Diocese considering Sacred Heart and St. Jude parishes merger

SOUTH BEND — Last weekend Bishop John M. D’Arcy visited both Sacred Heart Parish in Lakeville and St. Jude Parish in South Bend to consult with parishioners about a possible merger of the two parishes. Close to 100 people attended the 7 p.m. Friday night meeting in the parish hall at Sacred Heart, and likewise about 100 people stayed for the discussion after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass at St. Jude.

Both meetings were marked by heartfelt but respectful dialogue as Bishop D’Arcy explained the reasons for considering a merger of the two parishes, and parishioners voiced their concerns and questions. The bishop stressed that he had not yet made a decision on the issue and would take parishioners’ viewpoints into serious consideration.

Canon law requires a bishop to gather the input of the affected parishioners and also to consult with the diocesan priests’ council before making a decision, Bishop D’Arcy explained. The six-member priests’ council will meet in January or February of 2008, and the bishop said he plans to reach a decision on the matter some time in 2008.

The main reason for considering the merger, according to Bishop D’Arcy, is the shortage of priests. For some time now, diocesan planning committees have looked at the possibility of merging the two parishes, which are only three miles apart. The need for adequate church space for the growing community is another prime consideration.

A bishop has the responsibility to distribute priests well, the bishop told both parish meetings, and so he feels he cannot assign a priest to just Sacred Heart, a parish with about 70 households and only four or five baptisms and one or two marriages a year. St. Jude has

All Schools Mass is tribute to Catholic Education

FORT WAYNE — The All Schools Mass celebrated recently by Bishop John M. D’Arcy at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum was attended by thousands of Catholic elementary school children. The Mass is an annual event held in tribute to Catholic education and draws students from Fort Wayne and the surrounding area.

Also in attendance were Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger, the superintendent of schools, along with administrators, principals, teachers, parents and the many parish priests whose schools were represented. Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers high school students helped with parking and ushering duties and provided vocal and instrumental accompaniment for the liturgy.

Excitement was evident as the children chattered among themselves and waved to acquaintances from other schools, but a hushed silence came over the gathering as the celebrant and his priestly retinue processed into the coliseum and celebration of the Mass began.

The Mass itself was a memorial of the Guardian Angels and a reminder of the children they protect. Bishop D’Arcy told his audience that the day’s Gospel, Matthew 18:1-5, says “… unless you return and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven…” He said, “The angel that protects you is a sign of God’s care for you.”

During his homily the bishop asked the students for biblical references to angels and received several, including that of the Angel Gabriel’s appearance to Mary. He reminded them that her “yes” answer to the angel should be their “yes” attitude toward God as
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TODAY’S CATHOLIC

October 14, 2007

BISHOP JOHN M. D’ARCY

Some time for study

It was a joy to spend part of three days this week at the Oakwood Inn next to Lake Wawasee. For a number of years, we have had a continuing educational seminar in October for our priests. This year the topic was the sacrament of matrimony, and the splendid schedule of events was arranged by our dedicated and able co-directors of our Father Leo Office Life Office, Fred and Lisa Everett. It was filled with excellent content.

On Monday evening, Professor John Carney presented the theological principle of the Church in a move to the University of Notre Dame, presented the teachings on marriage in the writings of the Fathers of the Church, with emphasis on the twofold concept of St. John Chrysostom and St. Augustine.

For the second presentation on Tuesday morning, Fred and Lisa combined forces to give an overview of the systematic theology of marriage, as it is regarded by Catholics. In response Lisa spoke of appropriate pastoral response to the difficult situation in the culture; such as, lack of fidelity, the attitude towards sexuality, the declining birthrate, etc. That later day, day, Lisa, a religious education at St. Matthew, was warm and high on the theology of the body. It was excellent to have a professor and at the same time a young mother present this radical but beautiful teaching of Pope John Paul II, which many believe will be a central part of his lasting legacy.

In the evening, Adrian Reimers, professor of philosophy at the University of Notre Dame, also spoke on the theology of the body. It was excellent to have a professor and at the same time a young mother present this radical but beautiful teaching of Pope John Paul II, which many believe will be a central part of his lasting legacy.

This teaching, so necessary for our time, goes far beyond negative perspectives and concentrates on the nature of the gift of self in marriage. Both Lisa and Professor Reimers laid out clearly the beauty of this teaching and why it is so attractive to young people.

The final session on Thursday morning was especially moving. Two of our department heads, Cindy Black, director of Youth Ministry Office, and Lisa Everett, director of Office of Family Life, presented a moving two-part reflection on the dignity of the day, which is so important for couples preparing for marriage.

Reaction from priests has been so positive. Father Robert Schulte told me that the priests from overseas who are living at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception were especially struck, both by the content and the competence of the day. They seemed to understand the lives of their priests. The respect and understanding for priests and their families was especially encouraging and moving.

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Important parish meetings

On Friday night I was privileged to lead a meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Lakeville. A large crowd came together in their parish hall. As you know, we are considering the amalgamation of two parishes, St. John Bosco and St. Matthew. Today was the first of several times you will be hearing about this in the weeks ahead.

I recall that the last time I did this was in the 50s. Since that time a number of things have changed about the way we approach these types of decisions. The first thing that is different is that the parishioners play a large role in this decision. The next change is that we are much more aware of the needs of those who are entering the Catholic Church. Finally, the Church is much more aware of how to make the Church more welcoming.

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Moving on

Three straight over the Los Angeles Angels. The Indian-Yankee series at this writing looks like it will be Cleveland. I well recall the game in which Cleveland beat Boston 7-0 on the night the Red Sox Indians in 1948 — and you know who won that game. Cleveland went on to beat the Boston Braves in six in the World Series. This will be different.
about 700 households. Neither parish has any debt.

This year Bishop D’Arcy appointed Father John Delaney, who is pastor of St. Jude Parish, to be pastor of Sacred Heart Parish also. Father Delaney is now one of nine diocesan pastors who care for two parishes.

At the parish meetings last weekend, Father Delaney explained that consolidating the two parishes not only would help the priest to minister to all the people, but also would help to consolidate parish staff to meet the needs of all the people. He and the bishop also foresee the two parish communities in enriching one another, as has happened in other parish mergers in the diocese.

Rather than closing one parish and sending those parishioners to the neighboring parish, Bishop D’Arcy and his advisors favor creating one new parish with a new name and building a new church for that parish that would serve the expected population growth on the south side of St. Joseph. The Sacred Heart church building is too small to accommodate the merged parish. And with continued south-side development, the present St. Jude Church could be overcrowded in a few years.

