

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Sealed with the Holy Spirit

Regional confirmation at Notre Dame unites confirmandi in a jubilee celebration

BY JUDY BRADFORD

NOTRE DAME — The sacrament of confirmation in the Catholic faith gives a young person the strength to make good choices and to be a witness to what is right, said Bishop John M. D'Arcy at Sunday's regional confirmation ceremony.

About 10,000 people joined together in a colorful, joyful assembly filled with song and praises at the Joyce Center on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. There were 1,300 confirmandi, their sponsors, parents, grandparents and friends representing 29 parishes.

In his homily, the bishop told the youth, all seated with their sponsors on the main floor, that they have been given the gift of free will — but it is up to them to befriend Jesus and allow him into their hearts when they make choices.

"Jesus is saying he wants a close friendship with you," the bishop said. "Tell Jesus today 'I want your grace, to make the right choices, to choose right from wrong.'"

All the confirmandi were in eighth or ninth grade, attending the celebration Mass after two years of careful study and consideration, including research into a Catholic saint whose life and contributions are personally meaningful.

The massive ceremony was held in honor of the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Year, in the place of the celebration of the sacrament at individual parishes. More than 1,100 candidates in Fort Wayne will be confirmed in a similar assembly at 2 p.m. at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Sept. 30.

The bishop took some time during his homily to informally quiz the youth on their lessons, looking for the raised hands of those who knew the name of the apostle who stayed at the foot of the cross — John; and what changed the attitude of the rest of the apostles — the Holy Spirit; and where the Holy Spirit came upon the church — Pentecost.

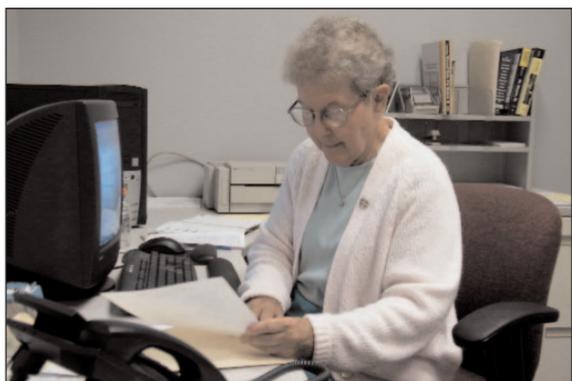
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Bishop John M. D'Arcy makes the anoints the forehead of a confirmand at the regional confirmation held at the Joyce Center at Notre Dame Sept. 16. The regional confirmation was a part of the diocesan Sesquicentennial Jubilee Year celebrations. The regional confirmation in Fort Wayne is scheduled at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

SISTER JOLENE RETIRES



MARK WEBER

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend offered its thanks and support to Sister Jolene Heiden, SSND, the diocesan director of Spiritual Development/Evangelization. She has worked in the office since 1998. Sister Jolene will retire this week and plans to return to Milwaukee, Wis., where the order's motherhouse is located.

Lifting up the cross

Sisters of the Holy Cross, Bishop D'Arcy
celebrate the beatification of Father Basil Moreau

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — The excitement reverberated from across the ocean as members of the Congregations of Holy Cross celebrated locally with Mass, prayer services and panel discussions focusing on the life and spirituality of their founder, Blessed Father Basil Anthony Moreau.

Events culminated Sunday at Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame with a special Mass of thanksgiving, celebrated at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto by Bishop John M. D'Arcy.

"We are joined to those in Le Mans, France," began Bishop D'Arcy, "and truly to those all over the world who are Father Moreau's spiritual sons and daughters."

With members of the Holy Cross congregations serving in France, North and South America, Africa and Asia, Father Moreau's

educational and pastoral vision is being recognized far beyond the local campuses of Saint Mary's College, Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame. That is a source of encouragement for many Sisters of the Holy Cross who currently serve at Saint Mary's, and yet another reason why they are ecstatic their founder is now just one step away from sainthood.

"It's a celebration of our heritage that is lived out by the sisters today," said Sister Mary Tiernan, a 36-year member of the Sisters of the Holy Cross. "It's a celebration of our charism, that is, seeing the cross as a sign of hope."

Bishop D'Arcy focused much of his homily on the importance Father Moreau placed on the cross. He put Father Moreau in the company of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St.

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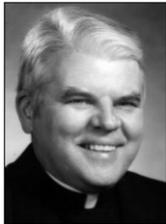
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Beatification of Blessed Basil Moreau holds high significance



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A most significant event

I refer to the beatification of Basil Anthony Moreau, whom we should now call "blessed." While his beatification is an event for the universal church, it is of high significance for this diocese. It is impossible to overestimate the spiritual and pastoral effect that the Congregation of Holy Cross has played in our diocese.

I have been reading the life of Father Moreau and, like so many founders of religious congregations, he was no stranger to suffering — a suffering brought about even from within his own beloved congregation.

He was essentially a parish priest with the heart of a missionary. He was quite ascetical; that is, someone fully given to lead a life of sacrifice for others. He can also be called a missionary. In another sense, he was also ahead of his time. Religious congregations take much from their founder, including a kind of personality. Thus, the great Jesuit order was founded by a military man, St. Ignatius of Loyola, who had been wounded while leading an army that was laying siege to a city in Spain. He retreated to a place for recovery along a river, read the lives of the saints, repented and received a special call from Christ. His congregation, at least in its early years, reflected a military spirit.

For Basil Anthony Moreau his conversion was lifelong. He studied under the Sulpician order and was a parish priest. But the model for his congregation was that of family. Imagine someone starting a congregation that would include priests, brothers and sisters. The brothers, sisters and priests are now throughout the world — Asia where they have taken on some of the most difficult missions in the world; for example, in Bangladesh, and in African countries like Ghana, Nigeria, Uganda, Liberia and others. They have missions in Latin America and Canada. We know them in this diocese through the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College.

As bishop, I also know them in the exemplary priests who have served here, during my time, as parish priests in the South Bend area.

The sisters have served in all areas of the diocese — Fort Wayne, Elkhart, South Bend. Bishop Joseph Crowley always used to speak with gratitude to the brothers of Holy Cross, who were his educators as a young boy in Fort Wayne. The brothers have served in education, social ministry and pastoral care. Especially noteworthy is their service at St. Joseph Hospital.

A morning at Saint Mary's

With all this in mind, it was my privilege to respond to a request to celebrate Mass at the Loretto Chapel on the grounds of Saint Mary's College in an official diocesan observance of the beatification. Many Holy Cross men and women, but also many from

the academic communities of Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Notre Dame — journeyed to Le Mans, France, where the beatification ceremony took place.

If you read the new history of our diocese, you will see the close relationship that marked the 150 years between the bishop of the diocese and the Congregation of Holy Cross. Coming here originally in 1842, a number of Holy Cross brothers, along with Father Edward Sorin, set up their camp beside the lake not far from the St. Joseph River. Here are some of the words that Father Sorin sent back to his brothers in France in those early days. Even though he was in a strange land in freezing temperatures to which he was unaccustomed, and without funds, he struck this note of faith and hope in his letter:

"This very evening we have hung up in our little chapel our sanctuary lamp only the second to be found in this vast diocese. It burns now before our modest altar ... across the woods we see the lamp that lights up the mean dwelling where our good master resides, we know full well that we are not alone. Jesus Christ dwells in our midst and we take courage. We come to visit Him and in the night as in the day our eyes are fixed upon the tabernacle."
— M O'Connell, "Letter of Edward Sorin to Basil Moreau: Edward Sorin"

It was a privilege to celebrate this Mass and be reunited with many from throughout the world offering thanks to God at Le Mans.

I hope our people will begin to pray to Father Moreau and seek favors from him, and blessings. We have been doubly honored in the past 12 months. We know of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, who walked the streets of Fort Wayne. Father Moreau was also in this diocese in his visits to Notre Dame and other missions here. Let us pray to Father Moreau for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life for the congregation of Holy Cross.

Let us also meditate on one of the sayings taken from a Latin hymn which that congregation holds close to its heart: "Ave crux spes unica — hail the cross, our only hope."

Father Moreau understood the centrality of the cross of Jesus Christ. He was a man of the heart. He spoke often of the heart of Jesus and Mary. He was very devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As an educator, he told his congregation that we must teach not only the mind but the heart.

His beatification is a blessed day for our diocese.

An extraordinary weekend

On Saturday night, I installed Father John Delaney as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Lakeville. Like eight other priests in our diocese, he has the responsibility of taking care of two parishes. I went briefly with about eight of our priests for a nice supper at the famous Pat's Pub in Mishawaka, then back to the former St. Patrick's Convent where I have lived these past 22 years while in South Bend.

After this beautiful event at Saint Mary's College and a wonderful brunch with the sisters, brothers and others, and a little time of prayer in the chapel, I drove across the street to the Joyce Center. There we had another major event of the Jubilee Year. About 1,300 young people were confirmed. As bishop, I led this magnificent Eucharist, while the pastors each did the anointing of

their own parishioners. I anointed the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, South Bend since their pastor, Father John DeRiso, CSC, was in Le Mans for the beatification. This magnificent service was a great moment of praise to God. I thank again Jeremy Hoy of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, for the beautiful music, and our Office of Worship for wonderful preparation.

A reflection

We buried Mary Catherine Anthony D'Arcy Caprio on a lovely summer day in the southern New Hampshire hills at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Nashua. There was drenching rain the day before, but the wake, through the kindness of the pastor, was held in church. I learned again how very prayerful was my dear sister and what a blessed place is the Catholic parish. So many saw her at daily Mass struggling with her walker as the terrible disease took its physical toll. They told me how much they admired her and how great was her strength. I was touched that there were 21 priests who came to concelebrate, many of them my classmates and brother priests from throughout New England. I was able to mourn with my two remaining sisters and their children and Mary's husband and children. I was moved by the small group that came all the way from Indiana. How wonderful to see them as they walked into the church for the wake. My sister loved this diocese. People told me how she treasured this newspaper and my column, such as it is, and sent it to friends all over. I received some beautiful notes from her in recent months as her health declined. They came by fax and e-mail. I treasure their spirit.

Although God has made it possible to take up my work eagerly and willingly, I must also say that my heart is heavy. But who would have it otherwise? Love takes its toll, but how would life be without it.

I am especially mindful of her prayerfulness throughout her life and the intense prayer of her last weeks. What a wonderful thing that she was prayed for, as far as I can tell, in all the churches of this diocese. So many Masses coming from priests and others. This is an extraordinary consolation. I thank you all with all my heart. Some people have asked what they should do about a memorial. The best memorial is prayers. Some have sent funds to the Catholic Education Fund, which is an endowment to give funds to those who could not otherwise attend our schools. This is appreciated.

Rest in peace, dear Mary, with the Lord and his mother and your own dear parents. I shall now pray to you that you will pray to Christ for me.

See you all next week.

Vatican says food, water must be provided to vegetative patients

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a brief document approved by Pope Benedict XVI, the Vatican said it was generally a moral obligation to provide food and water to patients in a vegetative state.

Nutrition and hydration, even by artificial means, cannot simply be terminated because doctors have determined that a person will never recover consciousness, the Vatican said Sept. 14.

Exceptions may occur when patients are unable to assimilate food and water or in the "rare" cases when nutrition and hydration become excessively burdensome for the patient, it said.

The text was prepared by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in the form of a response to questions raised by the U.S. bishops' conference. It was signed by U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the doctrinal congregation, and approved by the pope before publication.

The congregation's document strongly reaffirmed points made by Pope John Paul II in a landmark speech in 2004, when he said nutrition and hydration, even by "artificial" means such as feeding tubes, should generally be considered ordinary care and not extraordinary medical treatment.

That was a key point, because the church teaches that "extraordinary" means of treatment for unresponsive patients can sometimes be discontinued.

The late pope's speech prompted questions in the theological and medical communities, and the U.S. bishops' Committee on Doctrine submitted questions to the congregation in 2005 to clarify the issues.

After a lengthy study, the congregation released its responses to two basic questions.

First, it said, administering food and water to a patient in a vegetative state is morally obligatory "to the extent to which, and for as long as, it is shown to accomplish its proper finality, which is the hydration and nourishment of the patient."

"In this way suffering and death by starvation and dehydration are prevented," it said.

Second, the congregation said it was not morally acceptable to discontinue such care even when physicians judge that the patient will never regain consciousness.

"A patient in a 'permanent vegetative state' is a person with fundamental human dignity and



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY OF BOBBY SCHINDLER

Terri Schindler Schiavo is seen after she suffered a cardio-respiratory arrest in 1990 that damaged her brain. Schiavo's brother, Bobby Schindler, told Catholic News Service in an e-mail that his sister was receiving rehabilitation at the time this photo was made. The case of Schiavo fueled debate and legal wrangling about whether a person in a persistent vegetative state must receive food and water. Schiavo died 13 days after her feeding tube was removed March 18, 2005, at the order of a Florida judge.

must, therefore, receive ordinary and proportionate care which includes, in principle, the administration of water and food even by artificial means," it said.

The congregation's accompanying commentary explored the reasons behind the church's teaching and explained a few scenarios where exceptions might apply.

It noted that the very expression "vegetative state," which the church reluctantly uses because it is a common medical term, is unfortunate and misleading. Patients in this state maintain full human dignity, right up to natural death, it said.

Moreover, such patients are not necessarily terminally ill and generally carry on basic metabolic functions. They are simply unable to feed themselves, it said.

"If they are not provided artificially with food and liquids, they will die, and the cause of their death will be neither an illness nor the 'vegetative state' itself, but solely starvation and dehydration," it said.

The commentary said the arti-

ficial administration of food and water usually does not impose a heavy burden on the patient or the relatives, although it acknowledged that the burden could become notable when such treatment continues for months or years.

Nutrition and hydration does not require excessive expense and does not of itself require hospitalization, it said.

"It is not, nor is it meant to be, a treatment that cures the patient, but is rather ordinary care aimed at the preservation of life," it said.

In that sense, it said, the general ethical principle is that "the provision of water and food, even by artificial means, always represents a natural means for preserving life and is not a therapeutic treatment. Its use should therefore be considered ordinary and proportionate, even when the 'vegetative state' is prolonged."

That was also the conclusion of Pope John Paul's 2004 speech and reflects the development of church statements over the last 50 years, the Vatican said.

In a brief discussion of exceptions to this basic moral principle, the congregation outlined three possible situations:

- In very remote or impoverished places, artificial provision of food and water may be physically impossible.

