stones, the sheepfold, the household of God and God's temple. Finally, he described different models of the church — an institution, community, sacrament, herald, servant and disciple — along with the mission, values, strengths and weaknesses of each of these dimensions.

The Jesus in me Loves the Jesus in You was the theme of the workshop presented by Holy Cross Brother Roy Smith and Mel Tardy.

Brother Roy told workshop participants that to find the Jesus in you and the Jesus in me we're going to have to look outside Sunday church to find the people most in need.

"We must be the face of God to all the people of the diocese," said Brother Roy.

Participants were also challenged by Mel Tardy to step out of their comfort zone. Tardy, who has been inspired by the life of Mother Teresa, said, "Now in our youth program at St. Augustine, I got to pick up kids who are not members of St. Augustine and invite them to be a part of the group." All were challenged to seek the face of Jesus outside of their comfort zone because they don't know in whose face the Lord will appear.

Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, showed that Mary is the model of faith in his workshop, Making Mary Part of Your Everyday Life. Using various mysteries of the rosary, he explained how Mary shares our experiences in life from joy to sorrow.

"There is something in those mysteries that we can relate to because they touch various parts of our lives," he said.

When we contemplate Mary's life, we realize "we have someone that we can talk to in our prayer, from our hearts, because we have someone who can say, I know, I've been there."

Bishop Luers High School religion teacher Marilyn Fech spoke at the Hesburgh Library auditorium on Understanding Islam. In the space of an hour, Fech briskly covered the basic tenets of the world's fastest-growing religion, explaining its origins, calendar, holidays and also covering the Five Pillars.

Contributing to this article were Mark Weber, Don Clemmer, Deb Wagner, Tom Uebbing, Vince LaBarbera, Jennifer Murray, Tess Steffen and Kathy Denice.

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Seton Parish in Fort Wayne joined by new comer, Florence from Kenya, came to "enjoy the campus and the spirituality of the day." They would attend a workshop or two and of course, says Cliff with a mischievous grin, "Find food!"

Down at the serenely beautiful grotto where recitation of the rosary was lead by various groups throughout the day numbers lined

the kneelers in prayer as others lit candles for their own private intentions.

Jed Horn parishioner at St. Paul of the Cross in

Columbia City, sitting quietly on a bench at the grotto had come to be in full communion with the church. "I came in 2000 and had just started RCIA. I loved the Mass but was not in full communion then. Now I want to spend the day with the Lord and find out what he wants me to do with the big changes in my life."

Horn added that he enjoyed seeing people he knew on campus and he anticipated finding a yellow umbrella under which he would renew his faith with the sacrament of reconciliation.

A group from Our Lady of Guadalupe in Warsaw had enjoyed reciting the rosary in Spanish at the grotto as well.

Teen Dan Baxter of St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka, said he was having fun at the congress where he and a friend were running to attend the teen keynote speaker presentation.

Melissa Manier teacher and parishioner of Holy Cross Parish attended a workshop on grief and spirituality and said, "It was help-

ful. It gave me insight into how to speak to families of students. I'm grateful to Jim for sharing."

The Braun family of St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, had attended workshops with the children and grandparents and said, "We liked the workshops. They had a lot of good stuff." The family also took the opportunity to participate in reconciliation under the umbrellas, dotting the landscape throughout campus.

A lovely group of women, obviously long-time friends from St. Michael Parish in Waterloo all exclaimed simultaneously about the congress opportunities,

"Marvelous! Awesome!" while one young woman said with a frown, that she had participated in, "Walking!"

"Marvelous! Awesome!"

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Tired but peaceful friends Shelly Garza, Jenny Suarez and Herlinda Zepeda of St. John the Evangelist in Goshen, found all that was offered to be sublime. "It is beautiful what you have on campus. We said two rosaries in the grotto, confession and went to the Sacred Heart Church. It is a beautiful day. Look what God does with prayers from the rosary!"

An available golf cart driven by a special volunteer miraculously appeared to whisk the three tired foot travelers to their next destination.

The rain held until the final hours of the Eucharistic Congress when following the day's events and a special Mass concelebrated by all the clergy of the diocese and several bishops in the Joyce Center, tired pilgrims prepared to leave the grounds of Notre Dame. As the rain began to drizzle happy spirit-filled Catholics returned home knowing Father

Dominique Carboneau's, pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Yoder, words were true. "This was a special spiritual event for all those who participated."

Now I want to spend the day with the Lord and find out what he wants me to do with the big changes in my life.

JED HORN, ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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Teens encouraged to follow the truth at Eucharistic Congress

BY JOE KOZINSKI

NOTRE DAME — An overcast day filled with light may seem like a contradiction in terms, but the youth of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend were a shining example of our faith and spirit during the Eucharistic Congress.

The day was filled with promise and passion as teens from Fort Wayne to South Bend started the morning with a procession from Saint Joseph's High School to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart with the Jubilee Pilgrim Cross. The cross was prominently displayed outside on campus throughout the day.

A praise and worship service performed by the Life Teen band Frankie and the Holy Rollers, from St. Vincent Parish in Fort Wayne had the masses swinging and swaying to the rhythmic tunes glorifying Christ's name. The almost choreographed movements of the veteran Life Teen members had the young adults from other areas of the diocese playing catch up to enjoy the complete service to its fullest.

The keynote speaker, Ennie Hickman, took time to have the teens reflect on the day, the part that they play in the Catholic Church and what part their faith plays in their lives.

Hickman began the talk with an takeoff on David Letterman's stupid pet tricks and followed up with the top customer comment cards found at a nearby recreational vehicle park.

"The recommendations were: 'There was too much grass in the fields.' 'The animals made too much noise at night. Could that be taken care of?' 'The trails need to be designed so there are no inclines.' And 'A deer ate my pickles. Can I get reimbursed?'" commented Hickman, the youth minister from St. Timothy Parish in Mesa, Ariz. "Faith is much the same in that we get what we get, we can't pick and choose."

Hickman then asked this question to the more than 600 in atten-

dance, "If you could know what God plans for your life in it's entirety right now, this second, would you want to know? Do you want to know the truth? Do you desire the truth?"

The emotional Hickman then held the Bible high and said, "This is the truth, though you might not want to accept it."

As the youthful audience held on to his words of wisdom, he began to talk about Luke's Gospel account of Jesus and Simon Peter at the water when the Lord asked Peter to let out his nets after a night of an unfruitful fishing.

"As St. Peter reeled in the greatest catch ever, a catch that would have given him all the wealth of the day, Peter cast down his nets and followed the Lord," exclaimed Hickman. "St. Peter gave up everything he had ever

new view on how the Holy Spirit encompasses their lives.

"Ennie's stories had me asking myself if I wanted to hear the truth but more importantly, do I want to follow the truth," commented Leah DeLanghe, a college student in attendance. "He really spoke personally and connected with me."

Following the workshop, Hickman explained the real focus and goal of his youth ministry.

"My mission is to comfort the disturbed and disturb the comforted," Hickman remarked. "The disturbed are the people that need the Lord's help and the comforted are the people that need to go out and show the Lord's deeds to others."

The day didn't end with the keynote speaker. It also included workshops directly focused on teens and preteens presented by talented priests, deacons, seminari-



KAY COZAD

Teens offer prayers before they carry the Jubilee Pilgrim Cross in procession from Saint Joseph's High School to Notre Dame for the Ecumenical Prayer Service.



KENNETH KOZINSKI

Young people enjoy the praise and worship music of Frankie and the Holy Rollers.

dreamed of to follow Jesus."

"Are you astonished by Christ?" asked Hickman of the teens. "React and respond to Christ's glory, take on his face and the world will see him in you."

The young Catholics responded with applause, wonderment and a

ans and laity.

Topics included the following:

- Survivor: Winning the dating game by Father Dan Scheidt
 - Who is Mary? Dignified mother not desperate housewife by Deacon Drew Curry
 - God's Anatomy; Understanding the language of our bodies by seminarians Kevin Bauman and Andy Budzinski
 - Deal, no deal or the real deal? by seminarians Gabriel Hernandez, Fernando Jimenez and Jake Runyon
 - Extreme Makeover: For girls only by Mary Bielski
 - Lost? by Bob Kloska
 - My name is Earl (and Tyler and Emily and ...) by seminarian Matt Coonan
 - MSI: Mass Scene Investigation by seminarians Terrence Coonan and Chris Lapp
- The workshops, presenters and staff were greeted by the future

leaders of our church with enthusiasm and exuberance as they soaked in the spoken word.

Following the afternoon workshops teens gathered to carry the Jubilee Pilgrim Cross to the Joyce Center where a special sesquicentennial celebration Mass was celebrated by all diocesan priests and several bishops, including Bishop John M. D'Arcy. The teens processed into the center, positioned the cross on the altar and filled seats in a specially marked area in front of the congregation.

The commitment of the diocese to its teens and use of the Eucharistic Congress as a vehicle to catechize and spread the Gospel, meshed perfectly with the light that shines in and on our teens and young adults.

Kay Cozad contributed to this article.

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Bishop Baker of Charleston named to head Birmingham Diocese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop Robert J. Baker of Charleston, S.C., as the bishop of Birmingham, Ala. He succeeds Bishop David E. Foley, who retired May 10, 2005. The appointment was announced in Washington Aug. 14 by Msgr. Martin Krebs, charge d'affaires of the Vatican nunciature. Bishop Baker, 63, has headed the Charleston Diocese since 1999. He will be installed in Birmingham Oct. 2. While bishop of Charleston, he initiated annual observances focused on tenets of the Catholic faith, including years focused on prayer, the rosary, stewardship, the Eucharist and the family. In other efforts, he encouraged people to observe the traditional 12 days of Christmas, focusing on acts of kindness and prayer, and to keep Sunday as a day of rest. He joined bishops from Atlanta and Charlotte, N.C., in a 2004 letter saying Catholic politicians or candidates who support keeping abortion legal were barred from receiving Communion in any Catholic church in their dioceses. The Birmingham Diocese has been vacant since Bishop David E. Foley retired in 2005.

Consumerism, hedonism will be defeated by God's love, pope says

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — The seemingly invincible ideologies of consumerism and hedonism and the reign of violence and terror will all be defeated by God's love, Pope Benedict XVI said. "It still seems impossible today to think that God ... is the true ruler of the world," the pope said during his homily Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. But, in the end, "love wins, not selfishness," material power and hatred, he said to an audience of several hundred local parishioners. The pope's comments came while he celebrated Mass at St. Thomas Church in Castel Gandolfo, where the papal summer residence is located, south of Rome. Giving his homily without using a text or notes, the pope said that according to St. Augustine, human history has been driven by a struggle between two kinds of love: love for God in which one "loses oneself and gives oneself" totally to him and loving oneself to "the point of disparaging God and hating others."