Further, the St. Jude Church was built in 1960 to be a gymnasium for the attached school, with the idea of building a more suitable church in the near future. Some St. Jude parishioners noted at their meeting, they are still waiting for that new church building, and some expressed frustration over continuing speculation and little action.

“I would love to give money for a new church,” said St. Jude parishioner Dave Grossnickle. “I just hope it’s soon, and during my lifetime!”

A common concern voiced by the people at both parish meetings was about where the proposed new church building would be located. The diocese is looking at all possibilities, including the present Sacred Heart and St. Jude sites, and other suitable properties in the area that would be convenient for people from both parishes. A committee of experts in demographics, architecture, engineering, real estate, etc., will be appointed to study the matter and advise the diocese, the bishop said.

Sacred Heart parishioners seemed to favor the 80-acre site at Sacred Heart that already is owned by the diocese. Don Milzarek said that building a new Catholic church at Sacred Heart, which is on busy U.S. Highway 31 just south of South Bend, would be good public relations to show that the Catholic Church is growing. And he suggested that some of the extra Sacred Heart acreage could be sold to help finance the project. However, the site does not presently have city water and sewer, which would be costly to acquire. Sacred Heart parishioners asked what would happen to the present Sacred Heart cemetery if the new church is located elsewhere. Bishop D’Arcy assured them that the cemetery would not be disturbed in any event.

Several St. Jude parishioners expressed a preference for the new church to be at the St. Jude site, which is on Johnson Road, three miles north of Sacred Heart and a couple of blocks east of U.S. 31. However, space for a new building there would be tight, for the property is very crowded.

The concern of many of the St. Jude people was over the possibility of the present church building and the school, which has 178 students in grades K-8. Some even questioned whether the school would remain open. Bishop D’Arcy made it clear that wherever the church building is located, the school would not be affected. He and Father Delaney explained that if a new church is built on another site, the buildings at St. Jude would be reconfigured in a way to provide suitable space for the weekday school Masses and the sacraments of reconciliation and confession, and the priest would still be present in the school building. And they both pledged nothing about the Catholic character of the school would change.

“The school will stay,” Bishop D’Arcy stressed, “We’re not closing this school.”

St. Jude School Principal Stephen Donndelinger said at the meeting that ideally, it would be best to have the church and school on the same property. However, he said, Catholic educators today face new challenges and have to think in new ways. He said the school could be built on the present buildings on the site. And he urged parishioners to examine all the possibilities that would help the school and parish thrive and grow for many years to come, saying there is more risk to maintaining the status quo than in embracing change.

At both meetings, people expressed anguish over possible changes in their parishes, but some of them also made an effort to reach out to members of the other parish and to acknowledge that the issue is difficult for everyone. Kathryn Walker, a St. Jude parishioner, explained that she had belonged to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish and came to St. Jude after St. Mary was closed.

“I want the Sacred Heart parishioners to know that I have found a very loving community here,” Walker said.

When pressed for a timetable, Bishop D’Arcy said that he hoped to have a decision next year, and he thought that the new church could be built within three to five years.

“God, you won’t have to wait much longer,” he said.
Saint Meinrad president-rector to resign in 2008

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Father Mark O’Keefe announced Oct. 5 that he would be stepping down as president-rector of Saint Meinrad School of Theology, St. Meinrad, next year, at the end of the current school year. He has held the position since May 1996. He made the announcement to the School of Theology community on Friday. Father O’Keefe’s tenure will end on June 1, 2008. “I am in my 12th year as president-rector. I believe that I am already the senior rector of a free-standing theologate in the United States,” said Father O’Keefe. “Even when things are going well, eventually the time comes for new leadership.” A search for Father O’Keefe’s successor will be initiated by the school’s board of trustees. A recommendation to the archabbot is expected to be made at the board’s meeting in February 2008. The school’s bylaws require that the president-rector be a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey. Under Father O’Keefe’s leadership, the School of Theology has increased its enrollment, begun a two-year pre-theology program leading to a master of Catholic philosophical studies degree, added a permanent deacon formation program, established the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates, and undergone several extensive renovations. He also helped lead a successful capital campaign that raised more than $42 million for Saint Meinrad.

Father O’Keefe attended Saint Meinrad College, earning a bachelor’s degree in history in 1978. He professed vows as a Benedictine monk in 1979, and began his studies for the priesthood at Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He has ordained in 1983. An educator and a moral theologian, Father O’Keefe holds a doctorate in sacred theology (STD) in moral theology from The Catholic University of America. Father O’Keefe taught moral theology in the School of Theology and served as academic dean and associate academic dean before being appointed president-rector in 1996. He also is a consultant on issues of medical ethics. He is the author of seven books. A series of books on the Catholic priesthood includes “Priestly Wisdom: Insights from St. Benedict,” “Priestly Prayer: Reflections on Prayer in the Life of the Priest,” “Priestly Virtues: Reflections on the Moral Virtues in the Life of the Priest,” “The Ordination of a Priest: Reflections on the Priesthood in the Rite of Ordination,” and “In Personam: Christi: Reflections on Priestly Identity and Holiness.” Other books are “Becoming Good, Becoming Holy: On the Relationship of Christian Ethics and Spirituality” and “What Are They Saying About Social Sin?” He has written articles for academic and popular journals, and is a frequent speaker at gatherings by bishops, priests, seminarians and parish groups.

Catholic Schools Office releases official enrollment figures for current year

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend today announced official enrollment figures for the 2007-2008 school year. A news release issued by the diocese in mid-September contained preliminary, unofficial enrollment figures for the majority of its 40 elementary schools.

“The high-school enrollment figures released Sept. 13 were finalized at that time,” said Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempeinger, superintendent of the Catholic Schools Office. “But we had not finished collecting elementary school enrollment numbers at the time of the earlier release,” Father Kempeinger continued. “The state does not collect the figures until the ISTEP test is administered, which was later in the month.”

As reported earlier, total enrollment in the four Catholic high schools in the diocese increased from 3,218 students last year to 3,224 students this year. Enrollment in the 40 Catholic elementary schools in the diocese is 9,911 students, an increase of 133 students. The grand total enrollment for all diocesan Catholic elementary and secondary schools for the 2007-2008 school year currently amounts to 13,135 students, a decrease of 127 students (-1 percent) compared to last year’s total enrollment of 13,262 students according to the figures released today by the Catholic Schools Office.