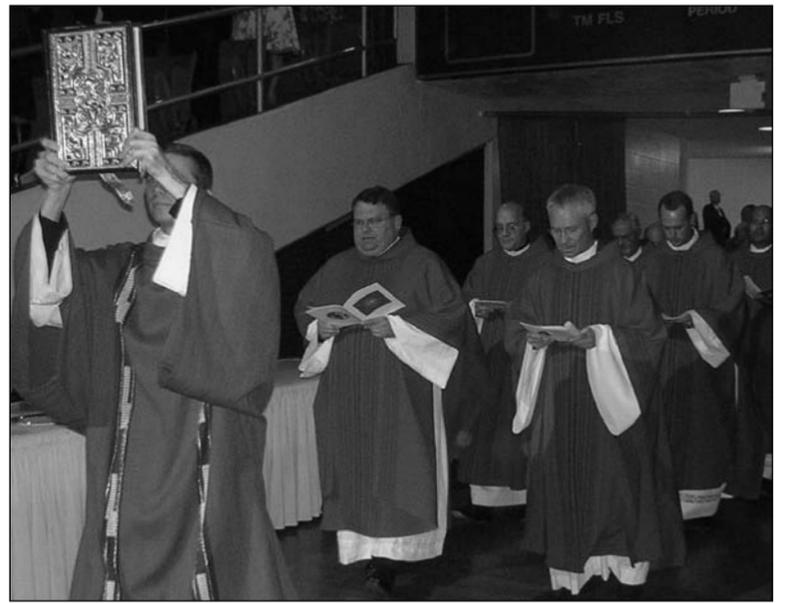
- Because of complications, a patient may be unable to assimilate foods and liquids, so their provision becomes useless.

- In some rare cases, artificial nourishment and hydration may be excessively burdensome for the patient or may cause significant physical discomfort.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in a question-and-answer commentary on the Vatican document, also looked at the potential exceptions.

It said there are medical situations in which it is moral to withhold nutrition and hydration — for example, a patient in the last stages of stomach cancer might refuse nutrition and hydration because it causes pain and produces little benefit. But the vegetative state is not itself a case of imminent dying and, therefore, it is generally not a burden to nourish such patients, it said.

The USCCB commentary said providing such nutrition and hydration could impose significant financial burdens on Catholic health care facilities, which are sometimes obliged to bear the cost of health care for families that are poor or have no health insurance.



PHOTOS BY JUDY BRADFORD

Priests from the South Bend area parishes enter the Joyce Center main floor, led by Deacon Bob Lengerich, of St. Pius X Church of Granger.

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Finally, the bishop asked for a word beginning with "w" that sums up what happens on confirmation — witness.

Noting that youth today receive all kinds of messages in the world, he emphasized that their confirmation will strengthen them to witness — with their language and other actions — for what is right when they receive wrong messages that might lead them to drugs or sex.

He urged them to tell Christ, "I want to do your will," after receiving the Holy Spirit through the chrism (oil), which was consecrated during the chrism Mass last spring.

And receive the chrism, they did.

Priests from the parishes and Bishop D'Arcy, all dressed in the red of Pentecost, stationed themselves at several points along the main floor, using the oil to make the sign of the cross on confirmandi foreheads. Adult sponsors, confirmed in the faith, presented each candidate by speaking their name.

A 40-member choir and 15 instrumentalists, along with a handbell choir from St. Pius X Church, Granger, presented contemplative and joyful songs, even playing long before the ceremony began.

Jodi Gaffney, of South Bend,

arrived 90 minutes early so she could be up close and watch her son, Jacob Annable, be confirmed in the faith.

"I also wanted to take some time to pray, with the music. And, I've been writing him a letter telling him what he means to me and who he has become and the things I admire about him — and anything I think the Lord might say to him," Gaffney said.

The big celebration "feels richer, in that more people are here celebrating with you," she said.

She was finishing the letter as the procession of youth began. They entered through the Joyce Center ramps following banners representing their parishes, including St. Anthony de Padua where Jacob attends eighth grade.

Mary Catanzarite, of Mishawaka, was there to see her grandson, Nicholas Catanzarite, confirmed. "This is wonderful. It's so special for him."

Nicholas, a Marian High School freshman, was also supported by the presence of his grandfather, Joseph. "It's great to see the whole community," said Joseph Catanzarite.

Another confirmand, Maria Steinger, of St. Patrick's Church in Walkerton, said the regional gathering helped her understand the significance of the day, and of her commitment.

"It's huge, and it really is important," said the John Glenn High School freshman.



A deaf signer and soloist, lead the praise songs at the regional confirmation on Sept. 16 at the Joyce Center at Notre Dame.

Bishop D'Arcy to preside at cathedral Mass Sept. 25 for jubilarians

FORT WAYNE — Bishop John M. D'Arcy will preside at the 12:05 p.m. Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, Sept.

25, in honor of five priests celebrating jubilees of their ordinations.

The priests are: 50 years

- Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

- Father Daniel R. Leeuw, chaplain and director of pastoral

care at Provena-Sacred Heart Home, Avilla

- Father James Rose, retired, residing in Coldwater, Mich.

- Father Adam Schmitt, retired, in residence at St. Joseph Parish, Fort Wayne

25 years

- Father Dale Bauman, pastor, St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton.

'It's a great time to be Catholic'

Popular Catholic radio personality Al Kresta visits Fort Wayne

BY JENNIFER MURRAY

FORT WAYNE — "We have been asked by God to join him in the community of persons known as the Trinity. ... He opens his arms, and he invites us to be a part of his family."

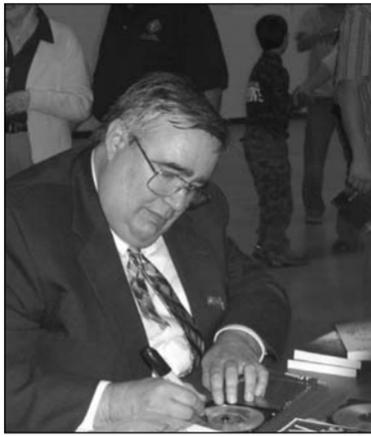
Al Kresta, talk radio host of "Kresta in the Afternoon," explained to the audience at Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, Sept. 11, why he was drawn back to his Catholic roots. After years of searching anywhere but the Catholic Church to satisfy the yearning in his soul, he returned to the church that offers the visible sign of the unity that Jesus prayed all would have, the unity already present in the Trinity.

Kresta proceeded to tell his story of faith. As a child, he grew up in a Catholic home. Though he couldn't remember his parents ever sitting him down to talk about the Savior, they understood the importance of the sacraments and ensured that their children received them regularly. Kresta remembered vividly his first confession. Afterwards he felt "a sense of oneness with God." He felt "a sense of the sacred" whenever he was in church.

Despite his early sense of belonging in the Catholic Church, Kresta lost his way during his adolescent years when he turned to the flesh.

"It devastated me," he recalled. At the beginning of his high school days, he was headed for success, but by the end, he was arrested for possessing heroin.

Even after he set aside the drugs, he was still groping for some elusive connection, a feeling of ascendancy. He searched New Age mysticism, seeking wisdom from people in trances or masters



JENNIFER MURRAY

Al Kresta, a popular Catholic radio personality, signs books and CDs after he shared his faith journey story at Our Lady of Good Hope Church in Fort Wayne on Sept. 11. The host of "Kresta in the Afternoon" also broadcasted his national program from the studios of WLYV radio, Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM in Fort Wayne on Sept. 11, part of a multi-city speaking and radio tour.

of inner harmony. "It was truly a time of wandering."

In 1971, he moved to Michigan with a New Age group called "I Am."

"The 'I Am' presence was our higher self," Kresta explained that "we were supposed to maintain perfect harmony in our inner feelings. ... I couldn't maintain perfect harmony. ... What emerged in my life was resolution to change and failure to change. I remember feeling I could never maintain these ideals."

They believed that all religions teach the same thing and people should take what they needed to become "ascended masters." There

were a lot of self-proclaimed ascended masters, but Kresta was confused as he read about their beliefs because he found contradictions.

Jesus Christ was considered to be one of these ascended masters. Kresta decided to read the Bible to learn the wisdom of this leader. He was puzzled by the exclusivity of Jesus. If he was only one of many ascended masters, why did he make claims that he was truth?

Struggling to make sense of the words of Jesus, he decided he needed a Bible commentary. On his way to an occult bookstore to find the perfect commentary, he prayed to his ascended master. "Jesus, Jesus, guide me to find what you want me to." Before he could make it to the bookstore, a man passed out a tract to him. It read "Do you want to know why some people don't understand the Bible?"

At this point, Kresta told the audience, "I came to believe in the God who counts the hairs on my head. ... My baptism kicked in. ... My allegiance changed from the god of the New Age" to the one true God.

He returned to Christianity but not to the Catholicism of his youth.

People would ask him why he didn't return to the Catholic Church at that point. Kresta listed a number of reasons: he felt the Evangelicals had a better understanding of the Bible, Catholics seemed timid and many were complaining about issues they didn't like instead of embracing the faith they claimed to hold, and the priests he talked to, though kind, could not answer his doctrinal questions.

He said, "I needed something rock solid. I thought the Scriptures were rock solid."

For the next 17 or 18 years he worked for Protestant Evangelical ministries. He had "half a dozen bedrock beliefs," but beyond that he did not feel a need for a very developed concept of doctrine.

When his wife's family asked him to research a cult her cousin was involved in, Kresta began to read the Fathers of the Church.

He discovered that they did not rely on Scripture alone. "They believed that God had spoken (in Scriptures) but also through apostolic succession." These fathers sounded very Catholic to him.

He wondered "how they got so corrupted just a few generations after the apostles." These fathers didn't really create new ideas; they just passed beliefs on from one generation to the next.

His reading of the fathers and other Catholic theologians led him "to a more sacramental view."

Even so, he was not ready to return to the Catholic Church.

Instead he became a pastor to an independent charismatic church.

"The Lord knew if I was forced to preach of these things, I would be forced to realize the truth of

church," he said.

One issue he struggled with was how could he pastor an "independent" church when the Bible shows the importance of the visible unity of the church. How could tens of thousands of fragmented denominations witness to the unity Jesus prayed his disciples would know?

"One by one the traditional Protestant teachings were toppling," he said.

It was still a number of years before he returned. "What took so long? I don't know."

It may have taken him a long time, but his return has strengthened many Catholics as they listen to his talk show on Catholic radio — locally on Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM. Because we are Catholics at a time when the apologetics books and informative

shows on Catholic radio are readily available, he told the audience, "This is a great time to be Catholic. ... Make the world see this Jesus who gives us visible unity that gives us a pattern for the world's regeneration."

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Saint Joseph's High School graduate Chris McElroy spoke with Bishop John M. D'Arcy about the beatification Mass celebrated Sept. 16 at the Church of Loretto at Saint Mary's College. "I loved it," said McElroy. "It was amazing and very beautiful."

MOREAU

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Therese of Lisieux (the Little Flower), and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein).

"These extraordinary men and women were in communication with God because they all knelt before the cross," said Bishop D'Arcy. "Father Moreau was a great missionary who believed that, and who also placed great emphasis on prayer, examination of conscience, sorrow for sin and adoration of the Eucharist."

Sunday's Mass capped off a week of celebration at Saint Mary's College in honor of Father Moreau's beatification, which took place Sept. 15, in LeMans, France. The group who traveled to France representing Saint Mary's will put together a presentation to share with the college community at a later date. They are also contributing a special feature for the Sept. 30 issue of *Today's Catholic*.

"We had three days of Masses to link with the three days in Le Mans," explained Sister Marilyn Zughish, a Sister of the Holy Cross

for 42 years. "Today was a culmination. It helped us feel connected."

Gazing upon the sea of worshippers, the years of dedicated service given by the Sisters of the Holy Cross gathered before him was not lost on the bishop. Many were in wheelchairs, others helped organize the liturgy and still more helped fill out the choir.

"We're surrounded today by women in this chapel who early on knew their lives had meaning rooted in love," continued Bishop D'Arcy. "The love of God is learned at the foot of the cross. Let us give thanks to Father Moreau who looked at the cross and knew in the whole world there was no love like that."

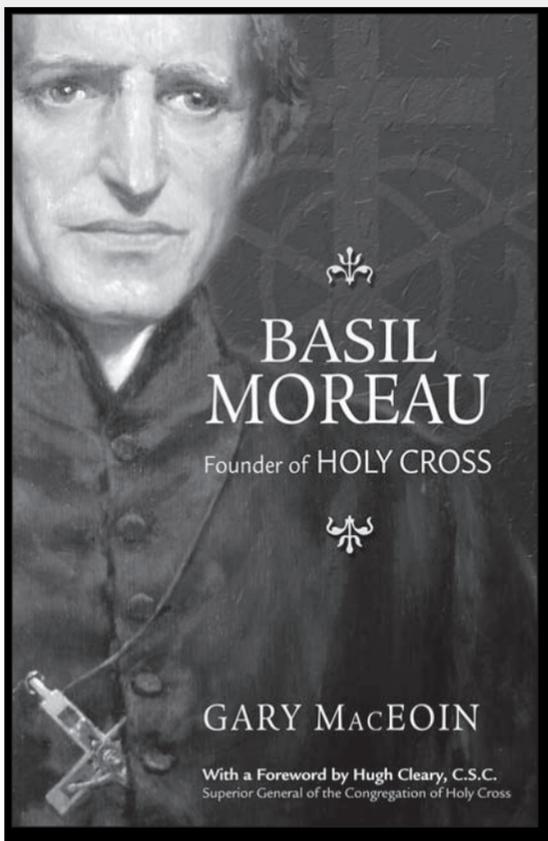
Father Moreau often offered a simple prayer: "I want to do your will."

Bishop D'Arcy concluded the eucharistic celebration with a challenge. "As we reflect on Father Moreau's beatification, let us ask, to what is Jesus Christ calling me?"

A followup story from those attending the beatification in Le Mans, France will be in the Sept. 30 issue of *Today's Catholic*.

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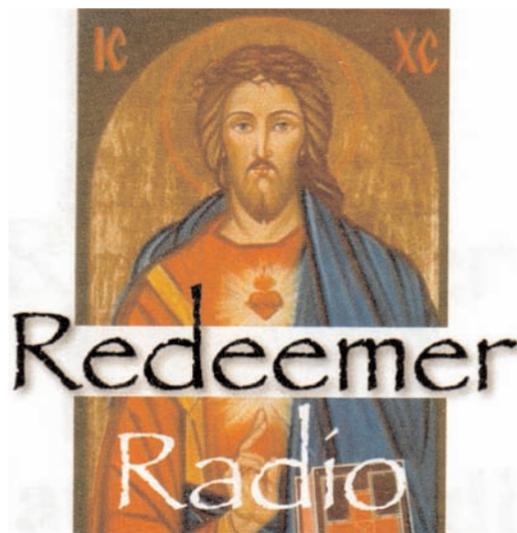


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Pope, Sudanese president meet, express hope for peace in Darfur

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — A meeting between Pope Benedict XVI and Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir ended with hopes that upcoming peace talks for Darfur would “put an end to the suffering and insecurity” in that region, said the Vatican. In a statement following the pope’s Sept. 14 meeting with al-Bashir, the Vatican said expectations were high that peace talks between the Sudanese government and the Darfur region’s rebel leaders in Libya Oct. 27 would guarantee that humanitarian assistance would get to those in need and would lead to the start of rebuilding and development in the region. The Vatican said, “The call for new negotiations was commented on very positively” during meetings with Vatican officials. Before his papal audience and after meeting with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi, al-Bashir told reporters in Rome that “we are prepared for a cease-fire for the start of negotiations in order to create a positive climate conducive to a positive end to the negotiations.”

