Sacred Heart School breaks ground for the future

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 following 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

Five years celebration and groundbreaking

BY DENISE FEDOROW

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.
Special event honors those who faithfully lived marriage promises

The sacrament of marriage

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 is that you 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 sacrament of matrimony. Indeed, priests spend a great deal of their time preparing people for marriage.

We will begin with a talk by Professor John Cavadias 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.

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 Mgr. James Wolf, this parish is completing a major fund 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 parking 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. Fatigue of the long years seems 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 spas 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 season seems on the need 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 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 requesting 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 by those who, 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 the decree.

On July 25, 2007, I wrote to the Apostolic Penitentiary to ask if this gift of Christ’s Church, which has been granted to the church of the diocese, may be extended to other places within the diocese. The prefect of the Penitentiary granted this gift of God’s mercy through our parishes. The plenary indulgence may be received by the faithful of any diocese, provided the conditions, as presented with this statement in a catechesis, or instruction.

This decree 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, he received a commemorative plaque that was hung on the outside of the church. Bishop Faivre spoke, not only of Basil Moreau and his congregational 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, where 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 about the founder and his great trust in divine providence. The people sang of the “tiniest 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 Mass, the voices resounded with the chorus of the hymn to Basil Moreau, written by Father Moreau himself, and used in all the ceremonies:

“Let us glory in the cross, our one and only hope, as we sing his praise.”

The official photographer, Brother Charles McBride, CSC, was amazed and I am so thankful 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 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 knowing that I am a part of 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 could 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 myself 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 way of the coming 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 in the mission and the 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 founder 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,” (“Faith is our one hope”). I am an example to us who also live in troubled times.

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 Marjorie Layon, CSC, general of the Soeurs de Sainte-Croix, St. Laurent, Quebec, Canada; and Sister Mary Kay Kinberger, MSC, congregational leader, Mariane Ladies of Holy Cross, New Orleans, La.

Beatitude comments

The following are comments from diocesan participants of the beatification:

• “I was deeply moved by the number of lay 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.
— Adeline Cashore, Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame

• “I was overcome by emotion when I realized what the determination, sacrifice, love of God and zeal of one man could 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.
— Haley Nickell, Saint Mary’s College student

• “Jerry and I cherish the memories of our pilgrimage to Le Mans. 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.
— Barbara Ziltik, director of music and liturgy, Church of Our Lady of Loreto

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— Sister John Margaret Dieteren, CSC

• “This grand event seemed like a magnificent family reunion, such as heaven may be for all of the human family.
— Sister Mary Edward McDermott, CSC

• “I feel emboldened by my experience to do what I can to the life of Basil Moreau.
— Carol Ann Mooney, president, Saint Mary’s College

• “Certain one of the highlights of the event surrounding the beatification of Father Moreau for me was when his portrait was solemnly united at the beatification Mass. As the portrait was lowered, 4,000 people broke into spontaneous applause and joined in singing the acclamation, ‘Laudate Dominum,’ by the French composer, Jacques Boieldieu. After that 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 Hutcherson, 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 with all he did. Seeing Holy Cross family gather together to celebrate his life was amazing and I am so thankful to have had that experience.”
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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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said the improvements to the church would include 250 additional seats. The school currently has 197 students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

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TODAY'S CATHOLIC
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.

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, by people who are genuinely repentant, in the act of freely embracing: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father.

While serious sin and the guilt of sin is taken away by a sincere confession, purification 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 intention in seeking purification, while valid in itself, is insufficient. The church, the minister of God’s mercy, depends on the 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 transferred to 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, canonical indulgences, and certain prescribed conditions, which the one seeking indulgence is asked to perform. These actions, quite simple in themselves, are important because they respect our freedom and awe 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, along with the Sacred Penitentiary, to be especially mindful of these words of St. Gregory the Great, which 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 power of sin.
• 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 building up the church.
• 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 to mortals the satisfactions of Christ and the saints.” — Pope Paul VI, Apostolic Constitution, indulgentiarum Doctrina, Norm 1.

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Prot. N. 514/07/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 to the soul. The Most Reverend Petitioner confidently appeals to the great kindness of your Holiness for this.

On August 17, 2007

The APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, by mandate of the Supreme Pontiff, has graciously granted approval of this request. This is in force for this present opportunity only; anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

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St. Mother Theodore Guérin’s feast day is Oct. 3
Sisters of Providence, diocese to celebrate feast of foundress

ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUÉRIN —
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 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 procession. 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. Theodore, 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.

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. Ragette House at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 20 states, the District of Columbia, Taiwan and China.


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.

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POPE CELEBRATES MASS IN VELLETRI, ITALY

Catholic Charities delegates discuss poverty, racism at convention

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Tadeusz Konrad of Moscow to head the Archdiocese of Grodno in Belarus, the Vatican announced Sept. 21. 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 Petti, as the new head of the Moscow-based Archdiocese of the Mother of God. Archbishop Konradusiewicz, who was born in Belarus, told Vatican Radio Sept. 21, “I go to Minsk with great joy.” Archbishop Konradusiewicz 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 pastor 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 crosier 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.