The student enrollment at each secondary and elementary school (without pre-kindergarten figures) follows with gain/loss and percent change:

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Fort Wayne enrollment: 6,535 students

South Bend enrollment: 6,600 students

Total enrollment: 13,135 students

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Total enrollment: 2,766 | -21 (-1 percent) |

Total: 2,702, -7 (0 percent)

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Total enrollment: 2,676, -59 (-2 percent) |

Total: 3,445, -91 (-3 percent) |

Kathleen Anderson is one of more than 30 Barnes & Thornburg attorneys providing legal services to their fellow parishioners in the Diocese of Fort Wayne - South Bend.
Respect Life Sunday service mourns lives destroyed by abortion

BY JENNIFER MURRAY

Hundreds of people gathered at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne on Oct. 7 to mourn the loss of life and to pay their respects for the dead.

They watched as a hearse pulled to a stop. As a casket was pulled out, the pallbearers stepped forward. The young boys, Vincent Schipper and Micah Allgeier, had no problem lifting the small casket and carrying it to the memorial stone as the Knights of the Columbus followed them. Only two boys were needed to carry the casket because, sadly, it was empty. This was the 15th Annual Memorial Service held by the March for Life Committee.

This casket symbolized the 698 little boys and girls who lost their lives in the Women's Health Organization in Fort Wayne between Sept. 1, 2006 and Aug. 31, 2007. These children were never allowed to breathe or to come forth from the womb. They were never allowed to create memories of their laughter and tears, of their first steps and their falls, of kindergarten graduation, of first love and lasting love. They were never held in the arms of their mothers or cherished by their fathers. They were torn from this world because they were an inconvenience to someone. The dignity of their lives were never given a worth or place such little value on human life.

Yet, here in this cemetery, stood hundreds of people with no apparent ties to those lifeless children. And then the opening song “We Are One Body,” began and the ties suddenly became clearer.

Cathie Humbarger, executive director for Allen County Right to Life said, “Thank you so much for joining us for the babies who were shattered this year and for their mothers whose hearts were shattered.”

Rev. Arnold Piering, pastoral advisor for Lutherans for Life gave the opening prayer. "Today we thank you for the gift of life. You knew us before we were formed in the womb... We ask you to forgive us the times we have not spoken up as we should... for the times we have not stepped up as we should.”

Father James Seculoff, pastor of St. John the Baptist, New Haven, spoke of the devastation to our country caused by this treasonous act of 1973. "Since that time 43 million children, at least, were killed... Of course that will come back to haunt us."

He saw a link between abortion and contraceptives. When people separate sexual pleasure from procreation, people begin to see less value in life. People, especially the defenseless and the undesirable, become expendable. The choice to kill an unwanted baby becomes easier.

"We know (the aborted children) were made in the image of their Creator... with a desire... to love... Because of that, we must be loved... We know that each of these children were not convenient and were born into a world that values convenience over human life."

"We, as Catholics and Protestants join in compassion and the vision of hope... We are called to be faithful. ... We are called to be faithful." He ended with, "The people gathered at the cemetery joined in singing "Amazing Grace" and then waited solemnly as "Taps" was played and the Knights of Columbus processed away from the site.

As the memorial service ended, the words of admonition still echoed. "The children who lost their lives have no voice. We must speak up because they couldn’t."

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**Festival to be multicultural event**

**FORT WAYNE** — Three cultures unite to bring a full festival to Saint Patrick’s, Fort Wayne, on Saturday, Oct. 20, from noon to 6 p.m. St. Patrick Parish is home to Hispanic and Vietnamese populations in addition to the Anglos. While there have been different events hosted by the three groups, this is the first time they are coming together to work on one project.

A highlight of the festival will be the food. There will be dishes representing each of the communities participating this together. In addition, there will be Karaoke, games for children and adults and raffles.

Join the parishioners at St. Patrick to get a taste of cultural variety and a glimpse of the unity that is bringing them together for this day of celebration. — J M

**Adoration for deacon to be ordained**

**DECATUR** — St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Decatur will be holding an all-night eucharistic adoration this Oct. 19-20 to pray for Deacon Bob Lengerich as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood.

Deacon Bob spent the summer of 2006 at St. Mary’s where he quickly became a part of the parish family. While he has been in the prayers of parishioners throughout the past year, they will spend 12 hours in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the future “Father” Bob Lengerich and his vocation to the priesthood.

Parishioners are also encouraged to offer prayers for vocations in the diocese, in the local bishop, St. Mary’s Parish, and for all of the current and future seminarians. The high school youth will be having an all night adoration lock-in at the youth house and spending portions of the evening with Christ and Christian friends.

Anyone interested in spending time with Jesus is welcome to join the parish of St. Mary’s on Friday night, Oct. 19, from 8 p.m. to Saturday morning at 8 a.m. The entire event will conclude with a celebration of Holy Mass to be offered for Deacon Bob Lengerich.

**XLT goes to Auburn**

**AUBURN** — Young people and adults and raffles.

XLT will begin at 7:30 p.m. following the 6 p.m. LifeTeen Mass. Contemporary Christian music will be by Franke and the Holy Rollers. Auburn’s Hispanic population is the native of the parish and now pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne, will preside over the celebration.

There will also be quality time in the eucharistic presence and peace and approved Immaculate Conception Church is located at 500 E. 7th St., in Auburn.

**Bishop Dwenger High School senior Madeline Goheen has been named a 2008 National Merit Semi-Finalist. Goheen scored in the top 1 percent of the 1.4 million students nationwide who took the PSAT test in October of 2006. She will now apply for finalist status and National Merit Scholarship consideration, which will be announced in February 2008. Three additional Bishop Dwenger seniors were named commended students by the National Merit program. These students scored in the top 5 percent of all students nationwide on the PSAT test taken in October of 2006. They are Elizabeth Breckler, Sam Fenker and Emily McGowen. Fenker also received a perfect 800 on the math portion of his SAT. In the photo, from left, are Emily McGowan, Elizabeth Breckler, Madeline Goheen and Sam Fenker.**

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Hogan family benefit set Oct. 20 at Sacred Heart

**WARSAW** — Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw had been very blessed over the years by the talents of Chuck and JoEllen Hogan.

Chuck was passionate about life and this passion overflowed in everything he did. His life was cut short by a massive heart attack in 2004 at the age of 53.

JoEllen too has been very active in the community. The mother of three, she worked at the Warsaw Public Library for over 22 years. At Sacred Heart, she is a member of the choir and played key roles in setting up the parish health library, parish nurse program, bereavement group, MOM’s group, the parishioner library and participated in many Bible study groups. She was diagnosed with breast cancer and has been in remission. Last May, however, it was determined that she has cancer cells in her cerebral spinal fluid. The treatments were not successful. Although concerned about leaving her young sons, JoEllen has put her life and the care of her sons in God’s hands.

As part of their community family, many people have gathered to lend a hand. A Hogan family benefit will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall beginning at 7 p.m. There will be hors d’oeuvres, beverages, enterainment, dancing, a silent and live auction and a raffle. All proceeds will assist with JoEllen’s medical care and the boys as they adjust to a life without their parents.