Germans criticize cardinal's remarks as reminiscent of Nazi times

COLOGNE, Germany (CNS) — German officials have criticized a German cardinal’s remarks which they said were reminiscent of Nazi propaganda. While marking the opening of the Kolumba archdiocesan art museum, Cologne Cardinal Joachim Meisner said Sept. 14: “Where culture becomes disconnected from religion, from the veneration of God, religion rigidifies into ritualism, and culture becomes degenerate. It loses its center.” The term “degenerate” was used by the Nazis to attack modern art. Nazis put on the “Degenerate Art” touring exhibition of 650 works confiscated from 32 museums as part of propaganda efforts against “negro influence” and “Jewish and Bolshevik cultural decay.” The “degenerate” artists were persecuted and forced into exile. Reacting to Cardinal Meisner’s remarks, Bernd Neumann, German minister for culture and the media, said, “Even if it’s been taken out of context, this statement using the word ‘degenerate’ is completely unacceptable in choice of words and in content.”

Vatican cardinal urges respect for people's right to Tridentine Mass

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As Pope Benedict XVI’s decree on the Tridentine Mass went into effect, a Vatican cardinal called on bishops and pastors to respect the “right of the faithful” to have the liturgy offered in the 1962 rite. “Let’s give thanks that the Holy Father has recovered this treasure for the church,” Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos, head of the Pontifical Commission “Ecclesia Dei,” told Vatican Radio Sept. 13. In July, a papal document said

NEWS BRIEFS

BOSTON CARDINAL CENSES CASKET OF FIREFIGHTER



CNS PHOTO/GREGORY L. TRACY, THE PILOT

Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston uses a censer over the casket of fallen firefighter Paul Cahill at the Sept. 6 funeral Mass at Holy Name Church in West Roxbury, Mass., for Cahill who, along with fellow firefighter Warren Payne, was killed fighting a local restaurant fire Aug. 29.

Mass celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal, commonly known as the Tridentine Mass, should be made available in every parish where groups of the faithful desire it. It also said any priest could freely celebrate the rite. The decree went into effect Sept. 14. Cardinal Castrillon said the relaxation of restrictions was not “a step backward,” but a move to give greater liturgical freedom to priests and the faithful. “Nothing is being imposed on anyone. The pope imposes no obligation; but the pope does impose that this possibility be offered where the faithful ask for it,” the cardinal said.

Chinese bishops approve Beijing priest elected to head diocese

HONG KONG (CNS) — The government-sanctioned Bishops’ Conference of the Catholic Church in China has approved Father Joseph Li Shan of the Beijing Diocese as bishop-elect of the diocese covering the country’s capital. Anthony Liu Bainian, vice chairman of the Chinese Catholic Patriotic Association, told the Asian church news agency UCA News Sept. 12 that the conference recently had given its approval to the 42-year-old priest. A group of priests, nuns and laypeople of the Beijing Diocese elected Father Li bishop July 16, nearly three months after Bishop Michael Fu Tieshan of Beijing died April 20. Bishop-elect Li is generally recognized by all diocesan priests and laypeople for his spirituality, theological acumen and pastoral experience, Liu said, adding that the bishop-elect “shows consideration for his fellow priests and faithful.” According to the diocesan foreign affairs office, the epis-

copal ordination is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 21; however, the diocese has not yet confirmed the date, an office staffer told UCA News Sept. 13.

Vatican excommunicates some members of Canadian sect

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican has announced the excommunication of certain members of the Army of Mary, a sect in Canada whose teachings have been deemed dangerous and erroneous by church authorities. The Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, acting with the approval of Pope Benedict XVI, declared the excommunication after the Army of Mary performed ordinations without church permission, the Canadian bishops’ conference said in a statement Sept. 12. The Army of Mary was founded in Quebec in 1971 by Marie-Paul Giguere, who said she was receiving visions from God. The organization’s publications suggested that Giguere was the reincarnation of Mary, a claim that led church leaders in 1987 to warn the faithful that the group could not be considered Catholic. The Army of Mary defied church authorities earlier this year when it ordained several new priests. Cardinal Marc Ouellet of Quebec declared that the priest who conducted the ordination had no authority to do so, and the cardinal issued a public warning against the group. The doctrinal congregation said it was announcing the excommunications because there was no hope of another solution to what had become a “very grave situation,” the Canadian bishops’ statement said.

CRS worker: Need drives fasting Indonesians to help quake victims

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Though Indonesian Muslims may be hungry, thirsty and tired from Ramadan fasting, the “overwhelming need” to respond to victims of mid-September earthquakes is driving Indonesians to help, said a church aid worker. Muslims already are sacrificing during the monthlong fast, and now they will be helping people who have suffered from the damage caused by the two earthquakes that hit the island of Sumatra within 24 hours, said Rich Balmadier, Catholic Relief Services’ Indonesia country director based in Jakarta. Though Muslims may be physically less comfortable during Ramadan because they fast each day until sundown, from an organizational standpoint Ramadan will not affect emergency response, Balmadier told Catholic News Service in telephone interviews Sept. 12 and 13. Balmadier said Sept. 13 he was still acquiring and assessing information and the full extent of damage caused by the quakes was not yet known.

Vox Clara Committee hopes missal translation completed by 2009

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — An international liturgical committee that advises the Vatican reported progress in its work on the new English translation of the Mass. After meeting at the Vatican Sept. 2-6, the Vox Clara Committee said it hoped the English translation of the Roman Missal would be completed and approved by the end of

2009. It was the first time a specific date had been anticipated for the completion of the lengthy project. The third edition of the Roman Missal was promulgated in Latin by Pope John Paul II in 2002, and work on the English translation began soon afterward. A Vox Clara statement said its meeting reviewed the most recent draft translations of the Roman Missal, as produced in English by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, or ICEL, which is preparing the translation in several sections.

Pope calls for cooperation to reduce ozone depletion

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI called for more intensive cooperation to reduce ozone depletion, saying it was an important element in protecting the gifts of creation. The comments Sept. 16 were the latest in a series of ecological statements by the pope, who has focused lately on the Christian responsibility of safeguarding the environment. The pope noted that Sept. 16 marked the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Montreal Protocol, an agreement that curbed emissions of chemicals which reduce the earth’s protective ozone layer in the stratosphere. He said ozone depletion has caused “serious damage to the human being and the ecosystem.” Experts have linked ozone depletion to an increase in ultraviolet radiation that causes skin cancer. The pope said the landmark Montreal Protocol was an important step forward in dealing with the problem. “In the last 20 years, thanks to an exemplary international cooperation involving politics, science and economics, important results have been obtained with positive consequences for present and future generations,” he said.

Pope calls Sept. 11 attacks challenge to see strength of God's mercy

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said that although the Sept. 11 terror attacks “darkened the dawn of the third millennium,” God’s mercy is still stronger than evil. The pope made the remarks Sept. 16 at his summer villa outside Rome, where hundreds of pilgrims crowded the courtyard for a Sunday blessing. The pope spoke about divine mercy as illustrated in Gospel parables, especially shown to those who “stray from the right path.” In our time, he said, “humanity needs the mercy of God to be proclaimed and witnessed with vigor.” He said his predecessor, Pope John Paul II, had been an “apostle of divine mercy” and understood its importance for the modern world. “After the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, which darkened the dawn of the third millennium, he (Pope John Paul II) invited Christians and people of good will to believe that the mercy of God is stronger than any evil, and that only in the cross of Christ is found the salvation of the world,” he said.

Missionaries of the Precious Blood hold vocation discernment retreat

CARTHAGENA, Ohio — The Missionaries of the Precious Blood will hold a vocation discernment retreat at St. Charles Center in Carthagen, Ohio, on Nov. 2-4.

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood is a religious society of priests, brothers and lay associates who work in parishes in the U.S. and abroad, in education and in a wide range of apostolates, promoting the cause of God's reconciliation worldwide, and proclaiming the word of God. Missionaries of the Precious Blood are in ministry in this diocese at St. Gaspar Del Bufalo Parish in Rome City.

The vocation discernment weekend is for men completing high school, of college age and older who are discerning a vocation to religious life as a priest or brother.

Discernment is an ongoing, prayerful reflection about the circumstances in one's daily life by which he seeks to discover God's unique call.

Retreatants will spend the weekend in prayer and conversation with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. The theme of this year's retreat is Worthy of the Call.

For more information, contact Father Ken Schnipke, CPPS., office of vocation ministry, Missionaries of the Precious Blood, at 937-228-6224, or e-mail him at vocation@cpps-precious-blood.org

Bishop Luers High School awards first annual St. Mother Theodore Guérin Award to underclassman.

FORT WAYNE — St. Mother Theodore Guérin, canonized on Oct. 14, 2006, was the first saint from Indiana. She spent her whole life making Christ known to others. Students from Bishop Luers High School will be honored with an award given in her name. These students are chosen for this award by their religion teachers because they exhibit a love for Christ and his church.

The recipients this year are Brittany Croy, Raymond Ledo-Blunt, Jeffrey Andrews, Jessica Allphin, Tim Swygart and Andrea Allphin. The awardees from last year's senior class were Dan Davis and Rachel Williams.

Holy Cross College raffle supported scholarships

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross College held its 15th Annual Football Raffle on Friday, Aug. 24, during the college's orientation weekend. This raffle, sponsored by the Alumni Association, has been one of the college's favorite fundraisers for the past several years. It is no surprise why this raffle has been so successful — the prizes are great. Third place was \$200, second place is \$250, and first place prize is two season tickets to the 2007 Notre Dame football season.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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A special and rare wall plaque depicting the 19 California missions ranging from San Diego to San Francisco established by Father Junipero Serra was a gift to the Serra Club of South Bend by a lifetime member. It is being displayed by two Serra Club of South Bend members, Ned Schimizzi and Virginia Papai, at the Eucharistic Congress Serra Club exhibit at the University of Notre Dame.

Mendoza lecture series to examine ethics issues

NOTRE DAME — A panel discussion about the ethics of data mining is the first event in the Berges Lecture Series in Business Ethics, hosted by the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame.

The annual fall lecture series features senior executives speaking about their experiences with the ethical dimensions of business. Lectures, which began Sept. 11, are held at 7 p.m. in Mendoza's Jordan Auditorium and are free and open to the public.

The schedule for the remainder of the 2007 Berges series is as follows:

- Sept. 24: John Brennan, chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Vanguard Group, "The Market Value of Integrity"
- Oct. 4: John Pepper, former chairman and chief operating officer of Procter & Gamble, "What Really Matters: Service, Leadership, People and Values"
- Oct. 31: Klaus Leisinger, chairman of Norvatis Foundation, "Business and Human Rights"
- Nov. 6: James Owens, chairman and CEO of Caterpillar, "Act With Integrity and Value Your People"

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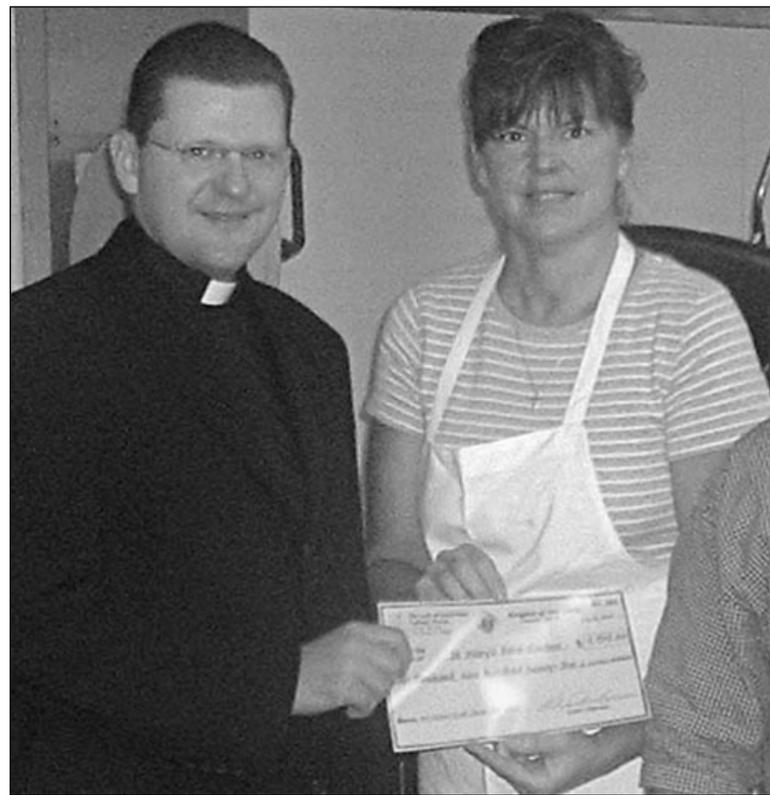
May Lee Johnson contributed to the Eucharistic Congress workshop article that appeared in the Aug. 26 issue of *Today's Catholic*. Her name was not included in the list of contributors.

The season football tickets were won by Charles and Jeanette Haddix of Fort Wayne. Their son, Matt, is an alumnus of Holy Cross College. Joan Kent from Irvine, Calif., mother of current Holy Cross student Dylan Kent, won the second place prize of \$250. The third place prize of \$200 was won by Holy Cross College alum-

nus Ben Ingle of Shelby, N.C.

The 2007 raffle raised \$6,567, however, this year that amount was matched by an anonymous donor. This brought the grand total to \$13,134 — the biggest raffle proceeds ever. The Holy Cross Alumni Association sponsors a scholarship with the money raised.

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Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne hosted its third Annual Charity Golf Outing, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 12417. The recipient was the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen. Donations were received from 28 local businesses as well as the Knights of Columbus. In the photo are Diane Day, right, director of the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen receiving a check for \$2,925 from Father Mark Gurtner, left, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope.

ST. ALOYSIUS STUDENTS REMEMBER 9-11



PROVIDED BY ST. ALOYSIUS SCHOOL

St. Aloysius School students gathered around the flag on the morning of 9-11 to recall the terrorist attacks of 2001. Students held morning prayer, recited the pledge and observed a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. They recalled the attacks on the Twin Towers, the Pentagon and airline crash in Shanksville, Pa.

