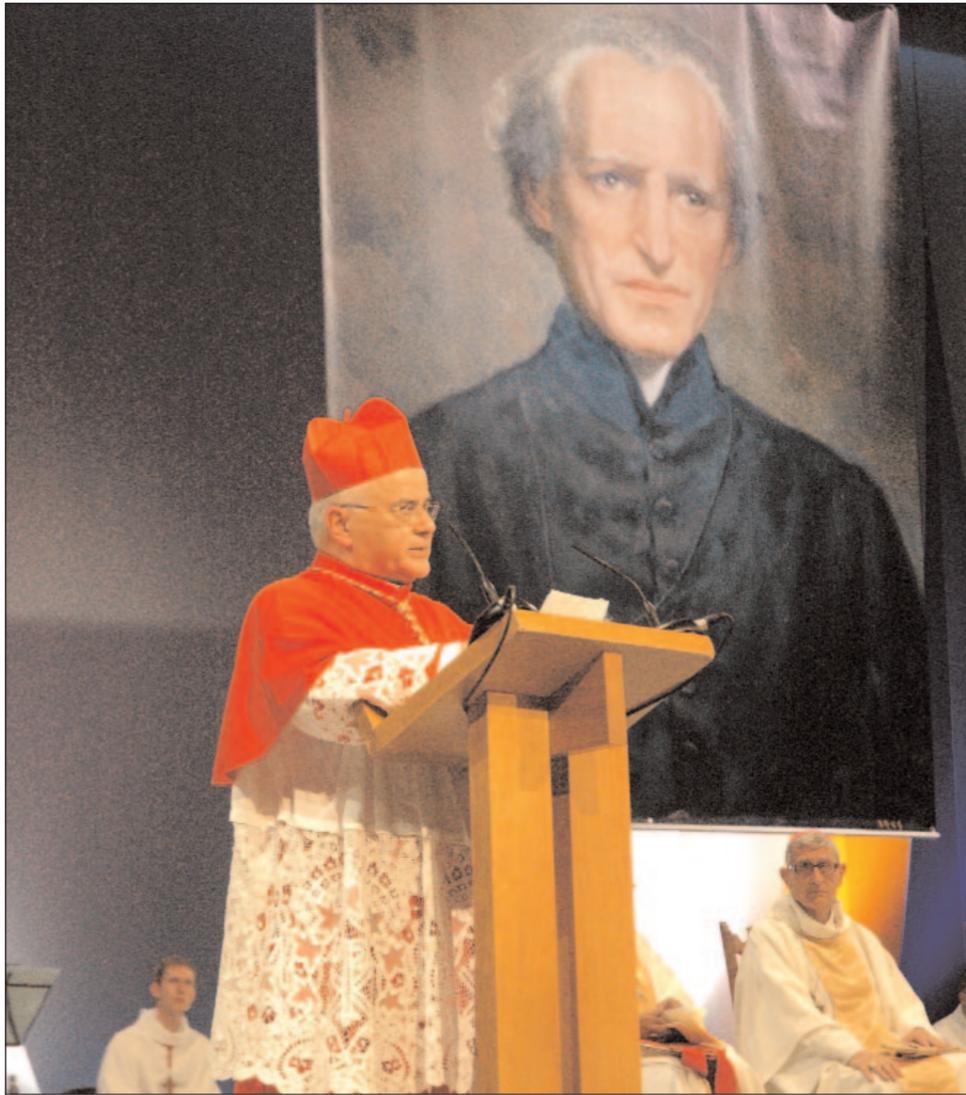


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Blessed Father Basil Moreau

Holy Cross religious gather in France for beatification of their founder



Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, reads the decree of beatification for Blessed Father Basil Moreau in Le Mans, France, Sept. 15.

BROTHER CHARLES MCBRIDE, CSC

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

LE MANS, FRANCE — A spirit of joyful anticipation permeated the environment when hundreds of Holy Cross religious and their colleagues from around the world gathered in Le Mans, France, from Sept. 14-16 to celebrate the beatification of their founder, Father Basil Anthony Moreau.

The beatification festivities began on Sept. 14, the feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross. Members of the Holy Cross family and other guests gathered in front of the parish church in Laigné-en-Belin, the birthplace of Father Moreau. In his opening comments, Holy Cross Father Jean-Guy Vincent, from the Canadian province of Holy Cross, said, "What could be more fitting for us, the sons and daughters of Basil Moreau to gather here to launch the beatification celebration?"

He spoke of the 60 years that the four congregations of Holy Cross worked to present his cause and said that "after a long and careful examination of the life, activity and writings of Father Moreau, he was declared venerable by Pope John Paul II, April 12, 2003, and on April 28, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI announced the beatification for Sept. 15."

After comments from several dignitaries, including the deputy majors of Laigné-en-Belin, Holy Cross Father Mario LaChapelle, the vice-postulator of the cause, rang the bell, originally ordered by Father Moreau and first located at the Institute of Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix in Le Mans, to signal that the beatification celebration had indeed begun.

He said, "At the sound of this bell, everywhere in the Diocese of Le Mans, church bells will peal." Those present responded with a joyful alleluia. This was a significant moment, not only to Holy Cross, but for the church of France who never before had a beatification held within its country.

After the bell was rung, Bishop Jacques Faivre, the bishop of Le Mans, and various dignitaries and leaders

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Fifty years celebration and groundbreaking

Sacred Heart School breaks ground for the future

BY DENISE FEDOROW

WARSAW — Bishop John D'Arcy celebrated Mass with Sacred Heart parishioners in Warsaw Sept. 23 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the school.

Bishop D'Arcy told parishioners, "It's a pleasure to be here with you celebrating the 50th anniversary and groundbreaking for improvements to the school and eventually the church."

The bishop also commended parishioners for their generosity, calling them "good trustees" and he said it was a "sign of their faith and continued trust" to invest in the renovation project.

At the groundbreaking ceremony fol-

lowing the Mass, Bishop D'Arcy prayed for God's help during the construction, that the construction be successful and the workers be kept safe from injury and that the parish, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, be blessed.

Sacred Heart pastor Msgr. James Wolf said, "We are building on the faith of people 50 years ago," who he said took a small church downtown and moved it to the current location, building a school and using the gym as a church. Msgr. Wolf asked for "continued faith and trust in God and in the sacrifice made for us and for our school so that children can continue to have the same Catholic education our children have had."

Sacred Heart Principal Mary Ann Irwin said the improvements would add four classrooms, a couple of which might be used for computer and science labs. Irwin

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THREE GOLDEN JUBILIARIANS



MARK WEBER

Among the 68 couples celebrating silver and golden wedding jubilees at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, Sept. 23, were Jim and Mary Steinacker, married on June 25, 1957. They were married in St. Peter Church, Fort Wayne, by Father Adam Schmitt, Mary's brother. Father Schmitt celebrates his own golden jubilee this year.

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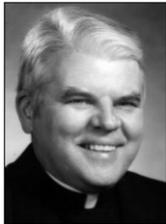
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Special event honors those who faithfully lived marriage promises



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

The sacrament of matrimony

Central to the life of the church in any diocese is the renewal and strengthening of married life. Every bishop must make concerted efforts to renew this sacrament and help people understand what it is they are embracing.

In a sense, the preparation for marriage starts in grade school, and most certainly in high school. Here it is that young people experience the elements from the culture, which are counter to such concepts as fidelity, the permanence of marriage and the right understanding of the gift of human sexuality. But there should be honor for those who, through God's grace, have lived faithfully the promises which they made on the day of their marriage. So, in recent weeks, as we have done for many years, we have honored those, first at St. Matthew Co-Cathedral in South Bend and secondly at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, a total of 37 couples at St. Matthew's and 67 at the cathedral. We had the renewal of vows and a special blessing.

Year after year, when I lead these celebrations, I think of my own dear parents. They were together for 48 years, and dad was always hoping to make it to their 50th. It was not to be. I know how much it would have meant to them to attend such a Mass with their bishop and renew their vows and then have a little champagne brunch. I am most grateful to the priests in the parishes who announced these events making it possible for the people to attend. Also, some children and grandchildren attended, especially at St. Matthew's. A joyful event.

A few days at Oakwood

Every year, we offer to our priests a continuing education seminar. This year, it will be under the direction of Fred and Lisa Everett, co-directors of our Office of Family Life. The focus will be on the sacra-

ment of matrimony. Indeed, priests spend a great deal of their time preparing people for marriage.

We will begin with a talk by Professor John Cavadini on marriage and the teachings of St. Augustine. Fred and Lisa Everett will present a talk on the pastoral care of marriage. Lisa Marino, director of religious education at St. Matthew Co-Cathedral Parish, will give a presentation on Pope John Paul II's theology of the body. Professor Adrian Reimers of Notre Dame will make a presentation. Cindy Black and Lisa Everett will make a presentation on the dignity of women based on Pope John Paul II's theology of the body.

I know our priests will be enriched by these few days and we will all be helped to understand and to teach more effectively on this great sacrament.

The importance of Warsaw

I was off early on a warm September morning to the important town of Warsaw. Standing between our two major cities, we have many meetings there. However, this was a visit to the parish to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school and to offer Mass with the people.

Through the excellent leadership of Msgr. James Wolf, this parish is completing a major financial drive. They may have raised \$1,285,000. If you include pledges, the total raised is \$1,535,000. They want to build new classrooms and also eventually extend the church. This church, which was underway when I came here 22 years ago, is too small. I was quite impressed with the large crowd at this Mass, overflowing into the gathering space. So many young children and families.

Warsaw, as you may know, is a real worldwide center for orthopedic and medical equipment with some of the largest companies in the world. Therefore, it draws people from everywhere who come and work there. The number of families and children attending Mass was wonderful to see. It was a real joy to celebrate Mass with them.

A coming feast day

On Oct. 3, in this diocese we will celebrate the feast of St. Mother Theodore Guérin. Brian MacMichael of our Office of Worship has sent the liturgy for this feast to our parishes. Her canonization, and the more recent beatification of Blessed Basil

Moreau, are not accidents, but must be seen as inspired by the Holy Spirit to help us all attain greater holiness by the study of their lives and reflecting on what they have to give to the church today.

St. Mother Guérin, certainly a foundress of our school system, actually worked in Fort Wayne. Her gift is the reliance on the providence of God and a great trust in him and an openness to God's will.

Father Moreau was an educator. He also teaches us about the cross of Christ. He knew great suffering. He was a missionary and the spread of the Gospel was central to his life as was his devotion to the cross of Christ. "Ave crux spes unica" ("Hail the cross our only hope").

I was privileged to offer a diocesan Mass for Father Moreau at the Church of Loretto on the grounds of Saint Mary's College. Many from this diocese were at Le Mans, France, for the beatification. Also, we will have a Mass for St. Mother Guérin honoring her canonization on Nov. 18 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We hope to invite all the Sisters of Providence who have worked here, and also the alumni who attended the schools where they taught. These include Central Catholic, St. Jude, St. John the Baptist and St. Patrick in Fort Wayne.

A busy October continues. I am looking forward to anniversary Masses at St. Henry's Parish, Fort Wayne and St. Joseph's Parish, Roanoke. Also, on this Sunday, we will conclude another great event — namely, the conferral of the sacrament of confirmation at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne. The focus of our 150th anniversary is on the sacraments. It has been a gift to have lived this year with you. Exhausting, indeed, but beautiful.

Still hoping

As for a certain baseball team, I think they will surely take many years off my life. While we have made the playoffs, at this writing it looks as if the New York Yankees may beat us out for the division crown. Fatigue of the long year seems to be catching up with our pitching staff. If the schedule were eight games shorter, as it was in the old days, we would have won it by now. Well, two games ahead with six to play. Hope remains.

See you all next week.

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Plenary indulgence

A gift of mercy to those who truly seek it

As our diocesan Eucharistic Congress approached, I wrote to the Holy See asking if the great gift of the Jubilee Indulgence could be extended further in our diocese. This decree has been granted.

The first decree, issued at the beginning of the Jubilee Year, granted that the plenary indulgence might be given at the Eucharistic Congress and also to those who, through illness, could not attend the Congress but united themselves with Christ in that blessed event.

This initial decree also granted

that the plenary indulgence could be received throughout the Jubilee Year by those who came, in private or public prayer, to either the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception or St. Matthew Co-Cathedral, and observed the usual conditions of prayer which are listed elsewhere in this edition.

On July 25, 2007, I wrote to the Apostolic Penitentiary to ask if this gift of Christ's mercy, which the church has called a plenary indulgence and which is linked to Christ's suffering and death, to the merits of Our Lady and to the communion of saints, could be granted more widely during the

present year. In the letter, I called special attention to the gift of Mercy Day, when a large number of people came to churches throughout the diocese and received the sacrament of reconciliation, as our priests joyfully spent many hours in confessionals.

In a decree dated Aug. 17, 2007, the very day before our diocesan Eucharistic Congress, a decree was received expanding this gift of God's mercy throughout the diocese.

The plenary indulgence may be received under the usual conditions, which are presented with this statement in a catechesis, or

instruction.

1. As was announced previously, this gift of mercy was granted for the recent confirmation at the University of Notre Dame and will be granted through a papal blessing at the confirmation to be held at the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum on Sept. 30, 2007.

2. This plenary indulgence will also be granted to all those who observe the usual conditions on Dec. 8, 2007 at a Mass in any parish church in the diocese, as well as at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame.

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of the four Holy Cross congregations, unveiled a commemorative plaque that was hung on the outside of the church. Bishop Faivre spoke, not only of Basil Moreau and his congregations' contributions to the church of Le Mans, but to the wider church and the world.

The ceremony concluded with prayer and song, praising God for the life of Basil Moreau. A reception hosted by the town officials followed. After a picnic lunch participants boarded buses and returned to Le Mans. There they attended a prayer vigil in the Church of Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix, the church built by Father Moreau.

The church was overflowing as hundreds of people came together to pray and sing about the founder and his great trust in divine providence. The people sang of the "tiny seed of unity, a tiny grain, almost nothing at all, becoming life-giving word, a community of brothers and sisters." At the conclusion of the vigil, voices resounded with the chorus of the hymn to Basil Moreau, written by Father Michael Joncas and used in all the ceremonies:

"Let us glory in the cross, our one and only hope, as we honor one who walked God's ways. Let us glory in the cross, our one and only hope, as we sing his praise."

On Sept. 15, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, to whom Father Moreau dedicated his communities, close to 5,000 people filled the Centre Antares in Le Mans to participate in the Mass and Rite of Beatification.

Hearts were filled with pride as Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, declared Father Moreau blessed.

Emotions were high as a huge portrait of the founder was lowered above the altar. Many wept at the realization of what had finally taken place and how the dreams of a determined French priest who had great faith in divine providence were realized. The presence of so many Holy Cross religious from around the world gave witness to the fact that Father Moreau's missionary spirit continues to grow as the members of his family carry on his mission to meet the needs of the church.

The weekend festivities concluded with a Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral of St. Julian. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C., and a longtime friend of Holy Cross, presided at this special liturgy in honor of Blessed Basil Moreau.

In his homily he spoke of Moreau's great virtues and his drive to help people in need. "He worked tirelessly for the kingdom and often suffered and was misunderstood by those close to him but his faith in God sustained him," said the cardinal.

At the conclusion of the Mass, the family of Holy Cross was commissioned to continue the work begun by its founder. One could not help but experience a renewed spirit as the people left the church.



PHOTOS BY BROTHER CHARLES MCBRIDE, CSC

The four leaders of the Holy Cross congregations are shown at "The Life and Legacy of Father Moreau" held at Our Lady Of Holy Cross Church, Sept. 14 in Le Mans, France. In the photo are Father Hugh Cleary, CSC, superior general, Congregation of Holy Cross, Rome, Italy; Sister Joy O'Grady, president, Sisters of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame; Sister Soeur Kesta Occident, CSC, general of the Soeurs de Sainte-Croix, St. Laurent, Quebec, Canada; and Sister Mary Kay Kinberger, MSC, congregational leader, Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross, New Orleans, La.