Tickets may be purchased at Warsaw Public Library, D C Haircrafter and Bob List Photography or by calling Sacred Heart (at 574) 267-5842. Donations will also be accepted at all of these locations.

**Bishop Luers Wedertz Scholarship winners named**

**FORT WAYNE** — Bishop Luers High School seniors Joseph Crouch and Simon May are this year’s recipients of the Wedertz Scholarship.

Bill Rinne, former English teacher at Bishop Luers High School, was a friend of Larry Wedertz. Before his death, Wedertz promised the Rinne family that he would find a way to remember Larry. Two years later, the Wedertz Scholarship Fund was established.

Religious experts such as Fairchild, Dominicans, and diocese priests in the area at the time, and he spoke of the relative differences that existed between these religious groups at the time.

He gave a brief account of the significant part that St. Diego played in receiving the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and about St. Juan Diego’s conversations with the local bishop trying to carry the message that Our Lady had asked him to send.

He showed how Our Lady of Guadalupe provided the “perfectly inculturated” example of evangelization that has helped to build the future “in all nations share in the Americas.”

Through the use of detailed clay casts of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Father Chavez pointed out various segments of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, often artists have created different designs, but these are not the actual images as recorded by the original authentic image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

“During this important 457th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are honored to have the opportunity to bring her message of peace to people throughout the United States,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson in a press release.

More information about Father Chavez’ talk, see the Knights of Columbus Web site at www.kofc.org. Father Chavez’ talk is available for download as a PDF file.

Kevin M. Large is the Grand Knight of Santa Maria Council #553.

**Rebecca Klessing will speak at banquet for life**

**FORT WAYNE** — The 10th Annual Banquet For Life, “Making the Hard Case for Life,” will be hosted by the Tippman Family and the Allen County Right to Life, Trinity Educational Trust Fund, on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne at 6:30 p.m.

Rebecca Klessing will be the guest speaker. She is a family law attorney representing pro-life causes, including organizations to combat pornography, rape and abortion. Klessing is an author, media commentator and homeschooling mom. The Klessings are the adoptive and biological parents of five children.

Klessing’s life began as the result of a rape and she has earned the right to defend the hard case for life.

For additional information, call (260) 471-1849.
Father Hesburgh feted at Smithsonian

BY DENNIS BROWN

NOTRE DAME — Political, educational, judicial and religious leaders gathered Oct. 9 at the University of Notre Dame, one of the 20th century’s most influential figures in higher education, the Catholic Church and national and international affairs.

The invitational event will feature the inclusion of a photograph of Father Hesburgh into the National Portrait Gallery’s permanent collection. The image, by an unidentified photographer, captures Father Hesburgh and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. linking hands in solidarity during a civil rights rally at Soldier Field in Chicago in 1964. Work in support of civil rights — marked most prominently by his service on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights — was among the many major social issues in which Father Hesburgh was involved.

Notre Dame alumnus and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was scheduled to attend and offer her reflections on Father Hesburgh’s legacy, and Sen. Edward Kennedy (via a pre-recorded video) and Sen. Alan Simpson were to be the evening’s featured speakers.

Alan Simpson was to recount Father Hesburgh’s long tenure as president, three as permanent Vatican City representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna from 1958 to 1969.

Father Hesburgh was born May 25, 1917, and raised in Syracuse, N.Y. He was educated at Notre Dame and the Gregorian University in Rome, from which he earned a bachelor’s degree in 1939. He was ordained a priest of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame’s founding order, in 1943.

Following his ordination, Father Hesburgh embarked on a cross study of sacred theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., earning his doctorate in 1945. He joined the Notre Dame faculty the same year and served as chaplain to World War II veterans on campus in addition to his teaching duties in the religion department.

He was appointed the head of that department in 1948, and the following year was appointed executive vice president in the administration of Holy Cross Father Joseph J. Connelly, university president. At the age of 35 in June 1952, he was named the 15th president of Notre Dame.

The accommodations of the Hesburgh era at Notre Dame are reflected in statistics comparing the Notre Dame of 1952, when Father Hesburgh became president, with the university he left in 1987. The annual operating budget rose from $9.7 million to $176.6 million, the endowment from $9 million to $176.6 million, and Research funding from $735,000 to $15 million. Enrollment increased from 4,979 to 9,600, faculty from 389 to 950, and degrees awarded annually from 1,212 to 2,500.

More than 1,800 coats are expected to be distributed this year to nearly 900 needy families in the Fort Wayne area. Over 65 schools and agencies are participating. The Christ Child Society coat distribution program will continue each Wednesday morning in October at Sacred Heart School on Gaywood Avenue.

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BY BONNIE ELBERSON

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St. Vincent de Paul Parish Respect Life group reborn

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish Respect Life Committee has been revitalized with new leadership this fall and holds great promise for the future. Robert and Tracia Gregory have spearheaded the resurrection of the program at this vibrant parish where their creative effort has established seven subcommittees, each with a specific focus.

Gregory, committee chairman, reports directly to Father John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent, as he oversees the workings of each subcommittee. But he says, his wife, Tracia is the driving force behind the passion and thrust of the group. Tracia, a St. Vincent Parish School alumna, comes from a “very pro-life family,” says Gregory. During the seven years of their marriage as they welcomed the births of their four children, who currently range in age from six years to nine months, the young couple attended the city’s March for Life and area pro-life banquets. Recently Gregory says, “We both prayed about what our next step was in the cause.”

They felt a call to begin at the parish level and after meeting with Father Kuzmich and pastoral associate Dorothy Schuereman, their plan involving the subcommittees was approved.

With the couple’s group of friends expanding over the years through their participation in Christ Renews His Parish retreats and small Christian communities they came to recognize a core group passionate about life issues.

The prayer committee’s focus involves increasing the number of parishioners who participate in prayer at the abortion clinic on the second Thursday of each month as well as developing a spiritual adoption program where parishioners can adopt an unborn child whom they will hold in prayer for nine months. Special prayer cards and rosaries will provide tangible reminders of the need for this prayer.

Grays, mother of four children, says, “It’s exciting to get involved with this. I see how necessary it is in today’s world where we take life and children for granted.”

The teen outreach subcommittee, chaired by Vickie Zehr, will unify the teens of the parish with bracelets to wear embroidered with “I will speak up for the little ones.” The teens will be encouraged to offer other students bracelets to wear to symbolize the pro-life cause. This committee will also tap the teen group to provide manpower at future events as well as encourage their continued presence at the abortion clinic for prayer.