Honoring those who serve the poor

BY JUDY BRADFORD

MISHAWAKA — You can plod along in your service to the poor — or, you can perform it with enthusiasm and to perfection, “like a virtuoso,” said Lawrence Cunningham, professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame.

On Sept. 11, Cunningham spoke about serving the poor at the Butler and Crowley Legacy Luncheon, held to celebrate the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County.

Cunningham said that those who serve the poor to perfection are “those we call saints. So, listen to the word of God, perform works of charity, and for goodness sake, become saints.”

Cunningham, who is a former chair of the university's theology department, has written more than 20 books and has a research interest in the history and practice of Catholic spirituality, along with the intersection of theology and culture.

He said he finds it “amazing how many poor people are working people. A clutch goes out, a kid has to go to the emergency room, and all of a sudden, the paycheck is blown.”

The local society's 300 Catholic lay volunteers help the working poor get food, clothing or financial assistance in a quiet way that helps them feel “welcomed and dignified” when they feel most vulnerable, he said.

There is the church “at the mega level,” but then it is also just as importantly “a chain of communities” all celebrating doctrine, sacramental life and service



JUDY BRADFORD

Nancy and Peter Baranay are shown with the Ozanam Award at the Butler and Crowley Legacy Luncheon for the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County.

to the poor.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy was originally selected to speak for the event but was called away to attend the funeral of his sister, Mary Caprio.

In a statement read aloud by St. Vincent's Executive Director Matthew J. Vigneault, the bishop called the society “a great instrument for those in need” and noted that, according to Scripture, members are directly serving Christ when they serve the needy.

Vigneault said that Bishop D'Arcy, in his public speaking, has always pointed out the contributions of the society. Bishop D'Arcy has also provided ongoing support, especially by encouraging parishes to distribute collection envelopes for the society.

Some 280 people attended the luncheon at Windsor Park Conference Center.

The Ozanam Award was pre-

sented to Nancy and Peter Baranay, who were instrumental in getting the new athletic fields completed at Marian High School.

The Baranays, of Niles, Mich., took a leadership role in raising money for four soccer practice fields, a soccer stadium, two softball diamonds and 10 tennis courts on 36 acres purchased by the diocese from the Sisters of St. Francis.

They also saw the project through legal and planning stages, working with the City of Mishawaka.

The Baranays also headed, in 1998, Stanley Clark School's Foundation for the Future, which significantly expanded the school's classrooms and athletic facilities.

The Baranays have four children and attend St. Pius X Catholic Church in Granger.

CLASSES OF 1947 REUNITE



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL

On July 21, graduates of Saint Joseph Academy and Central Catholic High School, South Bend, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their high school graduation. The classmates assembled at Juday Creek Country Club for a Mass and dinner. Pictured from left, front row, are Robert Prue, William Dillon, James L. Anastos and Thomas E. Frank. Back row, are Albert F. Zeisz, Charles Neary, Joseph A. Bauters, Richard E. Tepe, James S. Biek, Frank J. Schneider, Eugene Lewandowski and Walter C. Clements.



Pictured from left, front row, are Saint Joseph Academy Class of 1947 members Pat Troxel Latkowski, Frances Lubbers, Theresa Hevel Culp, Erma Jean Humphrey Schneider and Anita DePoy Weller; middle row, Kathryn Strantz Screes, Joan Wiley, Pat Brummell Clark, Sylvia Gibbons/Sister Joseph Marie, Carol Guendling Dillo and Joan Sandusky Eaton; back row, Helen Ewing Lovette, Mary Thompson Meredith, Rosemarie Riley Sheehan, Rosemary Gorman Herzog, Mary Jo Hurstel Miller, Anne Jordanich and Margaret Clements Moore.

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Diocesan youth ministry workshop enters 'Construction Zone'

BY DIANE FREEBY

GRANGER — Celebrating the Sept. 8 feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary with morning Mass, Father Bill Schooler of St. Pius X in Granger exhorted a group of volunteers to follow Mary's holy example as they embark upon the adventure known as youth ministry.

"As Mary said 'yes,' so have you said 'yes,'" said Father Schooler. "Through Mary's intercession may you be guided as you work with our youth."

That kicked off a day-long workshop, dubbed "Holy Construction: Building Solid Youth Ministry." The idea is to equip willing adults with the tools to strengthen existing youth groups, or to help them launch youth groups in parishes where there is a need.

Cindy Black, one year into her position as director of the Office Youth Ministry and Spiritual Formation for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, organized the Saturday training session.

"Our vision for the diocese is to make sure all teens have access to solid youth ministry," said Black. "We want to base that ministry on five pillars — catechesis, prayer, sacrament, community and service."

Black provided an outline for how a youth ministry program can follow the model of the Mass:

- This starts with a call to gather. This often happens before the actual meeting, with the creative use of posters, music or other welcoming tools.

- Next in the outline is to proclaim the message youth leaders want to share with the teens, followed by a break ... as in the breaking of bread. This is where leaders take the message and ask youth group members how it applies and is relevant to them.

- Small group discussion, journaling or guided meditation are all ways to get teens to dig deeper.

- Then leaders wrap things up by sending the teens out to live the message they just learned.

Creating and sustaining a vibrant youth group is vital if parishes are to compete with everything that media-savvy teens are bombarded with in today's culture, according to Black. The so-called "mega churches" are



DIANE FREEBY

Cindy Black, left, director of the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry and Spiritual Formation, is shown with Rosary and Josh Comeau of Holy Family in South Bend attending the youth ministry workshop at St. Pius X Parish in Granger on Sept. 8.

already using modern technology to routinely attract members.

"No one can compete with the real presence of Jesus," Black reminded the group assembled. "To be able to walk into a confessional and hear 'your sins are forgiven' is amazing. We need to be able to reach out to our teens and introduce them to the fullness of our faith."

Black quoted 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to emphasize the most important key to a successful youth group experience: "Pray without ceasing." She illustrated this by not only inviting the group to Mass to start the workshop, but by beginning each session with prayer and sometimes using prayer to get everyone's attention when it was time to quiet down.

"If we want our teens to be strong in prayer," Black continued, "they have to see us strong in prayer. There needs to be prayer in every youth ministry event ... everything we do should include prayer."

Other speakers presented ideas throughout the day, including Dave Valentine from ND Vision. Valentine explained how the week-long summer camp at the University of Notre Dame is a unique opportunity for high school students and campus youth ministers to refresh spiritually.

"We provide the coolest people high schoolers don't know ... college students," said Valentine.

This summer was the first of such camps at Notre Dame, and according to Valentine, engaged young people in "a community of high-intensity theology" that results in a "what can I do now" response, with the teens asking how they can better serve the Catholic Church.

Guitarist Sean Scott provided a sampling of praise-and-worship music, and the evening wrapped up with a hot dinner in the gym and a renewed sense of purpose.

Josh Comeau is the youth director at Holy Family in South Bend. He and his wife, Rosary, are helping lead the tri-parish youth group. The first youth Mass is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30, at Holy Family. Anyone interested in more information may e-mail Josh at joshcomeau@gmail.com.

"The neatest thing is the support of the diocese for this youth group," said Josh. "We are blessed with an available, supportive and in-tune director of youth ministry."

Black shares the enthusiasm, admitting that there is reason for great hope for the youth groups in the diocese, but also much work to be done. If a parish desires a youth group, but isn't sure how to start, Cindy has some suggestions.

"Start with prayer. Get as many people as possible to pray for youth ministry. Then contact my office to get together a plan," Black said.

Mishawaka Franciscan Sisters profess vows, postulants received

MISHAWAKA — Sister Mary Michael of Saint Joseph and Sister Gianna Marie of Saint Joseph professed their first vows with the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration at a Mass celebrated Aug. 10.

Three years ago, Sister Mary Michael came to the sisters from St. John the Evangelist Parish in Goshen where her parents, Douglas and Pauline Allen, are still members.

Now, in her desire to follow Christ more perfectly, she vowed for three years to live in chastity for the sake of the kingdom of heaven, to choose a life of poverty,



Sister Mary Michael, left, is shown with her classmate Sister Gianna Marie.

church as she strives to make of herself a total gift to Jesus Christ.

On that same day, three young women entered the novitiate after completing their year of postulancy: Sister M. Anna Joseph of Huntington Valley, Pa.; Sister M. Madeline of Batesville; and Sister Maria Gemma of Columbus, Ohio. These new young sisters will spend the next two years, deepening their prayer life, studying the theology of religious life and the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

On Sept. 9, two new postulants were received: Rosa Beyer from Sidney, Neb.; and Jenny Collison from Fishers.

They all appreciate continued



Novices include, from left, Sister M. Anna Joseph, Sister M. Madeline and Sister Maria Gemma.

and to offer the sacrifice of obedience.

Sister M. Angela, the provincial superior, accepted her vows in the name of the church. During the liturgy, the white veil, which she wore as a novice, was exchanged with a black veil as an outward sign of her profession. Sister Mary Michael's last two years were spent as a novice with the community, deepening her relationship with Christ in prayer and experiencing various aspects of religious life.

Sister Mary Michael will reside at the motherhouse in Mishawaka where she will assist with the apostolate of perpetual adoration. In addition, she will be studying nursing at Indiana University South Bend. She appreciates the continued prayers of the local



Postulants include, from left, Jenny Collison and Rosa Beyer.

prayers as they seek to dedicate their lives to the service of God and his church. For pictures and additional information, visit the sisters' Web site at www.ssfpa.org.

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Answer: Very often a family business comprises the bulk of a family's wealth. Statistics show that this can be anywhere from two-thirds to three-quarters of the family's wealth. The taxes associated with selling a business can rob the business owner of years of the value built in the business. However, there are ways to sell a business, reduce taxes, make a future charitable gift and create wealth for future generations.

• **Sale of business** — Typically, two types of sales exist for selling a business — stock sale and asset sale. With a stock sale, the owner sells the company stock. The difference between the sale proceeds and the owner's basis in the stock is long-term capital gain and taxed at the long-term capital gain rate of the owner.

For example, Mr. Jones founded the family business, a C-corporation, many years ago with

\$50,000. He sells the business for \$3,000,000. He has incurred a long-term capital gain of \$2,950,000. Assuming he is in a 20 percent combined federal and state capital gains tax bracket, he would pay tax of \$590,000, leaving him with \$2,410,000 after taxes.

An asset sale is often more attractive to a potential buyer because a new depreciation base can be established for the company's depreciable assets. However, an asset sale can result in taxation at both the corporate and shareholder levels.

Instead, Mr. Jones sells the company assets for \$3,000,000, which has an adjusted cost basis of \$500,000. The company would recognize gain at the corporate level of \$2,500,000. Assuming a combined federal and state tax rate of 38 percent, the corporation would pay tax of \$950,000, leaving the corporation with \$2,050,000.

If Mr. Jones were to liquidate the corporation and pay out the cash, he would have to recognize a long-term capital gain equal to the difference between the amount liquidated of \$2,050,000 and his cost basis of \$50,000.



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Assuming a 20 percent combined federal and state capital gains tax rate, he would have to report \$400,000 of capital gains tax on his personal return. The combined corporate and individual taxes from the sale of the business would equal \$1,350,000, leaving Mr. Jones with cash of only \$1,650,000!

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ine how the above sales transactions would have resulted in less tax using a charitable remainder trust.

• **Stock Sale by CRT** — If Mr. Jones had transferred all of his shares of stock to a CRT and if the trust were to have sold the stock, no capital gains tax would be assessed to the trust. The total proceeds of \$3,000,000 would be paid to the trust and invested within the trust.

• **Asset Sale — Liquidation by CRT.** If Mr. Jones had sold the company assets, tax would still be assessed at the corporate level on the gain from the sale of the assets. However, the cash liquidation of the stock within the trust would result in no capital gains tax within the trust because the trust is tax-exempt. Therefore, the trust would be left with cash of \$2,050,000 to invest.

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Saint Joseph's students offer h.o.p.e.

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — Helping Other People Endure — that is the definition of h.o.p.e. and what this special group of students at Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend is all about.

It began in 1990 under the guidance of Diane Fox and has been going strong every since.

"Our mission is literally to help other people endure. We are an organization that endeavors to provide our students with the opportunities to give of themselves in service to others. As the body of Christ, we are called to help, and h.o.p.e.'s goal is to do just that in as many ways as we are able," said moderator and teacher Susan Lightcap.

With students' schedules fluctuating, the membership number changes throughout the school year. At this year's opening meeting, the group had 100 students in attendance.

"Our membership is fluid. Students who have especially busy fall schedules, for example, many spent more time on h.o.p.e. projects in the winter and spring. I encourage students to attend when they can. If they have a desire to be in h.o.p.e., they are in. The level of involvement is left up to each individual," said Lightcap who noted that 87 walkers have signed up for the upcoming CROP walk.

The group is made up of several members led by a leadership team of six students. There is also a small group known as the Core, with five or six students who are available to help with anything on a moment's notice.

Students get involved with the group for a variety of reasons; whether it's being part of a large group that gets involved, working on a specific project or just getting involved for the singular reason of helping others.

Senior Katherine Remely has been with h.o.p.e. since her freshman year and feels it has been an amazing experience.

"Before I entered my freshman year my mom encouraged me to get involved in something," said Remely who had two older brothers who had been very involved in school activities. "I started with going to the first meeting and loved it."

"It helped me strengthen my religion. It helps people learn how to service others as Christ would serve in his time," said Remely of the experience of being part of h.o.p.e. "It's great just to be able to see Christ in others through with random acts of kindness and to go

out in the community and help others."

Remely said being part of the group has been a great way to meet new people who have the same goals and aspirations of helping others as she has in her life.

Junior Amy Jamieson has been with the group for the last three years and finds that helping others' is not only rewarding but can be fun.

"I've always liked helping out with community service projects," said Jamieson about why she got involved with h.o.p.e. "It's a way to meet new people and help other people as well."

h.o.p.e. has several projects that they do throughout the school year.

"September is focused on the CROP Walk. Last year our 60 walkers were able to raise \$6,458 to help alleviate hunger. November brings our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. This is by far our largest endeavor. Last year we raised \$28,000 and were able to help feed 600 families. February and March include Random Acts of Kindness Week, the Daffodil Sales to benefit the American



PHOTOS BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

Pictured from left to right are Michael and Joseph Goepfrich, h.o.p.e. students who are standing with Michelle from the Hope Rescue Mission at the annual Homeward Bound walk for homelessness.