Beatification comments

The following are comments from diocesan participants of the beatification in Le Mans, France:

- "I was deeply moved by the number of laity who were personally invited by either the sisters, priests or brothers to join them in celebrating the beatification... The term 'family of Holy Cross' has taken on a whole new meaning and perspective. It was a privilege for me and my husband to stand in solidarity with our family of Holy Cross at this historic event."

— Adaline Cashore, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame

- "The most special part of my experience in Le Mans was being in Father Moreau's hometown where his vision for Holy Cross took root and became a viable international community for the good of the church."

— Sister Virginia MacNeil, CSC

- "Jerry and I cherish the memories of our pilgrimage to Le Mans. The experience deepened our connection with the church, the worldwide congregation of Holy Cross and the people of France. Surrounded by the legacy of a great visionary, Blessed Basil Moreau, we marveled at the international community that Holy Cross has become. It was a great privilege to be part of the family of Holy Cross at this important time in their history."

— Barbara Ziliak, director of music and liturgy, Church of Our Lady of Loretto

- "From his birth, to his ministry, to his death, to his life eternal, Moreau lived in a way that would bring renewed life, hope and peace to the church and the Congregation of Holy Cross for years to come through us. The privilege of being part of this holy time is a gift for which I will be forever grateful."

— Sister John Margaret Dietzen, CSC

- "This grand event seemed like a magnificent family reunion, such as heaven may be for all of the human family."

— Sister Kathryn Edward McDermott, CSC

- "I feel emboldened by my experience to do what I can to ensure that Saint Mary's College remains committed to the Holy Cross values enunciated by Father Moreau."

— Carol Ann Mooney, president, Saint Mary's College

- "Certainly one of the highlights of the events surrounding the beatification of Father Moreau for me was the moment when his portrait was solemnly unveiled at the beatification Mass. As the portrait was lowered, some 4,000 people broke into spontaneous applause and joined in singing the acclamation, 'Laudate Dominum,' by the French composer, Jacques Berthier. It was a thrilling moment and a befitting tribute to a holy man who zealously devoted his life to the church and to the congregation he founded."

— Father Peter Rocca, CSC, rector, Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame

- "It was a microcosm of the world with people from so many cultures gather in thanksgiving for Basil Moreau, the man truly formed in the likeness of God."

— Sister Olivia Marie Hutcheson, CSC

- "To see men and women, religious and non-religious, from all parts of the world giving thanks to God for the life of this prayerful, loving man, left me without words. I am still praying the experience and know that I will for many days and years to come. May Blessed Basil intercede for all of us."

— Sister Rose Edward Goodrow, CSC

- "It gave me great hope for the Holy Cross and the church to see so many young religious from the developing countries."

— Brother Charles McBride, CSC, official photographer

- "The beatification was a once in a lifetime experience. Hearing the history of Holy Cross was amazing. I found simply walking where Father Moreau had walked to be a particularly gratifying experience. He came from such humble beginnings and came so far in his life. It's sad to think that he may have died thinking he was a failure, but at least he is being honored now for everything he did. Seeing his Holy Cross family gather together to celebrate his life was amazing and I am so thankful to have had that experience."

— Haley Nickell, Saint Mary's College student

A founder beatified

Reflections from a Sister of the Holy Cross

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — When I entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, I had never even heard of Basil Moreau and neither had most of my classmates. Our first introduction to him took place when we began reciting a daily prayer for his beatification. Little did I know then that God would answer this prayer during my lifetime, and I would be one of the privileged to attend his beatification.

Like all experiences, it is difficult to articulate what it meant for me to be in Le Mans with so many of my Holy Cross sisters and brothers from around the world for this glorious occasion. Father Moreau was a missionary at heart and from the very beginning, when his religious family was quite small and had few resources, he sent members to other lands to preach God's word.

Having members there from so many different countries and continents must have warmed his heart. I know it deepened my sense of Holy Cross internationality.

Being in Le Mans and Laigné-en-Belin, the place of his birth, was for me what I imagine it must be like to go to the Holy Land and walk where Jesus lived and ministered.

Although several years ago I had the wonderful opportunity to take part in a program on Moreau spirituality in Le Mans, being there this time for his beatification took on a new meaning. I was overcome by emotion when I realized what the determination, sacrifice, love of God and zeal of one man would produce, and that God had called me, an ordinary girl from New Jersey, to be a part of his mission. A chill ran up and down my spine when, after he was declared blessed, a portrait of

Father Moreau was lowered to the claps and cheers of those present. I was so grateful to be part of his family.

Besides the unity I felt in Le Mans, I was also very conscious of the hundreds of members of the Holy Cross family around the world who were present with us in spirit. At times I found my mind drifting back to Saint Mary's and other Holy Cross places where celebrations were taking place. I had a sense of the communion of the body of Christ.

Another virtue of Father Moreau that I experienced on our pilgrimage was the warm welcoming spirit of those there, both members of Holy Cross and of the many French people who served us in a variety of ways.

Since the beginning, the Holy Cross family has been known for its hospitality. No one there was a "stranger." We were all Holy Cross, including our friends and colleagues who joined us for this momentous occasion. It is another thing I will never forget.

All of the congregations of Holy Cross have prepared a whole year for this big event. We called it a "Year of Animation."

I think I can speak for many of us that this year has truly been a time of animation and a deepened appreciation and knowledge of the man who had a dream and who did not give up until he saw it realized. My own zeal and gratitude for the mission of Holy Cross that he began has been renewed.

For me, our founder is an example of what dependence on and trust in divine providence can produce. Despite the many crosses and obstacles he faced during his life, he never lost his great hope in God. He truly lived his motto, "Spes Unica," ("the cross our one hope"). He is an example to us who also live in troubled times.



DENISE FEDOROW

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said the improvements to the church would include 250 additional seats. The school currently has 197 students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

From left, Sacred Heart Principal Mary Ann Irwin, Bishop John D'Arcy and Msgr. James Wolf break ground for a school expansion project at Sacred Heart parish in Warsaw Sept. 23. Architect Bill Lamie, Architecture Design Group, looks on.

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December 8 is the patronal feast of the diocese and, on that day, a prayer consecrating the diocese once again under the title of the Immaculate Conception will be offered. This will be done in every parish church and in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

3. The Sacred Penitentiary has also granted to the bishop of this diocese that this gift of mercy and purification, which is called a plenary indulgence, can be granted further at the discretion of the bishop.

Accordingly, beginning on Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints and ending on the closing of the Jubilee Year, the feast of Epiphany, Jan. 6, 2008, the plenary indulgence can be received in any parish church of the diocese where people go, whether individually or in groups, and observe the usual conditions. This applies also to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of Notre Dame, the Church of Loretto on the campus of Saint Mary's College, the church at Holy Cross College staffed by the brothers, the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima on the campus of Notre Dame, and also to the churches and chapels of the congregations whose major superiors are located in the diocese; namely, Victory Noll in Huntington, the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka, and the Poor Handmaid Sisters in Donaldson.

The translation of the original decree was presented in the special edition of this newspaper at the time of the Eucharistic Congress. The more recent decrees of Aug. 17 are attached.

I wish, along with the Sacred Penitentiary, to be especially mindful of the sick and infirm. Thus, the special gift of mercy, which is a plenary indulgence, has been granted to them under conditions which are more easily accessible to them.

I hope all our people make a visit to the appropriate churches, receive the sacrament of penance and the Holy Eucharist and pray for the Holy Father and thus, freely of their own volition, open themselves to the great mercy of God.

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

Instruction

To understand an indulgence as the church understands it, we need first to be open to several beautiful truths of our faith. Such as:

- The effects of sin and the continuing mercy of God.
- The beauty of conversion as a way of life.
- The communion of saints.
- The desire of God to purify us and draw us closer to himself.
- The ministry of the church in behalf of mercy.
- The link between grace and human freedom.

A definition

"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian (CCC 370) who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the church,

which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." — Pope Paul VI, Apostolic Constitution, *Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, Norm 1.

While serious sin and the guilt of sin is taken away by a sincere confession and absolution in the sacrament of penance, the effects of sin, even of venial sin, remain after repentance. For example, we find ourselves drawn to material things and realize we are not wholly given to God but are in need of further purification.

The person who seeks indulgences wishes to be purified but knows that his or her action in seeking purification, while valid in itself, is insufficient.

The church, the minister of God's mercy, draws on the infinite merits of Christ, poured out upon the earth when the blood and water came forth from the side of Christ. From this infinite treasury, which includes the merits of Mary, which are profound, and the merits of all the saints, the church grants this further purification so that the temporal effects due to sin, as opposed to eternal punishment, might be removed.

There are spiritual practices, called "the customary conditions," which the one seeking indulgence is asked to perform. These actions, quite simple in themselves, are important. God, after all, respects our freedom and awaits us to open our hearts, and these practices indicate that we are freely seeking his special gift.

Here are the acts we are asked to freely embrace: Sacramental confession, eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

I wish to extend my gratitude to Pope Benedict XVI, and Cardinal Francis Stafford of the Apostolic Penitentiary for this gracious gift for our observance of the Jubilee Year.

*Sincerely yours in our Lord,
Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy*

The Apostolic Penitentiary Prot N. 512/07/I Decree

Since in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, anniversary celebrations are being held for the benefit of the faithful not only in the Cathedral and Co-Cathedral churches, but also in other churches and sacred places, His Excellency the Diocesan Bishop has himself proposed that a request be made to the Apostolic See that the Holy Father might extend the spiritual benefits already granted for the devout visitation of the Cathedral and Co-Cathedral churches during the entire time of the Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, to the devout visitation of the other sacred places in the diocese.

This Apostolic Penitentiary graciously receives this request, and by virtue of the faculties specially granted to it by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, now decrees that in accord with the content of the Rescript N. 592/06/I, given January 1, 2007, the lay faithful, who are genuinely repentant, and who have properly fulfilled the customary conditions, may obtain a Plenary Indulgence equally in other churches and holy places in the diocese on the dates determined by the His Excellency, the

Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend; anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

With the assurance of the fullest generosity of the Church and with the intercession of the Most Blessed and Immaculate Virgin, the lay faithful will obtain the devout purpose and the spiritual strength to carry out their lives in accord with the law of the Gospel, in hierarchical communion with and with filial devotion toward the Supreme Pontiff, the visible foundation of the Catholic Church, and the proper priest of the sacred mysteries.

*John Francis Girotti,
OFM Conv
Titular Bishop of Metensis, Regent*

The Apostolic Penitentiary Prot N. 515/07/I

MOST HOLY FATHER,
John Michael D'Arcy, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, with great joy of soul, in the name also of his clergy and of all the faithful entrusted to his pastoral care, humbly makes known to your Holiness that on the occasion of the Jubilee of the Diocese, not only in the Cathedral and Co-Cathedral churches, but also in each individual parish church, on the 8th day of this coming December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, in celebration of its Jubilee, will itself be re-consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, conceived without original sin. From this generosity from on high, by the intercession of the Mother of God, and with the help of prayers, the gift of spiritual renewal and a desired increase of faith, hope and love are expected. Moreover, so that the lay faithful might participate in the sacred rites with the greatest devotion, a Plenary Indulgence would be especially beneficial. The Most Reverend Petitioner confidently appeals to

the great kindness of your Holiness for this.

On August 17, 2007

The APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, by virtue of the faculties entrusted to it by the Supreme Pontiff, freely grants a Plenary Indulgence, the customary conditions having properly been fulfilled (sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff) by the lay faithful who are genuinely repentant, in the Cathedral or Co-Cathedral churches of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and also in any parish church of the same diocese as it celebrates its Jubilee, to be obtained on Dec. 8, 2007, if they are devoutly present for the re-consecration to the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

The elderly and the sick, if they cannot be present for a legitimate reason, may equally obtain a Plenary Indulgence, if they intend to unite themselves to those who are present at the parish celebration, and if, in the presence of an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, they offer their prayers, their sufferings, and whatever difficulties they encounter, to the Merciful God for the good of the diocese through her intercession, if they possess a genuine hatred for every sin, and have the intention of fulfilling the three customary conditions.

This is in force for this present opportunity only; anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

*John Francis Girotti,
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Titular Bishop of Metensis, Regent*

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MOST HOLY FATHER,
John Michael D'Arcy, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, humbly asks that since he, on the occasion of the Diocesan Jubilee, will solemnly administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on

September 30 at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne, with a vast number of persons present, the lay faithful who are devoutly present for this rite and who are genuinely repentant, might obtain a Plenary Indulgence, under the customary conditions (sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Supreme Pontiff).

On August 17, 2007

The APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, by mandate of the Supreme Pontiff, has graciously granted approval of this request.

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St. Mother Theodore Guérin's feast day is Oct. 3

Sisters of Providence, diocese to celebrate feast of foundress

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will celebrate the feast day of St. Mother Theodore Guérin Wednesday, Oct. 3. This will be the first celebration of her feast since her canonization Oct. 15, 2006, in Rome by Pope Benedict XVI.

A feast day in the Catholic faith tradition is a day set aside to commemorate the life of an individual or a specific event. The day will also be celebrated in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and across Indiana.

In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop John M. D'Arcy requested that all parishes receive materials and readings from the Office of Worship for the memorial of St. Mother Theodore Guérin.

Mother Theodore has special significance to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. She is considered the co-foundress of the Catholic school system in Fort Wayne. She arranged and traveled with the Sisters of Providence in 1846 to the first Catholic school in Fort Wayne, St. Augustine, which was located at the site of the current chancery.

Bishop D'Arcy has asked that all local parishes on Oct. 3 use the memorial Mass and that all people would be made aware of the feast day.

At St. Mary-of-the-Woods, the public is invited for the eucharistic liturgy, which will begin at 11 a.m. in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. General



ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUÉRIN

Superior Sister Denise Wilkinson will give a reflection. Father Dan Hopcus, the congregation's chaplain, will be the presider.

Sister Camille Neubauer, coordinator of liturgical music, said there will be an entrance proces-

sion. The text of the liturgy will offer the traditional message used on St. Mother Theodore's feast. The popular song, "Hark on the Wind Swept Breton Shore," will be sung, as will a new hymn, "St. Theodora, Teach Us," which will be sung for the first time.

The public is invited to visit St. Mother Theodore's shrine before or after liturgy.

In Indianapolis, the 11 deaneries of the archdiocese have honored the sainthood of Mother Theodore Guérin. These celebrations will conclude Oct. 3 with a Mass at Our Lady of Providence Junior/Senior High School in Clarksville.

Background on Mother Theodore

Mother Theodore came to the United States from France in 1840 to establish a congregation of women religious in a dense forest near Terre Haute. Primitive conditions greeted her and her five companions after a tumultuous journey of more than three months.

From that humble origin, a vibrant congregation was

given life that is sustained today through Mother Theodore's foresight, legacy and energy that continues to motivate the generations of sisters who have followed in her footsteps.

Mother Theodore was born Anne-Thérèse Guérin, Oct. 2, 1798, in the village of Etables in Brittany, France. Her inspiration continues today with the current generation of Sisters of Providence. Ministries today

focus on maintaining a vital presence in educational opportunities, and also on child care, working for justice, preserving the environment, adult literacy, health care to the sick, assisting those in need, spiritual direction and a commitment to non-violence.

People throughout the world continue to contact the congregation for information about its foundress. Pilgrimages and tours

can be arranged for those who wish to visit the grounds, or to pray at St. Mother Theodore's shrine, by contacting Providence Center at (812) 535-4531.

The Sisters of Providence, a Congregation of nearly 450 women religious, have their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located northwest of Terre Haute. St.

Mother Theodore Guérin founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 20 states, the District of Columbia, Taiwan and China.

For more information about the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, visit the congregation's Web site at www.SistersofProvidence.org.

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Catholic Charities delegates discuss poverty, racism at convention

CINCINNATI (CNS) — Singing “This Little Light of Mine” and walking across a Civil War-era suspension bridge from Covington, Ky., to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati Sept. 15, about 500 participants at the annual Catholic Charities USA convention demonstrated their desire to lead the way out of poverty and racism. Echoing the convention theme, “Crossing the Rivers of Freedom,” the marchers followed in the footsteps of numerous former slaves making their way to freedom. The final destination for the delegates, the Freedom Center, was named for the part the Ohio River Valley played as a stop along the underground railroad. “This is a wonderful way to end a day of discussion about the role racism plays in our society,” said Shelley Borysiewicz, spokeswoman for Catholic Charities USA. Earlier in the day, Father Bryan Massingale, a Marquette University theology professor, and Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M., led discussions focused on the Catholic Charities 2006 briefing paper, “Poverty and Racism: Overlapping Threats to the Common Good.”