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 the claims “not worthy of any consideration,” the Vatican also has refused to approve the statutes of the community she founded.

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.

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Tadeusz Konrad of Moscow to head the Archdiocese of Grodno in Belarus, the Vatican announced Sept. 21. 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 Petti, as the new head of the Moscow-based Archdiocese of the Mother of God. Archbishop Konradusiewicz, who was born in Belarus, told Vatican Radio Sept. 21, “I go to Minsk with great joy.” Archbishop Konradusiewicz 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 pastor 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 crosier 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 the (bishop’s) appointment. Thank you my brother priests,” he said. Nary’s 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 suffered 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 his duties,” 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 his shoulder and arms, legs, hands and knuckles. The bishop said he had fallen down the stairs at his residence.

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Around the Diocese

Eagle Scouts recognized in North Manchester

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.

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-

PROVENA VOLUNTEERS HONORED

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.”

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 Chizik Accounting; Kirby Falkenberg, executive director of the YMCA; and Walt Seale, executive director of Christians in Commerce. South Bend Mayor Stephen Luke 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 Carmick at (574) 234-5088 ext. 31.
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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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 commemorating 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 (1980) dates, and the date (1998) when the cathedral was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

ST. ANTHONY GRANDPARENTS RETURN TO 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.

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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 Esperanza 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 Rordan, vice president; Dorothy Towner, treasurer; Barbara Kozmer, secretary; Rose Braundorf, financial secretary; and Barbara Winicz, Marilyn Toep and Joan Fahey, trustees.

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 Guadalup, Mexico, where Sister Michelle Toep, CSC, is a missionary and her group hand-crafted special stoles for Our Lady of Guadalupe emblem.

The Knights also included a camera and suggested the 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
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 sit 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.

Clad in black, she admitted it was a bit startling to see a giant-sized Theresa Slott broadcast over JumboTrons to the audience.

“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 “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.

“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 helped them, she explained.

The saints’ gifts changed the world, she said. Retreatants were asked how they’d gifts would change the world.

“When I realized I wanted to use music in the church,” she said, “I started throwing jazz hands and a laugh, she added: “Instead of Broadway.”

She said her own musical inclinations originated in the church, and seeing how 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 them 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.
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 longtime 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.”

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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 contain 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 many of the 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 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 used in the help of 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
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.
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.

They should stay in Iraq, Assyrians face extreme danger. Dr. Charles J. E. Chaldean, 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 date, 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.

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EDITORIAL

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They should stay in Iraq, Assyrians face extreme danger. Dr. Charles J. E. Chaldean, 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.

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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 in, often in penning cor- poral 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 not being 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 circumstances that harm human dignity,” he said.

The death penalty, he said, only “unpoorishes the society that legitimizes and carries it out” and “foments revenge” instead of real just judgment.

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 to rehabilitate. 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 ministry workers from 62 different nations declared that capital punish- ment must be abolished worldwide and the penal system, strictly speaking, must end. They also lamented how “most prisons are overcrowded, the prisoners are abused and their needs are not satisfied.”

Debbie McDermott of the Catholic Conference ofzees detention ministry told the congress that her state’s prison system “is in crisis.” She said “172,264 inmates are warehoused in 33 prisons designed for less than 100,000.”

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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 the land 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 Negev 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 speaks of the sea as being gin- gish 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 kind are unclean. This excludes all shellfish and fish that have fins but no scales, such as shark, catfish and eels.

Any of the apostles, with no refrigeration, there was no way of keeping fish fresh. So G. Wiggin says that fish had to be salted and dried immediately if it was to be preserved for storage or transport. One of the major selling centers on the Sea of Galilee was at Magdala, the hometown of Mary Magdalene. The Aramaic name for Magdala was Magdalah, meaning “the tower of the fisher- men.”

Only fishermen like the apostles, and those living in close proxim- ity 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. Wiggin, 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 in 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 tongs attached to each end. Once the catch was on shore, the good fish would be put into bas- kets, and the rest thrown back into the lake. Most fishing was done at night or just before dawn.

Jesus called one of the disciples for the kingdom of heaven to this scene. “The reign of God is like a dragnet or seine thrown into the lake, which col- lected all sorts of things. When it was full they hauled it ashore and sat down to put what was worth- while into containers. What was useless they threw away. At the end of the world, angels will separa- te the wicked from the just.”

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

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 it was lowered behind the boat not far from shore. The fishermen passed between the shore and the net while beating on the bottom of the boat, so the noise made from the nearby fish ran into the net. After 10 minutes of beating, the net was drawn, the fish hauled into the boat, and then the fishermen moved to another spot and lowered the net again.

Some of the 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 ports towns.

Another method of fishing involves the method of spinning over shallow water. The net fell in a ring as the water in it was then dragged it down. As the net sank, it took the shape of a dome that enclosed the fish. The fishermen drew the net closed from the center and collected the fish entan- guled in it.

Fishing was also done with a hook and line as seen in the mira- cle 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 usually fish with a line attached to the center and collected the fish entan- guled in it.