Cancer Society, and we have also taken part in the Logan Nose On. The Homeward Bound Walk for the homeless is usually in April and has become one of our traditional activities. Early summer is The Relay for Life, again for the American Cancer Society," said Lightcap.

Current events often dictate the

projects of the group.

"After Katrina, we held a clothing drive and a diaper drive. We also collected money at a football game. We have purchased phone cards for our military personnel overseas. And we have purchased and made blankets for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. If there are special needs to be met, we try to be of help," noted Lightcap.

Over the years, the group has had the opportunity to develop special relationships with area outreach centers like the Hope Rescue Mission.

"Among a variety of things, in the past year we have been able to purchase dentures for one of the residents," said Lightcap about their relationship with Hope Rescue Mission. "She has since been able to get a job, move out of the mission, and now lives in her own apartment. We have had the opportunity to see her on several occasions. We also were able to purchase a recliner for one of the residents who was injured in an industrial accident and had to have part of his leg amputated. The chair made his life a little more comfortable and aided in his recovery. We were able to walk with him in the Homeward Bound Walk last spring. This personal involvement has been a blessing for our group."

Being part of such a special group has created many memorable moments.

"In all of the years I have been involved with h.o.p.e., there have been countless moments and experiences that have stayed in my mind and heart. Michelle's visit to Saint Joe to thank the student body for the gift of her dentures certainly was one of those. Our entire student body was able to hear her story and see firsthand the difference they were able to make in her life. Although I always tell the stu-

dents we do not do what we do to be thanked, this was one time when everyone involved was moved by the experience and was richer for having been a part of it," said Lightcap.

She continued, "A second one was a number of years ago during the food drive. One of the students came back after a delivery of the food and was quite upset. Having delivered the food, which included a turkey and all of the Thanksgiving groceries to go with it, this young man discovered that the family had no stove. He could not ignore the need. After a talk with his parents, he withdrew money he had contributed to his college fund, purchased a stove for the family and saw that it was delivered before Thanksgiving. I still get a bit emotional when I think of that day."

Remely has enjoyed the many projects of the group and said her most memorable moment is when the group was able to use some leftover funds from previous fundraisers to purchase a recliner for a man at the Hope Rescue Mission. The gentleman had lost his legs and was confined to his wheelchair. This chair gave him the chance to sit somewhere comfortable during his recovery time and seeing the joy on the man's face when they delivered the chair was priceless.

Jamieson said her most memorable moment is the first Thanksgiving food drive. She was amazed at the amount of food that was collected and the large number of volunteers that came to help.

Saint Joseph's High School wants each member of h.o.p.e. to walk away from their experience with a new respect for life and the needs of others.

"God Bless all of the students who have given me a wealth of favorite memories," said Lightcap. "I hope for a number of things for these students. Most importantly, I want h.o.p.e. to nurture the kind and giving hearts of our students. I want them to feel the joy that comes from helping others and to recognize the amazing difference they can make in the lives of others. I want them to appreciate the fact that compassion and time spent can change a life. I want them to enjoy the companionship and the close friendships that grow as they work and play together in the service of others. I pray that their experiences in h.o.p.e. become deeply rooted in their hearts. I see that love and willingness to serve and do not doubt that wherever life takes them, a compassionate heart and a desire to serve will go with them."



This line up of boxes will be filled with food to give to needy families in the area. In 2006, the school was able to feed 600 families.

Three generations, same values for Luers family

BY DEB WAGNER

FORT WAYNE — The year is 1958. The bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend had built a new high school on Fort Wayne's south side. The new school was named after Bishop John Henry Luers, the first bishop of Fort Wayne.

Freshmen who perhaps looked forward for many years of proudly wearing the purple-and-gold colors of Central Catholic High School in downtown Fort Wayne were told they would be attending a brand new school in the fall.

School began after Labor Day. Never would one think of starting school before then. Schoolgirls came to class with eager anticipation while sporting their customary white blouses and navy-blue skirts.

Mary Jane Bradley-Millikan was one of those schoolgirls who made up the first freshman class in 1958. She remembered walking on wood planks in order to walk through the front doors of the school on that first day because the concrete walkways had not yet been poured.

There were also a few other items of unfinished business. The cafeteria, which seated the boys on one side and the girls on the other, was receiving its finishing touches. There was no gymnasium so gym classes were held on the side streets that still weave through the nearly 50-year-old campus. The convent and friary, which would be home to the religious priests, sisters and brothers in a few years, was just barren land.

Mary Jane said with deep emotion that she loved high school, and it was such a great experience. Given the chance to walk down memory lane, Mary Jane had these

stories to share.

Sister Celeste was very dedicated to organizing cheer blocks at sporting events. Each class wore a replica of the wimple of her habit in a specific color. As a new Freshman class entered Bishop Luers in the years that followed they were assigned a new color of wimple to wear.

It was with particular fondness that, Mary Jane recalled Coach John Gaughan, now the diocesan assistant director of high schools. She said, "He always went to daily Mass and made a great impression on the guys. He always loved the Lord and tried to impress that upon us. We just loved him."

Mary Jane was in the first graduating class of Bishop Luers High School in 1962. She is married and each of their five children also graduated from Bishop Luers: Kelli ('84), Michael ('87), Janeann ('87), Sara ('95) and Ann Marie ('94).

Kelli Millikan-Lee began attending Bishop Luers in the fall of 1980.

The convent that was once home for the Franciscan Sisters who taught at Bishop Luers was converted to a residential housing for the independent elderly. The friary had been built and connected to the school. Males and females could interact with each other during the school day without being sent to the typing room to serve a detention as in the past generation. College-prep courses were offered and college encouraged. A few Apple computers were available for student use. Students usually wore moderately conservative business attire, no tennis shoes, yet ties and dresses for males and females respectively were added to the required dress code for special days such as those

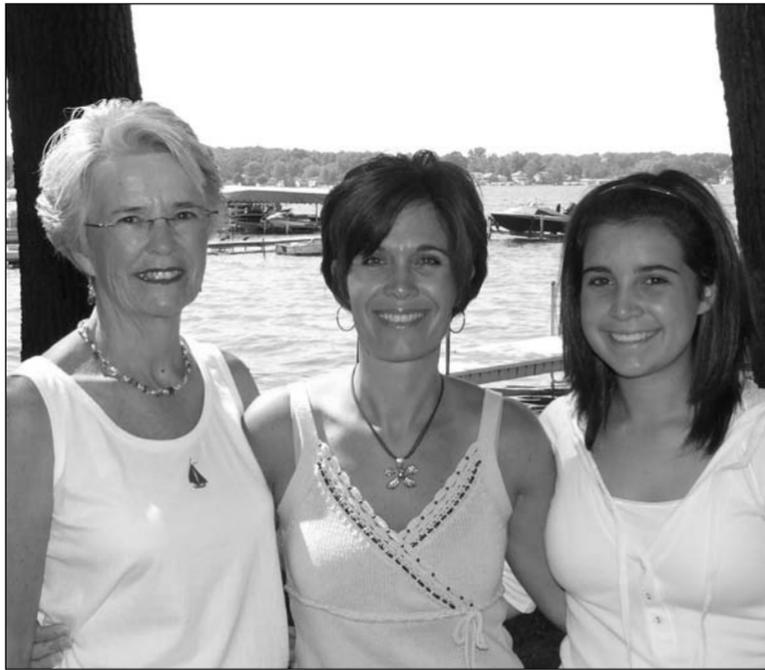


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Mary Jane Bradley-Millikan, Kelli Millikan-Lee and her daughter Jennifer Lee represent three generations taught at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne. Mary Jane attended Luers as a freshman the year the school opened its doors in 1958. Today, Jennifer attends the same school with major building renovations underway.

including an all-school Mass. Laity and religious taught the students.

Kelli appreciates that many of the core values of Bishop Luers remained intact. As a student, Kelli benefited from the small school where everybody knew one another and where religion was always a part of the curriculum.

Franciscan Father Carl Hawver made learning and Mass fun for her as a teenager. "Through his spirited enthusiasm, he made me think I wanted to go to Mass, and then I became a eucharistic minister," she said as she believes it is vital for teens to have a good experience with those things that a par-

ent wants them to carry into adulthood.

Today, Kelli and her husband, Greg (from the class of 1983) feel comfortable that their daughter is taught by many of the teachers who also taught them. They never fear for their daughter, Jennifer, when she leaves home for Bishop Luers in the morning.

Kelli said, "It's a comfort zone for me. Teachers truly care and it's worth the sacrifice of the money for the big picture. Who your friends are, the classes you take and your religion shape your future. When Jen leaves Bishop Luers, she will leave knowing that

her faith is as equally important as the education she received."

Jennifer Lee anticipates graduating from Bishop Luers in 2011.

Today, laity makes up the entire teaching staff with visits from priests from surrounding parishes on a regular basis. Major renovations to the building are well underway. The electronic equipment used to aid in teaching has been updated in some classrooms. New computers have recently been added to the computer lab.

Jennifer, who has been typing complete sentences into a computer since second grade, is taking a digital communications class as a freshman in addition to her honors-level courses. She wears a more casual uniform than her Nana did — black, red and white polos with the school emblem affixed and casual dress pants are common unless cool weather suggests a Bishop Luers spirit sweat-shirt be worn. Uniforms can be worn on game days.

Jennifer is very focused on her studies and sports. In fact, she is one of two freshmen who play varsity girls soccer for Bishop Luers. She acknowledged the honor and said, "I like to play on a team where people are at a higher level than me so that I can learn from them. It's difficult to play those older kids, but I have learned a lot and I am still learning."

For Jennifer, college is a given, and sports are likely to be a part of that experience.

When Mary Jane walked out of Bishop Luers High School in May of 1962, she wondered when she would have children walking in. Now she has one of many grandchildren attending Luers learning how the spiritual values of yesterday are still a part of the academic requirements today.

Polish perspective

Exchange gives students insights into two cultures

BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — Since Bishop Dwenger High School began participating in the Youth Leadership Global Exchange Program in 2005, three students a year have had the opportunity to visit Plock, Poland, an official Sister City of Fort Wayne for four weeks in the summer. In return, three students from Malachowianka High School in Plock come to Fort Wayne in late July and spend the next four weeks living among Americans.

The visiting students lived with host families and, for Polish and American students alike, the experience was one constant eye-opening insight into both another culture and their own culture regarding everything from religion to driver's licenses.

Near the end of their stay, the Polish students — Jonna Kawiecka, Gosia Przybysz and Oskar Bednarski — sat down with the American students — Bishop

Dwenger students Jeanna Van Hoey and Jenna Roy and Canterbury student Brendon Keen — to discuss their experiences and cultural differences. As it turned out, these differences came to light as early as the student selection process began.

At Bishop Dwenger, Jeanna Van Hoey and Jenna Roy were selected for the trip because they responded to Assistant Principal Jason Schiffli's announcement that students interested in a summer exchange trip to Poland should see him. In the end, a third, male student was also needed, and in the absence of an interested Dwenger student, Brendon Keen, who attends Canterbury High School and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, made the trip.

At Malachowianka High School in Plock, not everyone who wants to go gets to go. Instead, the selection process is a highly competitive, with tests for mastery of the English language along with academic excellence, character and

leadership qualities.

"Coming to the U.S. is a good opportunity," explained Oskar Bednarski of his reasoning for competing against 20 or so other students for the chance to make the trip.

Upon reaching their host countries, students found cultural differences in such commonplace aspects of life as transportation.

"It's pretty complicated to go here to the grocery because you have to drive," observed Polish student Jonna Kawiecka, noting that, in Poland, they simply walk to the store. She and her classmates also walk to school, in part because a Polish driver's license cannot be obtained until after turning 18.

For the American students, the trip to Poland may have explained why the Polish prefer to walk.

"I've gained such an appreciation for our roads," noted Brendon Keen after the experience of riding in a car in Poland. "It's like a battlefield to get anywhere."

The American students also

realized that American history covers a relatively short timespan.

"Everything over there seemed so much older," said Jeannie Van Hoey, noting that, for instance, Malachowianka High School, the oldest high school in Europe, was founded in 1180. "They were so proud of their history and their culture, and I think that's more apparent over there than it is over here."

In spite of this sense that Poland has more pride in its culture, the Polish students said they were struck by, as Oskar Bednarski phrased it, how everything in America was "flag, flag, flag," that the Polish flag is not flown so prevalently in Poland as the U.S. flag is in America.

Another cross-cultural contradiction of sorts was the issue of which country is "more Catholic." The Polish students noted that, while Poland is overwhelmingly Catholic by demographic, those numbers are not reflected in the number of Poles who actually believe in God, pray and regularly

participate in Mass and the sacraments.

"Here, if you're Catholic, you're really Catholic," Bednarski said of American Catholicism. The Polish students also noted that Mass in America was "more fun" with its singing and an overall lighter spirit. They also noted that practices such as receiving Communion in the hand or receiving without first going to confession are not found in Poland.

But as the American students will attest, what can be found in Poland are friendly people, excellent cheese, teenagers hanging out in the center of town and boys wearing jeans with lots of pockets on them. The Polish students will add that the United States is a land of ubiquitous hamburgers, sales taxes, cheaply priced electronics and free refills. And the little details like these are the building blocks of the profound side of the life-changing, perspective-shifting, friend-making opportunity of visiting a sister city.

Marian seniors help classmates discover path of life

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — “Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe,” St. Thomas the Apostle said.

Doubting one's Catholic faith is a question that comes up often for our high school youth during their journey to find the life's answers.

The Marian High School Campus Ministry Leadership Team is comprised of enthusiastic, motivated and passionate seniors that help their classmates discover the path of life.

“We are very selective when we put together the leadership team,” remarked Carol Miller, campus minister. “They all have a variety of gifts, and though they are not perfect, they aspire to a greater calling.”

“We have more expectations and give more responsibility to the leadership team that include coordinating retreats, witness talks, morning prayer and setting up for Mass,” continued Miller. “Our team is witness to other students with a focus on growing in faith.”

One of the roles of the ministry is to reach out to underclassmen that have a feeling of not fitting into the student body.

“It's an honor to help out, I was helped by so many people that were juniors and seniors that helped me get situated here,” claimed Matt

LaFortune, team member. “I'm so grateful at how well I was treated and how excepted I felt, now is the time for me to give back.

“I think that I can pass on some knowledge and maybe some inspiration and guidance to the younger kids,” continued LaFortune, a parishioner at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame.

“There is a strong sense of welcome and community that I would like to pass on.”

For others on the leadership team it is about finding their particular skill set and enhancing it and then sharing it.

“I'm very active in sports and clubs and I think that I can let others know that you can be religious and participate in mainstream organizations,” commented Kenneth Kozinski, starting lineman on the Marian football team. “I needed the campus ministry especially when I was a freshman and a sophomore, it helped me fit in and helped give me direction.”