Tony Blair accepts invitation to be speaker at annual Al Smith dinner

NEW YORK (CNS) — Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is scheduled to be the guest speaker at the 62nd Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner Oct. 18 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. *Catholic New York*, the archdiocesan newspaper, reported recently that Blair had accepted Cardinal Edward M. Egan's invitation to speak. The annual \$1,000-a-ticket dinner is named for former New York Gov. Alfred E. Smith, who in 1928 became the first Catholic nominated by a major party as a presidential candidate. New York Cardinal Francis Spellman began the dinner in 1945 to inaugurate a hospital wing in honor of Smith and to raise money for health care programs in the New York Archdiocese. Blair was prime minister of Great Britain from May 1997 until he stepped down June 27 of this year. The United Nations then named him special envoy to the Middle East. Among his duties are mobilizing international aid and development for the Palestinians. Blair is Anglican. His wife, Cherie, and their four children are Catholic, and he often attends Mass with them.

Chinese bishops' ordinations with papal OK raise hopes, says Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican said the recent ordination of two Chinese bishops in communion with Rome was a positive

NEWS BRIEFS

POPE CELEBRATES MASS IN VELLETRI, ITALY



CNS PHOTO/ DARIO PIGNATELLI, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI holds his crozier as he celebrates a Mass in Velletri, Italy, south of Rome, Sept. 23. The pope said that overemphasizing the “logic of profit” can bring ruinous effects, as seen in global poverty and the ecological crisis.

sign for the church and raised hopes of further appointments. The comment came in an article in the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, which reported on the Sept. 21 ordination of Bishop Joseph Li Shan as head of the Diocese of Beijing, the Chinese capital. The two-hour ordination liturgy, attended by hundreds of local Catholics and a number of government officials, followed the ordination of Coadjutor Bishop Paul Xiao Zejiang of Guizhou, China, earlier in September. The Vatican newspaper indicated that both ordinations had been carried out with the approval of Pope Benedict XVI. The local Catholic communities, who elected the bishops, had indicated to the Vatican that they were worthy candidates, the newspaper said. “The Catholic communities of Guiyang and Beijing, having received news of the communion granted by the pope to Bishop Xiao and Bishop Li, gathered in celebration around the new pastors,” the newspaper said.

Pope warns against undermining democracy in fight against terrorism

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI warned politicians against undermining the foundations of democracy in their fight against terrorism. “Terrorism is a serious problem whose perpetrators often claim to act in God's name and harbor an inexcusable contempt for human life,” he told a group of politicians promoting Christian democracy. Countries have a right to defend themselves, he said, “but this right must be exercised with complete respect for moral and legal norms, including the choice of ends and means.” The pope's comments came during a

Sept. 21 audience at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo with some 200 members of the executive committee of Centrist Democratic International, an international association of political parties promoting Christian democracy. Pope Benedict said that in democratic nations “the use of force in a manner contrary to the principles of a constitutional state can never be justified.”

Pope transfers Moscow archbishop to Belarus, names Italian successor

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Tadeusz Kondrusiewicz of Moscow to head the Archdiocese of Minsk-Mohilev in Belarus. The Sept. 21 appointment fills a see left vacant by the 2006 retirement of Cardinal Kazimierz Swiatek. The same day, Pope Benedict appointed an Italian missionary working in St. Petersburg, Russia, Father Paolo Pezzi, as the new head of the Moscow-based Archdiocese of the Mother of God. Archbishop Kondrusiewicz, who was born in Belarus, told Vatican Radio Sept. 21, “I go to Minsk with great joy.” Archbishop Kondrusiewicz was responsible for the pastoral care of Belarusian Catholics when he served as apostolic administrator of Minsk, 1989-1991.

New bishop for Superior, Wis., ordained in Minnesota cathedral

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — In remarks at his episcopal ordination Mass in St. Paul, the new bishop of the Diocese of Superior, Wis., first thanked the children of Nativity of Our Lord Parish in St. Paul, which he had served as pas-

tor since 1999. The children are the future of the church, Bishop Peter F. Christensen said, adding that they had prayed for the last-minute arrival from overseas of his crozier for the ordination. The shepherd's staff, which was a gift from his Nativity parishioners, was missing somewhere between Europe and St. Paul, but it arrived the morning of the Sept. 14 ordination at the Cathedral of St. Paul. He thanked the bishops who traveled from all over to attend the ordination, saying that he is proud to call them brothers. He thanked the priests, expressing his gratitude for every one of them. “You have shown me what it means to be a priest. I see you (as being) much more deserving of this (bishop's appointment). Thank you my brother priests,” he said. Nary a seat was left in the 3,000-seat cathedral, which was filled with family, friends and soon-to-be members of his flock in Wisconsin.

Bishop Pelotte returns to Gallup Diocese; recovery continues

GALLUP, N.M. (CNS) — Following a determination that “a return to more familiar surroundings would be good” for his continuing recovery from injuries suffering in a July 23 fall, Bishop Donald E. Pelotte returned to the Diocese of Gallup from Florida Sept. 20. But no decision has been made about “when he can resume public ministry” and there are no public events on the bishop's schedule, the diocese said in a Sept. 21 news release. “Meanwhile the day-to-day administrative work of the diocese will remain the responsibility of Father James E. Walker, vicar general, in concert with other diocesan officials,” the statement

said. Bishop Pelotte, 62, has received medical care in Phoenix, Houston and Florida since he received extensive injuries including head trauma and severe bruises to a shoulder and his arms, legs, hands and knuckles. The bishop said he had fallen down the stairs at his residence.

Vatican: Pope's refusal to meet Rice should not be seen as snub

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI declined to meet with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice during his August vacation, but Vatican officials said it should not be interpreted as a diplomatic snub. “The only reason she wasn't received was that she came during a period when the pope doesn't receive anyone. It was a purely technical question of protocol,” an informed Vatican source told Catholic News Service Sept. 20. The source said it was “absolutely not” the Vatican's intention to rebuff Rice or signal disagreement with U.S. policy on the Middle East. Rice was about to travel to the Middle East for diplomatic talks in early August when the request for a papal meeting was made. The pope was vacationing at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, outside Rome. Even as it declined the request, the source said, the Vatican made it clear that top officials of the Vatican's Secretariat of State would be happy to meet with Rice at any time. “So clearly there was no intent to send a negative signal,” the source said. Rice instead ended up speaking by telephone with Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, while he was visiting the United States in August.

Vatican dismisses English woman's claims of Marian apparitions

LONDON (CNS) — The Vatican has dismissed the claims of a woman in England who says Mary has visited her outside her home for more than 20 years. Ruling that her claims are “highly questionable,” the Vatican also has refused to approve the statutes of the community she founded. Patricia De Menezes said the apparition has been appearing to her beneath a pine tree at her home in Surbiton, a London suburb, since 1984. She claimed she has received a divine message that the Catholic Church must proclaim aborted babies to be martyrs. She also founded the Community of Divine Innocence, which has about 3,000 members in 43 countries, many coming from the pro-life movement. Community members “strive for holiness and innocence within God's own family,” according to the community's Web site. Archbishop Angelo Amato, secretary of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, announced the decision in a letter to Archbishop Kevin McDonald of Southwark, the archdiocese in which De Menezes lives. The letter from Archbishop Amato was dated July 16; it was released by the Southwark Archdiocese Sept. 21.

St. Robert Church celebrates two Eagle Scouts

NORTH MANCHESTER — St. Robert Church in North Manchester recently celebrated two new Eagle Scouts, Bryan and Matthew Bowman.

The Scouts worked with Father Ronald Ramenaden to design their projects. He provided insight and direction to both Scouts.

Bryan's Eagle project involved landscaping the grounds around St. Robert Church. Bryan designed plans, coordinated the work teams and materials, and participated in construction that took four weeks and over 200 man hours.

Matthew's project involved the exterior of the church and created a memorial walkway dedicated to the parish members. His project took eight months to complete and totaled 468 hours.

Troop 451's Burmeister brothers to receive Eagle Scout awards

SOUTH BEND — William Ernest Burmeister and Robert Gage Burmeister will be honored Oct. 7 in a special court of honor for achieving the Eagle Scout Award. They are members of Troop 451 and the sons of Richard and Paula Burmeister.

William started in Scouting as a Tiger Cub in first grade. A senior at Clay High School, he is on the soccer team, has worked on the yearbook and is involved in the fine arts department's productions as a lighting technician. William has spent the last three summers working at Camp Tamarack on Wood Lake in Jones, Mich. He is currently taking a literature class with Indiana University, South Bend, and plans to attend Indiana University after graduation.

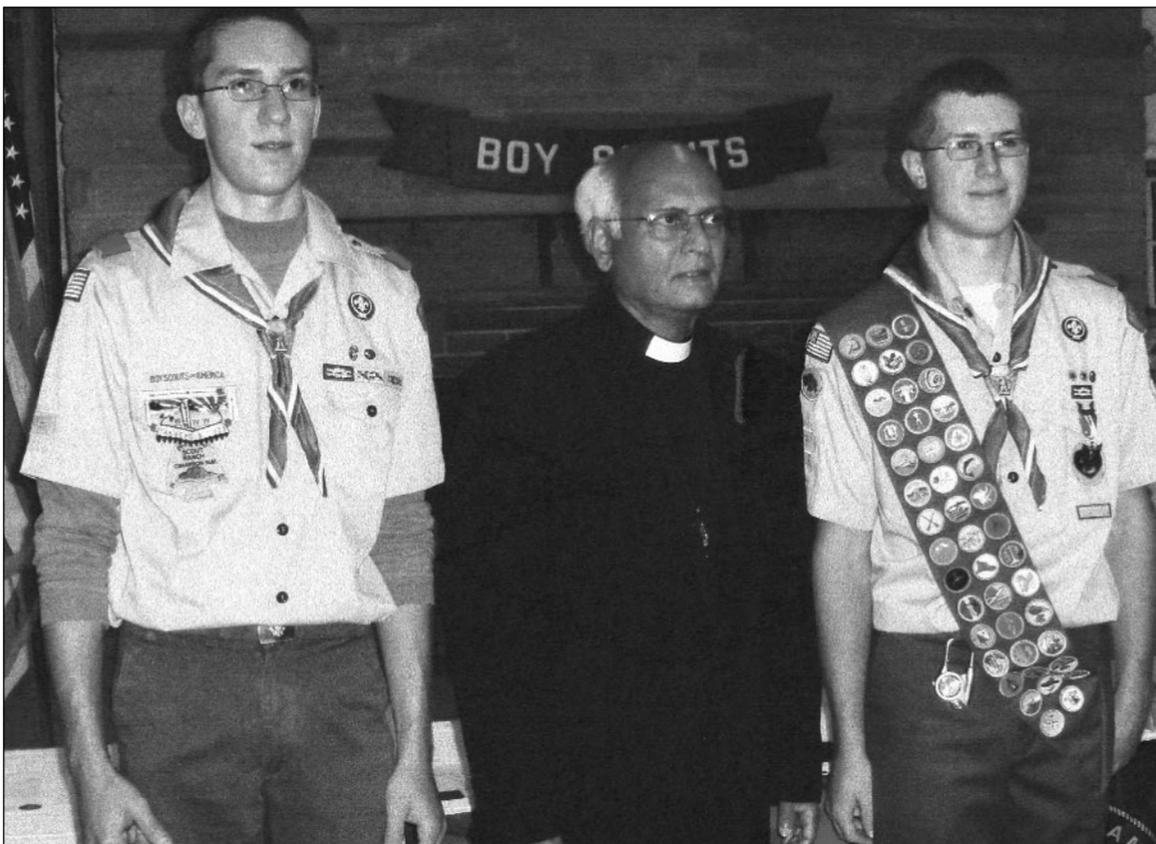
William completed a community service project for Darden Primary School in South Bend. The school's outdoor science lab had fallen to disrepair. William organized a team of Scouts and leaders to help clean the pond, lay paving stones, pull weeds, trim trees, lay mulch and repair and weather seal the wooden benches that surround the pond.

Robert also began Scouting as a Tiger in first grade. He is a junior at Clay High School, a second lieutenant in the Air Force JROTC program and has attended the Summer Leadership Program for the past two summers. He worked at Camp Tamarack this past summer. Robert has earned a commendation from the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department in the "Do the Right Thing" program for his work with primary-grade students.

Robert also completed his community service project at Darden Primary School. He organized his team of Scouts and leaders to reclaim the nature trail and outdoor classrooms that had become overgrown and littered with trash. Rob cut back overgrown trees, cleared poison ivy and brambles from the paths. He laid mulch in the class areas and cleared trash from the paths. He also repaired and weath-

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EAGLE SCOUTS RECOGNIZED IN NORTH MANCHESTER



PROVIDED BY THE TROOP 465

Matthew and Bryan Bowman, members of Troop 465, pose with Father Ronald Ramenaden, center, at a recent Eagle Scout celebration at the St. Robert Parish in North Manchester. Both Scouts' Eagle projects involved projects at the parish.

erproofed the benches in two outdoor class areas. Rob hopes to pursue a career in criminal justice.

The Burmeister brothers are members of Christ the King Parish in South Bend. Brother Daniel is also a Scout and attends Christ the King School.

Main Building photography exhibition celebrates Moreau beatification

NOTRE DAME — "The Spirit of Holy Cross," an exhibition of 20 impressionistic photographs of scenes and sites of special significance in the life of Blessed Father Basil Moreau, CSC, has been mounted on the walls of the second, third and fourth floors of the University of Notre Dame's Main Building.

The photographs, silver gelatin prints by Steven Scardina, were taken in 2003 in Father Moreau's native France and on the Notre Dame campus. Father Moreau, the 19th century French churchman and founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, was beatified or declared blessed by the Catholic Church in a ceremony in Le Mans, France, on Sept 15. Beatification is the last step toward canonization, the formal declaration of sainthood.

Led by Father Edward F. Sorin, CSC, members of the Congregation of Holy Cross founded the University of Notre Dame in 1842.

In addition to photographs of well-known landscapes and interiors of the Notre Dame campus, the exhibition includes several photo-

graphs of sites in France, including the chapel of Sainte-Benoît les Rivières in Ahuille, where Blessed Father Moreau was baptized; the Church of the Visitation in Le Mans, where he was ordained a priest; the monastery of Le Grand-Trappe in Normandy, where he made frequent retreats; and the Church of Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix in LeMans, which he built and where his body is entombed.

"The Spirit of Holy Cross," the first of what will be a continuing series of exhibitions to be mounted in the Main Building, will be on display until the end of this semester.

Worldwide Children's holy hour honor anniversary of Fatima

With an apostolic blessing from Pope Benedict XVI and in honor of the 90th anniversary of our Lady of Fatima, Children of the Eucharist, an international children's program of The World Apostolate of Fatima, will be sponsoring the fifth annual Worldwide Children's Holy Program for all the children of the world encouraging them to gather in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, Oct. 5, at 10 a.m.

EWTN will broadcast the event to 40 nations throughout the nation from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 5 at 10 a.m., and will rebroadcast throughout that day. More information is available at the Web site www.childrenoftheeucharist-waf.org.

Hope For The Workplace seminar scheduled

SOUTH BEND — Men and women of the South Bend area will gather Sept. 28 at the College Football Hall of Fame for a half-day program to consider positive ways to deal with the challenge of the marketplace. The Hope for the Workplace seminar is designed to help business people with the challenges they face and to make a real difference in today's business world and the Michiana community.

The program will run from noon until 4:30 p.m. and will include lunch in the Hall of Fame press box followed by three talks and table discussion. The cost for the seminar and lunch is \$35.

Speakers include Fred Crowe, former partner at Crowe Chizek Accounting; Kirby Falkenberg, executive director of the YMCA; and Walt Seale, executive director of Christians in Commerce. South Bend Mayor Stephen Lueke will give the welcome.