Jenny Miller heads the education subcommittee and is laying the groundwork to offer a three-part video course to educate interested parishioners on the scientific argument against abortion. This program, planned for January of 2008, is approved by Father Kuzmich and will offer an open forum to the church.

The other life issues subcommittee balances the non-abortion related topics for the group. Chaired by Audra Watson, the committee is researching issues concerning the likes of euthanasia and stem-cell research. Gathering Web sites to offer and inviting speakers to the parish will enhance the dissemination of these current issues and answer questions that so many Catholics have.

And Carl Eby will oversee the fundraising needed to support the efforts of this growing ministry within the finance subcommittee.

Deb Thomlinson, longtime parishioner at St. Vincent Parish and mother of seven, who has chaired the Respect Life Committee for the past 15 years, says of the reorganization, “I’m ecstatic. We have such a vibrant parish and can make things happen Fort Wayne. It’s just letting people know. Rob is so organized ... he’s on fire.”

Thomlinson will remain active as chair of the community outreach subcommittee, which hopes to encourage more parishioners to participate in prayer visits to the local abortion clinic as well as promoting better communication between local agencies and parish committees.

This dynamic group is gearing up for October, says Gregory, which is Right to Life month. Their hope is to have two tables reserved for St. Vincent parishioners at the Oct. 16 Banquet for Life sponsored by the Allen County Right to Life, Three Rivers Education Trust Fund.

Gregory also looked forward to meeting with Fred Everett director of the diocesan Office of Family Life and other parish committees who heads in Fort Wayne on Oct. 6 in an effort to “unify the groups so they can work together.”

For more information about the Respect Life Committee at St. Vincent or how to start one at your parish call St. Vincent de Paul Church at (260) 489-3537.

FROM THE ASHES TO A BLESSING

BY KURT HOMAN

Students at Queen of Angels finally are able to play on a playground structure. Father Gary Sigler blessed the new playground structure on Sept. 28, after the previous structure was burned in a fire. Students will still be looking forward to more equipment that has yet to be put up, but the main structure is complete.

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I.A. Jesuit speaks on his work with gang youth
NOTRE DAME — Nearly everyone asks the question, What will I do with my life? And a large part of that question has to do with what type of job, profession, career or vocation will dominate the bulk of one’s waking hours.

At no time does this nearly universal question seem to come to a head than in college.

“‘What do I do with the rest of my life?’ seems to be the question most students ask as they discern their vocation. For instance, he said, graduates with degrees in philosophy have gone on to graduate and post graduate education, have become teachers, paralegals, spiritual directors, public relations professionals, managers, publishing professionals and more.

“What we try to do here is connect students to accurate career opportunities for their majors,” Roberts said.

His office also keeps a database of alumnae willing to meet with students and talk to them about how they’re using their majors in their careers.

For his part, Ryan, at Holy Cross College, worked in the business world before coming to the school. And he offers his connections in the business world to exploring students.

Ryan will pair up students with people in the community doing the things that they’re interested in. Students can job shadow them or simply talk to them about what their jobs are like on a daily basis.

And internships are a requirement at Holy Cross College, said Ryan.

Normally, internships are completed between the junior and senior year at the school, but they’re always a success in helping students discern their career paths.

“One thing I tell them that is if they come back and the only thing they got out of it was that they don’t want to work in that career — I tell them that’s a successful internship,” said Ryan.

He said part of the process of finding a good career fit is determining what students don’t want to do.

Along with internships, Roberts, at Saint Mary’s College, said students can get a sense of a career path through faculty modeling and speakers they may meet in their classes.

Roberts said he likens students’ first years at college as entering a candy store with an empty bag. Faculty and staff ask students what they want to put in their bags in terms of courses of study. Students are then connected to key elements regarding what interests them through experiences, internships, career opportunities, course work.

All of it is designed to take the stress of students their first year in college. Roberts said students are encouraged to look at their likes and dislikes and “explore the breadth of possibilities” available in each major course of study.

Roberts said he also works with students on what they want to do next, discovering “the person they were uniquely created to be.”

He explained there are four levels students should consider when answering the question: what do I do with the rest of my life?

Students start off at the “job” level, which matches their skills to a task so they can gain confidence and get paid.

Or students may be more interested in having a “profession,” which demonstrates their skills at the highest level so they gain more money and confidence, prestige and integrity.

Past that, students may want more out of their working life and consider a “career,” which Roberts said includes talents, ethics and spirit. This type of life work tends to lead to the same pay offs as having a profession, but happiness and congruence are also added into the mix.

Finding a “vocation” is seemingly the ultimate answer to the question. Students can discover through a vocation what they were uniquely created to do, finding peace and deep comfort in their daily work, Roberts said.

Jeffrey Roberts, director of the Center for Career Opportunities at Saint Mary’s College, said he likes to help students discover what they’re uniquely created to do in life.

At many faith-based institutions like Saint Mary’s, finding one’s vocation is seemingly stressed.

Roberts said students should ask themselves four questions when deciding what to do:

What do I want to major in?
What do I want to do with my major?
How do I prepare myself while I am here? How do I create an effective job search or search for a graduate school?

Add to that resources galore, and it seems students have little excuse when trying to discover their life’s work.

Ryan, at Holy Cross, said students are provided with career assessment tools and classes to help them figure out what their personalities are, what their skill sets are, their likes and dislikes and what they’re good at.

He uses a program called FOCUS, an assessment tool that guides students through these questions. Students are also taught what to do during interviews, put together a resume, cover letter and thank-you note, what to do and not to do during an interview and how to complete job applications.

Local colleges and universities have also partnered to help prevent Indiana’s brain drain — the mass exodus of talent to other states — with the Indiana Career Consortium to help connect students and employers with each other. The consortium can be found at www.inc-consortium.org.

Ryan said if students are willing to take advantage of them, college career centers can fill their tool belts with the tools they need to find the careers they want.

Added Roberts: “We work with students to help make them aware of their talents and gifts and see they were uniquely created for something special in the world of work.”
BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — If you’re looking for the youth minister at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish just search for the tall, handsome man with the delightful Irish brogue surrounded by teens, and you’ll find Martin Wheeler. Well into his second year of leading the youth of the parish, Wheeler admits it’s been a long and winding road getting there. But changing careers has brought him joy and balance.

Born in Wexford on the southeast coast of Ireland, to William and Mary, Wheeler was third of four children, all of whom were members of St. Lawrence Parish there. He attended a parish-centered school from kindergarten through eighth grade and was a day student at a nearby boarding school during his high school years. Though he studied all the critical subjects in school, he was without a career goal.

“I was open to anything and hoping for something,” he says with a smile.