Opening one's eyes to a changing world and translating differing views into comprehensible ideas and thoughts are stress points for some of the leadership group.

“My personal motivation is to emphasize the understanding of the Catholic faith and its identity,” remarked Lauren Hodge, a parishioner at St. Pius X in Granger.

“The Catholic faith to me is a constant and I can always rely on it.

“I have had my doubts as do many of other students, especially

during sophomore year,” Hodge added. “I think that many of us, as we start growing, question our faith, I know that I did and the people I talk to have.

“I'm a science nerd and work at the lab at Notre Dame and have had some very heated discussions about embryonic stem-cell research with my coworkers,” exclaimed Hodge. “At first I was mad at the church for its stance on this issue and questioned my faith.

“I sat down with Father Dan Scheidt Marian's chaplain and asked questions and did independent studies starting my own individual quest,” continued Hodge.

“After many answers and prayers it became very easy to see the Catholic Church's vision, and it has strengthened my faith.

“I think that I bring the gift of witness to the leadership team,” Hodge remarked. “I try to emphasize and have them understand how important my faith is to me and how crucial it can be for them.”

Giving and receiving gifts takes on many forms and meanings as it pertains to one's outlook and station in life, awareness of these sometimes social and cultural differences have a place in the leadership team.

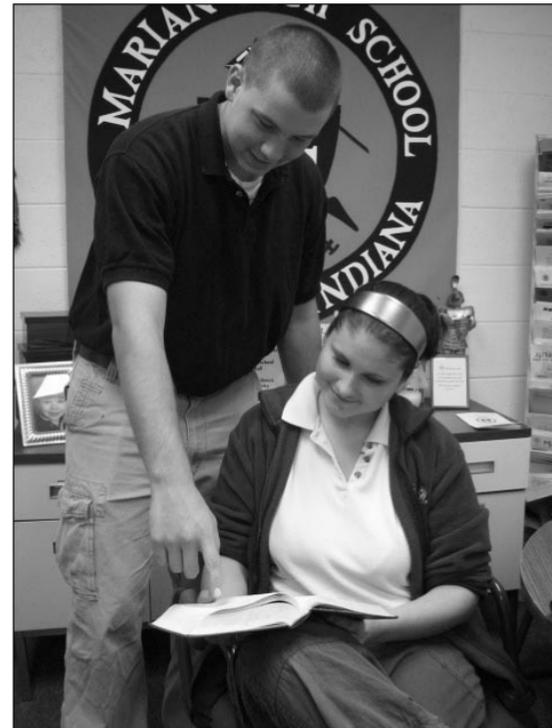
“I'm one of two students in my class at St. Adalbert Grade School that was fortunate to come to Marian,” commented Katlyn Andrysiak. “My parish and neighborhood is in a poorer section of South Bend, and I have a little dif-

ferent perspective than some of the other students.

“People that I know worry about lack of food and growing violence where they live and understanding how fortunate we are is a message that I can communicate,” Andrysiak added. “It is about giving kids that are not very vocal a voice.

“I have had my doubts in my faith, but through the strong commitment in the church, from my Busia (a Polish grandmother) and by working in campus ministry I have gotten closer to my faith, teachings and beliefs” continued Andrysiak. “My gift to the team is that I look out for others, and I easily relate to people.”

“The Campus Ministry Leadership Team takes the passion of its members and directs it to help the younger students,” Miller remarked. “The role also strengthens and develops the team in their



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Katlyn Andrysiak and Kenneth Kozinski, seniors at Marian High School, are part of the Campus Ministry Leadership Team. They use their gifts and personal perspectives to help younger classmates with faith questions at Marian.

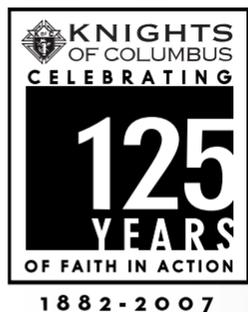
own faith journey.”

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EDITORIAL

The heart of every teen longs for God

Teenagers of our day face issues that in even near generations past were almost unheard of. Consider:

(1) There is an enormous pressure in our day for teens to live up to the standard of popularity, which includes how they look, how much money their family has, and how many of the most popular parties they are invited to, just to name a few.

(2) There is great sexual pressure on our teens, which comes from a media saturated culture whose message is: "To be normal is to be actively sexual all the time." So the message gets translated in the minds of many teens as, "I'm not normal if I'm not actively sexual all the time."

(3) Teens are growing up in an environment that lacks the sense of security because of the effects of terrorism of every sort. For example, in years past school doors were left unlocked (even propped open on nice days). Now, anyone entering a school has to be "buzzed in" through a security door and scrutinized as a potential threat. Of course, now this is necessary, but unfortunately the environment that has been created communicates that there is danger everywhere and nowhere are we secure.

(4) Finally, divorce has ravaged family life and has exacted an emotional and developmental toll on teens causing many to run to drugs, sexual experiences and alcohol to try to fill the void.

The good news is that we are made for God, and deep down even the most hardened teen is seeking for God. As G.K. Chesterton once said, "Every man who knocks on the door of a brothel is looking for God." All of us are made for the perfect happiness that only God can give, and as Christians, that is our trump card in the battle for the souls of teens. Deep down, they want God. Deep down, they need God.

This is why good parish youth ministry is so important to lead teens into a deeper relationship with Christ. However, the primary place where teens learn about being in relationship with God is the family.

Family prayer time is absolutely essential. This does not mean just saying a little prayer here and there before a meal (as good as that is), but rather regular, sustained prayer as a family, such as praying the rosary each day. Yes, it takes time, which is often difficult to find in the life of a busy family, but this time the family spends in regular, sustained prayer will teach teens how to pray and will connect them to the God who loves them above all. In this environment, the corrupt culture will be held at bay by the love of God, which will fill their hearts and the pains which come with life will be soothed by the healing balm of God's grace.

The culture expects little from teens. It expects them to fall into sexual promiscuity and alcohol and drug use, but we as followers of Christ know that at the heart of every teen is a longing desire for the Love that created them. May our families and our parishes be always places where teens know they are loved and where they are, most especially, led to the love of Christ.

When does community begin in church?

We believe there should always be a sense of reverence in God's house. But there should indeed be a sense of community — after all the Mass is a feast as well as a sacrifice. We care about the people of our community. We care about how their cancer treatments are going, how they are recovering from an accident, how school is going. Our faith is a faith of love and that is how we extend our love to those of our community — we care, we have compassion.

Perhaps what is most needed is some sound judgment and some non-judgment. If we see someone in our parish staying after to pray in quiet, we should be respectful of the quiet time and not disturb them with noise in chatter the pew next to them.

And many churches are open throughout the day. This also offers opportunity to be alone in solitude with our Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Yes, quiet time should be revered, but isn't it also nice to know that our fellow parishioners enjoy the same type of camaraderie, love and friendship as perhaps the Twelve Apostles had?

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Sisters of St. Agnes seek support for hurricane victims

Members of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes who live and work in Nicaragua are part of the recovery efforts caused by Hurricane Felix.

The town of Puerto Cabezas on the Atlantic coast was hardest hit. The convent where the sisters live and two schools where they teach have had their roofs ripped off, windows shattered and severe water damage.

"It's awful. The city is practically destroyed. Eighty percent of the houses have lost their roofs. We are without electricity and water. The people need zinc (roof tiles), food,

medicine, water and all the basics," said Sister Katie Schilling, born and raised in Plymouth, Wis., and who has lived in Latin America for the past 20 years.

"As a congregation we are confronted with devastation in a country where our sisters have ministered among the poorest of the poor for the past 60 years. In Puerto Cabezas our members work in education, parish ministry and health-care. In the midst of their own loss these sisters are sharing the resources available to them to reach out to the many people who have been left homeless and in desperate need," said Sister Joann Sams, general superior.

The congregation is seeking financial support to provide needed supplies for the people of Puerto Cabezas and the nearby villages.

Funds will also help repair the buildings of the Colegio Niño School and the Maureen Courtney Special Education School. This school serves over 234 special needs children who are taught skills to enable them to make a living wage through carpentry, sewing and baking.

Five members from the United States serve with a total of 31 sisters in Latin America. Sister Lael Niblick is from Fort Wayne; Sister Rose Kowalski, from Belgium, Wis.; Sister Colette Hartman, from Altoona, Pa.; Sister Vivian Schmidtberger, Kans.; and Marise Meis, from Catherine, Kans.

To read more about the sisters and to view photos of the devastation please click on www.csasisters.org.

One in Christ, yet all so different

We live in a little piece of country heaven (at least I think it is) on the edge of big city, but away from it too, on 10 acres. When I wake up in the morning and look out our window, I see our neighbor's horses, alpaca and maybe a wild turkey or great blue heron in our yard. It's quiet here. I can go outside in my nightgown in the morning to sip coffee on the porch and not worry about a neighbor spotting me. Who wouldn't love my little paradise?

Apparently my sister Cheryl. Since we have been close since our early years of sisterhood, I was literally shocked to discover she did not share enthusiasm for country living. She and her husband are considering moving and when I tried to woo her over to our area, she politely but firmly declined. Cheryl is set on a subdivision. She likes having close neighbors.

Pondering this thought later, I realize that I do understand. You see, for several years our brother has told us that he lives in the perfect area.

Almost on the Notre Dame campus, in the heart of South Bend, his home is within walking distance of the university and many other areas of commerce. He can hear the ND marching band practice in the evenings (which I would find disruptive to my quiet and thinking, but which amazingly is a pleasant experience for him). There is constant commotion (he might say excitement). He loves it. I'm glad he does but I wouldn't trade places in a million years. I'm pretty sure he wouldn't either.



EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Theresa A. Thomas

God created each of us to be unique. Not one of us is exactly like another person who has been created or ever will be. God has specially equipped each of us and charged each with a mission. Not only did God bless us all with different eye colors, skin colors, hair colors, gifts and talents, personalities and dispositions, but also preferences. My penchant for chocolate, though shared by many, is not universal. When my mother-in-law first disclosed that she could go indefinitely without sweets I

thought she was joking. After more than 25 years of knowing her, it's finally sinking in. She really can live without chocolate. This is an amazing world.

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I suspect God created each of us with different colors of his paintbrush to accentuate our own colors more beautifully (like an artist who puts complimentary colors such as yellow and blue next to one another so that they bring the brightness of the other out in a way no other colors can). I also suspect he wants us to appreciate that there are perspectives in this world other than our own.

One person chooses a public presence in the church — leading committees, speaking to groups, cantoring or lecturing. Another, possessing different gifts and personality, chooses the quiet but

powerful participation in faithfully attending hours of adoration, preparing meals for mourning families or secretly donating to send a child who otherwise couldn't afford it, to a Catholic school.

In Romans 12:3-16, St. Paul says, "... I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned. For as one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them ... love one another with mutual affection ... do not be wise in your own estimation."

No doubt in heaven we will all have our special place ... my brother in the hustle and bustle (maybe near St. Peter's or another well-known saint's place), my sister near a casual gathering of the communion of saints for camaraderie, and no doubt my family and I will be off to the side, happily observing and taking in the pastoral part of heaven. While on earth, I can revel in the beauty of other personalities and choices and thank our God that we, while one in Christ, are all so different.

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Pope puts away traveling shoes, prepares for busy fall and winter

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After a three-day trip to Austria in early September, Pope Benedict XVI is putting away his traveling shoes and settling in for a long fall and winter at the Vatican.

The next foreign trip fixed firmly on the pope's calendar is mid-July of 2008, when he plans to fly to Australia for World Youth Day celebrations.

Vatican officials say the pope also expects to visit the United Nations and New York in 2008, and April now looks like a likely time frame. He could easily add one or two other eastern U.S. cities, such as Philadelphia or Boston, to that itinerary.

Other foreign travels in the first half of 2008 look less probable. There was talk about a possible papal trip to Quebec for the International Eucharistic Congress in mid-June, but Vatican sources said no concrete plans were being made for such a visit.

A papal visit to the Marian sanctuary at Lourdes, France, may occur, but probably later in 2008. The Council of Europe in

Strasbourg, France, also has invited the pope, but there's been no answer yet. If the pope does go next year, church sources think it would be in the fall, perhaps in connection with the Lourdes visit.

When Pope Benedict was elected, he said he'd be more of a stay-at-home pope than his globe-trotting predecessor, Pope John Paul II.

To date, he's made seven foreign trips — more than most people expected. Unlike Pope John Paul's barnstorming tours, however, Pope Benedict's foreign journeys have been brief and generally close to home.

In Pope John Paul's first seven trips, he visited five continents, from Japan to Mexico, and logged more than 60,000 miles. Pope Benedict has strayed outside Europe only twice — to Turkey and to Brazil.

The pace of the visits has also changed. Pope John Paul spent 53 days on the road during his first two and a half years, giving 313 speeches in foreign countries. Pope Benedict has spent 25 days

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traveling, delivering 74 speeches on the road.

Health does not appear to be an issue for Pope Benedict, who scoots up stairs and strides onto podiums with an energy and ease that often surprise people.

There are other reasons the pope is staying close to home in the coming months, however. For one thing, he has a backlog of "ad limina" meetings to get through, with bishops from Asia, Africa and Europe coming through his door for their periodic consultations.

The pope is also said to be dedicating much of his time to two

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Serve God with justice



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Sunday, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 16:1-13

The Book of Amos is the source of the first reading. Amos lived in the 8th century before Christ, and he especially condemned injustices committed against people of his time because these abuses of justice violated God's law. He prophesied in the northern kingdom of Israel, after the original land once subject to Kings David and Solomon had divided into two separate kingdoms because of dynastic quarrels.

Originally, Amos was from Judah, the southern kingdom. Amos was born in the village of Tekoa, about 10 miles south of Jerusalem. His writings reveal an author who was quite intelligent, well versed in the revelation of God and traditions of his people, and in the techniques of agriculture and shepherding, the chief occupations of his day.

The reading for this weekend is a strong denunciation of anyone who would oppress or mistreat the poor. Amos echoes the weariness and impatience of those who are being abused.

As the reading closes, the prophet insists that God will not forget these people.

For its second reading, the church presents this weekend a passage from the First Epistle to

Timothy. By the time that this epistle was composed, the Christian community was composed of many people who had no Jewish background as well as persons whose origins were in Judaism.

All these persons, regardless of background, knew very well the rulers who reigned over them, beginning with the all-powerful emperor in Rome. Beneath the emperor were hundreds of governors, such as Pilate who sentenced Jesus to death in Jerusalem, and vassal kings, such as Herod who interrogated Jesus.

Few if any of these rulers projected the image of a sovereign whose motives were anything but self-serving and greedy.