Cardinal hopes pope's visit to Austria will encourage evangelization

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Catholic leaders in Austria hope the pope's Sept. 7-9 visit there will strengthen people's faith in God and encourage Catholics to evangelize, said Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna. "The biggest challenge today is mission" and taking the Gospel

NEWS BRIEFS

PEOPLE TOUCH STATUE FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE IN PERU



CNS PHOTO/MARIANA BAZO, REUTERS

People touch a statue of Jesus recovered from the destroyed St. Clement Church Aug. 18 after an earthquake in Pisco, Peru. At least 150 people died at the church when it collapsed during a magnitude 8 earthquake Aug. 15.

message to others, the cardinal told Vatican Radio Aug. 18. Pope Benedict XVI met with Cardinal Schonborn, president of the Austrian bishops' conference, and Bishop Egon Kapellari of Graz-Seckau, Austria, at the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Aug. 18. The cardinal said that now, "after very difficult times," there is "a great awakening" among Austrian Catholics, who realize "our society needs the Gospel, faith, prayer." When a pornography and sex scandal at the diocesan theological seminary of Sankt Polten led to the closing of the seminary and the bishop's resignation in 2004, Austrian bishops expressed concern the scandal would cause a drop in confidence in the church. The number of Catholics leaving the church by discontinuing "church tax" payments increased sharply after the scandal, according to an August 2004 report by Vienna's *Die Presse* daily, raising fears of a permanent decline in Austria, where Catholics nominally make up 78 percent of the population of 8.1 million.

Sydney paper reports World Youth Day opening to be on waterfront site

SYDNEY, Australia (CNS) — Barangaroo, a stretch of waterfront named after the wife of an Aborigine who befriended the first British settlers to Sydney, will be the venue for the opening Mass of World Youth Day July 15, 2008 in Sydney. A Sydney newspaper reported Aug. 18 that the 54-acre site, situated on the eastern side of Darling Harbor, also will be a main venue for other World Youth Day events, including the Stations of the Cross. Barangaroo will also make "a dramatic and telegenic

backdrop" to the arrival, by boat, of Pope Benedict XVI on his first visit to Australia, said the newspaper. Barangaroo is named after the wife of Bennelong, a leader of the Eora clan of Aboriginal people who befriended Sydney's first governor, Arthur Phillip, in 1788. Situated in the next inlet along from where the Sydney Opera House sits on Bennelong Point, Barangaroo is a former shipping container terminal earmarked for an urban renewal project.

Warm welcome, warm weather greet Archbishop Kurtz in Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (CNS) — With solemnity and celebration befitting the Archdiocese of Louisville's nearly 200-year history, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz was installed Aug. 15 as its fourth archbishop during a Mass that drew about 5,000 people to a downtown Louisville arena. Successor to Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, the new archbishop was presented with a crozier that had been carried by another of Louisville's shepherds, Bishop William George McCloskey, who served at the turn of the 20th century. Archbishop Kurtz wore a pectoral cross that once graced the neck of Bishop Benedict Joseph Flaget, the first bishop of what was then the Diocese of Bardstown, established in April 1808. The diocese was transferred to Louisville in 1841, and in 1937 the diocese was made an archdiocese. Though the events at the Louisville Gardens arena were steeped in history, the day belonged to Archbishop Kurtz and the promise of the future. "You have certainly given me a warm welcome," he said at one point, adding that he meant it both literally and figura-

tively. The temperature topped 100 degrees.

Retired Bishop Frey of Lafayette, La., dies at 93

LAFAYETTE, La. (CNS) — Retired Bishop Gerard L. Frey, who once headed the dioceses of Savannah, Ga., and Lafayette, died Aug. 16 at his home near Lafayette. Bishop Michael Jarrell of Lafayette was to concelebrate Bishop Frey's funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Aug. 21 at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, along with priests of the Lafayette Diocese. Bishop Jarrell said in a statement that Bishop Frey's life "as a Christian, as a priest and as a bishop is summarized in his episcopal motto, 'Serviam' ('I will serve')." "In all of his assignments he served generously and faithfully," he added. "Above all, he served his Lord in whom he had complete faith and trust. That trust is now rewarded as God has called him to share in the beatific vision."

Enrollment picking up at Catholic schools, universities in Gulf Coast

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two years after Hurricane Katrina, Catholic schools and colleges in the Gulf Coast region are recovering, but enrollment figures have still not been restored to what they were prior to the storm. At Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, which was severely damaged by floodwaters from the breached levees following Katrina, school officials anticipate for the 2007-08 school year an overall enrollment of 3,100 students, including students in the College of Pharmacy and graduate stu-

dents. Enrollment is still about 75 percent of the pre-Katrina total of 4,100 students. Jesuit-run Loyola University in New Orleans, which was not physically damaged by the hurricane but was forced to close for the fall 2005 semester, did not have figures available for the 2007-08 school year, but has seen an overall loss in students since the hurricane. In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, the total Catholic school student population for the 2006-07 school year was 40,955. Pre-Katrina enrollment was approximately 49,000. In the Diocese of Biloxi, Miss., school enrollment figures have fluctuated since Hurricane Katrina. Prior to the storm, there were 4,117 students in the five high schools and 14 elementary schools in the diocese. At the end of the 2005-06 school year, students numbered 3,862.

Franciscan University sponsoring bioethics conference in October

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio (CNS) — The Institute of Bioethics at the Franciscan University of Steubenville is sponsoring a conference in October aimed at health care professionals who must grapple with complex medical ethics issues, sometimes on a daily basis. The Oct. 25-27 conference, on the theme "Human Life: Its Beginning and End," will focus on abortion, stem-cell research, assisted suicide and other life-and-death issues. Panel discussions will be held on concrete clinical cases involving beginning-of-life and end-of-life issues, material or formal cooperation, the meaning of suffering and the nobility of the health care professions. Nurses, physicians and psychologists can receive continuing medical education credits for attending the conference. Further information and registration forms are available online at www.franciscanconferences.com, or by calling (800) 437-8368.

Bill aims to make motherhood easier for college students

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the debate rages on about whether abortion should be restricted or made more available, Feminists for Life sees clearly that abortion is a choice that no woman wants to make. Members of the organization were on Capitol Hill Aug. 14 to explain their support for the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Pregnant and Parenting Student Services Act of 2007, which was reintroduced to both houses of Congress this year. This bill would establish programs at universities to support pregnant college women, so they don't have to make the difficult choice between their education and parenting a child. The organization also introduced five women who shared their stories and will tour the country visiting college campuses to spread the organization's message that "women deserve better than abortion," said Serrin Foster, president of Feminists for Life.

Two Holy Cross seminarians take final vows

NOTRE DAME — Andrew M. Gawrych, CSC, and Stephen A. Lacroix, CSC, will make their final profession of vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross at a celebration of the Eucharist on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. The following day they will be ordained to the Order of Deacon at 10:30 a.m. at the Moreau Seminary Chapel at Notre Dame.

Originally from Leavenworth, Kan., Andrew Gawrych earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame in 2002 and served as a resident assistant in Keough Hall during his senior year. He entered Moreau Seminary as a candidate in the fall of 2002 and received a master of divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame in May 2007. He has been assigned to St. John Vianney Parish in Goodyear, Ariz., where he will serve as deacon until his ordination to the priesthood in March.

Stephen Lacroix attended high school in Sugar Land, Texas, and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas in 1994. He was awarded a master's at the University of Arizona in 2000 and worked as an analyst for Intel Corp. prior to entering Moreau Seminary in 2001. This past May, Stephen also earned a master of divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame. He will serve as a deacon at Christ the King Church in South Bend until his ordination to the priesthood.

Saint Mary's enters top 100 national liberal arts colleges

NOTRE DAME — For the first time ever, *U.S. News & World Report* gives Saint Mary's College a national — rather than regional — ranking. Saint Mary's ranks among the 100 best liberal arts colleges in the nation, of which there are 266. Saint Mary's breaks into the best of the nation at 91.

For 12 of the previous 13 years, Saint Mary's College had ranked first among the nation's Midwest Comprehensive Colleges, receiving an overall score of 100, the highest number possible.

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney set a goal early in her presidency of moving the college into the national rankings, and is pleased with this new placement in the top 100. "We've long known we can compete on a national level and it is gratifying to see our quality recognized. While many of my peers in higher education would like to see ranking systems change, there is no doubt that students and their parents rely heavily on these rankings when making their decisions about college."

Mooney's goal is to move Saint Mary's into the top 50 liberal arts colleges in the nation. She believes this is possible because of Saint Mary's strong performance in areas such as student graduation and retention rates, and the college's commitment to student learning.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

HOLY DAY GREETINGS



DON CLEMMER

Worshippers at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne greet Bishop John M. D'Arcy after Mass on the feast of the Assumption of Mary. In his homily, Bishop D'Arcy expressed how the belief of Mary's assumption has long existed in the church, citing a stain glass window in the cathedral as evidence.

With its small classes and talented, accessible faculty, Saint Mary's offers a student-centered and empowering environment for its students.

The magazine's annual "America's Best Colleges" guidebook appears on U.S. News Online (www.usnews.com) today. The magazine hit newsstands Monday, Aug. 20.

Catholic Men's Conference slated Sept. 22

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Catholic Men's Conference "Lions Breathing Fire" will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis.

Men make a difference in today's society. This conference hopes to provide ideas:

- To bring men closer to Christ;
- To strengthen families by strengthening husbands and fathers;
- To inform men of all ages, including high school students, about the wonders and truth about our Catholic faith; the obstacles that serve to pull men away from a strong relationship with God and with their families; the way to deal with the obstacles that a secular society sets in front of all; the theological hope that brings individuals the strength to be real men of faith in their beliefs; and how to better prioritize the true meaning of faith in every part of life.

Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB, of Indianapolis, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., of Denver, Darrell

Miller, Jesse Romero, Father Larry Richards, Father Richard Doerr and Father Jonathan Meyer will be the highlight speakers.

For more information and a schedule, visit www.indianacatholicmen.com or call (317) 924-3982.

Noted memoirist delivers Christian culture lecture at Saint Mary's

NOTRE DAME — Patricia Hampl, whose writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times* and "Best American Short Stories" among many others, will give a public lecture at Saint Mary's College. The lecture, titled "Sacrament of Self: the Catholic Roots of Contemporary Memoir," is Thursday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theatre, Moreau Center for the Arts. The event, including a post-lecture reception, is free and open to the public.

This is the second year for the renewed Christian Culture Lecture at Saint Mary's College. The annual lecture series is in recognition of the Humanistic Studies Program at Saint Mary's (formerly the Christian Culture Program) and its founder, Professor Bruno Schlessinger.

Hampl is a noted memoirist and spiritual writer. Four of her books have been named Notable Books of the year by *The New York Times* Book Review. She first won recognition for "A Romantic Education," her memoir about her Czech heritage. This and subsequent works

established her as an influential figure in the rise of autobiographical writing over the past 25 years.

"Memoir is not what happened; if we're lucky, that's the best journalism," says Hampl. "It is what has happened over time, in the mind, in the life as it attends to these tantalizing, dismaying, broken bits of life history. Such personal writing is ... a try at the truth."

Hampl is Regents Professor and also McKnight Distinguished Professor at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis where she teaches fall semesters in the MFA program of the English Department. She also has a new memoir, "The Florist's Daughter," forthcoming from Harcourt in October 2007.