The Hope for the Workplace seminar is sponsored by Christians in Commerce, an international ecumenical Christian organization whose purpose is to bring the presence of Christ into the marketplace.

The South Bend chapter is predominately Catholic and has been in existence for over 25 years.

Please visit the CIC Web site at www.ChristiansInCommerce.org for additional information or call John Carnick at (574) 234-5088 ext. 31.

PROVENA VOLUNTEERS HONORED



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE LEY FAMILY

Victor and Ursula Ley, left, of Avilla, who are volunteers at Provena Sacred Heart Home, were recently awarded the Excellence in Volunteering-Non Resident award for the state of Indiana for 2007. The award was presented Sept. 18 by Jillian Everett, right, the awards committee chair of the Indiana Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (IAHSA). What they would like people to know is that they have not done anything for recognition but for the love of God's people in the twilight of their days — and in appreciation for the loving Christian care their mothers received at Provena Sacred Heart."

Fort Wayne Cathedral offering Christmas cards

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, is offering Christmas cards that feature an image from one of its 13 magnificent stained-glass windows designed especially for the 147-year-old cathedral by Francis X. Zettler and artists of the Royal Bavarian Art Institute for Stained Glass in Munich, Germany. The windows were installed in 1896-97.

This year the cathedral chose a close-up and a medium view of the 28-foot Nativity window (right) professionally photographed and printed on two card designs with separate yet similar verses.

Packages of 16 cards — eight of each design — and envelopes will be available on the weekend of Oct. 13-14 after all Masses for a donation of \$10. The cards also will be available after Masses at nearby MacDougal Chapel on Monday, Oct. 15. After that date cards will be available by mail or phone.

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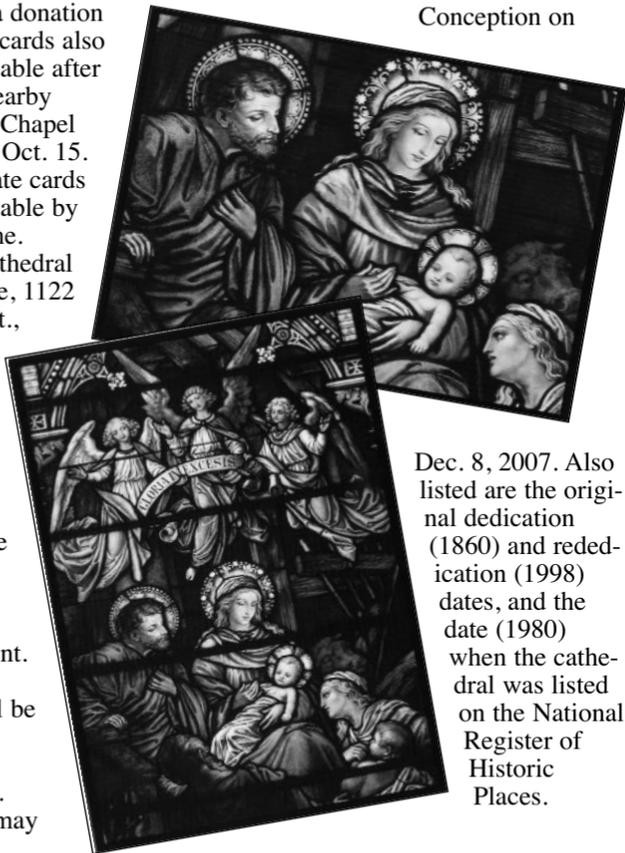
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also call the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at (260) 424-1485. Please add a shipping cost of \$3 for one package, \$5 for two packages when ordering by mail or telephone.

According to Father Robert Schulte, rector, proceeds from the Christmas cards will be used to help fund outside repairs to the cathedral's magnificent 36-foot east window in the apse, which features a stained-glass representation of the Immaculate Virgin.

In 2004 the cathedral produced a Christmas card featuring the Visit of the Magi Window and quantities sold out quickly, said Pauline Flynn who is in charge of this year's project.

The 2007 card also contains a small logo commemorative of the Sesquicentennial Jubilee of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the reconsecration of the diocese to the Immaculate Conception on



Dec. 8, 2007. Also listed are the original dedication (1860) and rededication (1998) dates, and the date (1980) when the cathedral was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

SURPRISE VISITORS AT ST. BERNARD SCHOOL



PROVIDED BY ST. BERNARD SCHOOL

The fourth-grade students at St. Bernard School in Wabash had some surprise visitors on Aug. 24. Their teacher, Jennifer Finney, had read the story, "The Relatives Came," and the students discussed times when relatives have come to visit. The children were really surprised when their relatives came to visit their classroom. The families then shared stories and a snack.

ST. ANTHONY GRANDPARENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL



PROVIDED BY ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL

Over 250 grandparents visited St. Anthony de Padua School, South Bend, as they observed Grandparents' Day on Sept. 7. The day included a church service with the students and grandparents and tours provided by the students of the property and school. Grandparents were treated to refreshments and were thanked by Principal Martha Lewallen for attending.

USF invites public on Indianapolis art trip

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis is planning a bus trip to Indianapolis, showcasing the Eiteljorg Museum and the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) on Wednesday, Oct. 3.

The bus to Indianapolis will leave from the Rolland Art Center off Leesburg Road at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 7 p.m. The cost is \$30 for the general public, which includes admission to Eiteljorg. Tickets for the Indianapolis Museum of Art are \$6 and are not included in the \$30 fee. The special exhibition at the IMA is "Roman Art from the Louvre," a traveling exhibit featuring the largest number of loaned pieces from the Louvre for any single show.

Tickets for the bus trip may be purchased at the School of Creative Arts in the Rolland Center or by calling (260) 434-7591. For further information, please contact Esperanca Camara at (260) 434-7716 or e-mail ecamara@sf.edu.

Knights of Columbus Wives celebrate 50 years

SOUTH BEND — The Knights of Columbus Wives of Santa Maria Council, marked their 50th anniversary with plans for a Catholic activity program for the coming year and re-electing Anna Slomski as president.

Their fall program will officially begin on Oct. 8 with a dinner program where members of the men's council will be guests.

The women's organization was the first of its kind to be organized in the South Bend area and since then has assisted the men's group in many of their programs.

Also elected were Cathy Riordan, vice president; Dorothy Towner, treasurer; Barbara Kozmer, secretary; Rose Braunsdorf, financial secretary; and Barbara Wincek, Marilyn Toepf and Joan Fahey, trustees. — EJD

Father Likupe honored by Knights, Serrans

SOUTH BEND — Both the Serra Club of South Bend and the Santa Maria Council of the Knights of Columbus gave a farewell tribute to Father Ray Likupe, an African priest who is returning to his native Malawi area in central Africa after having served the St. Patrick community for nine years.

"I want to thank Father Leonard Chrobot, pastor of St. Patrick Church, for accepting me, and I will take a part of the community life when I return to my native land," he said.

Both organizations gave Father Likupe a monetary contribution, while the Knights provided him with a special stole made in Guadalupe, Mexico, where Sister Michelle Toepf, CSC, is a missionary and her group hand-crafts stoles with the Our Lady of Guadalupe emblem.

The Knights also included a camera and suggested that Father Likupe take pictures of his area to send back to the Knights.

Before Father Likupe left for his native land, members of St. Patrick's also held a testimonial luncheon in his honor. — EJD



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Retired priests enjoy jubilant gift vacation

BRANSON, Mo. — Father Adam Schmitt, Father James Rose and Father Jacob Gall — retired priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend — made a trip to Branson, Mo. on Aug. 19-24.

When Father Schmitt celebrated his golden jubilee, he received a large gift from parishioners and friends that included a gift trip of his choosing. Father Schmitt chose Branson, which he had visited 10 years earlier and greatly enjoyed.

Father Rose, also a golden jubilarian, and Father Gall, a good priest friend, accompanied Father Schmitt on the trip, which included stops at Our Lady of Sorrows near Bellville, Ill., on the way to and from Branson and a stop on the way back at the tomb of St. Theodore Guérin at St. Mary-of-the-Woods near Terre Haute.

CPF launches 'We Go On Record' Web site

NOTRE DAME — The Catholic Peace Fellowship is happy to launch its newest Web project: We Go On Record, www.wegoon-record.org.

We Go On Record is an "online community of conscience," a space on the Internet for people to express their opposition to war in their own words and to draw inspiration from others — including military servicemembers — who have also publicly expressed their opposition to war.

Significantly, We Go On Record will provide the first way for people concerned about a draft to register their objection to war on the Web. We Go On Record will be a permanent archive of public statements of conscientious objection (CO) to war, viewable on the Web, but also periodically backed up to ensure that no CO statements are lost.

Statements submitted to We Go On Record would be permissible as evidence before a draft board under current law.

CPF welcomes all who object to war in any form, whether they are pacifists or follow the just war tradition, whether veterans or civilians, whether draft-eligible or not, to join them in going on record against war.

Perinatal bereavement and loss conference set for Oct. 17

FORT WAYNE — Lutheran Childbirth Center, Lutheran Children's Hospital, the University of Saint Francis and Erin's House will sponsor a perinatal bereavement and loss conference on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Abundant Life Tabernacle Church at the University of Saint Francis.

The conference is recommended for professionals in the appropriate fields of healthcare, pastoral care or social service. The goal of the conference is to help participants provide bereavement support and teach coping skills to parents who have lost a baby in pregnancy, childbirth or in early infancy.

For information about the conference visit www.lutheranhealth-network.com/education.

Eucharistic Congress cantor content to serve the church in music

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — Music unifies. At least that's Theresa Slott's experience.

Standing before a congregation — and recently as Eucharistic Congress cantor at the University of Notre Dame — Slott's often amazed.

"It's amazing how music unifies people," she said quietly, sitting humbly in a meeting room at St. Joseph Parish Center in South Bend.

She was moved at the Eucharistic Congress to see everyone from all over the diocese and Indiana sitting next to people they'd never met and singing with one voice.

"It gives people a voice," Slott said of music in the church.

Sure there's spoken response during Mass, she said.

"But (music) is a unique way for people to participate and engage in what's going on," she added.

She said she's often reminded of a St. Augustine quote: "He who sings prays twice."

Singing in English, Spanish and Latin during the congress, Slott said music gives people in different cultures the opportunity to worship in the context of their cultures.

"At the Eucharistic Congress we used different genres of music in different languages to include all the people there," she said.

In her role as director of music and liturgy at St. Joseph for nearly two years, Slott's had the opportunity to sing at various events at Notre Dame's Joyce Center and other venues.

But the Eucharistic Congress was a first for her.

She admitted it was a bit startling to see a giant-sized Theresa Slott broadcast over JumboTrons to the audience.



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Theresa Slott, director of music and liturgy at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Bend, served as cantor recently at the Eucharistic Congress at the University of Notre Dame.

"But it was also fun to be able to hear that many people singing back at you," she said.

Slott said it was also fun to work with other music directors and instrumentalists to help shape the Eucharistic Congress into a "very prayerful and moving experience for people," she said.

A South Bend native, Slott attended elementary school at Holy Cross, where her mother, Carolyn Sherman is director of music. She attended high school at Saint Joseph's High School.

She went on to attend the University of Notre Dame, where she double majored in theology and music theory. She minored in liturgical music.

"A lot of my music background comes from my family," Slott said.

Seemingly one of her earliest memories is singing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat," as her mother taught her to sing in a round.

And, as expected, she sang in choir at Holy Cross School. In

eighth grade she began singing with the church choir. And the music continued as she went into high school, when she began voice lessons.

Slott's career at Notre Dame saw her sing with the folk choir for four years, three years with the Collegium Musicum and during her senior year work at St. Michael in Plymouth as choir director.

After graduating, Slott accepted her position at St. Joseph Parish.

She plays flute, some percussion instruments and piano.

"I own a guitar," she said with a laugh. "That doesn't mean I can play it."

Originally, Slott said, she didn't go to Notre Dame with the intent to work in the church.

"I always knew I wanted to do something with music," she said.

So she envisioned double majoring in music and theater.

That all changed during her sophomore year.

Slott involved herself with

Notre Dame Vision, a program that sees undergraduates lead high school students through retreats. Slott was one of the musicians.

The focus of the retreats is students looking at their gifts and using their own gifts as saints and others used their gifts, she explained.

The saints' gifts changed the world, she said. Retreatants were asked how their gifts would change the world.

"Through that I realized I wanted to use music in the church," she said. Throwing up jazz hands and a laugh, she added: "Instead of Broadway."

She said her own musical inclinations originated in the church, and seeing what good music does for people helped her decide that the church was where she wanted to spend her gifts.

"I wanted to give back to the church with the gifts I received and use my gifts to help people," Slott said.

Music is her favorite form of prayer, she said. She found she always had fun making music. But she also discovered through music she obtained a much better prayer life.

"It's the language I use best to pray," she said.

And now, Slott said, she's content.

"I love my job, and that's something not a lot of people get to say," she said, adding that she also works with the diocesan music committee to help with musical issues arising in the diocese.

"I love this parish," Slott said. She called the parish supportive with a "great" and "active" congregation, and she's looking forward to expanding the music ministry.

"I'm very happy where I'm at," she said.



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Care for the next generation

Judge Kenneth F. Ripple will speak at Fort Wayne Red Mass

BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — When Judge Kenneth F. Ripple of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit addresses the legal community of Fort Wayne at the Oct. 7 Red Mass brunch at the Grand Wayne Center, which follows the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, he will be speaking on the obligation of lawyers and judges to take an active role in the professional lives of young people who are entering the legal profession.

"They need all the help they can get," Ripple notes, "and I believe we have an obligation to give it to them. ... If you hold this office, you have to be worried about those who will follow."

Ripple is one of the senior-most federal judges in the system below the Supreme Court. As a professor of law at the University of Notre Dame Law School, he has been involved in the education of lawyers for over 30 years.

One of his former students is Judge Theresa Lazar Springmann, a Federal District Court judge of Northern Indiana. Judge Springmann remembers her former professor as a very humble and very competent man who looked at his students as individuals.

Through the years, Judge Springmann has encountered Judge Ripple at circuit conferences, seminars and other events, and he has always shown great interest in her life and career.

"That always surprised me because I was such a quiet student

through law school," notes Springmann, "and I never thought I made a wave or would call attention to myself."

But Judge Springmann has learned that she is not alone among Judge Ripple's former students, that he actually enjoys a reputation as a man who stays in contact with, looks after and, put simply, cares about his former students.

Judge Ripple asserts that he learned the importance of this during his work with the United States Supreme Court, where he served as legal officer and special assistant to Chief Justice Warren Burger in the 1970s.

"All of the justices were very interested in the next generation," Ripple recalls, noting that they spent a great deal of time and attention with visiting students and their own law clerks. Judge Ripple believes the responsibilities of the Supreme Court forced the justices to take a long view of the development of the country and the preservation of its values.

"They knew they were writing for generations long after them, and so they also treated young people in a very special sort of way," Ripple says.

Judge Ripple also notes that, while they didn't wear their religion on their sleeves, "The justices were very spiritual individuals, who I think realized they needed God's help to get their work done," something he has come to realize in his own career.

"Anyone who thinks you can sit in judgment of your fellow human being and do it all by yourself has really got delusions of grandeur," he says, calling his work a humbling job where people realize they don't have all the answers.

But even with its weighty responsibilities, Judge Ripple loves his work, noting, "You just see America passing across your desk, all the worries and concerns of the American people, high and low, in very concrete, tangible form." Judge Ripple, a long-

time member of Christ the King Parish in South Bend, also enjoys being a grandfather.

In anticipation of his address at the annual Red Mass brunch, Judge Theresa Lazar Springmann says of Judge Ripple, "He really does embody... what it means to be a good Christian lawyer, a good Christian judge, a good Christian teacher."

"They knew they were writing for generations long after them, and so they also treated young people in a very special sort of way."