In this epistle, Timothy is urged to pray for these selfish and even corrupt leaders. It is a testament to the Christian belief that nothing is impossible if God's power is at work. Not even the most perverse of evils can resist grace.

The reading includes a profound statement of Christian faith. Jesus is the only mediator between God and humanity. Jesus redeemed all and draws all to God and God to all.

St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. It is a parable, the story of a manager for a rich man. The man demands an accounting of the manager's activities. Anxious that he might be judged as inefficient or unproductive, the manager in turn calls to him others who owe the rich man.

The manager tells these debtors to forge the notes that record their debts. It was then, as it would be now, a devious act.

Jesus counsels that earthly allurements can deceive us. Further, the Lord reminds us that no one can serve two masters.

Reflection

Of all the themes of both the prophets, and of the teachings of the Lord Jesus, none is more frequently voiced than the insistence that human beings very easily can be tricked into dooming themselves by seeking earthly gain.

This is true of individual persons who have limited contacts with others in any business sense, and it is certainly true of leaders of governments and of economic systems or organizations that have impact upon many lives.

Thus, as the church instructs us in how to be worthy Christians, it warns us in these readings of the tendency shared by us all to make judgments based upon earthly considerations.

The readings also clearly tell us that God is supreme. Turning to earthly gains rather than to life with God in eternity leads us to death. Serving God, with justice in all our actions, leads to life.

Jesus is the sure model and the one link with God. His crucifixion and triumph remind us that rewards are not in this life. He is our model.

READINGS

Sunday: Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2,4-8

1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4, 7-8 Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

THE CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Campisson

On Sept. 26, the church remembers Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Christians (and twin brothers) during the Roman empire. This quiz looks at them, but also other Cos's and Dam's.

- Saints Cosmas and Damian, martyrs are the patron saints of**
a. cosmonauts b. physicians c. agronomists
- What do we know of their lives?**
a. Virtually nothing, though they likely existed, we do not have any accurate details.
b. A lot because they left the "biographus Didymi" (twins' biography).
c. Probably a lot, but it depends on the timing of the deciphering of the last Dead Sea Scroll.
- Cosin was the family name of a Church of England bishop, John, who did this when his son became a Roman Catholic in the 17th century:**
a. established a joint center for Anglicans and Catholics in Westminster
b. wrote a pamphlet supporting the eventual unity of the Roman and Anglican churches
c. disinherited him
- Cosmas and Damian practiced medicine but, unlike most contemporary physicians, they refused to accept**
a. Medicare
b. patients who has preexisting illnesses
c. payment
- Father Damien de Veuster is most famous for ministering to these people:**
a. coverts b. lepers c. the rich
- Cosmas and Damian, due to their rather unbusinesslike approach to medical practice, were known as the**
a. silverless b. brothers of charity c. ragged doctors
- Cosmas Indicopleustes was a navigator in the 6th century who wrote wildly inaccurate geographic treatises. He did however record useful information on the**
a. Spanish inquisition of the 6th century
b. the extent of Christianity in the 6th century
c. common recipes for chocolate in the 6th century
- Both Cosmas and Damian ultimately suffered this fate:**
a. They were disbarred by the RMA (Roman Medical Association).
b. They were arrested because they were confused with the notorious O'logy brothers, Cosm O'logy and Demon O'logy.
c. They were martyred due to adherence to the Christian faith.
- The road to Damascus was scene of this man's very dramatic conversion to Christianity:**
a. St. Peter's b. St. Paul's c. Pope Sylvester MLVII
- Cosmas and Damian had followers as early as this century, in both East and West:**
a. the 1st b. the 5th c. the 17th
- St. Cosmas Melodus was famous especially for his**
a. composition of hymns in Greek (hence the name).
b. invention of breakfast cereal, a requisite of monastic austerity.
c. invention of the first liturgical instrument, the melodeon.
- The written passions of Cosmas and Damian, while they were popular amongst the pious, according to most historians, share this major flaw:**
a. They are written only in demotic Greek and therefore are not translatable.
b. They are almost certainly fiction, written to fill gaps in knowledge.
c. They are the works of anti-Catholics, so are propaganda.
- In literature, the Cosmocrator is the opposite of the Pantocrator. To whom does the former title traditionally belong?**
a. the devil or demons, specifically Satan
b. the Roman emperors, specifically Satan
c. the Father, in the guise of the Holy Beggar
- Damian and Cosmas' church in Rome was near the Forum and had formerly been a temple dedicated to Romulus. What is his claim to fame?**
a. He was founder of Romulus' original Legionnaires Cookies.
b. He was the first child to be raised by a wolf and not be an underdog.
c. He was one of the brothers who founded Rome.

ANSWERS:

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

What is involved in keeping Sundays holy?

I try to keep holy the Sabbath. When I stop for breakfast on the way home from Mass, I feel guilty because I could just go home and eat breakfast there. I have been told that this is not sinful, but I still feel guilty. How should we keep Sundays holy? What about shopping on Sundays? Anonymous

First of all, the Lord's Day is to be distinguished from the Sabbath (Saturday) in the dispensation of grace inaugurated by the Incarnation and Resurrection of Jesus. Keeping holy the Sabbath does not mean avoiding things you find pleasant and enjoyable. You should avoid dining out only if you find dining out unpleasant and un-refreshing and un-restorative to your health and well-being. The observance of the Lord's Day as a day of rest and worship is intended to foster worship of God and as a "protest against the servitude of work and

the worship of money," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2172.

In terms of shopping, the same principle applies: if shopping is something you enjoy and find refreshing, then it certainly is not in violation of the commandment, but be sure to balance this with the catechism's concern about the idolatry of money and material goods.

If a parish school is available, what are my obligations to educate my child or children in that school? Anonymous

Parents are the primary educators of their children. This does not mean that they are necessarily the best or most able teachers of their children. Parish schools are a wonderful place for education both in reading, writing and arithmetic, and of course also in the Catholic faith. However, parents certainly have the right to choose

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the education, which best suits their child's needs and abilities, including local public schools as well as the possibility of homeschooling their children.

We have a grandchild, who was baptized and raised Catholic, getting married in a Protestant church. We are devoted Catholics and sad that the marriage will not be blessed in the Catholic Church. Should we attend? Anonymous

The virtue of prudence is

needed here. Obviously, the grandchild who is choosing to marry outside of the church is making a choice, which is hurtful to you as grandparents (and perhaps also to the parents) and which is contrary to the law of the church.

Whether or not your presence is the same as formal cooperation (indicating your assent to this choice) or whether or not your absence might cause an even deeper rift between the new couple and the church is the key question.

Only you, in light of the particulars of this situation, can assess prudentially which causes the graver harm. Does attending indicate your "blessing" on this union? Or are they already well aware of your consternation and disappointment in their choice, so that despite your presence, they know that this is a choice you

would not have made? Will absenting yourself from the wedding cause further hurt and perhaps drive them further away from the church? You may be their only "link" to the church, and severing the relationship — a possible outcome — might cause more harm than good insofar as their reconciliation with the church?

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

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Cardinal Lustiger, rest in peace

Visitors to the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris will soon be able to ponder a commemorative marker carrying this inscription:

"I was born Jewish. I received the name of my paternal grandfather, Aaron. Having become Christian by faith and by baptism, I have remained Jewish as did the Apostles. I have as my patron saints Aaron the High Priest, St. John the Apostle, Holy Mary full of grace. Named 139th archbishop of Paris by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, I was enthroned in this cathedral on 27 February 1981, and here I exercised my entire ministry. Passers by, pray for me. + Aaron Jean-Marie Cardinal Lustiger, Archbishop of Paris."

In the early 1950s, two young men whose names would become familiar throughout the world attended the same political science lectures at the Sorbonne. One was the son of Polish-Jewish parents; the other came from Cambodia. One had lost his mother in Hitler's Holocaust; the other would ignite a holocaust. One had converted to Catholicism; the other had converted to Marxism. One would live to become the embodiment of humane, intellectually coherent religious faith, and thereby give hope to his people; the other would marry irrationality to viciousness, and his name would become a curse among his people.

One was named Aaron Jean-Marie Lustiger. The other was named Pol Pot. A novelist of sufficient imagination could turn that scene — Lustiger and Pol Pot, in the same Parisian classroom — into a gripping tale about divergent

roads taken, and the consequences that followed. I'm not a novelist, but I am very grateful for the privilege of having had Jean-Marie Lustiger's life intersect with my own.

We first met in Washington in 1986 or so, when he was visiting America with a group of young aides. After a formal session at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the cardinal and I fell into more informal conversation, and I asked him whether this was his first trip to the U.S. Oh no, he answered, he had once hitchhiked across the country. I asked him when. "1968," he replied. I suggested that he might have chosen a more tranquil year.

Cardinal Lustiger was very helpful to me as I was preparing "Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II," and we stayed in touch over the years. Early in 2006, one of his assistants, Jean Duchesne, told me that the cardinal, quite ill with cancer, wanted to see me before he died, in order to share some memories of, and reflections on, the last years of John Paul II. We spent 90 minutes together in the cardinal's modest Paris apartment last December and had a conversation that I shall always remember for its Christian lucidity and tranquility in thinking about death, in the very face of death. I asked for the cardinal's blessing as I left; I shall always cherish the memory of his hands on my head and his thin arms drawing me into a final embrace. Here was a man of God; here was a man. The first explained the second.

Like John Paul II, Aaron Jean-



GEORGE WEIGEL

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

Marie Lustiger believed that the biblical story — the story that begins with God's self-gift to the people of Israel and that continues in the church — is in fact the story of humanity, rightly understood. The biblical story and the human story don't run on parallel tracks; the biblical story is the human story, read in its true depth. For Cardinal Lustiger, the "choice of God" (the title of one of his best-selling books) was also the choice for a genuine humanism, the choice for a life without fear of final oblivion — the fear that was one root of the lethally different choice his Cambodian classmate had made.

Cardinal Lustiger, who wrote with great insight about worship and prayer, knew that at the heart of culture is cult. Everyone worships; the question is whether the object of our worship is a worthy one. Having lived and died in the conviction that worship of the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Jesus is true worship, Aaron Jean-Marie Lustiger became a blessing for the world.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for September 23, 2007

Luke 16:1-13

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the lesson of the clever, if dishonest, steward. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

DISCIPLES	RICH MAN	PROPERTY
MASTER	AWAY FROM ME	STRONG
ENOUGH	TO DIG	ASHAMED
TO BEG	WELCOME ME	HOMES
OLIVE OIL	SIT DOWN	FIFTY
WHEAT	CHILDREN	LIGHT
WEALTH	ETERNAL	DESPISE

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special projects. The first is completion of his second volume on the life of Jesus, expected to cover Christ's passion, death and resurrection. The first volume, "Jesus of Nazareth," was published last spring.

The other project, more nebulous, is the pope's second encyclical. The pope tantalized reporters during his summer vacation in northern Italy by telling them he was working on a new encyclical, and a Vatican spokesman later said it would be related to Catholic social teaching.

Probably the biggest public event on the pope's fall calendar is the anticipated naming of new car-

dinals and a consistory at the Vatican. Most expect the pope to announce the cardinals' names in late October and preside over the consistory liturgies Nov. 24-25.

Among those expected to get a red hat this time around are U.S. Archbishop John P. Foley, who was recently named pro-grand master of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

Other U.S. possibilities include

the archbishops of Washington and Baltimore. But Vatican sources noted that retired cardinals from both those archdioceses are still among the 11 U.S. cardinal electors, making new cardinals less likely this time around.

The pope's list of cardinals is expected to include four or five Roman Curia officials and the new head of the Italian bishops' conference, Archbishop Angelo

Bagnasco of Genoa. Other European candidates include the archbishops of Paris; Dublin, Ireland; and Warsaw, Poland.

In Africa, potential cardinals are found among the archbishops of Kampala, Uganda; Nairobi, Kenya; and Abuja, Nigeria. In Asia, a potential cardinal comes from Mumbai, India; and in South America, potential cardinals are found in Sao Paulo and Brazil.

Sports

CHEERLEADERS SPEND A WEEKEND IN SERVICE The Bishop Luers High School Cheerleaders were busy assisting the Fort Wayne community Sept. 8-9. On Sept. 8, the cheerleaders participated in the Easter Seals, ARC of Allen County, Walk With Me fund raiser. This is the second year of participation where the cheerleaders walk with families, cheer on the walkers or serve food. On Sept. 9, the cheerleaders, for the 13th year, worked at the Leigh Ann Palmer golf outing. Funds from the golf outing provide scholarships and several children's organizations in the community.

Two CYO teams still undefeated going into second half of football season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Going into the second half of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) regular season games, still two teams remain undefeated. The St. John/Benoit/Hessen Cassel Eagles and the St. Vincent Panthers both reported yet another victory on Sept. 16.

Despite "costly mistakes and a flat first half," the St. John Raiders squeaked by Sts. Joseph/Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) in an evenly-matched battle by a final score of 10-6.

All of the scoring came in the first half from the Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM game of the week.

Just after the JAT boys went up 6-0 and followed with a successful onside kick, Dillon Carey had an interception to get the ball back for the Raiders. Late in the second half, the Raider defense forced a safety to get on the scoreboard and then put up six more on the next possession. Andrew Hoffer got credit for the score on a 28-yard reception from Kyle Sovine with under a minute left in the half. Jeffrey Heaton's kick was good. Coach Dan Carey said taking the lead just before the half made a big difference in the momentum of the game.

Colin Stuerzenberger had an interception in the second half and led the Raider attack with 11 carries for 70 yards. Adam McCarthy also had an interception on the Raider 6-yard line with 39 seconds left in regulation to seal the victory. The Raiders improve to 3-1.

Playmaker Luke Tippmann found Josh Blevins on a 28-yard pass, and Nick German took a 32-yard run to the end zone to add to the excitement. German also had two successful kicks to round out the scoring for the now 4-0 Panthers.

In the final game of the day at Bishop Dwenger High School, the Eagles blanked the St. Charles Cardinals 30-0. Eagle scores came from J.J. Curry on 40- and 60-yard runs. James Knapke contributed on a 50-yard run and sailed a 25-yard touchdown pass to Channing Williams. Brian Nichter was 3-4 on point-after-attempts to round out the scoring for the Eagles.

Coach Jim Carroll reported, "The defense came up big right before the end of the first half diverting a St. Charles score on our goal line. It was a great stand and a great team effort overall today."

The Eagles are now 4-0 while the Cardinals drop to 2-2.



JAT's big and powerful, hard-to-tackle Logan Dorman had 16 carries for 64 yards. He earned player-of-the-game honors in the loss for the Knights now 1-3.