SAT classes offered at Bishop Dwenger

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School is offering an SAT prep course on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Classes will begin on Sept. 18 and end on Nov. 1.

The 14 sessions will include the diagnostic testing, six verbal and six math sessions. The class fee is \$160 and includes the text for the course. The class will address the new changes in the SAT.

The class is open to any high school student in the Fort Wayne and Allen County area. For more information and registration, please call the front office at Bishop Dwenger High School at (260) 496-4700 and ask for extension 320.

Knights to honor public safety at Blue Mass

ELKHART — Msgr. James P. Conroy Assembly 2035, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Blue Mass in honor of public safety personnel (police, firefighters, paramedics and EMTs).

The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Main and Bristol streets (across from Northside Gym) in Elkhart.

The celebrant will be Father Jeffery Largent, an Indiana State Police chaplain. All public safety personnel and their families are invited to attend this celebration. Furthermore, all Knights of Columbus and their families are invited and encouraged to attend.

Artist Skoglund to exhibit at USF

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis has announced that one of the most extraordinary avant garde artists ever to exhibit in Fort Wayne, Sandy Skoglund, will install and exhibit her work *Breathing Glass* from Sept. 8 through Oct. 26, with an opening gala on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Weatherhead Gallery in the Rolland Center. This exhibit is made possible in part by an American Masterpieces Grant provided by the Indiana Arts Commission from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Sandy Skoglund has participated in only one solo show in the state of Indiana. The exhibition at the university will feature one of the artist's sets entitled *Breathing Glass* along with the artist's famed photo of the installation. Visitors will have the opportunity to view the two side by side along with additional Skoglund photographs such as *Gathering Paradise*. Skoglund will attend the opening of the exhibition, meet with the public and deliver a public lecture on Friday, Oct. 26 as part of the Closer Look Lecture Series.

Skoglund is famous for her elaborate room-sized installations and resulting Ciba-chrome photographs, which present environments where everyday objects are combined with unexpected elements to suggest the anxieties and dangers of contemporary life.

For more information, call (260) 434-7591 or visit the Web site at www.sf.edu/art.

School to celebrate 50th anniversary

WARSAW — Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw will celebrate the school's 50th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 23. Festivities begin with the 11 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy followed by a groundbreaking ceremony for the new addition to the school.

A luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets for the luncheon will be \$8.50 for an adult and \$2.50 for children under 12. All tickets must be purchased in advance and will be available after Masses on Sept. 1-2, Sept. 8-9 and Sept. 15-16 or by calling Fran Fleagle at (574) 858-9800.

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The monstrance, a portable shrine which holds the eucharistic Host for adoration by the faithful, is a 19th century Gothic style, which has from the top images of the Lamb of God, the Sacred Heart, Sts. Peter and Paul and figures of adoring angels. On the base are six illustrations of saints. Jewels surround the opening for the Blessed Sacrament. In this photo, the monstrance rests on a thabor, a small ornamented platform. The Cathedral Museum is located in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center at 915 S. Clinton St. in Fort Wayne. It is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Forever Learning Institute begins a new semester

SOUTH BEND — September 10 marks the start of the fall classes at the Forever Learning Institute located on the grounds of Little Flower Church in South Bend. This year's theme, "Something for Everyone over Fifty," aptly conveys what the institute is all about.

This semester will welcome 12 new faculty members and students will be able to select from 39 new classes including two new off-campus situations where they can learn at a primary site such as the Snite Museum, LaSalle Grill and the Historical Society.

One of the great new classes is "75 Years of American Music." It will be taught by Jason Gresl, education director of the South Bend Symphony, in conjunction with its 75th anniversary celebration. Also offered is a new series of lectures on topics that concern all seniors such as health, housing, insurance, and tax issues. Those interested in landscaping can learn from the expert who is in charge of the beautiful campus at Notre Dame. There will also be opportunities to learn to paint with either acrylics or watercolor.

Back by popular demand is another "21st Century Lecture Series." The first speaker is Mike Wawrzyniak, Army ROTC Director at the University of Notre Dame to be held on Sept. 14th at 9 a.m. Lt. Col. Wawrzyniak, will speak about his experiences in Iraq. Other noteworthy lecturers will be Mike Hoffman (WNDU-TV), and Jack Colwell from the *South Bend Tribune*.

Those who want to catch up

with their children can sign up for one of the computer classes.

Interested persons can register at the institute Aug. 28, 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or do it online at www.foreverlearninginstitute.org or call (574) 282-1901.

— Sister Margie Lavonis

Father Paul V. Robb, SJ — 60 years in the Society of Jesus

CHICAGO — Born in Toledo, Ohio and raised in Fort Wayne, Jesuit Father Paul V. Robb is the oldest of three brothers. After attending St. John the Baptist School, he graduated from Lincoln High school, Vincennes, and attended Vincennes University.

He joined the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus in 1947 and was ordained a priest on June 12, 1960. In the meantime, he earned an undergraduate degree from Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio and advanced degrees in philosophy and theology at Loyola University, Chicago. He earned a doctorate in psychology in 1966.

After teaching at Loyola University, Chicago, he served as director of novices for the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus.

In 1964 he founded the Institute for Spiritual Leadership, an international, ecumenical program educating both men and women as spiritual directors. He continued to direct and teach at the Institute until 1990. During that time he gave workshops on spirituality in England, Holland, Norway, Japan and Rome, Italy. Since that time he has served as the assistant to the treasurer of the Chicago province.



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Bishop William McManus years, 1977 to 1985

BY ANN CAREY

The 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:

"With the (1977) appointment of Bishop William Edward McManus as the seventh bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the diocese received a spiritual leader committed to continuing the implementation of the reforms of Vatican II and making thoughtful responses to contemporary issues in the church and society. ...

Only 12 years younger than his predecessor, Bishop McManus projected a different style. His often repeated motto was that he was "more interested in people than in buildings." On the one hand, the motto signaled that the era of constructing buildings had passed — at least temporarily — and he intended to ensure wide participation of the laity in Catholic life.

... Through the mid-1970s, exploring ways for the people of God to participate in the life of the church reached a high level. ...

As a former school superintendent and educational official of

the bishops' conference, Bishop McManus was an articulate advocate of Catholic schools. ... During his tenure, the diocese's parish and high schools continued to face challenges of enrollment and finances. In 1977, 44 parish grade schools enrolled 11,790 students; in 1984, 43 schools had 10,263 students. The five diocesan high schools enrolled 3,880 students in 1977 and 3,470 in 1984.

... Religious education, whether in the Catholic schools or for public school students attending programs in their parishes, continued as a major ministry of diocesan and parish life. Parish programs of religious instruction for Catholic children attending public grade

funds challenged the bishop, diocesan officials, and parish leaders and parishioners.

... The diocese confronted financial difficulties in the inflation-plagued late 1970s. When the Diocesan Services Appeal concluded in 1978, it was decided not to begin another diocese-wide appeal to fund diocesan offices and programs. The diocese relied entirely on the traditional approach of assessing parishes for payments.

... During the McManus years, diocesan clergy changed from 110 active priests and 25 retired, sick, or serving outside the diocese in 1977 to 90 active priests and 28 retired, sick or serving elsewhere in 1984. Hence, in less than a decade, retirements, resignations, deaths, and few new priests reduced the active diocesan clergy by 20. ... In October 1983, Bishop McManus made his 'ad limina' visit to Rome (and reported) ... a high level of

church attendance: close to 100,000 attended weekly Mass regularly. ... However, for the years since Vatican II, the Diocesan Pastoral Council had identified a serious problem: the diocesan leadership's failure to catechize the populace on changes which deeply affected their ways of worship, prayer and expression of faith.

... Despite much work to advance a deeper understanding of Vatican II, McManus (because of health issues) ... submitted his letter of resignation to the pope upon turning 70 in January 1984. ..."

schools enrolled 10,531 in 1977 and 6,941 in 1984. The enrollment of public high school students was 2,664 in 1977 and 3,668 in 1984.

... Catholic Charities, under director John Martin, continued its far-reaching but often unheralded range of works of social and family services. ...

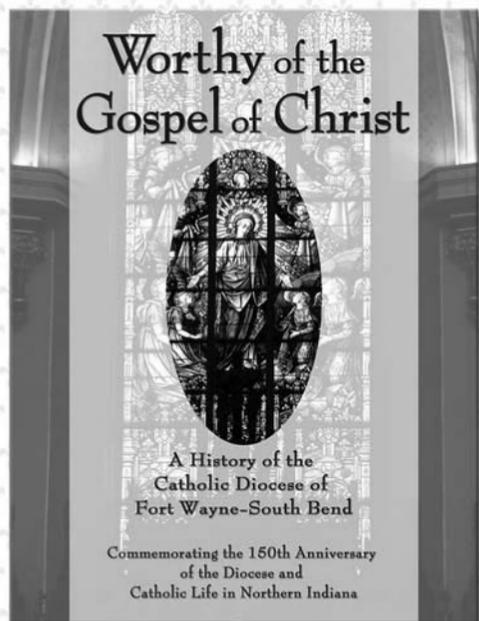
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World timeline 1977-1985

1977

Jan. 20: Jimmy Carter succeeds Gerald Ford as 39th President of U.S.
Aug. 16: Elvis Presley dies, 42 years old.

1978

Aug. 6: Pope Paul VI dies at age 80.
Aug. 26: Pope John Paul I (Cardinal Albino Luciani) succeeds Pope Paul VI as 263rd pope.
Sept. 28: Pope John Paul I dies at age 66.
Oct. 16: Pope John Paul II (Cardinal Karol Wojtyla) succeeds Pope John Paul I as 264th pope. He is first Polish pope in history.

1979

June 2: Pope John Paul II visits his native Poland, becoming the first pope to visit a Communist country.
Oct. 1-6: Pope John Paul II visits the U.S.

1980:

March 24: Archbishop Oscar Romero is killed by gunmen while celebrating Mass in San Salvador. At his funeral six days later, 42 people are killed amid gunfire and bombs.
July 16: Former California governor Ronald Reagan is nominated for U.S. President by Republicans in Detroit.
Nov. 4: Ronald Reagan defeats incumbent Jimmy Carter for President of U.S.
Dec. 8: Former Beatle John Lennon is shot to death outside his New York City apartment building.

1981

Jan. 20: Reagan inaugurated as 40th president of U.S.
March 30: U.S. President Ronald Reagan shot in chest by John Hinckley, Jr. Two police officers and Press Secretary James Brady are also wounded.
May 13: Pope John Paul II is shot and nearly killed in St. Peter's Square.
Aug. 19: Sandra Day O'Connor is appointed as first female U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

1982

May 12: Spanish priest Juan Hernandez tries to stab Pope John Paul II with a bayonet during the latter's pilgrimage to the Fatima, Portugal, shrine.

1983

Feb. 2: Giovanni Vigliotto goes on trial for multiple counts of bigamy involving 105 women.
Oct. 27: Pope John Paul II visits his would-be assassin Mehmet Ali Agca in prison to forgive him.