Then in ninth grade a mission priest spoke on vocations, and Wheeler answered the vocations call. He left with Wheeler’s parents, the priest was told that Martin would finish high school before being given permission to investigate the priesthood. With that, says Wheeler, “the vocation fizzled away.”

Following his graduation in 1985, after picking strawberries for the summer, he began work at an organic tree nursery and by fall was attending a nearby college studying commercial horticulture.

With horticulture degree in hand, the adventurous Wheeler spent the next year and a half working with a tree care company in New York. Unfortunately, during that time Wheeler was called home after his father suffered a heart attack. “I went to him,” he says, adding that he remained in Ireland then, working as private gardener.

Following William’s recovery from the heart attack, Wheeler soon sensed he was being called to something more, and the idea of the priesthood began to be revived. So at age 24, this gregarious young man sought an introduction to the seminary, Wheeler was accepted into St. Peter’s College as a seminarian. “It was the most beautiful decision I’ve ever made,” he recalls.

Following six years of study in the seminary, Wheeler was positioned for the diaconate. But feeling the need for further discernment, he was sent to the United States in 1997 to St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka, where Father Jim Shafer was pastor, for parish ministry.

“That summer I went deeper with discernment with my calling and the end result was ‘it’s okay whatever I decide,’” reports Wheeler. Upon his return to St. Peter’s Seminary he knew in his heart that God was calling him to something other than the priesthood, and he finished his pontifical degree as an external student. Soon after Wheeler took a job delivering vegetables to area stores and wondered where God would lead him.

Subsequently, a friend called with news of an opportunity to teach theology at Bishop Luers High School, and on March 1, 1999, Martin Wheeler began his teaching career in Fort Wayne.

Of his seven years and a half years there, Wheeler says of the experience, “I liked working with the students and the whole learning curve.” He was involved at St. Vincent Parish with the LifeTeen Program during that time as well.

With his decision to settle in the area, he and two other teachers purchased a house in which to live. As providence would have it, he met his future wife, Melissa Roberts, at a teacher’s in-service, and after a year of dating they became engaged. They were married in 2003 and are happily raising their two young daughters, remaining parishioners of Most Precious Blood Parish.

Then in spring of 2006, Wheeler received a call from his former pastor Father Shafer, now at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, to consider the position of full-time youth minister.

After talking with the “Mrs.” about the change and taking it to prayer, Wheeler interviewed and was hired into the position. He enjoys his new work and hopes to grow in the ministry to become a better resource for the teens of the parish.

On the subject of life, Wheeler reflects saying, “It surprises me how wonderful life can be. I trust there is some purpose in my call and that it’s okay. I’ve settled down and found balance.”

That balance he says has come to him by listening to the common thread. “The Eucharist is the common thread. It can make us what we are to become.”

For this cheerful horticulture specialist and theologian, faithful minister and family man, life offers the opportunity to make decisions with faith and grow in his relationship with Christ, his family and those he encounters in the ministry.

“I’ll keep giving what I have to give and see where it leads. I’ll be open to my vocation, to being human and the greater wisdom of God through those who love us,” says Wheeler positively, adding, “God’s not tied up in one path. Whether you say yes or no, God will love you to bits.”

Martin Wheeler works in his office at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne where he is youth minister. After earning his degree in horticulture and subsequently in theology, he has found himself changing careers from tree propagation to teaching to youth ministry.

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A family assisting families

BY MARK WEBER

GRANGER — What started as an effort to perform a corporal work of mercy, to feed the hungry, became a multi-billion dollar business and a form of financial assistance that has rescued many Catholic families.

In 1882, Father Michael McGivney, a quiet priest in a tiny parish in New Haven, Conn., was deeply concerned about families that lost their one and only breadwinner. Out of this concern, he founded the Knights of Columbus, as a fraternal insurance society, seeing only the state line of Connecticut as his horizon.

And though he lived only 10 more years and died at age 38, his legacy, the Knights of Columbus, became a strong arm of the church in the United States, Mexico, Canada, the Philippines and Poland with $68 billion of insurance in force.

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In his first year, John became the leading salesman for the Knights in Illinois and by 1984 became a general agent in northern Indiana.

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The Stackowicz stack-up of Knights of Columbus insurance agents. From the left: grandson Phil, his father John J., John’s dad, Joseph and John’s brother-in-law, Robert Baloun. All are members of St. Pius X Council, Granger.

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Interviewing skills for graduates, job seekers

By Debra Fine

DENVER, Colo. — What if you could instantly message potential decision makers and determine their interest or lack of interest immediately? Or even better ... text message the director of human resources and conduct the job interview. Just like making plans for Friday night. Someone texts asking if you want to get together, you respond with a thanks but no thanks. No need to say why not or offer an explanation. No direct rejection. Wouldn’t it be great if a job search required such minimal interaction?

It would be a luxury not to concern ourselves with body language, tone of voice, face to face contact with decision makers. Fortunately or unfortunately, technology has not changed the reason a candidate is chosen for employment. The two primary reasons a candidate is selected has remained the same for decades.

One reason is that the candidate can solve a problem or fill a slot. The other reason, equally important, is that the candidate is the source of good feelings. Two candidates with comparable academic credentials and abilities will be compared based on their comfort level developed with the interviewer(s). If the decision maker feels ill at ease or uncomfortable during the interview or lunch meeting, walking down the hall or waiting for others to make their way to join the interview, she will not choose that candidate. Instead, the candidate that creates those “good feelings” is selected.

Conversation and rapport building skills are useful in providing that intangible “good feeling” that decision makers are looking for. Candidates can help decision makers feel good during the interview process with the following tips and techniques:

• Greet people warmly, give eye contact and smile. Be the first to say hello. Be careful, you might be viewed as a snob or lacking in confidence if you are not the first to say hello.
• Use small talk as a picture frame around business conversations. Begin and end with small talk before and after the interview. Approach interviews prepared to talk about the industry, current events, the weekend and even the weather to prevent awkward moments and playing with your food.
• Use the person’s name in conversation. You are more likely to develop rapport by using the person’s name you are talking with. If you don’t know someone’s name, take a moment to ask, and then repeat it. Be sure to pronounce it correctly. And never presume a nickname. My name is Debra, not Debbie. I do not think positively of those that call me Debbie. It’s a little thing that has big importance. Ben Roethlisberger, the Pittsburgh Steelers Super Bowl winning quarterback, passed on Ohio State because the coach and his assistants did not make the effort to pronounce his name correctly. Instead he attended and played for Miami of Ohio, they took the time to get his name right.
• Show an interest in others. In response to our high tech environment filled with e-mail, conference calls and text messaging, we need high touch more than ever.