Highlights from the 28-0 St. Vincent win over St. Jude include two more touchdowns from the unstoppable Panther tailback Evan Feichter. The first came after a 47-yard stroll while the other resulted from a 78-yard returned interception.

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Junior varsity ICCL football takes spotlight

SOUTH BEND — The six junior varsity, B-teams, football of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) takes over the spotlight for a weekend of activity.

In games played on Sept. 15, the Holy Family Trojans defeated the St. Matthew Blazers, 31-13.

The St. Anthony/St. Joseph Panthers beat the Granger Catholic Titans, 20-0, in action led by Brian Mischler's two touchdown runs of 62 and 50 yards. Alex Ward threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Oliver Page to close out the scoring. Perley Provost kicked an extra point.

In other action, the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders beat the Corpus Christi Cougars, 31-0.

The Crusaders were lead by Pierre Byrne's four touchdowns — three touchdown runs of 8, 46, and 13 yards and a 60-yard punt return. Patrick O'Conner also scored on a 25-yard run.

In varsity action, the St. Anthony/St. Joseph Panthers defeated the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders 30-6.

Nick Carmola threw three touchdown passes, two of the passes went to Collin Hickey, one for 40 yards and the other for 20 yards. The third touchdown pass went for 20 yards to Robert Mischler, who also scored on a 3-yard run.

The Crusaders scored on a 10-yard pass by Patrick Klima to Mike Swift.

Meanwhile, the St. Matthew Blazers defeated the Holy Family Trojans, 14-8.

Varsity league standings

Team	W	L
St. Anthony/St. Joe Panthers	1	0
Mishawaka Catholic Saints	1	0
St. Matthew Blazers	1	1
Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders	1	1
Holy Family Trojans	0	2
Corpus Christi Cougars	0	0

B-team league standings

Team	W	L
Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders	2	0
St. Anthony/St. Joe Panthers	1	0
Holy Family Trojans	1	1
St. Matthew Blazers	1	1
Granger Catholic Titans	1	1
Mishawaka Catholic Saints	0	1
Corpus Christi Cougars	0	2

Saint Joseph's Lady Indians earn golf sectional trophy

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's High School's traditionally rich athletic program added some luster to its trophy case by winning the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) sectional championship in golf for the first time in history.

The Lady Indians snared the sectional with a team total of 349 and thanks to the remarkable 73 score carded by Anne Marie Ormson. Mishawaka Marian and Mishawaka Penn each tied for second place when Ann Brennan of Marian's score of 100 for a fifth-place finish on the team won the nod.

Saint Joseph's Coach John Troeger said, "Our four seniors on this team were well focused on this tournament with their excellent team play this year."

Saint Joseph's individual scores were: Anne Marie Ormson, 73; Kim Lipinski, 86; Colleen Hughes, 90; Tori Jaques, 100; and Becca Jones, 102.

Saint Joseph's, Marian and Penn will renew their spirited rivalry this weekend in the IHSAA regional at the Beechwood Golf Course in LaPorte with the winner getting a trip to the state finals. — EJD



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Book helps readers to ponder, evaluate sin

BY YORK YOUNG

We often think of sin in the simplest of terms, such as a transgression against one of the Ten Commandments, or, if we're really thinking on it, such as Adam and Eve committed original sin, and, therefore, we need to be baptized. Both true, but that barely breaks the surface of the complexities of understanding sin, and John Portmann, religious studies professor at the University of Virginia, tackles the topic in "A History of Sin." (Rowman and Littlefield, \$24.95)

The way people through history have looked at sin has ebbed and flowed in its seriousness, and Portmann contends here that a strong sense of sin — meaning a

desire to atone for sin — is on the ascendance right now, partly due to the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

That argument is more or less presented here as a hook to get you to open his book.

However little analysis he makes in that area, Portmann does provide a well-notated historical presentation and offers some insightful thoughts of what is considered sin now that wasn't at one time, and how some sins are not considered that bad anymore, even though, objectively speaking, they are still sinful.

The lessening of mores over the last 50 years are often pointed to as a loss of the sense of sin, and Portmann looks at in terms of what he calls "sin fatigue," followed by a look at "atonement fatigue." (He presents most of his analysis from

the Christian worldview, though Judaism and Islam make appearances in his discussion.) It seems we've tired of worrying about sin and also tired of forgiving those who seek atonement, realizing they may commit the same sin again (offering limited forgiveness can lead to other sins).

This may strike us as hypocritical, but we can't avoid that we are a fallen people, and sin in general always recurs. In fact, that realization led many during the Middle Ages to postpone penance and reconciliation with the church until their deathbed, for fear that their recidivism would look worse than their current sins.

No doubt, in an attempt to sell books, two chapters here are devoted to sexual sins, but perhaps the most interesting reading is a

look at modern sins, some of which may or may not be sins. Is harming the environment a sin? Perhaps, if done with malice, such as clear-cutting or destroying nature for personal gain. But it gets more gray when environment suffers because mankind needs resources to survive.

What about slavery? Clearly, but it was not always so clear. Even the Bible was fairly silent on this topic, and it took another 1,500 years after Christ's life before the church even began to discuss the issue. It was another few hundred years before unambiguous statements were formulated by the church.

What about obesity and depression. These are two areas where science has made a lot of progress in explaining the conditions, but

some people — and our culture in general — look down on those who become overweight or depressed, equating them to sin. Other modern sins discussed include racism (that's always been around and Jesus inveighed against in the story of the Samaritan), wife abuse, sexual harassment, homophobia, disrespecting other religions and more.

Portmann clearly believes in sin, and this book is a refreshing dose of realism concerning faith and values at a time when books on atheism are currently getting a lot of play. Yet the author approaches this heavy topic with enough of a detachment from academia that readers can absorb and meditate on the seriousness of how we evaluate sin.

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INFORMATION

Marian conference

Greenwood — A Marian conference "Behold your Mother" will be held Saturday, Oct. 13, at Our Lady of Greenwood Church from 8-9 p.m. and include speakers Dr. Scott Hahn, Father Pablo Straub, Dr. Mark Miravalle, Raymond deSouza and others. Registration fee \$10. For information contact Father Elias at (812) 825-4742 or visit www.airmaria.com.

Come and see weekend planned

Adrian, Mich. — All single Catholic women ages 19-35 are invited to the Adrian Dominican Sisters "Come and See" weekend Oct. 26-28, at the Weber Retreat and Conference Center. For information contact Sister Carleen Maly, OP at (866) 744-0005. Deadline is Oct. 15.

St. Jude offers adult education

Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will present the first of a three part series on the new "Catholic Catechism for Adults" on Monday, Sept. 24, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the church hall located at State and Randallia. Gervaise Bastian will give the first presentation on the sacraments of initiation.

Living Healthier series sponsored by University of Saint Francis

Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series will offer "Sunrises of Hope: Regaining Balance with Life's Stressors," with Dave Johnson, DNSc, RN, on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 6:30 p.m. at North Campus. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments and healthy snacks provided. Free admission. Non-perishable food item donations accepted.

Bereavement programs offered

Fort Wayne — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home will offer a bereavement series from 9-11:30 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St. On Sept. 29, Kay Cozad will speak on "Learning to live after the death of a spouse," and on Oct. 20, Bonnie Knuth and Michael Handlin will speak on "Parent loss." All sessions are free and open to the public.

Mary in the Catholic tradition

South Bend — St. Jude Church will host Timothy Matovina, professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. He will present a talk on Mary in the Gospels and the four official defined Marian dogmas in

Roman Catholicism. Participants are asked to bring a Bible or a copy of the Gospels.

Dad's only event at Dwenger

Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger High School will have a dad's only night of information at 7 p.m. in the SAC gym, offered by Dr. Joe Dunn, keynote speaker, on teenagers and how their brains work. Light refreshments will follow. Call (260) 496-4801 for information.

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Charity auction supports Mustard Seed Furniture Bank

Fort Wayne — The fourth annual Mustard Seed Charity Auction and Dinner will be Saturday, Oct. 13, at 5:30 p.m. at the Memorial Coliseum Exposition Center. Tickets are \$65 per person, tables of 10 for \$600. Corporate sponsorships welcome. Make reservations to (260) 471-5802.

Commemorative service planned

Fort Wayne — A memorial service will be held Sunday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave., for the approximately 700 babies killed between Sept. 1, 2006 and Aug. 31, 2007 in Fort Wayne.

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Lottie V. Kalicki, 93, St. John the Baptist

Sister Joseph Patrice, 84, Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. Sister served at St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne.

St. Hedwig plans chicken dinner

South Bend — St. Hedwig Parish will have a family style chicken dinner on Sunday, Sept. 23, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Hedwig Memorial Center (corner of Scott

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Still standing at the corner

BY SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS CHRISTY GARCIA, MATT GROTHOUSE, KENSIE RILEY AND MARISSA SWEATLAND

Sacred Heart, School has been standing at the corner of Harrison and Center streets for 50 years

The History

On Sept. 23, 1957, Sacred Heart School was opened to educate students with not only regular school subjects, but through God and the church.

While students today celebrate all-school Masses on Friday, at that time students would go to Mass every day. Church was held in the school's current gym.

Father Redington was not only known as the priest but the principal as well. The altar that was used at that time was recently discovered and refurbished. It is now displayed prominently in the entryway of the school.

Originally, the school started with only three classes: first; second and third grades. The students wore uniforms and are still wearing them, although the styles have changed several times. There were four teachers at the time: Aviabella Scheeter, first grade; Norma Sallee, second grade; Ruth Schellenburger, third grade; and Dorothy Sweeney, music.



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Sacred Heart School students proudly display a historical banner.

The Present

When the school opened, students would finish class and go to play on the blacktop that did not have any playground equipment. Now we have two sets of swings, merry-go-round, a slide and jungle gyms. HASA just finished adding a truckload of mulch to make our areas safe to play. We also have a large play area for soccer and kickball.

The school began with three grades and music — now we have pre-k 3, 4, kindergarten, and grades one through six. We also have gym, art, music, computer and DARE classes. Our principal,

Mrs. MaryAnn Irwin, is in her first year at Sacred Heart after Mr. William Landrigan retired last year.

As we begin our 50th year we are also making plans to expand. We are adding 250 seats to our church, four new classrooms, a computer room, storage and more parking. We also hope to have laptops for students to use from a mobile lab. There will be a groundbreaking on Sunday, Sept. 23 after the anniversary Mass.

What has begun by our parents and grandparents has grown and is being carried on by us as we learn and grow in our faith.

Sacred Heart 'rocks,' here's how

From grade 3:

• My name is Julie F. I'm in third grade. I have been at Sacred Heart since pre-k 3. I think Sacred Heart is No. 1 because I get to be with my best friends. We get to learn new things, and we have great teachers. My mom went to Sacred Heart and in fourth grade, she had my teacher, Mrs. Roe. Sacred Heart rocks!

• My name is Riley H. My favorite thing about Sacred Heart is singing at Mass and math and gym. I have been at Sacred Heart for six years. Sacred Heart is No. 1 because of Mass. I am a psalmist and I am in choir, too.

• My name is Anne S. I have been a student at Sacred Heart since kindergarten. The best thing I like about Sacred Heart is that we go to church every week. I love being in choir. I love Sacred Heart.

• My name is Karissa M. I have been a student at Sacred Heart since pre-k 3. The best thing about Sacred Heart is that we are a Catholic school. We get to go to Mass during school, and we have daily religion classes.

• My name is Sarah T. I have been a student at Sacred Heart since pre-k 4. The best thing about Sacred Heart is recess and doing math.

• My name is Ryan B. I have been a student at Sacred Heart since first grade. The best thing about Sacred Heart is that everyone is nice.

From grade 4:

• Valesca — I like going to Sacred Heart because it teaches me a lot of things. I learned a lot about cells and what's inside them and a lot of other things in science. In math I learned a lot about multiplication and place values.

In social studies, I learned about geography, and I learned about the globe and Indiana. At Sacred Heart I go to church, and when I go to church, I learn a lot about God. Those are all of the reasons I love going to Sacred Heart.

• Abby — I like to do art, here. It's fun to be with my friends at recess. It's nice to go to a Catholic school because public schools aren't allowed to talk about God, and we have a church connected to the school so I get to go to church with the school on Friday. That's what I like about Sacred Heart.

• Taylor — I like our school because it gives us Mass every Friday. Our principal is very nice. Our teachers teach us the most important things to learn, I think. My favorite subjects are art and math. Our school also has a garden. The garden is called the outdoor lab. Our principal and our parents make sure that we stay safe at recess.

Memories of Sacred Heart

BY SOPHIE LANCASTER AND THE FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS

WARSAW — Since 1957, Sacred Heart School, Warsaw, has been filled with laughter and singing from students and teachers. Everybody that has gone here between then and now have lots of happy memories from school and church. People from church may have memories of their first Communion or the choir singing at Christmas Mass. If you went to school here you might have memories of field day or all school Masses. We are happy to celebrate memories that go back 50 years.

Happy 50th anniversary Sacred Heart!

Nic Jansen: I liked it when we went to the Indiana Dunes in fourth grade.

Erika Jansen (Nic's sister): She liked it when her class in sixth grade went to the Indiana Dunes.

Alexis Manwaring: I liked it when we went to Frog in the Bog at Indiana Dunes in fourth grade.

Zach Rooney (Alexis's cousin): He liked it when we were in family groups at field day.

Sam Dian: I liked it when we went to the Indiana Dunes in fourth grade.

Amy Dian (Sam Dian's Mom): She liked it when the nuns were teaching.

Justin Arscott: I liked it when we went to the Fort Wayne Zoo in second grade.

Reid Cameron: I liked it when we went to the Indiana Dunes in fourth grade.

Katie Germen: I liked it when I was new here in fourth grade and making new friends.

Keegan Geiger: I liked when I found out I made the track team.

Erin Clemens: I liked it when I found out I made the volleyball team, psalmist and the basketball team.

Gordy Clemens (Erin's dad): He liked it when he got to go to church every Friday.

Bryan Southworth: I liked it when I got third place in a track meet.

Curtis Archer: I liked it when I made the basketball team and scored some points.

Taylor Myers: I liked going to the HASA carnivals and winning cakes on the cakewalk.

Brianna Myers (Taylor's sister): She liked doing D.A.R.E. with Officer Hawn.

Quinn Smith: I liked it when I found out I made the soccer and basketball teams.

Barb Essig (kindergarten assistant): She remembers it when the playground was covered in blacktop.

Jacob Rockey: He likes that we get two long recesses.

Laura Hogenson: I liked it when we went to Frog in the Bog at Indiana Dunes in fourth grade.

Nick Bergen: I liked it when I was in first grade because I learned most of what I know.

Casey Bergen (Nick Bergen's mom): She liked it when we had to do gym in the hallways.



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