1984

Jan. 10: The U.S. and the Vatican establish full diplomatic relations.
Jan. 24: The first Apple Macintosh goes on sale.
Aug. 23: U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush renominated at Republican convention in Dallas.
Nov. 6: Reagan defeats Walter F. Mondale, carries 49 states.

1985

Feb. 18: Bishop William Edward McManus retires as bishop of Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

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Inspired teens carry the Jubilee Pilgrim Cross on the final leg of its two year journey across the campus where it will adorn the altar of the closing celebration Mass.



TIM JOHNSON

Preschool and kindergarten-aged children are held spellbound in a workshop presented by Ginny Korhman of the Office of Spiritual Development /Evangelization titled Companions in Prayer.



KAY COZAD

Three tired pilgrims enjoy a ride to their next destination on one of the available carts driven by volunteers throughout campus.



KAY COZAD

Opportunities for outdoor reconciliation, including those for Hispanic Catholics, were offered across the Notre Dame campus, found under the yellow umbrellas.



KAY COZAD

Bishop John M. D'Arcy greets well-wishers at a birthday reception in the Joyce field house following the closing Mass.

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is to the Joyce Center



KAY COZAD

A display with complimentary rosaries graces the area surrounding the grotto where hundreds of pilgrims offered prayers of the rosary throughout the day.



KAY COZAD

Diocesan priests are led in procession to concelebrate the closing Mass in the Joyce Center.



MAY LEE JOHNSON

Holy Cross Brother Roy Smith, left, and Mel Tardy presented the workshop The Jesus in me loves the Jesus in you.



DEB WAGNER

Isaiah and Elizabeth Dilworth of St. John the Evangelist in Goshen hold rosaries at the grotto.



DON CLEMMER

Hundreds of faithful peruse the materials offered by the Cathedral Bookstore and other exhibitor table displays located in the Joyce Center.



KAY COZAD

Bishop John M. D'Arcy speaks with Father Peter Rocca, center, and Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB., following the ecumenical service at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Senior Spirit

LONG-LOST FRIENDS RECONNECT AT REUNIONS, EVEN WHEN THE SCHOOL IS GONE Ever wonder what happened to the girl you took to the sweetheart dance, the guy you always wished had asked you out or your childhood best friend? How about your high school's senior class president? Whether it has been five years, 50 years or somewhere in between since you graduated, you can soon find out by attending a class reunion.

Retirement doesn't mean rocking chairs any more

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Retirement can be a bittersweet time of dramatic change. For some it means giving up a fulfilling schedule with few plans for the future while for others it means finally having time for activities that lend themselves to personal desires. Nancy Riecke is retiring this year but is not throw-

ing in the towel just yet.

Riecke is stepping down from her position as rectory housekeeper at Our Lady of Good Hope after 21 years. Though she enjoyed the work, it's time now, she says, to leave the physical labor to someone else. But this spry septuagenarian adds that she'll remain active in all the other ministries and activities that she loves there. And that's a very long list.

Riecke, a Fort Wayne native, has been active as eucharistic minister, prayer chain volunteer, St. Vincent de Paul Society member and much more since the early days when she and husband Herman and their seven children attended St. Joseph Parish on Brooklyn Avenue.

"It's always been a way of life. Only when you serve others do you serve God," she says.

In between the ministry hours she fostered newborns and young children awaiting adoption as well.

This convert to the faith was investigating the Catholic Church as a young teen even as she was attending another denomination. Her faith development came from her grandmother who helped raise her.

She says, "I remember praying at grandma's knee. She said, 'Pray all times through life.'" That faith formation continued in high school after she met her future husband Herm. She was welcomed into the faith in 1954, and was married the following year at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Though very active in several ministries at St. Joseph Parish on Brooklyn Avenue, where they raised their children, the Rieckes moved to the north side of Fort Wayne in spring of 1986. By fall Nancy was working for the church.

"I had two kids at home and I saw an ad in the bulletin for a housekeeper. I said, 'I can do that.'" Riecke recalls. In addition to being hired for the housekeeping position, Riecke and her husband jumped in to parish ministries with both feet.

The Rieckes had both been longtime participants in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Herm as member, then president at St. Joseph Parish for years and Nancy as behind-the-scenes helper back, says Herm, "when they didn't allow women to join."

Eventually at Our Lady of Good Hope, Nancy was able to join as a full member and then president where the couple assisted the Our Lady of Good Hope chapter to reorganize into the powerful ministry it is today.

The couple joined the ranks of eucharistic ministers at Our Lady of Good Hope, which they performed for years. Herm still substitutes when asked while Nancy knows her days of navigating the steps to the altar are over. And together they have created and facilitated such ministries at Our Lady of Good Hope as the Lunch Bunch, where adult parishioners gather to break bread and visit at a local restaurant and the Euchre Club, where couples meet in homes to play cards. They also participate in a small Christian community that meets for faith development, service and fellowship all year long.

Nancy is involved in ministries that she has created to support the people of her parish that she says are heaven sent. "God gives me ideas during Mass. And you just go with it," she says with a knowing smile.



NANCY AND HERM RIECKE

One ministry she is very proud of is the prayer line she has formed that boasts almost 200 participants who pray for the needs of the parish community. Prayer requests are disseminated via phone and email with assistance from two or three volunteers and the power of the prayer team continues to awe Riecke. "The prayer team gets so involved in the lives they pray for. It's personal to them. It becomes a way of life."

The Euchre Club stepped up to provide meals for a family who had suffered a loss and Sarah's Dinners was created to support any family in the parish in need of meals including the elderly. Riecke is involved in the team that provides funeral dinners as well.

Riecke has helped form a parish nursing group that provides blood pressure checks after Masses and initiated a diabetes support group as well. Her fund-raising efforts have supported the parish over the years as well as the food bank that feeds the poor.

And then there's the Angel Giving Tree and the bereavement ministry and as the list of her involvement goes on, Riecke's modesty has her saying, "It's great working with people with like mind. This parish is a very holy place. Faith surrounds you on a daily basis not just on Sunday."

Nancy Riecke is slowing a bit physically, but has no intention of leaving any of her beloved ministries yet. Herm who has been business-property manager of Our Lady of Good Hope for 18 years hopes to cut his 40-hour week back a bit this fall, and together they hope to spend a little more time with their grandchildren.

But as for retirement, Nancy says, "I'll stay with all the ministries except the paid position. They have become a way of life for me. We have a wonderful life of faith, family and parish. Our lives revolve around faith. Besides, God won't let you shy away. He keeps bugging you!"

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EDITORIAL

Coping with age

Becoming a senior citizen is relatively easy. All you have to do is live long enough to reach age 55 or 60.

The typical lifestyle one is expected and even "entitled" to enjoy upon reaching retirement includes opportunities for recreation, travel and time with grandchildren. As we get older, we hear life is supposed to get better. After years of hard work and helping build a family, we now have the opportunity to truly enjoy our golden years.

There are no guarantees, however, when it comes to having a successful life when you reach senior status. No doubt you have observed many seniors having the time of their lives, while others are struggling to make ends meet with limited income, poor health and virtually no family nearby.

Being successful at any stage of life depends upon several factors. The secret of an enjoyable retirement is how one defines success. For some success may mean reaching a level of social status, achieving an objective or simply not failing at something. But if you have reached retirement age, then you should know success not always is measured by the size of your estate, the amount of money or stock in your portfolio, the places throughout the world you have visited, the country club to which you belong, the titles and positions you have held or your golf score.

Those definitions of success may be applicable for some but not all. Even the casual observer can see the unpleasantness often associated with reaching retirement age.

Overcoming obstacles is a daily objective for many seniors. Just getting to and from doctors' appointments, the drug store, the grocery and attending Mass on the weekend can be major undertakings for some seniors still trying to function on their own well into their 70s, 80s and even 90s. For them there is little opportunity to dine out, attend a concert or venture to another city even if they could afford it. In many cases, family and friends either have moved away or died, seemingly leaving them behind to cope with old age alone.

More than half of the senior population has a chronic illness, defined as a permanently altered state of health that significantly affects daily living. Upon diagnosis of a major medical condition, most people initially go into a state of shock or disbelief. Subsequent emotions usually include anger, fear, anxiety, guilt, sadness and loneliness.

With progressive diseases, losses can be many, including strength, coordination, communication, bodily functions, roles and responsibilities, previously enjoyed pastimes and plans for the future. Resulting dependence on others can strain relationships and negatively affect self-esteem. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with a chronic illness, following are ways to cope and empower yourself mentally, emotionally and spiritually:

- Learn as much as possible about the illness and its management.
- Be receptive to learning new ways of doing things and trying new activities.
- Cultivate an attitude of gratitude, consciously focusing on the good things in your life.
- Redefine what quality of life means to you, recognizing there are many ways to lead a meaningful life.
- Find an outlet for expressing your thoughts and feelings.
- Accept that how you feel and what you can do may vary from day to day.
- Recall past life challenges and how you overcame them.
- Allow yourself plenty of time to adjust to your illness and the lifestyle changes it necessitates.
- Do something nice for someone.
- Set aside quiet time daily to nurture your spirituality and help keep you grounded.
- Seek counseling if you get stuck in one of the phases of grieving, such as anger or depression, or find yourself making unhealthy lifestyle choices.
- Recognize that no matter what happens, you always have a choice about how you respond.

However unwelcome it may be, illness — like other life crises — presents opportunities for growth. Many people gain a richer perspective on life, discover hidden inner resources, develop new interests, acquire new skills, and form new relationships or experience deepening of existing ones. Attitude really does make a big difference!

We would do well to remember what really is important at any stage of life: finding comfort that each of us is a child of God. He is our Father who loves us for who we are and how we live, not for what we look like or what we own. Let us praise God who sees into our hearts, who always is with us and who eases our suffering.

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John J. Becker
St. Vincent de Paul Board Chairman

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Dear Bishop D'Arcy,

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This appeal is an expression of the

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On behalf of the men who head the smallest and neediest dioceses, God bless you. Together, we will strengthen the church at home.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Michael W. Warfel
Chairman
Committee on the Home Missions

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Dear Bishop D'Arcy:

Thank you for the contribution of \$41,969.49 to the 2007 Collection for the Church in Latin America. As of this date, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has contributed a total of \$41,969.49.

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May the Lord continue to bless you, your ministry and the Catholic faithful of your diocese. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercessions of our Blessed Mother, we will all draw closer together in communion and solidarity throughout this hemisphere.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Jaime Soto
Auxiliary Bishop of Orange
Chairman, Committee on the Church
in Latin America

Today student loan debt seems as abundant as back-to-school supplies

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a seemingly more innocent age, the back-to-school supply rush meant getting new pencils, pens, paper, construction paper, binders, folders, a Duo-Tang binder or two, plus a compass and the ever-popular protractor.

Then came the calculator. And the bulkier textbooks. And the laptops. And the backpacks to cram everything in.

Today, what may be heavier than that crammed pack is the debt burden incurred by a college student just to continue his or her education.

With the heightened sense that only a college degree will gain a young worker entree to the current world of work, more students than ever — thanks also in part to the demographics of the baby "boomlet" — are attending college. But with states reining in higher-education funding, state-supported colleges and universities have had to hike their tuition rates substantially.