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Message at Red Mass traditional — yet radical

SUSAN BAXTER

NOTRE DAME — Although spir- its on campus may have been sub- dued after recent Irish losses, the somber tone at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Sept. 9 had much deeper significance. Members of the law school, students, digni- taries, alumni, attorneys, judges, legislators, priests and religious all gathered around their bishop to celebrate the annual Red Mass, and to grieve with Bishop John M. D'Arcy at the passing of his sister only two days before.

Franciscan Father John Coughlin, of the Notre Dame Law School faculty, offered the homily.

"As you may know, Bishop D'Arcy's sister Mary passed away on Friday, so he asked me to give the homily this morning," Father Coughlin said. "I think I speak for all of us in expressing our heartfelt condolences to Your Excellency.

"And I think I speak for all of us in expressing our gratitude, that at such a time of grief and personal loss, you choose to be with us here so we might celebrate the Red Mass with our bishop. We thank you."

The Red Mass is a unique tradi- tion of the Catholic Church which, at the beginning of the judicial term, asks God's guidance and blessings for all members of the legal profession. Named for the red vestments worn by the priest as he

invokes the Holy Spirit's help in upholding justice, the Red Mass is centuries old.

According to historians, the first such celebrations were held in the cathedral of Paris in 1245 and at England's Westminster Abbey in 1310, before the reign of Henry VIII and the rise of the Church of England. Also at its heart, the early Red Mass sought to reconcile Christian and secular law, and to recognize Jesus as the ultimate source of justice and mercy.

The basilica was filled to capac- ity. Students, law school faulty members, Law School Dean Patricia O'Hara, basilica rector Holy Cross Father Peter Rocca and many priests joined Bishop D'Arcy in the procession and celebration.

Father Coughlin kept with Red Mass tradition in his homily, say- ing that Jesus requires attorneys to experience a "transformation of relationships" that demands a pro- life response, a commitment to car- rying the cross of Christ and com- mitment to service to God's poor.

The homily examined Luke's Gospel, standard in this cycle for the 23rd Sunday in ordinary time. This Gospel, Father Coughlin said, links together sayings of Jesus, which have special meaning for attorneys. The first is a radical challenge about the cost of disci- pleship: "If anyone wishes to be my disciple, he must hate his father and mother ... relatives, friends, and even his own self."

"Hate is a strong word; we don't expect it from our Lord," Father Coughlin said.

"St. Augustine wrote that on the one hand, Jesus tells us to hate those who are closest to us, and on the other hand, he tells us to love our enemies. Augustine resolves this seeming contradiction by say- ing: 'Our Lord does not want us to hate anyone; he wants us to hate those aspects of our human rela- tionships that keep us from eternal life.'

"We have as lawyers a very good tradition of setting the condi- tions in the United States, through human rights language, for deep personal transformation," he said. "One only has to think of the Civil Rights movement and the way that the law helped to set up conditions conducive to the transformation of personal relationships."

The homily was delivered from the ambo, just behind a large paint- ing of St. Thomas More.

More, the patron saint of civil servants, court clerks, lawyers, politicians, and statesmen, was martyred for his faithfulness to the Gospel.

Father Coughlin reminded his listeners of past Red Mass homi- lies proclaimed by Bishop D'Arcy, and of the bishop's assertion that there is a close relationship between human rights and truth, between freedom and truth.

"All human rights depend on the basic human right: the right to life," he said. "For us, as Catholic lawyers, we know that life is pre- cious from the moment of concep- tion in the womb until the very last breath."

Father Coughlin added that in preserving this most basic of rights, we set the conditions in



SUSAN BAXTER

Franciscan Father John Coughlin, of the Notre Dame Law School faculty, proclaims the Gospel at the Red Mass Sept. 9 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame.

which human transformation can take place; we are faithful to Jesus' commandment that "If you want to be my disciple, you must have nothing before me but God alone. Base all your relationships on that," he said.

Father Coughlin also called those who would serve God in the legal profession to heed another call of Jesus to would-be disciples: "If anyone wishes to be my disci- ple, let him take up his cross and follow me."

"The Holy Cross takes as its motto 'Spes Unica' — ('The Cross, our only hope'). This para- dox is simple, in the example of Jesus crucified; that to lose one's life is to gain eternal life; that to die to self is to be constituted as a deeper and richer human being.

"As all of us know this is easier said than done in the normal occa- sion of everyday life." Although there may be a cost to following

the Lord, Father Coughlin said Jesus promises us the grace to carry it, no matter how heavy the burden.

"For those of us who are attor- neys — especially as Christian attorneys — we take this opportu- nity today to recommit ourselves to Jesus' love for the poor, and to service of the poor. This is part of the cost of discipleship as Catholic attorneys."

Congressman Joe Donnelly, U.S. District Judge Christopher A. Nuechterlein, Professor Clare Nuechterlein of Valparaiso University were among the many who greeted Bishop D'Arcy after the Mass. Despite a hectic week- end schedule and his personal grief, Bishop D'Arcy took ample time with students and dignitaries alike as each offered condolences to the Bishop on his loss. A recep- tion followed the Mass.

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Canon law Q and A

Like governments and societies, the Catholic Church also functions with the help of laws. This area, canon law, can be confusing to many people. But Today's Catholic has asked two canon lawyers from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Father Bruce Piechocki and Father Mark Gurtner, to answer some basic questions on the subject.

What distinguishes church law, or canon law, from the laws of God and the laws of man?

Father Piechocki: Law is intended for the life of the people, whether its source is God, the church or a political entity. It governs behaviors and provides for order within a specific group of people. Canon law shares these purposes both with the laws of God and the laws of man.

Unlike many systems of legislation, a code is formulated and presented as a unit; it attempts to be all inclusive. Often it does not con-

tain mechanisms for automatic change or updating.

The word canon comes from a Greek word meaning norm or rule. Canon law is a series of norms or rules that govern the life of the Catholic Christian community.

In areas not contrary to law of God and/or which do not interfere in the church's ability to fulfill its mission from Jesus Christ, the church respects the laws of humanity.

Father Gurtner: Canon law contains both human laws and divine laws. Human laws expressed within canon law are those which are given to us by the pope for the good ordering of the church. An example of a human law within canon law is canon 395, which states that the diocesan bishop must live in his diocese. Divine laws expressed within canon law are those which come from God himself.

How did canon law develop?

Father Piechocki: Prior to 1917

(when the first Code of Canon Law was promulgated by Pope Benedict XV), church law existed, and it went back to the earliest centuries. However, it was found in a variety of sources, and was somewhat unorganized, making it difficult for many persons within the church to determine precisely which laws applied any given situation. Pope St. Pius X called for the codification of the church's law.

Over time, it became apparent that the many parts of the 1917 code needed to be updated. At the same time Pope John XXIII announced Vatican Council II in 1959, he called for a revision of the 1917 Code of Canon Law. In 1963 a commission was established to oversee this task. It took 20 years of consultations and a number of drafts, since it was important that the principles and teachings of Vatican II be incorporated into church law.

Father Gurtner: This 1983 version is currently the code under which

the Latin church operates. Actually, canon law is not in a single place still as liturgical law is covered in the liturgical books, and the Eastern Catholic churches have their own separate code of canon law.

What areas of church life does canon law cover?

Father Gurtner: It covers basically everything concerning the structure of the church, for example, how power can be exercised in the church and by whom, how offices are attained and lost, the rights of the lay faithful, the office of pope, the governance of religious institutes, Catholic education, the structure of the sacraments, the administration of money, property, etc., penalties such as excommunication, trials such as annulment cases. These are just a few examples of the many areas that canon law covers in the life of the church.

Some might say, "Why does the church have all these laws?" Again, law is important for proper order. Without proper order there is simply chaos and injustice. What is interesting though is that the church operates on relatively few laws. The Code of Canon Law only contains 1,752 laws. That might seem like a lot, but if you look at the U.S. tax code alone it fills rooms full of books.

What issues would commonly require the help of a canon lawyer?

Father Gurtner: The most well-known use of a canon lawyer is in diocesan tribunals, which handle marriage annulment cases. Canon lawyers most often serve as judges for marriage cases. Canon lawyers, though, are also frequently used by the diocesan bishop to research the law when situations arise in which a bishop must make a decision or act in some other way. A bishop would come to a canon lawyer, present the situation and ask him or her to research the law. For example, if a parish needs to be merged with another parish, a canon lawyer would research the steps necessary for the bishop to do this. A canon lawyer is also consulted when the bishop needs to write certain legal documents in the church.

Father Piechocki: There are occasions in the life of the church when individuals engage in behaviors that damage the entire Christian community. These are sinful actions that are also regarded as crimes. In order to heal the injury or bring about the offender's reconciliation with the church, sometimes it is necessary for church authorities to declare or impose a penalty, such as excommunication. If an individual is accused of an offense that could bring about a

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penalty, the services of a canon lawyer are essential so that one can vindicate his or her rights.

Father Gurtner: Incidentally, there is nothing that says that only priests or bishops can be canon lawyers. Lay people can be canon lawyers also. It requires only the degree in canon law.

How might the work of a canon lawyer come into contact with or affect the lives of everyday Catholics?

Father Piechocki: Church law touches all aspects of church life: Sacraments and sacred life, marriage and annulment; Catholic practice, even church structures and operations. The more a Catholic is involved in the life of the church, the more he or she will be touched by canon law.

That being acknowledged, apart from the types of situations referred to above, canon lawyers usually have an indirect but very real impact on the lives of everyday Catholics. By way of example, suppose a Catholic complains to the local bishop that his/her baby was denied baptism without reason. The bishop might seek the advice of one or more canonists regarding what church law says about delaying or denying baptism.

Another example of when canon law touches upon might be when a question arises regarding whether a 12 year old is bound by the requirements to fast (regarding Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the answer is no). However, even a 12 year old is bound to observe a fast of one hour prior to receiving the Eucharist.

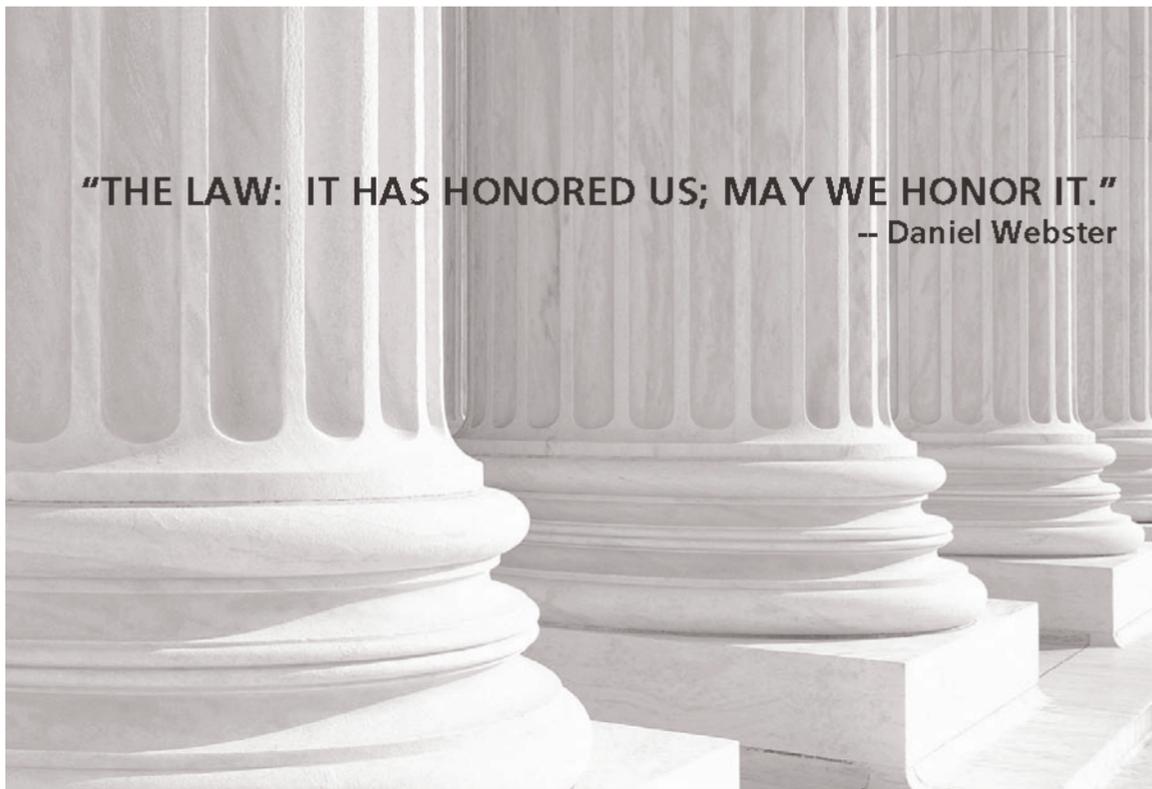
Many Catholics have benefited from Bishop D'Arcy dispensing

from the duty to abstain from meat when the feast of St. Patrick happened to fall on a Friday during Lent.

How is canon law similar or different to other aspects of life in the church, for instance, faith or theology?

Father Gurtner: Canon law deals with the institutional side of the church. For the church properly to accomplish her purpose, which is the salvation of souls, there is a need for structures through which the work of the Gospel can take place.

Father Piechocki: In some ways, church law is analogous to a snapshot; it expresses the faith or theology of the church as it is understood at the time the particular law was adopted. There are many places in the 1983 code that quote passages contained in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. In other places, the law reiterates the consistent teaching of the church as obtained from divine revelation and/or the magisterium of the church. As the church understanding of herself and her mission grows, there will be theological development not envisioned when the current canon law went into effect (one will look in vain in the code for any references to John Paul II's theology of the body). That is why it can be expected there will be periodic additions to or revisions of the universal law of the church by the pope. Since local bishops can enact laws binding the people of his diocese, one would expect there to be this growth and development on the diocesan level as well.



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Iraqi Christians face difficulties

Until recently, one story that has received little attention from the mainstream media is the plight of Iraqi refugees, particularly Chaldean Catholics — Assyrians who have lived in Iraq since 5000 B.C. but who are mostly Christian — many of whom have fled Iraq or are in refugee camps.

Should they stay in Iraq, Assyrians face extreme danger. Dr. Charles Rice, a law professor from the University of Notre Dame, reports in a commentary in the campus newspaper, *The Observer*, that the Assyrian International News Agency (AINA) has confirmed that much of the persecution is primarily religious.

To summarize, AINA says Assyrian women have been abducted and raped. Some women have been sprayed in the face with nitric acid for not wearing veils. Assyrian businesses have been targeted and burned for selling alcohol, radios, TVs and music. Priests have been kidnapped and held for ransom. Property has been confiscated by Kurds and Shiites. They face exploitation and shortages of food and clean water.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has urged the U.S. government to escalate resettlement aid and family reunification. To date, about 719 Iraqi refugees have been admitted to the U.S. Other countries in the Middle East are closing their borders, leaving those fleeing persecution nowhere to go.

A Pax Christi report said, "to be admitted to the United States, Iraqis must pass extended screening processes in addition to rigorous background checks and security procedures mandated for all refugees."

For those who come as refugees in the U.S., many of the Chaldean Catholic Iraqis have family in Detroit and wish to resettle there. A recent CNS report said the Archdiocese of Detroit has helped to settle more than 200 people since the recent wave of refugees arrived in July. They are also resettled in Phoenix, San Diego, Illinois, northern California and other places.

Joseph T. Kassab, executive director of the Chaldean Federation of America, based in Farmington Hills, Mich., reported in a recent CNS story, "Most refugees have a sponsor family able to help them set up school registration for children, English classes if necessary, government assistance and housing, although the refugee office has to make sure it's up to government standards, for example, with enough bedrooms for children. It's often difficult to find housing a family can afford, especially if there are many children or if two families are living together."

"Most of the anchors (sponsor families) we work with all have their own families, so it's crowded already," she said. "It's not easy to find a house."

Last Friday, Catholic New Service (CNS) reported that the U.S. Department of States should have the capacity to admit around 1,000 Iraqi refugees a month next fiscal year.

Please keep the plight of all refugees in your prayers. Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend assists refugees and resettlement. The needs are great, and if you can help, please contact their office at (260) 422-5625.