The seine is about 300 yards long, 27x7 ft. from stern to bow. It is kept in water under cover, as it is a constructed pool in the Yigdal Allen Museum. It is a flat-bot- tomed, very shallow boat, 27x7/2 feet. The frightened of the apostles when waves were breaking over their boat in a storm was 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 Ginosar at a number of caves near Nahal Ammod. In 1923 they found a Neanderthal skull. In 1961 the Japanese found the head of Man from the Upper Paleolithic age.

Father Richard Hire, pastor of St. Matthew – The Porous Parish, Syrakuse, 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.

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LINEN
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ANGELS
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CHILD
WARM THEM

DRESSED
SIMPLY
TABLE
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MOSES

PINK
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FLAMES
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McDermott said California spends more than $35,000 per inmate which, given the recidi- vism rate is 95-98 percent, does not sound like money well spent.

But despite the desperate con- ditions for many prisoners, she said, innovative chaplains are finding ways that respect a peniten- tiary’s rules while bringing the Gospel to the men to more prisoners — even to inmates in solitary confinement who are not allowed any human contact.

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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 were afraid they might never be heard.

The conditions were “less than third world,” according to Dr. Anna Maria Pou, who was accused of administering lethal injections to dying patients. As president of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, one of the five experts brought in by the state of Louisiana to analyze the deaths, she described the situation this way: “The complete hospital record could not mean pulling a massive dose out of the vault, 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 their lives comfortable. True compassion would mean praying with them, perhaps crying with them at times, but above all remaining in solidarity with them as they prepare for what might be their last moments of life on earth.

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My hobbies are playing in the woods, swimming, going out on my way home from skiing in early February of 2005. My favorite Scripture passage is Romans 12:12. “Rejoice in hope, patient with difficulties and persevere in prayer.” This is the tripod upon which my faith stands. If I fall in any one of these three legs of the tripod, my faith will fall, just as a tripod will fall if one leg is missing.

What is your favorite food? My favorite food is a cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato and mayo, an order of French fries and a chocolate malted.

What is the best part of being Catholic? As a child I spent my free time reading the Bible and studying the lives of the saints. I have a doctor as conscientious and compassionate as Dr. Pou who, 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 horrific 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. “Compasion” 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.

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Meet the Priest

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 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 Angel. 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 Dillon, Mont., and brought him here to Fort Wayne on my way home from skiing in early February of 2005.
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 Lafayette. The Lady Indians finished with a team total of 364, 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 LaPorte. The Lady Indians finished eighth among the 12 teams with a score of 380. — RJD

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Raiders touchdown 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.

Up next 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 Eclestone 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
6. Q of A/PB 1-4
7. St. Jude 0-5
8. Holy Cross 0-5

Mishawaka Saints, Panthers overpower ICLL 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 Camni and Kevin McFaddan each romping for touchdowns. McFadden tallied on rushes of 4 and 12 yards, and Campisi scored on a 54-yard aerial from Nick Carnola 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 Fozzo to Blake Palicki.

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

The accurate Coley Schulteiss added the extra points. In the B-team division, Holy Cross stunned the 12-team regional. Marian High school finished eighth among the 12 teams with a score of 380.

ICLL 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 Santore scoring two goals for St. Thomas. Noah Strati, Bobby Norell and Ben Mauser added one each for St. Thomas. Turk and Bellagente 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) beat St. Jude, 8-0, in a game where Kit Foster and Rich Laubisch both had two goals each. Abbey Matthey and Taylor combined for the shutout.

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

Boys varsity soccer standings

Team W L
St. Joseph (South Bend) 3 0
St. Thomas 3 0
Corpus Christi 2 1
St. Jude 2 1
Mishawaka Catholic 2 0
Corpus Christi 0 3
St. Joseph (South Bend) 0 3

Girls varsity soccer standings

Team W L
St. Joseph (South Bend) 3 0
Corpus Christi 3 0
St. Thomas 3 0
Corpus Christi 2 1
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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
Wawalo — 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 held Sunday, Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are $25 per person. Open bar, entertainment and live dancing will be presented.

Holiday bazaar planned
Mishawaka — St. Joseph Church will host a dinner, dance and auction on Friday, Oct. 5, and Saturday, Oct. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Knights of Columbus will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 5, from 5-7 p.m. Adults $7, children (5-12) $5. Chicken strips for $7 and shrimp for $8 will be available.

Black Forest cake and German beer, purchased separately.

Hallowed 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.

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That tradition continues and we are pleased to announce that Kathy Fox has joined our firm. Kathy is a licensed Funeral Director with 16 years experience and is now available to discuss arrangement options. Call Kathy at 450-2147.

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Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Gunden 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 bazaars with 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.

ERECTFUL SIR,

turn toward us and listen to our prayers. Open the gates of Paradise to Your servants and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with You forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. — Amen.

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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 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.

Provisionally, 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.

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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.

Bebin, 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.

By 1842 when Father Edward Sorin arrived in northern Indiana, the Potawatomi had been forced to move and the handful of Catholics there rarely saw a priest. Sorin reestablished a mission to provide pastoral care for 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.