Catholic colleges and universities, which don't have the government funding supports public institutions still have to hold down tuition costs, must charge higher rates. DePaul University in Chicago will charge \$24,300 this school year for a full load of classes. Even students getting financial aid, such as grants and work-study programs, can find it

necessary to take out student loans to help fund their education.

It used to be customary for students in law school or medical school to get loans to pay for their education, but those professions offered graduates a better chance at immediate big-figure paydays to enable them to pay back a loan. Graduate students could often get work as teaching assistants while they pursued their studies to defray the cost of their education.

But when undergraduate students take the risk of locking themselves into debt before the start of their careers and then venture into an uncertain economy after they graduate, problems with paying back the loans can mount.

Student loan programs themselves have had problems. Over the spring and summer, several schools learned that their financial aid officers had developed too-cozy relationships with lenders — getting stock options and other under-the-table perks — and had steered students toward those lenders, regardless of the interest rate or repayment terms. Even a federal Department of Education official was linked to such a steering scheme.

At DePaul, about 70 percent of undergraduates receive some form of financial aid, according to Chris Rona, DePaul's associate director of financial aid for new student programs and outreach. That figure is roughly consistent with the percent-

age for all colleges, he added.

Rona said his guess was that half of all college students get "loan assistance."

As an example of the debt load a student can have, take Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich. More than 50 percent of all seniors owe money on Stafford loans, one of the two major federal student loan programs.

In the 2005-06 school year, total federal financial aid amounted to \$94 billion, up 95 percent since 1995-96. That amount included student loans worth \$68.5 billion, grants of \$18.6 billion, tax credit and deductions of \$6 billion, and work-study programs accounting for \$1 billion.

The Department of Education said \$28.8 billion each was spent on Stafford subsidized and unsubsidized loans, while another \$9.7 billion were allocated for another loan program.

A subsidized loan, awarded according to financial need, means the government pays — or subsidizes — interest on the loan while the student is in school and for the first six months after graduation. If they qualify, students also can have payments deferred. Those with unsubsidized loans must pay interest from the time they get the loan until it is paid off.

Nonfederal loans accounted for another \$17.3 billion in student debt, according to America's Student Loan Providers, an industry group.

Catholic-Jewish relations: Bumps in the road should not slow journey

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Summer brought a few bumps in the road of generally good Catholic-Jewish relations, bumps almost certainly caused inadvertently.

In a further example of how internal church matters can negatively impact the church's external relations, Pope Benedict XVI's July decision to widen access to the Tridentine Mass and his brief encounter Aug. 5 with Redemptorist Father Tadeusz Rydzyk, a Polish priest accused of anti-Semitism, led to expressions of concern by several Jewish groups.

On both occasions, the Vatican responded with statements reaffirming the Catholic Church's commitment to the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and the completely new chapter the council opened in Jewish-Catholic relations.

Despite the hiccups, Oded Ben-Hur, the Israeli ambassador to the Vatican, said, "Officially and institutionally, relations are constantly improving."

In an Aug. 16 interview, the

ambassador said: "Sometimes the mishaps, which look terrible at the beginning, can strengthen us by forcing us to clarify them. Trial and error is a form of education."

More than 40 years after the Second Vatican Council, "given the long and difficult history between Christians and Jews, we may expect bumps along our common road, but if the commitment of those who decided to walk this road together is strong, the bumps won't stop them."

At the same time, he said, "brothers should always bear in mind the need to be sensitive and to remember the reciprocal responsibility of brothers and to be more aware of the implications the moves they make have on our relationship."

More than a month after Pope Benedict XVI published his document granting wider use of the 1962 Roman Missal, often referred to as the Tridentine rite, concern continued over the text of a Good Friday prayer in the missal. Ben-Hur said the chief rabbis of Israel sent a letter of concern about the prayer to Pope Benedict in early

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July and were expecting a response.

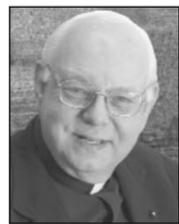
The controversy demonstrated how even the most carefully studied papal document is open to interpretation and further fine-tuning.

According to most observers, the papal permission to use the old rite on Good Friday would be limited to parishes that always celebrate the liturgy only according to the 1962 Roman Missal, which is expected to be only a small portion of the Catholic faithful.

Even so, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, told reporters in late July that the

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Jesus is the best, and eternal, choice



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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21st Sunday in Ordinary time Lk 13:22-30

The Book of Isaiah provides the first reading for this weekend. Isaiah is a fascinating book of Scripture. It covers a long period of Hebrew history. Its early chapters deal with events and conditions in the southern Hebrew kingdom of Judah, before the kingdom's conquest by the mighty Babylonian army.

Then, as the book progresses, it tells of the plight of the Hebrews taken to Babylon, the imperial capital, where they and their descendants languished for four generations.

At last, the Hebrews were allowed to return, but the homeland that they found was hardly the "land flowing with milk and honey." It was sterile, lifeless and bleak. It must have been difficult not to succumb to cynicism or outright rejection of God. Did God lead them to this awful place after all that they have experienced in Babylon? Was this God's confirmation of the Covenant?

This same dreary situation pertains to the words of the book read on this weekend. However, the prophet unceasingly and without any doubt calls the people to

reaffirm their devotion to God. God will rescue them and care for them.

For its second reading, the church on this weekend presents a reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews. In the late part of the first century when this epistle was composed, the plight of the Jews was not good. In fact, in A.D. 70 the Jews rose up against the Romans, and the Jews paid a dreadful price for their audacity.

Things were as bad as they were in the days of the last part of Isaiah, from which came the reading heard earlier this weekend.

Nevertheless, as the prophets so often had encouraged the people in the past, the author of Hebrews assured the people of the first century that God would protect them and, after all the trials, would lead them to life eternal.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a somber reading, indeed a warning. Indeed, life is eternal. God lives and reigns in an eternal kingdom. Jesus has the key to the gate.

But, entry into the kingdom is possible only for those who make themselves worthy by their own fidelity to God and to God's law.

Reflection

For several weeks, the church, either directly or indirectly, has taught us in the weekend readings at Mass that earthly life is not the only experience of living for humans. Earthly life is not eternal.

Life is eternal, or better said, existence is eternal. Earthly life will end. Then will come either eternity in the kingdom of heaven or agony in hell.

God offers us every opportunity, and every aid, in our way to

reach heaven. He could show us no greater love than to give us Jesus as our redeemer and companion as we move toward heaven. The Son of God, one with the Father in the eternity and power of God, Jesus forgives us, strengthens us, guides us, restores us and finally places us at the banquet table of heaven.

However, all this being the case, humans can ignore or outright reject God's love, so lavishly given in Jesus.

Humans, in a word, therefore, create their own destiny. Will they live in eternal joy with God? Or will they live without God in everlasting despair and pain? The choice belongs to them.

It belongs to each of us, individually. By our faithfulness, or by our sin, we select the eternity in which we shall be.

These words can be quite disturbing, if we do not balance them against the promises given by God to the prophets, and by Jesus, that if we honestly seek God, God will assist us through Jesus and will give us eternal life in peace and in joy.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1-2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12 Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-4, 12-14, 17 Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

On Aug. 29, the church recalls the beheading of John the Baptist. This quiz takes a heady look at that part of the body.

- The head was not where the ancient Hebrews thought intellect resided. They referred more commonly to opening this, than the mind:**
 - the heart
 - the liver
 - the trachea
- In some older Bibles, Prov 16 refers to a "Hoary Head." What is that symbolic of?**
 - a confused mind, hoaries being types of Asian monkeys
 - an old person, Hoary meaning frosty, as in gray or white hair
 - a sinful person, hoary from hoarding or greedy
- Exodus 18 tells how Moses makes the best Israelites "heads" over the others. What did they do?**
 - functioned as priests
 - raised taxes
 - served as rulers and judges (referring bigger issues to Moses)
- In Leviticus this verse: "Ye shall not round the corners of your heads" is what causes many Jews, especially Hassidim to have**
 - hats
 - ringlets
 - tattoos
- Numbers 25 in the King James Version of the Bible describes how Moses had the "heads of the people" (probably meaning leaders) hanged for doing this:**
 - eating before him
 - talking at synagogue
 - worshipping a false god
- Often the term head is used figuratively, in Jos 2 "his blood will be on his own head" in some bibles is better translated:**
 - He will have red hair.
 - He will wear priestly (purple of red) garments and cover his head to pray.
 - He will be responsible for his own death.
- Often the use of the term "head" in the King James Bible era needs updating to make sense. In 1 Sm 28, Achish appointing David "keeper of my head" simply means making him his**
 - bodyguard
 - psychiatrist
 - hairstylist
- But sometimes terms are used so rhetorically they don't need updating. When Abner in 2 Sm 3 asks "Am I a dog's head in Judah?" it clearly shows he is**
 - angry at how poorly he has been treated, as if worthless.
 - one of the Jews who would occasionally eat non-kosher pet food.
 - ugly and needs to move to Judah to attract a less fussy girl.
- Yet often the position of the head conveys greater meaning. In Job 10, when he says he "cannot hold up his head," this does not mean he is tired, but rather**
 - that he has weak neck muscles.
 - that he cannot appear proud.
 - that he is afraid of looking into God's third eye.
- This (9 above) is shown more clearly in Job 20, when pride might make a man's head reach**
 - 32 inches in circumference.
 - to the brim of his yarmulke.
 - to the clouds.
- In the New Testament the term head usually means the physical head, but when it is used figuratively, it conveys a deeper meaning. In a text many people shy away from the head of a woman, which is described as**
 - her crowning glory
 - her husband
 - her hat
- In Ephesians it is made clear that the head of the church is**
 - Peter
 - Paul
 - Christ
- One of the most bizarre charges leveled against this medieval crusading religious order was that they worshipped a head.**
 - The Templars
 - The Hospitallers
 - The Order of Brothers who worship the Head
- It was (and is) generally normal for Jewish men to worship with their head**
 - shaven
 - covered
 - bare
- Who is the head of the Catholic Church?**
 - the pope
 - the head of the College of Cardinals
 - Christ

ANSWERS:

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

A bus ride to fellowship

BY DEB WAGNER

The day had finally arrived. Ten months after committing to attend the Eucharistic Congress it had finally arrived. I made my reservation to ride on the bus with fellow parishioners, the faculty and staff of Most Precious Blood Parish in Fort Wayne as soon as the announcement was made and requested a bus with a wheelchair lift be reserved provided it did not cost the parish any additional expense. The wheelchair accessible bus was obtained and accommodated my electric wheelchair, enabling me to spend time together with my parish community. I needed my electric wheelchair to best navigate the University of Notre Dame campus.

Our bus ride to the Eucharistic Congress was a bit subdued, but Krispy Kreme doughnuts and bottled water perked us up a little and made for quite a tasty treat. Sections of a recent issue of the local paper were shared with those who wanted to catch up on events. Periodic discussions about the latest Harry Potter book or academics added variety to the

comfortable silence. Anticipation mounted though as we drew closer to campus and people began to hastily map their routes for the day.