Confirmation

On Sept. 16, and again on Sept. 30, the Holy Spirit filled the Joyce Center and will fill the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum as regional confirmations are celebrated. These regional confirmations are tied into the diocesan celebrations of the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Year. As one person responded in the Sept. 23 issue of *Today's Catholic*: The big celebration "feels richer, in that more people are here celebrating with you." That richness will surely be the same this weekend in Fort Wayne, where the confirmandi can witness the vastness of the church with their peers throughout the eastern end of the diocese.

Preparation for the sacrament of confirmation has changed through the years. At one time, a report on the saint whose name was chosen by the confirmand, a possible quiz question from the bishop and the often overly-exaggerated "slap" from the bishop is what many of those confirmed in the past may remember.

Today, preparation is more extensive. In some parishes, the preparation takes two years. Parents and religious education instructors work with the young people, encourage prayer, and the preparation is a process — an understanding of the sacraments, the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the role of a servant. This role takes on a community-service aspect.

Hopefully this faith formation process is just a beginning to encourage the confirmandi to embrace what it means to be a Catholic and to continue to learn, grow and live in the faith well beyond the confirmation preparation into the adult years.

We congratulate the confirmandi in this special year.

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

COMMENTARY

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Little consideration given to those who stay after to pray

I am writing concerning the editorial in the September 23 issue titled "When does community begin in church?"

Community does not begin in church since as members of the mystical body of Christ we are already a community of believers and we come together to worship in a church as members of that community. We show concern for the community through the prayers at Mass especially the prayer of the

faithful. We are also charged with being concerned for the community when we are sent forth to "love and serve the Lord" by loving and serving one another.

With regard to expressing care about the people of our community following Mass, my experience has been that there is little or no consideration given to someone who may wish to continue in private prayer after Mass. It is not a matter of just "chatter" in a pew. What may have started as a friendly greeting between one or more congregants has now escalated to individuals gathering in groups laughing and speaking loudly with one another. There is no apparent reflection that

this is being done not in the parish hall, which was built to provide a place for fellowship, but rather in the church proper where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved.

Serious consideration must be given to the fact that our churches are first and foremost places set aside for a very specific purpose, that of worship of the Almighty. That should be the main focus of our attention when we come together for communal worship in the Mass. This does not preclude being friendly and/or expressing concern in an appropriate manner for those of our community.

Cyril De Vlieghe
Mishawaka

Go and take your rest, my friend

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

Every once in a while, a very special person crosses your path — someone who touches you dearly and you will always remember.

For anyone who knew Thelma Schulte, I'm sure they would agree she was a very special person.

On Monday, Sept. 10, our friend and organizer of the Black Catholic Congresses died at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was 70.

"Thelma was a splendid person who was most active in the St. Mary Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, and at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen," said Bishop John D'Arcy, bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"She attended all the national meetings of African-American Catholics, including one most recently in Buffalo, N.Y., in July.

"Thelma worked closely for years with Father Tom O'Connor, the legendary pastor of St. Mary's."

Thelma had spent more than 20 years as business administrator of St. Mary's. She still was an active member at the time of her death.

She also was the coordinator for black Catholics throughout the diocese. Thelma was instrumental in getting a large group of black Catholics to Buffalo, N.Y., this July — it was the 10th national Black Catholic Congress, and she had attended almost all of them since their rebirth in the 1980s.

She has been quoted in many articles and was an advocate for the church, Black Catholics and anyone in need of help.

She will be remembered most for her feisty personality and speaking her mind.

In Buffalo, she shared with me that she wasn't very happy with the organization of the congress.

But she quickly assured me that she was very touched by Bishop Wilton Gregory's homily and that she was armed with enough spiritual strength to continue her work.

Thelma and I talked while waiting to take the train that took us home to Fort Wayne and South Bend after the congress in New York.

She said something that I never gave much thought, until I heard about her death.

"This is probably going to be the last congress I attend," she said. "I have attended every one of them since their beginning. But this will be my last."

According to Cheryl Ashe of South Bend, Thelma was a very concerned person. "Thelma was very concerned about St. Mary's Church and was sure it would be rebuilt as a church, and not as a social agency," Ashe said.

But more than anything else, she was concerned that young black Catholics would stay close to the church. "She wanted them to stay so they could be the future for blacks in the Catholic Church,"



THELMA SCHULTE

Ashe said.

Although she was born in St. Louis, Mo., she lived in Fort Wayne for over 30 years.

Thelma is survived by her daughters, Stephanie Johnson of St. Louis and Tracie Strother of Fort Wayne; sons Victor Strother of Wheaton, Md., and Angelo (Jeanette) Strother of Fort Wayne; 18 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; sisters Elizabeth Edwards and Annie M. O'Neal, both of St. Louis; sister-in-law Margaret Bauer; and brother-in-law Richard Bauer.

She was preceded in death by husband, Paul Schulte; a son, Randall Strother; and a grandson, Demetrius Johnson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 15 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements were handled by Mungovan and Sons Memorial Chapel in Fort Wayne.

Memorials can be made to St. Mary Catholic Church.

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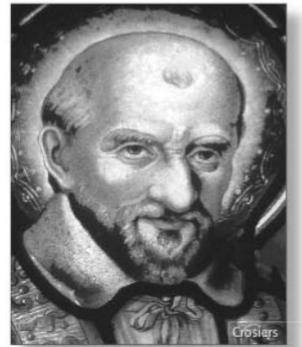
Vincent de Paul

1581-1660

feast — September 27

Born in southwestern France, Vincent began priestly studies in 1595 and was ordained in 1600. In 1605, he was taken off a ship attacked by pirates. After two years as a slave in Tunisia, he escaped and returned to France, taking up parish work outside Paris.

From about 1615, he dedicated his life to serving the poor. To that end, he founded the Confraternity of Charity, the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) and, with St. Louise de Marillac, the Daughters of Charity. In 1885 Pope Leo XIII named him the patron of all works of charity.



Saints for Today

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Shackled and cuffed: Prisoners need pastoral attention, Vatican says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Prison doors may be locked shut, but people must not close their eyes to the inmates behind bars.

Vatican officials conveyed that message at an international gathering of prison chaplains in Rome, where Pope Benedict XVI called the pastoral care of prisoners a "vital mission" that deserved the support and guidance of bishops and the involvement of local Catholics. He told the chaplains he hoped greater awareness about their ministry would inspire others "to join you in performing corporal works of mercy."

Last March, the pope demonstrated his solidarity with prisoners with a visit to a juvenile detention center in Rome. He reminded the young people of God's love for them and said he was bringing "a little light" to an otherwise dark and lonely place.

At the mid-September congress, the head of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, Cardinal Renato Martino, insisted that society could not "close its eyes, cannot be indifferent" to the

living conditions, human rights abuses, and often-dim prospects of some of the 9 million men and women imprisoned around the world.

Cardinal Martino said it was not for the church to decide if someone is guilty or innocent. However, the church has a duty to "denounce all those situations that harm human dignity," he said.

The death penalty, he said, only "impoverishes the society that legitimizes and carries it out" and "foments revenge" instead of real justice.

Pope Benedict, in a speech to the congress, recognized that a community has an obligation to keep its citizens safe, but he reminded governments that offenders must have a chance at rehabilitation. He, too, insisted inmates must never — under any circumstances — be demeaned or tortured.

Congress participants agreed that torture, humiliating practices and "institutional cruelty" were on the rise.

In their final declaration, the prison

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ministry workers from 62 different nations declared that capital punishment must be abolished worldwide and harsh penalties, especially torture, must end. They also lamented how "most prisons are overcrowded, the prisoners are abused and their needs are not satisfied."

Debbie McDermott of the California Catholic Conference's detention ministry told the congress that her state's prison system "is in crisis." She said that "172,284 inmates are warehoused in 33 prisons designed for less than 100,000."

Almost 30,000 prisoners have

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Things of God worth living, dying for



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Sunday, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 16:19-31

The Book of Amos provides the first reading this weekend. The book itself states that it was written during the reign of King Uzziah of Judah, or between 783-742 B.C. This was a time of tranquility and prosperity. No wars troubled the kingdom.

Even though conditions were calm, Amos strongly spoke against laxity in religion and morally careless living. It was not necessarily a denunciation of utter vice, but rather it denounced lukewarmness.

Of course, chief among his concerns was the sluggishness with which people practiced their religion.

All in all, Amos insisted, the situation was a sure recipe for trouble and even disaster.

St. Paul's First Epistle to Timothy supplies the second reading for this weekend's liturgy. Last weekend's second reading also came from First Timothy.

Timothy was an early convert to Christianity. The epistles written to him, and now contained in the New Testament, assured his place in the tradition of the church. As his life unfolded, he became a disciple of Paul and then a Christian leader in his own right, destined to be one of the major figures in the

development of Christianity, this selection calls Timothy to virtue.

The epistles called him to diligence and dedication in following Jesus and in leading the community.

It was easy to be distracted from such faithfulness in the face of the glory, power and excesses of the mighty Roman Empire. The epistle calls Timothy to be resolute, citing the example of Jesus in the Lord's trial before Pontius Pilate.

Despite the seeming power of Rome, the reading insists that God's goodness and justice will endure, and that Jesus will come again in triumph and vindication.

St. Luke's Gospel furnishes the last reading, as also was the case in last weekend's Liturgy of the Word.

It is a parable, rather straightforward in its message. A rich man is enjoying all the benefits of financial success and well being.

By contrast, Lazarus is desperately poor. He yearned to have the scraps that fell from the rich man's table.

In time, Lazarus died. Then the rich man died. As the rich man's reached the hereafter, he realized that he himself was in great need, whereas Lazarus was being held close to Abraham, the father of the Hebrew people.

By this time, the once rich man is desperate. He pleads with Abraham for just a drop of water. Then the once rich man implores Abraham to send Lazarus back to earth to warn the rich man's brothers that they too will be punished unless they turn to God and forsake greed.

Abraham replies that messengers already have been sent, namely Moses and the prophets, and Moses and the prophets were ignored.

Reflection

The readings, and especially that from Luke's Gospel, seem to be rather clear in their message. They are clear, but beneath them is a very strong lesson. It is more than a question of not being greedy or unjust in commercial dealings. It is instead the lesson that Christians must judge earthly life by a standard that not often is embraced.

It is the standard of putting everything secondary, or even irrelevant, in judging life. Only the things of God are worth living, or dying, for.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is much more than merely a coincidence about a person who has succeeded in the world and a person who has not succeeded.

At the time of Jesus, many thought that earthly riches showed that God had blessed the rich. Whereas, poverty and want indicated that there had been a great sin somehow in the background of the sinner.

Jesus totally debunks this notion. When we end our earthly lives, riches will mean nothing.

READINGS

Sunday: Am 6:1a,4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

Monday: Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1-5, 8-9 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

As Potter-mania recently swept the nation, this quiz looks at more ancient magic.

- The early Israelites associated magic with the priests of this culture:**
a. Persia b. Rome c. Greece
- These priests were likely associated with this religion, which still exists today:**
a. Islam b. Christianity c. Zoroastrianism
- The name of this priestly group is often used of three wise men from the East:**
a. Rex b. Magi c. Socii
- This term for a group which, now confusingly, refers to Catholic Iraqis was in ancient time virtually synonymous with magical powers and divination:**
a. Circassian b. Chaldean c. Charismatic
- Dream interpretation was not found solely amongst the more eastern empires. Which Jew famously used this ability to rise from slavery in Egypt to authority?**
a. Cain b. Moses c. Joseph
- And later, in less favorable times for the Hebrews, Aaron takes part in a contest with Egyptian magicians. What was their main trick?**
a. turning water into wine
b. turning staffs into snakes
c. turning friends into foes
- Generally the Jews were suspicious of magical powers and regularly banned them. Exodus 22 warns the people bluntly not to let a sorceress**
a. exercise her power beyond the grounds set aside for foreigners.
b. marry into the people unless she renounces her evil ways.
c. live.
- Leviticus 19 bans**
a. divination and soothsaying
b. card sharks and dolphin meat
c. shell games and tightrope walking
- Leviticus 20 prescribes this punishment for anyone who acts as a medium or fortune-teller:**
a. exile for seven years
b. exile for life, commuted if there was an intervention jubilee year
c. death by stoning
- These rules meant that when Jews did seek out magicians and mediums they had to take precautions. When King Saul visited a witch he did this:**
a. He disguised himself by changing his clothes.
b. He wore a cow suit and pretended to be a sacrifice.
c. He talked only through two cans tied with string.
- Who was that witch whose name reappears, in modified form, in the '60s show "Bewitched"?**
a. The Wicked Witch of The North
b. The Good Witch Glenda
c. The Witch of Endor
- Daniel showed the proper Jewish approach to magic contests. When asked by Nebuchadnezzar to interpret his dream Daniel**
a. refused and challenged Nebby to a pie eating contest.
b. made up an answer, knowing that all the answers will be made up anyways.
c. asked the Lord to assist him and therefore got it right without magic.
- References to magic continue to echo in the New Testament. In Matthew's Gospel the allusion to babbling like the pagans in prayer probably relates to**
a. the spells and incantations of the non-Jews.
b. the litany of emperors recited each year by the lectors.
c. the memorized Koran recited by the neighboring Arabs.
- In Acts there are references to various magicians. One magician, Simon Magus is by tradition thought to have come from this area:**
a. England b. Samaria c. Italy
- What does the church say today about magic, for example in the catechism?**
a. Nothing, it is no longer a social phenomenon so it is not addressed.
b. Due to our greater tolerance, dabbling in the occult for fun only is accepted.
c. It is gravely contrary to the virtue of religion and is reprehensible in all forms.

ANSWERS:

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

Exploring fishing at the time of Jesus

What was fishing like for the apostles on the Sea of Galilee? Anonymous

In the Holy Land, fish are found in the Mediterranean Sea that borders Israel, the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel, the Jordan River that flows through the Sea of Galilee onto the Dead Sea and even in the Red Sea. In the Negeb in southern Israel fish bones have been found in kitchen garbage, showing that fish may have been brought from the Red Sea.

Father John McKenzie says the Sea of Galilee is especially well-stocked with fish. Twenty-six species have been discovered. The Bible, however, does not distinguish fish by species. But it does distinguish between clean and unclean fish. Clean fish are those which have fins and scales and these may be eaten. Aquatic animals of any other kind are unclean. This excludes all shellfish and fish that have fins but no scales, such as shark, catfish and eels.

At the time of the apostles, with no refrigeration, there was no way of keeping fish fresh. So G. Wigoder says the fish had to be salted and dried immediately if it was to be preserved for storage or transport. One of the major salting centers on the Sea of Galilee was at Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene. The Aramaic name for Magdala was Migdal, meaning "the tower of the fishermen."

Only fishermen like the apostles, and those living in close proximity to their catch, could eat fresh fish, since it spoiled quickly. One method of preparing fresh fish was

to roast it over an open fire. Thus when the risen Jesus appeared to the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, fish and bread were placed on a charcoal fire and they ate fresh fish. Salted fish, however, would be soaked in water to desalt it and then be cooked.

In New Testament times, says G. Wigoder, the method of fishing was with a hook and line and nets. The dragnet or seine is the oldest method of net fishing and is still used today on the Sea of Galilee. The seine is about 300 yards long, four yards high on the ends and eight yards high at the center. It was spread from a boat about 400 yards from the shore. As many as 16 men would haul in the net with towing lines attached to each end. Once the catch was on shore, the good fish would be put into baskets, and the rest thrown back into the lake. Most fishing was done at night or just before dawn.

Jesus compared the kingdom of heaven to this seine. "The reign of God is like a dragnet or seine thrown into the lake, which collected all sorts of things. When it was full they hauled it ashore and sat down to put what was worthwhile into containers. What was useless they threw away. At the end of the world, angels will separate the wicked from the just."

The miraculous catch of fish by the apostles, where their nets almost broke, was also achieved with the seine.

The gill net also was and still is used on the Sea of Galilee. This net had weights on the bottom and floats on the top and was lowered behind the boat not far from shore. The fishermen passed between the

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shore and the net while beating on the bottom of the boat, so the noise would scare any nearby fish to run into the net. After 10 minutes of beating, the net was drawn, the fish hauled onto the boat, and then the fishermen moved to another spot and lowered the net again. Clay and stone weights used to sink these nets, as well as floats of cork and wood, have been found at Caesarea in northwest Israel on the Mediterranean Sea and in other port towns.