That’s what you create when you show an interest in the person that is interviewing you. Inquire about how the decision maker got interested in marketing, how the Internet has impacted their work or what has been keeping them busy.

• Be a good listener. That means giving eye contact and responding with verbal cues to show you are staying on top of what the speaker says. Verbal cues include these phrases: “Tell me more...” “What happened first?”, “What happened next?”, “Give me an example of what you mean by that...”, “How did you come up with that idea?”, “That must have been difficult”, and so on. Using these and similar cues shows you are an “active” listener.
• Play the conversation “game”. When someone asks, “How’s school?” or “What’s going on?” Answer with more than “Pretty good!” or “Not much.” Tell more about yourself so that others can learn more about you.
• Be aware of body language. Come across as relaxed and at ease. Smile and appear approachable.

Pay attention to the “feel good” factor and enjoy the success that follows.

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College degree vs. career

Your degree does not always indicate your career path

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — Just because a person’s college degree might say accounting doesn’t always mean they have to work with numbers for the rest of their life. Sometimes people get a college degree in a field they enjoy, but once they enter the workforce realize it is not the profession they want to do for the rest of their working life.

Barry Robertson has a degree as a dietician. He had worked in the food industry for years and decided later in life to pursue a degree as a registered dietician. Once Robertson got into the career choice, he quickly burned out on the paperwork and research that went into the job. He worked for a company that had him go out to professional environments and keep a list of the dietary needs that were to be met by the company’s food service department. His job consisted of lots of paperwork and ordering of food items which became tedious.

“I wanted out of the food industry and just started looking for jobs that had something to do with organizational skills, attention to detail, and working with weights and measurements... all things I learned while working on my degree,” said Robertson. He found a job working with flooring. His job involves ordering products but working with people, a component he did not get in his dietician job.

Robertson learned he was more of a people person and decided to work in a job that would give him the chance to use his degree while working with people.

Claire Coleman has a master’s of public administration degree and is currently working with database management at a local high school.

“My educational background enables me to see and understand the overall goals of the organization and how my work contributes to this process,” said Coleman of how her degree helps her with her current job.

For many people, going through the college process was a way of learning above average work skills that they could translate to various employment areas.

The percentage of college graduates is on the rise and the number of those people picking career choices out of their degree specialty could also rise.
Shortage of priests is forcing inevitable changes

The recent parish meetings in which Bishop John M. D’Arcy consulted parishioners about the possible merger of their parishes (reported on page 1) dramatize how important parishes are in the lives of Catholics. The parish is the place where we are baptized, where we receive the Lord in the Eucharist, where our sins are forgiven, where we marry and bury loved ones. The parish is the place where we come together in God’s name to worship. The parish is where Christian community is built.

So, it’s natural that people are attached to their parishes, and that sense of attachment came through clearly at the parish meetings: Some people expressed anguish that the parish where they were raised may merge into a new entity with a new name. Some were concerned that the sense of community they have at their parish would be lost in a merger. And many people in both parishes simply did not want to disrupt the comforting routine they had established over the last half century at their parish.

It’s also natural for Catholics reading about the possible merging of these two parishes to have concerns that the same thing eventually could happen to their own parishes, for in recent years, eight diocesan parishes have been merged. The fact that Catholics find such fulfillment and comfort at their parishes indeed is gratifying. It is a sign of a healthy faith, and it is a tribute to our dedicated priests and the lay staff who assist them. This sense of satisfaction with one’s parish is a two-edged sword, however, for it also makes change in one’s parish that much more difficult. It seems no matter how inevitable that change is.

The shortage of priests is forcing inevitable changes that are taking their toll on Catholics in parishes in most Western countries, for the number of new priests being ordained simply is not replacing the number of priests who are dying. And some parishes are able to offer services only through the generosity of elderly priests who often volunteer their services for years after they have retired at age 75.

In this diocese, 18 young men are studying for the priesthood, and two will be ordained this month. However, this number is not large enough to replace priests no longer able to serve the diocese. Ironically, this shrinkage in the number of priests is happening at a time when the Catholic population is growing. In 1975, there were just under 50 million Catholics in the United States. Today there are 69.1 million.

Something has to give

Simply put, something has to give, and many dioceses are finding that the best solution is to combine parishes under one pastor. Certainly it’s painful for the parishioners affected, especially for those who have strong history with a parish. Often it’s painful for priests, too, for larger congregations mean longer hours for pastors who usually are the only priest in a parish today.

In some rural dioceses, some priests are “circuit riders” who travel to two or more parishes on a weekend to say Mass and confirm the sacraments. This routine takes its toll on a priest, however, and it doesn’t make sense in an urban area where most people can drive to a Catholic church in less than 15 minutes.

Consolidation of parishes also makes sense financially, for a combined parish usually needs fewer staff members. And, one facility uses less energy resources than two separate parishes, especially when the church building is new and energy-efficient.

Consideration also has to be given to how to minister to the growing number of Catholics and to the settlement of Catholics in developing areas of a diocese. Bishop D’Arcy has indicated that the formation of a new parish on the south side of South Bend with an architecturally designed church would be a futuristic move, for it would serve that growing area 50 years hence.

All Catholics in the diocese should pray for Bishop D’Arcy as he consults with the priests’ council and makes a decision about the best plan for Sacred Heart and St. Jude parishes. We all should pray for the parishioners involved that they might see future changes in their parish structure or location not as a disappointment but as an opportunity for growing new experiences, blessings and friendships. And of course, we all should pray that more young men in our diocese will answer God’s call to the priesthood.

Commentary

The following is the first of a series of question-and-answer articles prepared by the Office of Worship to explain the recent “motu proprio” document of Pope Benedict XVI.

Much has been made in recent months of “Summorum Pontificum,” the “motu proprio” document by which Pope Benedict XVI has allowed for greater use of what has often been referred to as the Tridentine Mass — that is, the old Latin Mass practiced throughout the Roman Catholic Church after the Council of Trent and until the Second Vatican Council.

Given the considerable confusion and heated polemics that have arisen over this topic, it is my hope here to offer a commentary on the reasoning behind the Holy Father’s decision, by answering some of the most common questions that might arise.

Why does Pope Benedict feel the need to “reconnect with the past”?

As a young and brilliant theologian present at the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, and later as a leading Vatican official, Joseph Ratzinger had a firsthand opportunity to witness the joys and benefits of the Church’s open approach to the formulation of its documents to their implementation. Now, as Pope Benedict XVI, he has taken a special and very important interest in carefully correcting the widespread misconception that Vatican II was a complete break or rupture from the church’s past — a view espoused by some overzealous persons, promoters and detractors of the council alike.