Fast forward nine hours, just one Eucharistic Congress later, and the bus trip home was much more lively. People were enthusiastic and energized! Nearly all 35 people on this bus had an experience to share.

The workshops were a favorite of many. Parishioners were entertained and enlightened by the presenters and learned how they might incorporate what other parishes have done into the ministries at Most Precious Blood.

Some parishioners learned to appreciate even more our vast Catholic culture and heritage in the presence of many other Catholics. Aaron Mann commented, "To experience the presence of so many Catholics in one place was powerful. Their positive holy energy was amazing to witness." We have a lot to be thankful for in terms of our history, diversity and tradition. Peggy Luley was impressed "to see so many people from different parishes, backgrounds and cultures celebrating together." She added, "I was honored to be able to attend the Mass

and add to the amazing mission." Maria Zimmer also thought the celebration of the Mass with use of different languages to unite the faithful was simply wonderful.

The celebration of the Mass with the special music was absolutely beautiful by many accounts. Cheri Brainerd said it was so special to have all of our priests celebrating Mass together. The choir and bell choir definitely helped and encouraged us. Nathan Schall, age 13, said regarding his day at Notre Dame, "It was phenomenal. It was my first time playing bells on a jumbotron. I would definitely do this again and would like to thank my mother, the handbell director, for helping me on my spiritual journey."

My personal spiritual journey was enhanced by the opportunity to be a part of the bus ride to the University of Notre Dame. I now know many more people than I would have encountered if I had been driven in my personal vehicle separately. "Behold the face of Christ" has now an even deeper meaning.

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Mass stipends explained

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

Mass offerings were recently changed from \$5 to \$10 in our diocese. What is the background of the offerings? Why were they raised? How are they used?
Anonymous

Mass stipends were intended to assist the priest in paying for the cost of the bread and wine used at Mass. Traditionally, a stipend (in the past \$5, more recently, \$10) was offered as a gift. There is no (nor has there ever been) a "cost" for the Mass,

as one cannot buy or sell sacraments (that's a sin called simony, which takes its name from the notorious Simon Magus of Acts of the Apostles fame). The stipend is a gift from the person requesting the Mass to be said, and if one is unable to make a monetary gift, one can still make a Mass request; no Mass request will be turned down because one has no money to offer.

Father Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, answered this week's question.

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A pontifical conciliar embarrassment

Back in the early '50s, a papal allocution to an assemblage of ENT specialists might deploy a phrase like "the divinely ordained harmony among ear, nose and throat." They were a kind of language-game, those baroque trills on Just About Everything; and, to be generous, they reflected the core Catholic conviction that the world fits together intelligibly because the world was created through the Word, the reason, of God. Still, it was no loss when that particular language-game, which was open to gentle (and sometimes not-so-gentle) ridicule, was abandoned by the Holy See.

Until June: which brought us "Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road," an effusion from the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples that generated a tsunami of (generally good-natured) mockery when it was released. The 46-page document is, in fact, a satirist's delight, as it veers from the obvious ("... traffic has increased ...") to psychobabble ("When driving a car some people start up the engine to join a race, in order to escape from the troubling pace of everyday life."), and from pop-anthropology ("Cars tend to bring out the 'primitive' side of human beings, thereby producing unpleasant results.") to — well, to assertions that probably didn't sit well in Maserati-crazed Italy ("Cars particularly lend themselves to being used by owners to show off, and as a means for outshining other people and arousing a feeling of envy:").

Waxing phenomenological in lame imitation of John Paul II, the document informs us that "Driving ... means co-existing" — a line that could only have been written

by someone utterly unfamiliar with Massachusetts Route 128 or the Capitol Beltway. Back in 1956, we are reminded, "Pope Pius XII exhorted motorists, 'Do not forget to respect other road users, be courteous and fair with other drivers and show them your obliging nature.'" (Let's hope that other aspects of Pius's magisterium were more fervently embraced by his fellow-Romans.) Then, having enlightened us phenomenologically and instructed us morally, the Pontifical Council proposes for our reflection "Ten Commandments for Driving," which begin with an oldie-but-goodie ("I. You shall not kill.") and include lessons in parenting ("VI. Charitably convince the young ... not to drive when they are not in a fitting condition to do so."). The opening adverb in the latter is, I fear, an implicit criticism of the reminder my wife and I gave each of our children when they first began to drive by themselves: "Remember: we don't do bail."

Why on earth is the Vatican concocting such stuff? At a Roman press conference, a reporter noted the "Fifth Commandment" ("Cars shall not be for you an expression of power and domination, and an occasion of sin.") and asked when a car became an occasion of sin. "When a car is used as a place for sin," replied the President of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples Cardinal Renato Martino who may or not have been referring to certain scenes in "American Graffiti," George Lucas's classic tribute to the drive-in.

To make matters worse, and before the section rather brusquely titled "The Pastoral Care of the Homeless (Tramps)," "Guidelines



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THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

for the Pastoral Care of the Road" does address two urgent problems: sex-trafficking and prostitution (which are modern forms of slavery), and the growing crisis of street children (which lends itself to other forms of slavery, in addition to the sexual variety). But who was paying attention, after all that blather about cars and driving?

Pontifical councils like "Migrants and Itinerant Peoples" were created after Vatican II as in-house think-tanks, intended to initiate serious studies for the benefit of the pope, the Roman Curia, and the world's bishops. Over the past 40 years, however, too many of these councils have become typical international bureaucracies, churning out paper because churning out paper is what international bureaucracies do, no matter how few people read what's churned out. An evangelically-minded pope like Benedict XVI (a BMW man, by the way) might consider whether all this faux-theological blah-blah isn't an embarrassment to the Holy See and an impediment to the church's evangelical mission.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for August 26, 2007

Luke 13:22-30

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a warning about how difficult it is to live for God's plan. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

TEACHING	JERUSALEM	ONLY A FEW
BE SAVED	ENTER	NARROW
FOR MANY	THE DOOR	OPEN
NOT KNOW	DRANK	TAUGHT
EVILDOERS	YOU SEE	ABRAHAM
ISAAC	JACOB	PROPHETS
YOURSELVES	NORTH	FIRST

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LETTER

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problem of the Good Friday prayer would be studied at the Vatican and might be resolved by deciding that even those who use the 1962 missal would use the 1970 text of the prayer.

After the Second Vatican Council, the 1962 missal's prayer "for the conversion of the Jews" was replaced with a prayer that the Jews would continue to grow in love for God and in fidelity to the covenant he made with them.

While Christians acknowledge that all believers — themselves first of all — are called to ongoing conversion, the history of Catholics who forcibly tried to convert Jews and of Christian attacks on Jews during Holy Week have made the 1962 prayer a symbol of an attitude definitively rejected by the Second Vatican Council and the popes who have followed.

The council's presentation of the official Catholic attitude toward the Jews and Judaism "is still a small plant that still needs time to grow," Ben-Hur said. "Our main mission is one of teaching to overcome the abyss of ignorance" of one another.

Ethical blind spots

When I traveled to Auschwitz a few years ago, one question played over and over in my mind: Did they know? Did the German people know what was happening in this camp near their own border, in their own occupied territories? With the trains coming and going year after year, with the long lines of prisoners and the billowing smokestacks, did they just turn a blind eye to the atrocities? Had they become desensitized to the point that they could no longer see the carefully choreographed death operations nearby?

Some concentration camps, like the one in Dachau, were set in comfortable suburbs right inside Germany itself, and the townsfolk could stroll past them during their daily routine. The grass in those suburbs continued to grow as green as anywhere else, young people got married, babies were born, men went to work, and life went on.

Walking through a place like Dachau or Auschwitz, one wonders: could it ever happen again? Could a similar scenario play out today in middle-class America? Most would instinctively say "no" — after all, we live in a more enlightened time and culture.

A more perceptive eye, however, can discern troubling parallels. Nowhere are these parallels more evident than in the bioethical issues of our day. Our society, in fact, faces virtually the same temptation that Germany did: the temptation to normalize certain well-scripted death operations in the midst of polite society. If we look within our own culture and within our own time, we will see that suction machines have replaced smokestacks, and that fertility clinics and women's health centers have replaced the barbed wire.

Unborn humans and embryonic children are now dispatched with the same desensitized ease as camp inhabitants once were, and ne'er a word is mentioned in respectable society. Our great universities, which need to serve as a moral voice, remain mute or even foster such evil, as does the press, and few dare mention the pall of death that quietly permeates the air. We need look no further than the Planned

Parenthood clinics, which are dotted across our country. Future generations are likely to be appalled by the statistics: nearly 2 million deaths per year. They are sure to wonder about a people that ended the lives of their own children at the rate of one every 23 seconds through elective abortion. They are sure to ask, "How could they?" and, "Did they know?"

We need look no further than the fertility clinics present in every major American city. Future generations are sure to be scandalized by the numbers: in vitro fertilization making hundreds of thousands of embryonic humans, to be chilled in liquid nitrogen and turned into, in the words of one commentator, "kidsicles." They are sure to deplore the many other human embryos treated as objects, discarded as medical waste, poured down the sink or experimented upon and stripmined for their embryonic stem cells.

There is a certain banality about evil. It doesn't necessarily present itself in a monstrous or dramatic way. It can take the shape of simple conformity to what everyone else is doing, to what the leadership says is right, to what the neighbors are doing. The gradual encroachment of evil in our lives can be something we might not even notice because we are not paying attention; it can be something barely on the periphery of our consciousness.

The majority of those who collaborated with some of history's most terrible crimes and falsehoods need not be cast as inhuman monsters; instead, they were often like us. They were capable of giving and receiving sympathy and love; they could have beautiful feelings and noble ideals; heroism, loyalty, family and culture could all co-exist with almost unbelievable evil. During the Nazi years, there often were no momentous decisions to be made for or against evil. People were concerned with their daily affairs, and on that level, Nazism seemed good: it seemed to bring prosperity, it made things work, it allowed people to feel good about themselves and their country. The moral issues — the ones that we now see as having been central — were carefully



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

avoided.

When the full horror of Nazism was revealed at the end of the war, the German people responded, "We didn't know." When a local townsman was asked whether he knew what was going on in the camp, he gave a more complete answer. "Yes, we knew something was up, but we didn't talk about it, we didn't want to know too much." Primo Levi, a writer and a survivor of Auschwitz, described the German ethical blind spot this way:

"In spite of the varied possibilities for information, most Germans didn't know because they didn't want to know. Because, indeed they wanted not to know . . . Those who knew did not talk; those who did not know did not ask questions; those who did ask questions received no answers. In this way the typical German citizen won and defended his ignorance, which seemed to him sufficient justification of his adherence to Nazism. Shutting his mouth, his eyes and his ears, he built for himself the illusion of not knowing, hence not being an accomplice to the things taking place in front of his door."

The courageous, even daring question we must ask is, "What is our own response to the evil around us?"