Another method of fishing involved round casting with a spinning motion over shallow water. The net fell in a ring as the weights on its perimeter dragged it down. As the net sank, it took the shape of a dome that enclosed the fish. The fishermen drew the net closed with a line attached to the center and collected the fish entangled in it.

Fishing was also done with a hook and line as seen in the miracle of St. Peter catching a fish and finding a coin in its mouth to pay the taxes for Jesus and himself. This particular fish, says G. Freeman, now called St. Peter's fish, is a flat fish with an extremely narrow mouth, just sufficient to hold the tribute money of the necessary gold or silver coin of the

Greek city-states called a "stater." The peculiarity of this fish is that it carries in its mouth the eggs laid by the female and, for a short while, the immature young.

Somehow this fish acquired a gold coin. You can eat St. Peter's fish on the Sea of Galilee today.

The Sea of Galilee is also subject to sudden violent storms. They are caused by the funnel effect of winds in the wadis and can reach such fury that one can scarcely stand upright. This frightening scene is pictured when Jesus walks on the water and bades St. Peter to come to him to test his faith.

At Ginnosar on the shore of the Sea of Galilee is a kibbutz that houses a first-century boat that the famous apostles would have used. This important boat, says G. Freeman, was found on the seashore when the water fell to an exceptionally low level in 1986. It is kept in water under cover, as part of the process of conservation, in a constructed pool in the Yigdal Allon Museum. It is a flat-bottomed, very shallow boat, 27x7

1/2 feet. The fright of the apostles when waves were breaking over their boat in a storm is easy to imagine when you see this frail vessel. Remember the apostles did not have motors for their boats like we have today. The ancient world only had paddles or sails. Other archaeological discoveries were also made near Ginnosar at a number of caves near Nahal Amud. In 1923 they found a Neanderthal skull. In 1961 the Japanese found Amud Man from the Upper Paleolithic age.

Father Richard Hire, pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse, answered this week's question.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for September 30, 2007

Luke 16:19-31

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the story of Lazarus and the man known as Dives. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

RICH MAN	DRESSED	PURPLE
LINEN	SUMPTUOUSLY	LAZARUS
SORES	TABLE	DOGS
ANGELS	BURIED	ABRAHAM
WATER	MY TONGUE	FLAMES
CHILD	LIFETIME	BROTHERS
WARN THEM	MOSES	LISTEN

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Health care occupies Congress, churches and presidential candidates

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As a Sept. 30 deadline looms for Congress to extend the State Children's Health Insurance Program and presidential candidates roll out the details of their plans for health care reform, new evidence is emerging that churches play an important role in filling the gaps in the current system.

More than 6,000 churches — mostly mainline Protestant congregations, but with some Catholic participants — responded to a recent survey by the National Council of Churches on what kinds of health ministries they offer. Of the respondents, 70 percent said they provide direct health services (defined as medical care by trained health professionals), 65 percent said they offer health education programs and more than half give direct financial assistance to help people pay their medical bills.

The results might be skewed by the fact that the responding churches were likely to be those most interested in the topic of health care and because congregations receiving the survey might have passed it along to other congregations more involved in health care ministries. The 6,037 respondents reported nearly 79,000 health-related programs in their

congregations or communities — an average of more than 13 for each church.

But the Rev. Eileen W. Lindner, deputy general secretary of the NCC for research and planning, said the survey results released Sept. 18 indicate that U.S. churches "have shown an incredible ability to leverage health care services in extremely creative, innovative and cost-effective ways."

"They know their communities and they respond to their specific needs," she added.

That response might be more needed than ever these days, in light of President George W. Bush's threatened veto of legislation extending SCHIP and a new report from the health advocacy group Families USA that says nearly 90 million Americans under 65 were without health insurance for some part of 2006 or 2007.

That figure is almost twice the 47 million that the U.S. Census Bureau said were uninsured for the full year in 2006. Four-fifths of those were in families where at least one member worked full or part time.

"This report shows just how many working families are struggling with the skyrocketing costs of health care," said Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., at a Washington news conference Sept.

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20. "It is simply unacceptable that in the greatest country in the world, a third of Americans have had to go without health insurance at some point over the last two years. Health care should be a right, not a privilege in our country."

More than 10 percent of uninsured Americans are children, and officials at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Health Association and Catholic Charities USA are working with Congress to come up with compromise SCHIP legislation that will satisfy both House and Senate, and the Bush administration.

After a conference committee agreement is reached, "we'll attempt to move it through Congress," said Thomas Shellabarger of the USCCB Department of Domestic Social Development. "There are a lot of ifs right now."

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been sentenced to life without parole, another 657 are on death row, and 4,200 people are locked away in solitary confinement, she said.

McDermott said California spends more than \$35,000 per

inmate which, given the recidivism rate is 95-98 percent, does not sound like money well spent.

But despite the desperate conditions for many prisoners, she said, innovative chaplains are finding ways that respect a penitentiary's rules while bringing the Gospel and the sacraments to more prisoners — even to inmates in solitary confinement who are not allowed any human contact.

True compassion in the midst of tragedy

As the floodwaters were rising in the days after Hurricane Katrina, the situation went from bad to worse at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans. When the electricity failed, flashlights became necessary to carry out simple tasks. There was no running water. Human sewage streamed through the hospital corridors. Many patients could not be evacuated, were crying out and suffered greatly in the stifling heat. Much of the medical staff had already left. The few who remained began to think they might never be rescued.

The conditions were "less than third world," according to Dr. Anna Maria Pou, who was accused of administering lethal doses of morphine and another sedative to nine patients in the hospital. Many who have learned of her actions have called her a hero, believing she was motivated by true compassion. Louisiana's attorney general, however, after consulting with a panel of medical experts, concluded that she perpetrated a multiple homicide.

While the debate continues as to what Dr. Pou did or did not do, compassion and heroism should never be confused with intentionally overdosing patients or loved ones in order to end their lives. The act of directly taking innocent human life is always incompatible with true compassion.

Upon further examination of the facts of the case, experts have suggested that Dr. Pou was not simply managing the pain of her patients by providing them with a medically indicated dose of morphine. Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, past president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, was one of the five experts brought in by the state of Louisiana to analyze the deaths. He described the situation this way: "The complete hospital records, autopsy protocols and postmortem toxicological analyses of the nine patients who died were thoroughly reviewed by several highly-experienced forensic pathologists, a toxicologist and other medical experts. We unequivocally concluded that the cause of death in all these cases was acute combined drug toxicity and that the manner of death was homicide."

These same experts also concluded that the possibility of the deaths being due to a tragic medical mistake was statistically unlikely. "Accidental overdoses would need to have occurred nine times between 12 noon and 3:30 p.m., all on one floor, to every patient who was left on the floor," observed Dr. John Young, former presi-

dent of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. After looking into the matter, however, a Louisiana grand jury nevertheless chose not to indict Dr. Pou following a series of closed-door hearings.

In looking at this case, it seems that many have hesitated to call a spade a spade. When I participated in a radio interview recently on this topic, a number of listeners were aghast at what Dr. Pou had allegedly done. Two people, however, called into the show to defend her, and I believe their comments were representative of how many people think about cases like this. "I commend Dr. Pou," one of the callers said, "for her courage and compassion towards those terminal patients who more than likely wouldn't 'survive' the horrid conditions they were in anyway due to an 'act of God,' not man. By looking at her patient's condition and the circumstances around her, she did what needed to be done, keeping her patients comfortable and easing their suffering. I pray that if I were ever in their shoes, I would have a doctor as conscientious and compassionate as Dr. Pou."

To understand the moral argument in this case, however, it is important to grasp the distinction between killing and allowing to die. It is also important to understand the real meaning of the word compassion.

"Compassion" has a Latin origin meaning "to suffer together with another." To be compassionate, in the proper sense of the term, means to take another's pain and suffering upon ourselves, onto our own shoulders, so that we suffer with them in some way. We seek to be present to them, and accompany them in their trials and tribulations as best as we are able.

True compassion as the flood waters were rising would not mean pulling a massive dose out of the vial, looking the person in the face, in their weakness and fear, and thrusting a needle deep into their skin or into their IV tube to cause the light in their eyes to falter and go out. That is not mercy or compassion, and to call it such is a lie. Mercy and compassion would rather seek to care for each patient in the face of difficulties, trying to move them to a higher floor if the waters were rising, and if that were impossible for some reason, then to sit attentively at their bedside, holding their hand and making them as comfortable as possible. True compassion would mean praying with them, perhaps crying with them at times, but above all remaining in solidarity with



MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

them as they prepare for what might be their last moments of life on earth.

When natural disaster strikes, we do not abandon those in our care, or ignore them, or betray them by taking their lives in the name of a false and violent compassion. Human beings are not like horses or other animals, needing to be shot when they break a leg or suffer a misfortune. The reason for this is that our pain and suffering have a redemptive purpose and a deeper meaning for each of us, as well as for those around us. Showing true compassion towards those who suffer ends up transforming both us and them in deep and ennobling ways.

For doctors and health care workers who have been entrusted with powerful tools over life and death, this truth is central to their identity. More than 2,000 years ago, the renowned physician Hippocrates stressed this when he said: "Primum non nocere" ("First, do no harm"). The truly compassionate doctor will strive to use his tools and medicines to attend to the medical needs of his patients, humbly recognizing that those tools may not be able to stave off death in every case. He may have to step aside as the shadow of death draws near and the mortal existence of the person he has been tending to comes to its natural close.

Above all, the compassionate physician can never violate his inner being and identity by becoming one who directly kills others, especially those who, in their most needful and fragile moments, find themselves entrusted to his care.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did postdoctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

Father Laurence Tippmann

Ordained May 31, 1969
Retired, Fort Wayne

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

The primary influence in my decision to become a priest was my family, my parish and my friends. I guess I wanted to do something for everybody. After reflecting upon how to accomplish this for weeks, months and even years, it gradually became clear to me that I could actually accomplish this if I became a priest.

What is the most rewarding part of being a priest?

The most rewarding part of being a priest is the awareness that, working with Christ in his church, I can actually share in the same miraculous power and life-giving love that Jesus brought down from heaven and continues to provide for us even in our present day.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are skiing in the winter and enjoying my horses in the summer. These two hobbies have much in common. I enjoy them most in the West —

Montana, Wyoming and so on. We can enjoy a "Rocky Mountain high" while skiing and a "cowboy high" while riding the range or even occasionally herding cattle.

Do you have any pets?

My horse is a very fine gentleman. His name is Ranger. He was born in Alberta, Canada, and moved to Montana as a young colt. He roamed the range in Montana until he was 6 and then trained by one of the finest pleasure riding schools in the West. I bought him in Dillon, Mon. and brought him here to Fort Wayne on my way home from skiing in early February of 2005.

What do you do for relaxation?

For relaxation I just love to work here on my miniature horse ranch. There are such a variety of things to do. Fortunately these are things I learned to do throughout my entire life, including the many things I did in the six parishes where I served, especially in Plymouth, Goshen, and at Queen of Angels and Saint Joseph's in Fort Wayne.

What are your favorite reading materials?

As a child I spent my free time playing in the woods, swimming



in the river, or riding horses on dirt roads or in open fields. However, I did plenty of reading during my nine years in the seminary, but it was mostly philosophy, theology and spiritual reading. Probably my favorite authors would be St. Augustine and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. I never read novels but really enjoyed movies during my teens and early 20s.

What is the best part of being Catholic?

I think the best part of being Catholic is to see clearly the beauty of truth and the wonders of the world God created and to know that each day is new and

filled with new life and to have the hope that this will become even more abundantly wonderful forever into the future forever.

What is your favorite prayer?

My favorite prayer is the Apostles Creed. It is a reminder of the treasures and magnitude of the realities of our Catholic faith. Beginning with the words, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church," and so on, it just seems that each one of these truths of our faith strengthens our faith in each of the others.

What is your favorite Scripture passage?

My favorite Scripture passage is Romans 12:12. "Rejoice in hope, be patient with difficulties and persevere in prayer." This is the tripod upon which my faith stands. If I fail in any one of these three legs of the tripod, my faith will fail, just as a tripod will fall if one leg is missing.

Who is your favorite pope?

My favorite pope is Pius XII. When Pius XI died and Eugenio Pacelli became Pius XII, I was just a young boy, and my mother explained all about what a pope is and what he does. I just followed

the life and difficulties of Pius XII through my grade school and high school years, and he was the pope of my youth and the pope of our generation.

What is your favorite food?

My favorite food is really not very healthy, but whenever I just want to throw caution to the wind and enjoy myself, I'll go to a certain restaurant where I can get a cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato and mayo, an order of French fries and a chocolate malted.

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

When I retired from parish ministry in July 2001, the bishop felt it best that I discontinue even part-time parish help. Almost immediately, an opportunity became available to open a center for women and another for men who were recovering from drug and/or alcohol addiction. It is a very fruitful ministry, and I just wish I could do even more for them.

How do you prefer to be addressed?

I preferred to be called either Father Larry of just father. Family and lifelong friends often just call me Larry.

Meet the Priest

Sports

LADY INDIANS HEAD TO STATE PREP GOLF FINALS Saint Joseph's High School girls golf team will make it to the Indiana state finals for the second year in a row after finishing second in the IHSAA regional in LaPorte. The Lady Indians finished with a team total of 361, just two strokes behind Twin Lakes with 359. The top medalist honors were captured by Saint Joseph's Anne Ormson who carded a 75 in the 12-team regional. Marian High school finished eighth among the 12 teams with a score of 380. — EJD

With two weeks left in the season, two CYO teams remain unbeaten

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With the end of season tournament just two games away, Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football action is heating up this week. To date, two teams remain unbeaten. They are the St. John/Benoit/Hessen Cassel Eagles and the St. Vincent Panthers. These two teams will go head to head in the final season match up Sunday, Oct. 7.

Face-offs Sunday, Sept. 23, were played at both Bishop Luers' field and the University of Saint Francis. The first game at Saint Francis featured a match-up between the Holy Cross Crusaders and the St. Charles Cardinals.

With a 6-0 lead at the half, the Cardinals hung on to claim the 12-8 victory. Zach Crabtree earned player-of-the-game honors chalking up 186 yards for the Cardinals on 18 carries. The eighth-grade tailback scored two touchdowns. The Cardinals improve to 3-2.

In the "Battle of the St. Johns," Fort Wayne outscored New Haven 40-14. The Eagles got a pair of touchdowns each from three of their speedsters: J.J. Curry, Jocquel Cooper and Devon Causey. J.J.



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

St. John Fort Wayne battles St. John New Haven in a football game played Sept. 23 at the University of Saint Francis. Fort Wayne outscored New Haven 40-14.

Curry "started the party" with a 60-yard scamper and later scored on a 10-yard run. Causey put the icing on the cake taking it to the house late in the game on two different 70 yarders. Brian Nichter converted on two of his point after tries for the now 5-0 Eagles.

Eagle coach Jim Carroll said, "The game was fought hard by both teams." The Raiders never let up and executed some big plays.

Raider touchdowns came from Colin Stuerzenberger and Adam McCarthy. Jeffrey Heaton kicked both extra points.

At Bishop Luers, St. Vincent standout Evan Feichter provided the opening kick off back 75 yards for a touchdown against the Royal Red of Precious Blood/Queen of Angels/St. Mary's Avilla. On their first play from scrimmage, Panther quarterback, Luke Tippmann hit Feichter on a 42-yard pass play. Nick German added the extra-point, making it 14-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Fullback Blake Noll scored a second quarter Panther touchdown on a two-yard run. And in the third quarter, German was busy catching a 52-yard pass from Tippmann and adding another extra point. The final score was 28-6 marking St. Vincent's fifth win of the season.

Next up was the high scoring shootout between the St. Jude Eagles and the St. Joe/St. Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) Knights. To start things off, eighth grader, Andrew Yaney returned the opening kick off 80 yards for a JAT touchdown.

Logan Dorman came through for the JAT offense with four rushing touchdowns in the 30-24 win over the Eagles. Delaney and Ecclestone hooked up for six points on several occasions in the St. Jude loss.