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Father John Delaney

Ordained June 20, 1981

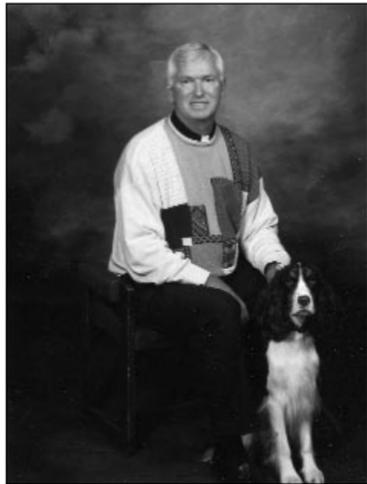
Pastor, St. Jude, South Bend and Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lakeville

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

One of the strongest influences to considering priesthood, and maybe some will laugh, was that of the Holy Cross Sisters in Sacred Heart Grade School. We were (then) blessed with eight sisters in the school, and they were all so very kind and caring of us kids. Our principal then, Sister Dorothea, took a special interest in my growing up after my mother had died. I was only seven at the time of my mother's death. I saw her caring very much linked with her vocation and her absolute dedication to the God and the church. It stayed with me as an influencing factor in considering priesthood. Add to that, the sisters must have asked the boys at least once a week if they were considering becoming priests someday, and the girls if they were considering becoming sisters. Sister Dorothea came to my ordination and first Mass, and was then 52 years old, which must have made her a very young school principal but one with a world of wisdom and a strong faith. I still remember her in my prayers, as she has now gone to her special place in heaven, to be sure.

What is the most rewarding part of being a priest?

Firstly, to be able to make present the Eucharist, and truly know that it is Christ himself, as a gift of love for his people. Just to be able to be an instrument of Christ in



that gift is awesome. Add to that being able to preach on the word of God and in so doing have it come even more alive to me as I do so. Secondly, to be with people at so many important times in their lives and be able to be of help at those moments when they need someone very much; that's a special gift to us and likely does more for us personally than we might be doing for the one in need. Lastly, and maybe selfishly, it is pretty wonderful to have such a large family, as one who grew up as an only child.

What are your interests or hobbies?

As with most of the priests I know, I like to eat (not sure what that says about us, but...) and therefore I seem to also enjoy cooking. I'm probably not that much better at it than most who enjoy it, but it is enjoyable to prepare something well and then be able to bring others to one's table to enjoy the food and company, always with a little glass of nice wine. I am not an avid sports person, but I have always enjoyed snow skiing, though I have not

gone for several years now. I enjoy roller-blading too, and probably should do that much more often also. Gardening, just to see the flowers blooming come summer is always a treat as well. Driving as I do so much (living in South Bend, but Fort Wayne being my original home), I enjoy books on tape/CD and especially the mysteries such as those by P.D. James or equal ability.

Do you have a pet?

Yes, Bud is his name and companionship is his game. He's great. I think it's healthy for a priest too, to have someone that they must care for in a very real way, in their home, under foot, wanting attention, just like those we serve who have the joy of children to care for. While not the same, of course, there is something good about having to give the care to another in the way a pet requires.

What do you do for relaxation?

Relaxation is strangely enough often done with just visiting family or friends. I say strangely, as a priest is with people so much of the time, but there's a difference in just being able to relax with people who are close in varying ways. Walks with Bud are also good for both of us. I like drives — when one could afford the gasoline — to small villagetype places near water. Michigan seems to be noted for so many such small towns.

What are your favorite reading materials?

There are always the "books of the trade" as one might say. Bishop has been very good about sending us good reads in theology or spirituality as gifts at Christmas

and sometimes Easter. As mentioned too, I enjoy a good mystery as well as books that include details in forensics, though I don't think I want to be a CSI.

What is the best part of being Catholic?

It is the very universal nature of the church. We are everywhere, and we've been there, as the body of Christ — the very human element not withstanding — since the beginning. I can go into a Catholic church for Mass in a foreign country, not understanding every word spoken, and yet when I go up to take Communion, I know at once, that I am not alone. In fact, I am one with them, regardless of their language, culture or song. I am part of the true body of Christ, which at that moment includes my parents, who are gone, all my loved ones who are or have been people of strong faith, the saints gone before me and any who await my return home. I am surrounded by a love that is God. I have no doubt, and it's an awesome feeling, always.

What is your favorite Scripture passage?

My favorite Scripture passage I think ends up being that of the Good Samaritan or maybe the Prodigal Son. Both speak volumes, especially after many years of preaching and therefore reflection on them.

Who is your favorite pope?

I can still recall Pope Pius XII, but I was too young to remember much about him. Pope John XXIII brought so much to the church before his death, and I will always be grateful for Vatican II and what

Meet the Priest

it has brought to the church. Pope John Paul II, the longest with me in my priesthood, probably has had the greatest influence on my respect for the holy office of the pope and how much good effect one person can have on the entire world when one is so dedicated to the work of our Lord. I suppose there are always people with a personal axe to grind who will find fault with John Paul, but very few people will go down in history as having been such a universal influence for peace, justice and the values of the kingdom as was he.

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

I had a "life" before priesthood, which included working in the building supply business with Old Fort Supply Company in Fort Wayne. Add to that, many in my family are in the building business or have been in the past, from general construction, to home building, to HVAC, and so I seem to have something in my blood that seems to lead me to shaping places up when sent to a new assignment. It has always been a fun part of my ministry too. Though it may not always be the taste of the one who follows me, I've always left any assignment in much better condition than when I walked in, even if it is only I who think it so.

How do you prefer to be addressed?

Most all parishioners and others call me Father John and, thanks to some (then) kids at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, many years ago, some still just call me FJ. They intended it fondly and with no disrespect, to be sure.

Sports

BISHOP LUERS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GOLF OUTING PLANNED Bishop Luers will host an alumni and friends golf outing on Saturday, Sept. 22, on the Foster Park Golf Course. The outing will be a Florida scramble with a 2 p.m. shot gun start. Teams will consist of four people. Dinner and prizes will be held at 7 p.m. The cost for golf and dinner is \$55 per person or \$20 per person for dinner only. Televisions will be available to watch the Notre Dame game. All proceeds go to tuition assistance. To register, sponsor a hole, help with the outing or other information contact Melissa Hire at mhire@bishoplurers.org or Sarah Shank at sshank@bishoplurers.org or call (260) 456-1261 ext. 3040.

No break from ballet during the summer months

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Not long after she learned to walk, Olivia Lebamoff was twirling and dancing. At three years old she was enrolled in a ballet class and attended other various schools of dance until age seven. During these early years, Lebamoff's parents realized "this was Olivia's thing" and enrolled her in the Fort Wayne Ballet to receive sound classical training. It was then, around 1997, that current artistic director Karen Gibbons-Brown joined the Fort Wayne Ballet. Lebamoff has been on board ever since.

Unlike other athletes, dancers do not have an "off-season." Their training consists of a rigorous year-round schedule. This kind of commitment requires a strong work ethic, tough self-discipline and true dedication.

Lebamoff's father, Andy said, "Olivia gives up many social opportunities due to the drive to fulfill her passion for dance."

At the Fort Wayne Ballet, a high school aged dancer who is a company member will practice six days a week. Their intense

training prepares them for three performances per season: a fall production, a holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," and a spring collaboration with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. As performance time draws near, members rehearse an additional five to 10 hours per week — on top of the regular 15 hours per week of technique work.

During the academic school year, dancers take their regular ballet class, pointe class, tap, character, contemporary, theater jazz, pilates, dance history and terminology. They even take a ballet ISTEP test!

During the summer months, training consists of 90-minute classes four days per week for the first six weeks of the summer. For the next three weeks, Fort Wayne Ballet offers an intensive training session, which runs eight hours per day, five days per week. This intensive program attracts dancers from all over the country. Some of Fort Wayne's local dancers elect to audition for other intensive programs in the U.S. during the first six weeks, but always return before the intensive training begins in Fort Wayne. This leaves very little vacation time

for dancers, but they wouldn't have it any other way.

When asked what ballet means to her, 16-year-old Lebamoff responded, "Ballet is more than just a hobby to me. It is a performing art where I can express the music being played or the emotion I feel. No matter what mood I am in I can dance and I will instantly feel better. Ballet has taught me time management and discipline, which I can use in other areas of my life. Ballet is also like a big family. The girls are my sisters, as well as my best friends. Our artistic director is like a surrogate mother. It truly is our home away from home."

Lebamoff is a junior at Bishop Dwenger High School and is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Her short-term goals usually focus on perfecting a current ballet movement and getting straight A's in school.

In what little spare time she has, Lebamoff enjoys reading and shopping. She hopes to attend college in the eastern part of the country, dance at the professional level and perhaps become part of a Broadway performance someday.

Other Bishop Dwenger students currently dancing with the Fort Wayne Ballet are Bridget Weisz, Amanda Pappas, Mackenzie Clark and Sam Rogers. Recent graduates include Tracy and Kelly Coughlin, Adrianna Rogers, Elena Mourad and Lucia Rogers.

ICCL season opens

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — The football athletes in the Inter-City Catholic League are anxiously awaiting their pre-season football jamboree set for Sunday, Sept. 2, at Marian High School's field in Mishawaka where both varsity and junior varsity teams will test their skills.

The pre-season jamboree will also mark the 63rd consecutive season of action in the ICCL, which today covers athletic competition in more than a dozen sports programs for both boys and girls.

Twelve parishes will be represented in the football circuit that

will include five varsity teams and seven junior varsity teams. Only St. Matthew and Holy Family parishes have enough talent to field a complete team while the remaining varsity and junior varsity teams will be made up of a combination of parishes.

The official date for the season opening is set for Sunday, Sept. 9, with the following schedule:

Mishawaka Catholic vs. St. Matthew varsity teams to be followed by a game between the two junior varsity clubs.

Granger Catholic vs. Corpus Christi junior varsity teams.

Holy Family vs. Holy Cross—Christ the King varsity.

Holy Family vs. Holy Cross—Christ the King junior varsity.

Eric Ade exemplifies what he teaches young athletes

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School cross country coach Eric Ade is widely known for practicing what he preaches. A competitive distance runner himself, Ade trains year-round with a group of post-college athletes in the area and participates in several marathons annually throughout the Midwest.

As third-year head coach of the boys' cross country team at Dwenger, Ade conveys his own enthusiasm for the sport to his athletes and believes his ongoing participation gives his coaching added credibility. "It helps quite a bit. ... I

know what they're going through," he says with assurance as he helps them push through mental barriers and difficult workouts to achieve their own long-term goals. Clearly, he has found the winning strategy since his teams have finished in the top 15 in the state the last two years.

A single 28-year-old, Ade is a Dwenger alumnus and graduate of Huntington University, where he ran cross country and track for four years. Job and family ties have kept him in the Fort Wayne area, he says, while he works at Three Rivers Running Company, attends college classes at his alma mater and IPFW (Indiana-Purdue Universities at Fort Wayne) and coaches 15 hours a week.

Though he already holds an undergraduate degree in mathematics, he is currently working toward a second degree in exercise science, or the science behind endurance running.

"I'm passionate about it," he says.