Due to the regional confirmation for many of the eighth grade players this Sunday, all games will be played on Saturday.

Current standings

1. St. John FW 5-0
2. St. Vincent 5-0
3. St. Charles 3-2
4. St. John NH 3-2
5. St. J-A-T 2-3
6. Q of A/PB 1-4
7. St. Jude 0-5
8. Holy Cross 0-5

Mishawaka Saints, Panthers overpower ICCL football foes

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — Mishawaka Catholic's Saints and the St. Anthony Panthers football teams simply overpowered their foes with a barrage of touchdowns to remain unbeaten and tied for first place in the varsity division of the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL).

St. Anthony thundered over the Holy Family Trojans, 38-6, with Vince Camiti and Kevin McFadden each romping for touchdowns. McFadden tallied on rushes of 4 and 12 yards, and Campiti scored on a 54-yard aerial from Nick Carmola and later on a 10-yard smash through center.

Collin Hickey also added a touchdown and Kameron Smith added four conversions.

Holy Family tallied on a 36-yard aerial from Zach Fozo to Blake Palicki.

Mishawaka Catholic's Michael Whitfield cut loose for three touchdown scampers on 25, 40 and 21 yards. The Saints' defense was exceptionally stout, keeping their foes outside the 20-yard marker.

The accurate Coley Schultheis added the extra points.

In the B-team division, Holy

Cross snared its third win of the season, and St. Anthony chalked up its second straight as both teams literally tied for first place.

Holy Cross swamped Mishawaka Catholic, 42-0.

Patrick O'Connor and Anthony Murphy each scored twice on long runs to lead the Saints.

St. Anthony easily defeated Holy Family, 19-6. Alex Ward tossed a touchdown pass of 15 yards to Oliver Page. Other touchdowns were added by Brian Mischler and Alex Clark.

Tyler Beck scored for the losers on a 2-yard plunge.

St. Matthew's Blazers waltzed over the Granger Titans, 20-0. Dominique Sanders scored on runs 37 yards and 8 yards. Sanders also tossed a 50-yard touchdown pass to Tyran Ottbridge, who also kicked an extra point.

Boys varsity football standings

Team	W	L
St. Anthony/St. Joe Panthers	2	0
Mishawaka Catholic Saints	2	0
St. Matthew Blazers	1	1
Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders	1	2
Holy Family Trojans	0	3
Corpus Christi Cougars	0	0

ICCL soccer resumes weekend play

SOUTH BEND — After a weekend off from play to accommodate the regional confirmation schedule at the University of Notre Dame on Sept. 16, Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) soccer returned to weekend action Sept. 23.

In the boys varsity division, St. Thomas defeated Corpus Christi, 5-2, with Joe Santerre scoring two goals for St. Thomas. Noah Strati, Bobby Norell and Ben Mauser added one each for St. Thomas. Turk and Bellagonte each had a goal for Corpus Christi.

Christ the King defeated St. Joseph, South Bend, 7, 4-1. Scoring for the Kings were Chris Agostino with two goals and Bailey Sexton and Joe Concannon with one goal each.

St. Joseph (South Bend) 8 beat St. Jude, 3-1. St. Joseph/Holy Cross goals were scored by Kevin Kruszewski with an assist by Thomas J. Labuziowski, Alex Scholtes (header) with an assist by Patrick Bruneel and Nick Barlow with an assist by Kevin Kruszewski. Tyler Olkowski scored for St. Jude.

In girls varsity, Christ the King beat St. Thomas, 8-1; St. Joseph, South Bend defeated St. Matthew, 5-2; and St. Jude defeated Holy Family, 5-1.

St. Anthony beat Holy Cross, 6-0, in a game where Kit Foster and Ruth Liddell both had two goals each. Claire Griffith and Therese Taylor scored one goal each. Abbey Matthys and Taylor combined for the shutout.

Corpus Christi beat Mishawaka Catholic, 6-0. Emma Flesh and Jordan Wawrzyniak combined for the shutout.

Boys varsity soccer standings

Team	W	L
St. Joseph (South Bend)	8	3
St. Thomas	3	0
Christ the King	3	0
St. Jude	2	1
St. Matthew	0	2
Mishawaka Catholic	0	2
Corpus Christi	0	3
St. Joseph (South Bend)	7	0

Girls varsity soccer standings

Team	W	L
St. Joseph (South Bend)	3	0
Corpus Christi	3	0
Christ the King	3	0
St. Anthony	2	1
St. Matthew	2	1
Mishawaka Catholic	1	2
Holy Family	1	2
Holy Cross	0	3
St. Thomas	0	3
St. Jude	0	3

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FUNDRAISERS

Silent and live auction

Waterloo — St. Michael the Archangel's youth group will have an auction on Sunday, Oct. 7. The silent auction, concession stand and bake sale begin at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. The live auction on selected items will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Holiday bazaar planned

Mishawaka — St. Joseph Church adult choir will sponsor a holiday bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the school on the corner of Third and Spring streets. Over 82 tables of craft and household items, bake sale and raffles will be available. Bring a canned or boxed food item and receive one free entry in the "mini raffle" for each item donated.

Dinner, dance and auction held

South Bend — Corpus Christi will host a dinner, dance and auction with an '80s theme. Catered dinner, drinks and music will be served Saturday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Reserve a table of 10 and receive two free drink tickets per person. For information call (574) 271-9794.

Rummage and bake sale

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish Rosary Society will have a rummage and bake sale Oct. 4-6 in Mohr Hall. Times are Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A craft show will also be held Saturday, Nov. 3. Crafters call (260) 422-8766.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 5, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7 and shrimp for \$8 will be available.

Clothing sale

Bristol — St. Mary Parish, 411 W. Vistula St., will have a clothing sale on Friday, Oct. 5, and Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bratfest planned by friends of St. Patrick

Wabash — Friends of St. Patrick, an ecumenical group aspiring to restore St. Patrick Church in Lagro will have Bratfest on Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Knights Hall in Wabash. Menu includes brats, warm potato salad, German chocolate cake,

Black Forest cake and German beer, purchased separately. Tickets are \$6 for all over 10 years of age. Polka music, face painting and fun from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Haunted Castle returns

Fort Wayne — The Haunted Castle will be open in October on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. and on Fridays and Saturdays from 7-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 or \$14. Sponsored by the St. Vincent Boy Scouts. Visit www.hauntedcastle.com for information.

DEVOTIONS

World Apostolate of Fatima sponsors commemorative service

New Haven — A procession, rosary and Mass to celebrate the 90th anniversary of Fatima will begin at noon, Oct. 13, at St. John Church, 943 Powers St. All are encouraged to come and pray for peace. For information contact (260) 432-5113 Ext.336.

Family rosaries planned

Fort Wayne — The first Sunday all family rosary will be recited from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7, in MacDougal Chapel. The intention is for all families,

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Elmer H. Macke, 77, St. Vincent de Paul

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JoAnn Ybarra, 58, St. Patrick

Marciano Samin Magno, 83, St. Vincent de Paul

Suzanna Young, 48, St. Vincent de Paul

Catherine A. Baron, 93, Saint Anne Home

James A. Hurst Jr., 85, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Alice M. Snyder, 95, St. Therese

Rita H. Marshall, 90, St. Therese

Garrett
Bernard R. Brennan, 96, St. Joseph

Goshen
Sue Ann Whitehead, 76, St. John the Evangelist

Mishawaka
Josephine Lentine, 81, St. Monica

Pierceton
Maurice J. Howe, 86, St. Francis Xavier

Plymouth
Helen M. Haines, 80, St. Michael

Alice B. Munroe, 86, St. Michael

South Bend
Helen H. Niezgodski, 94, St. Matthew Cathedral

John W. Pluta, 71, Christ the King

Frances L. Lewallen, 83, St. Anthony de Padua

Harry A. Plencner, 98, St. Adalbert

Hilary Van Overberghe, 64, Holy Family

Dolores B. Krzyzaniak, 83, Holy Cross

especially families with difficulties. Father Adam Schmitt from St. Joseph Parish and Sister Mary Ann Fox will attend. The first Monday all family rosary for the souls in purgatory will be held Monday, Oct. 8 in MacDougal Chapel at 7 p.m.

Widows of prayer meet for Mass

Fort Wayne — All Catholic widows are invited to attend Mass on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 2 p.m. at Most Precious Blood Church. A brief introduction and refreshments will follow.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Homecoming event planned

South Bend — St. Adalbert School will have a homecoming event on Sunday, Oct. 28. If you attended St. Adalbert School contact the parish office at (574) 288-5708 or e-mail stadalbertweb@comcast.net

Living Healthier series sponsored by University of Saint Francis

Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series will offer "Shed some sunlight on Women's Heart Health" with Sue Chubinski, PhD, RN, Cheryl Erickson, MA, and Carol Gruelich, MSN, on

Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Gunderson Auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments and healthy snacks provided. Free admission. Non-perishable food item donations accepted.

Annual garage sale planned

Fort Wayne — St. Peter Church, 500 E. DeWald St., will have a garage sale Sept. 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sept. 29 the bag sale will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

CRAFT SHOWS

Craft bazaar offers tables to rent

Fort Wayne — A craft bazaar will be held at St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Parish Saturday, Nov. 10. For table rental information call (260) 639-3281.

Holiday bazaar at Queen of Angels

Fort Wayne — A holiday bazaar will be held at Queen of Angels Parish, 1600 W. State Blvd., Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For table rental information call (260) 484-2035.

Craft fair reservations accepted

Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish will have a craft fair Saturday, Nov. 3. Handmade items only. Call (260) 749-6077 for information.



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THE DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

BY MARK WEBER

St. Augustine, South Bend, Est. 1928

The beginnings of St. Augustine Parish can be compared to a leaky boat carrying a small group of starving refugees unwelcome in any port.

In 1928, Holy Cross Father George O'Connor became aware of eight African-American families struggling to remain steadfast in the Catholic faith. The doors to Christ in the Catholic parishes in South Bend did not open wide to these black Catholics.

Father O'Connor had worked as a missionary among blacks in Louisiana, saw the South Bend situation as intolerable personally and was determined to correct it.

Help came first from Holy Cross Father William Lennartz, pastor of St. Joseph Church on the east side of South Bend, who offered the recreation hall of his parish as a place where these eight families could meet.

Even in the midst of the Great Depression, the small mission grew in membership to a total of 60 members by 1937, most of whom lived on South Bend's west side and faced a long walk to St. Joseph's on the east side. It was obvious that they needed a church in their own neighborhood.

A vacant storefront at 1228 W. Washington became a disastrous failure on its first Sunday when a the roof leaked so badly that the borrowed altar and all



linens were ruined. A second location at 1238 W. Washington, a former tavern, became the only option for the nomadic members of St. Augustine.

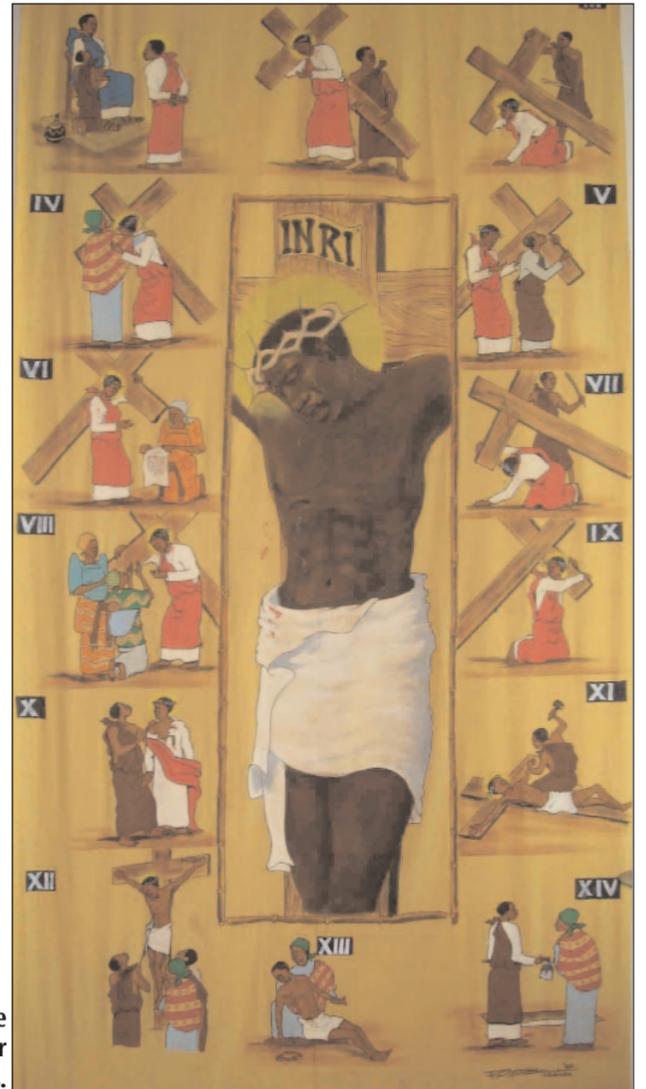
Providentially, fortunes improved here; the Kamm's brewery provided the location rent free, and the O'Brien Paint Company sent one of its own decorators and paint to prepare the interior of the church.

Volunteers from St. Matthew Parish stripped old wallpaper, a solid oak altar from a chapel in Michigan appeared, and gradually the former gin mill became the house of the Lord.

On Sunday, June 15, 1941, Bishop Noll dedicated the new St. Augustine's church at 1501 West Washington where it now stands as a vibrant parish financially stable, with a multiracial membership described as strongly black with its main outreach a soup kitchen that serves hundreds three days a week.

Today, St. Augustine's, founded for the unwelcome, welcomes all.

A tapestry in St. Augustine sanctuary shows the black Savior and the Stations of the Cross.



MARK WEBER

Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, Est. 1842

Two men whose bones have long since turned to dust, Father Stephen Badin and Leopold Pokagon, chief of the Potawatomi Indians lived lives in the American wilderness that shaped the destiny of Sacred Heart Parish and the University of Notre Dame.

Badin, born in Orleans, France, arrived in America as a seminarian and became the first Catholic priest ordained in this country. He was 25 years old and allowed to come to America on the condition that he would serve as a missionary in the valley of the Ouabache (Wabash). It was Badin who eventually acquired the land that became Notre Dame, calling it Sainte Marie des Lacs.

Chief Pokagon, baptized at 55, had such a love of the faith that he influenced other Indians to become converts and motivated Badin to press on in his missionary efforts.

Catholics in the region, which eventually became Sacred Heart Parish.

Father Sorin's first services were in the famous log cabin, and since that time, Sacred Heart has been a common place of worship for its parishioners, the university and the Congregation of Holy Cross.

In the early days, Sacred Heart's outreach went 100 miles beyond Notre Dame in northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan with all marriages and baptisms recorded back at Notre Dame.

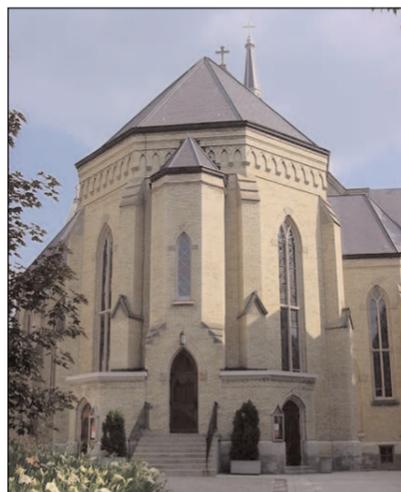
This practice gradually diminished as outlying parishes were established.

Today, Sacred Heart parishioners attend services in a basement chapel which is stark and severe in appearance in contrast to the majestic furnishings in the basilica above.

Sacred Heart Notre Dame is unique in that it owns no land, buildings or even the church it is in. It has never had a school or the usual parish societies.

It was not until 1970 that a parish council was formed and a director of religious education was hired.

Now, 200 years after Blackrobes said Mass near Indian campfires, Sacred Heart serves nearly 1,000 families at a famous location known round the world.



MARK WEBER

The tabernacle in the crypt chapel of Sacred Heart Parish.