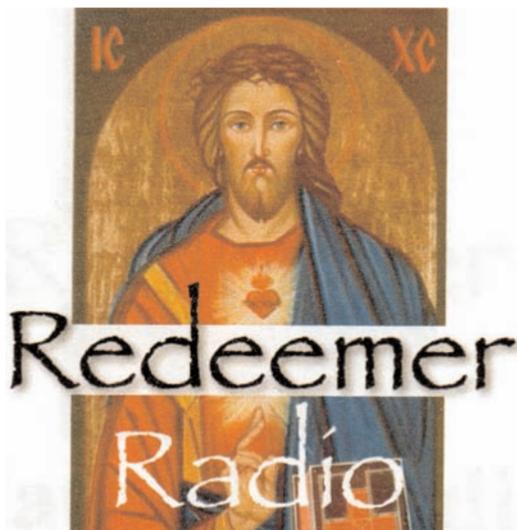
Life doesn't stand still for the energetic and positive young man who says he plans to continue running "as long as I'm competitive," and points out that his personal times are better than they were during his college days.

Dedication to his sport colors his coaching philosophy, yet keeps it simple. Ade wants his young athletes to "learn something about themselves and life in general ... to leave not just as better runners but as better people." He recalls with admiration many coaches who instilled that desire in him and he wants to be remembered as someone who passed it on to other young athletes.

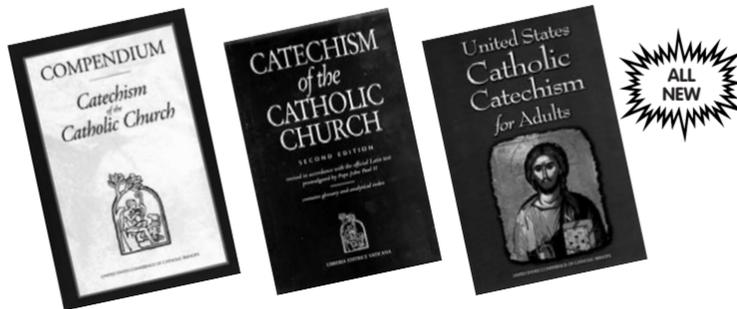
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Study of American Catholics data could help the church

BY YORK YOUNG

Sociological studies have developed enough and been considered important enough over the last half-century that many organizations now conduct similar studies at regular intervals on a specific topic, better obtaining a snapshot of trends concerning a particular field of study.

A study of American Catholics that was first conducted in 1987 has been repeated in six-year intervals since then — the most recent in 2005 — and has offered data that theoretically could help the church and its adherents with information that can be used to counter what everyone recognizes as a steady decline in religious participation. Unfortunately, having solid numbers doesn't necessarily make solving the problem easier.

In "American Catholics Today: New Realities of Their Faith and Their Church" (Rowman & Littlefield, \$24.95), William D'Antonio, James

Davidson, Dean Hoge and Mary Gauthier have combined to analyze and study attitudes of Catholics concerning their identity as Catholics, how they view the sacraments and teachings of the church, what they think of church authority, how much lay leaders should be directing the church and even how religion and politics mix.

Interviewing self-identified Catholics (which could be someone who goes to daily Mass or someone who was baptized Catholic and has never darkened a church door since) can sound broad-based, but this is typical for such research.

The results are not encouraging for those charged with helping humanity more vigorously embrace the teachings of our Lord and Savior, but the research is vital to understanding where the church stands. For anyone who follows such matters, or might be a professional Catholic (one who works for the church in some capacity, such as those, for example, who work in a parish or for this paper), the numbers are

all-too depressing.

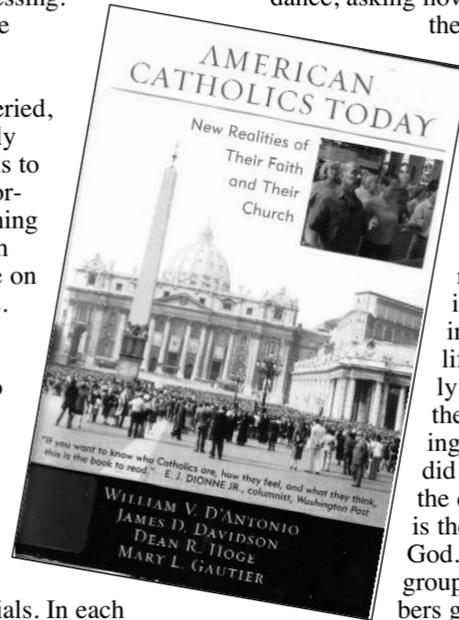
Here's the upshot, the younger the Catholic queried, the less likely that person is to see the importance of turning to the church for guidance on moral issues. The authors break interviewees into four demographics — pre-Vatican II, Vatican II, post-Vatican II and millennials. In each successive study, those in the first group become a smaller set of the overall study and the latter of those become more because of changing ages.

The study also broke down the answers of each group by how much they are committed to the faith (measured in church atten-

dance, asking how probable it is the person would

leave the church and how important it is in their life).

Ultimately, all groups still view the sacraments as very important to living a Catholic life, and generally accept core theological teachings such as Christ did resurrect from the dead and Mary is the Mother of God. However, all groups, and the numbers get more negative when talking to younger Catholics, were less inclined to support the church's teaching on a celibate male-only clergy, sex outside of marriage and contraceptive practices. On these issues, Catholics are clearly looking to the culture for answers, not the church.



Pride of place in any answer that is different than what the church teaches is the notion that "my conscience tells me what is okay." Sadly, all those who trot out that bon mot ignore the fact that a conscience is only as good as the guidance it receives. That is why Jesus founded the church in the first place, to help guide us toward him.

The authors present good analysis, but avoid taking a particular view to the extreme — reading this book, you won't be thinking this is an effort to promote "liberal" causes or a "conservative" church. Also, an appendix that breaks out Hispanic Catholics (a more rapidly growing segment of the church, and, perhaps surprisingly, with similar opinions and approaches to the faith as non-Hispanics) is an important addition. Concluding with the questions and responses of the actual survey, this is an important book.

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Our Lady's Birthday Party

Fort Wayne — The Legion of Mary will celebrate the birthday of Jesus' mother on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 5:45-8 p.m. in the gym at Our Lady of Good Hope, 7215 St. Joe Rd., with a multi-lingual rosary, a potluck dinner, a short talk, rosary-making and games for all ages. RSVP to Connie Acierio by Sept. 2 at (260) 486-1001.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Gibault School focus of fund-raising dinner

South Bend — A presentation about Gibault, the residential treatment program for teens founded by the Knights of Columbus in Terre Haute, will be given at a dinner Friday, Aug. 24, at Santa Maria Council #553, 553 E. Washington. A Polish-style dinner buffet is \$12 with two free drink tickets. Reception 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m., program starts at 7 p.m., ends by 8:30 p.m. For information and to RSVP, call Kevin Large at (574) 850-4001 or go to www.kofc553.com.

Labor Day chicken barbeque

Avilla — St. Mary Parish will have its 41st annual Labor Day chicken barbeque and festival on Monday, Sept. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Games, raffles and fun.

Luncheon card party planned

South Bend — The St. Anne Society will have a luncheon card party at Our Lady of Hungary school auditorium, 735 W. Calvert St. on Sunday, Sept. 9. Doors open at noon. Donation of \$5 at the door. Please bring your own cards.

Knights plan golf scramble

Huntington — The Knights of Columbus will have a golf scramble at Etna Acres Golf Course on Wednesday, Sept. 12. All-day golf, cart, food and prizes for \$30. Meal at 5 p.m. Call (260) 356-0924 for information. Public is welcome.

School celebrates 50 years

Warsaw — Sacred Heart Parish School will celebrate 50 years on Sunday, Sept. 23, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop D'Arcy at 11 a.m. A groundbreaking for a new addition will follow. A luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets for the luncheon are \$8.50 for adults and \$2.50 for

children under 12. All tickets must be purchased in advance after Masses or by calling (574) 858-9800.

Corn and sausage roast

South Bend — St. Casimir Parish, 1308 W. Dunham St., will have a corn and sausage roast on Sunday, Aug. 26, from noon to 5 p.m. Music from 2-5 p.m. provided by The Jim Deka Trio. Food, beverages, cake booth and other prizes. New this year is bingo from noon to 3 p.m. Admission is \$1 and enters you in a cash raffle.

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tent sale Aug. 23-26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. All books in the tent up to 75 percent off and 20 percent off everything in the bookstore. Hourly drawings and gift certificate giveaways.

Ed Fox chicken and tenderloin dinner planned

Fort Wayne — St. Henry Parish, 2929 E. Hessen Cassel Rd., will have a chicken and tenderloin dinner from 4:30-7:30 p.m. on

Friday, Aug. 24. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6.50 for seniors and \$4.50 for children 6-11. Proceeds will help St. Henry's 50th anniversary expenses.

Ignatius night at the movies

Fort Wayne — St. Therese Parish will host Ignatius night at the movies featuring the film "Bernadette" on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. For information call (260) 747-9139.



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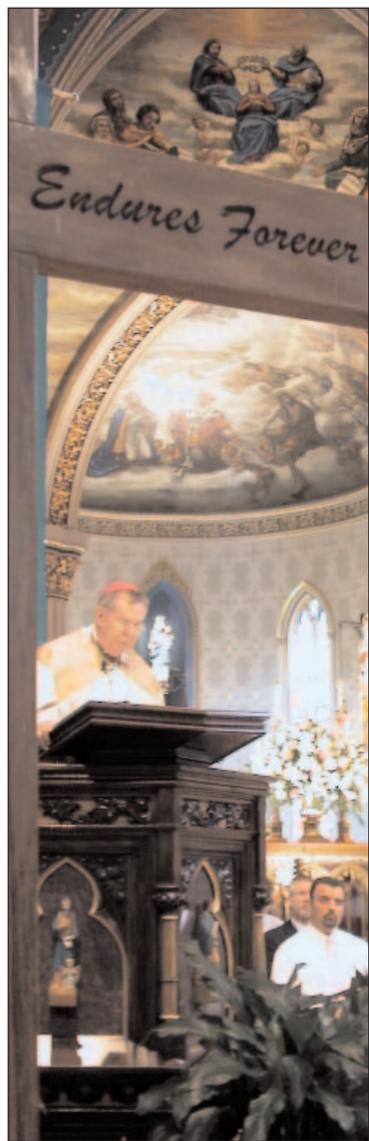
MARK WEBER

A joint Fort Wayne-South Bend choir sings at the prelude to the closing Mass in the Joyce Center. Under the masterful direction of Jeremy Hoy, the choir and musicians brought a majestic tone to the Mass.



KAY COZAD

Youth from several parishes from around the diocese carry the Jubilee Pilgrim Cross and portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe from Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. The Eucharistic Congress marked the final journey of the two-year pilgrimage of the cross.



DON CLEMMER

Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, OSB, of Indianapolis offers a reflection at the ecumenical prayer service at Sacred Heart Basilica.



ANN CAREY

Among the families spending the day at the congress were the Joe and Autry Cataldo family, at left, and the Steven and Joanie Shaffer family, at the right. The Cataldos and Shaffers are parishioners at St. Pius X Parish in Granger.



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