Benedict has spent his still-young pontificate promoting instead a “hermeneutic of continuity” between the pre- and post-conciliar Church. Hermeneutics involves the lens through which one interprets and understands a document or teaching.

So, embracing a “hermeneutic of continuity” means that we are to interpret the council’s documents in light of the tradition of the church. This emphasizes that sacred tradition does not simply cease to be relevant within a divine institution grounded in history. This approach is contrary to a “hermeneutic of rupture” or dis-continuity, which wrongly interprets the council as having significantly altered the nature and teaching of the Catholic Church. A hermeneutic of rupture attempts to recreate the church solely according to the ideals of a given age.

Why is this sense of continuity important for the church’s liturgy?

The Holy Father has upheld this hermeneutic of continuity in his teaching on the church’s sacred liturgy, which Vatican II’s “Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy” (“Sacrosanctum Concilium”) describes as “the summit toward which the activity of the church is directed” and “the font from which all her power flows.”

The sacramental presence of Christ in the eucharistic worship transforms the world, while finding its source in the Incarnation itself. The encounter in the sacred liturgy of our own day is the same historical Jesus who lived in Nazareth and died in Jerusalem, and who will be with us until the end of time (Mt 28:20). Our worship must always reflect and proclaim this fact.

The Latin title of the pope’s “motu proprio” has focused attention of this continuity in Christ. “Summorum Pontificum” comes from the first line of the document: “Up to our own times, it has been the constant concern of supreme pontiffs to ensure that the Church of Christ offers a worthy ritual to the Divine Majesty.”

In the “motu proprio” and his accompanying letter, Pope Benedict is firmly establishing that his action is consistent with the work of his predecessors. The Mass with which we are widely familiar today is from the revised Missal of Pope Paul VI, which was published after the council. (The Missal is the liturgical book from which the Order of Mass is prayed.) In making provisions for wider use of the older missal, published by Blessed Pope John XXIII, which was the last missal released before the council, Benedict is actually promoting a hermeneutic of continuity with respect to the council’s revisions.

Why are some saying that this is a reversal of Vatican II?

Unfortunately, many media outlets and commentators have given a largely uninformed portrayal of the Holy Father’s decision to allow for greater use of the 1962 missal. It has been described ominously as “a repeal of the Second Vatican

Pope Benedict XVI and the ‘old Latin Mass’: Towards an undivided liturgical tradition

MOTU PROPRIO

BY BRIAN W. MACMICHAEL

Council,” or as the forced return of a stodgy and unproductive approach to prayer. But these accusations are a spontane-ous misconceptions. The liturgical reform after the Second Vatican Council is a natural development and not a spontane-ous liturgical revolution, it is quite mistaken to understand “Summorum Pontificum” as a reversal to pre-conciliar times. Pope Benedict himself assures us that “this fear is unfounded.” His decree is not an imposition on the clergy and the faithful. Instead, it grants greater freedom in how we may express the liturgy.

For many, this becomes Pope Benedict has given the faithful some helpful new terminology. The missal of Paul VI is to be known as the “ordinary expression” or “form” of the Mass, while the missal of Blessed John XXIII is the “extraordinary expression.” Yet, in the apostolic letter, he is adamant that they are not separate rites, as though they belonged to two separate mani-festations of the Roman Catholic Church. Rather, they should be understood as a “twofold use of one and the same” Roman rite — two ways by which a united community of believers enters the one holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Next week: Clarifying the target audience and typical example of the liturgical reform, and focusing on what the document means for the ordinary form
Extreme makeover: newspaper’s survival depends on its revival

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The recent change at the helm of the Vatican newspaper marks an effort to revive a publication that has gone from glory days to malaise.

Founded 146 years ago, the daily L’Osservatore Romano once had a circulation of more than 60,000 and was considered a rich source of ecclesial news and critical commentary.

Today, the paper sells only a few thousand copies a day. With few advertisements and more than 100 employees, it loses about $6 million a year.

In early October, that it seemed designed to shelter the reader from any distress or thrill and instead “train him in serenity and good mental hygiene.”

Cardinal Montini’s remarkably candid article, recently resurrected in the Web log, or blog, of Italian reporter Sandro Magister, was printed in L’Osservatore on its 100th anniversary in 1961. It was a rare act of self-criticism.

The daily newspaper hasn’t changed much since those days, except for losing more circulation.

As was the case last week, the Second Epistle to Timothy is the source of the second reading. Timothy was Paul’s convert and disciple. Paul felt the special obligation of helping Timothy’s Christianity and Timothy’s role as a bishop.

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As history unfolded, Paul would pay the ultimate price by giving his life as a martyr.

St. Luke’s Gospel once again furnishes the third reading. It is a fairly familiar story. Passing along the border between Galilee and Samaria, roughly the boundary in today’s terms between Israel and the West Bank, Jesus meets 10 lepers. They implore him to cure them.

Mercifully, Jesus cures them. He hurries away, shooting in delight. Only one man, a Samaritan, returns to thank the Lord.

Today, it is not known which disease was the malady afflicting persons in the Bible who were called lepers. In any case, the disease had very visible exterior symptoms, and it was assumed to be highly contagious.

Jewish society imposed a strict, Jewish tradition required persons presumed to be lepers. They were outcasts among outcasts. In a society without a social services net, they were very vulnerable.

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So, the central figure in this reading is not any of the kings, but instead Naaman the prophet. Naaman is then the unlikely prophet of the book. He is a leper, and he is a gentle. However, God cured him.

Furthermore, God cured him because God wished him to be a prophet.

Naaman recognizes his own helplessness. He could do nothing to free himself from the grip of disease. God freed him, but Naaman was freed so that he could accomplish a task assigned him by God.

Reflection

The first and third readings speak of cures, and of responses to cures. The illnesses were physical. However, not too subtly, God also healed the souls of Naaman in the first reading, for the 10th leper, the Samaritan, in the last reading.

Always, God has reached out with healing and strength. He heals our souls. Healing gives us strength and insight, that is other- wise beyond us. We are shadows of the Lord.

We all are outcasts if we are sinners. Setting ourselves outside God’s kingdom is our choice. We always may come back to God. It may require fortune, but God will provide if we humbly ask for it.

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 89:1-4 Tm 1:17-19 Lk 17:11-19

Monday: Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 11:2-22

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25 Ps 192:5 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3, 6-7 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: 2 Tim 4:10-17 Ps 145:10-3,13ab, 17-18 Lk 10:1-9

Friday: Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18 Ps 105:6-9, 42-43 Lk 12:8-12

THE VATICAN LETTER

JOHN THAVIS

It is published in Italian (except for original-language versions of papal speeches and documents) and its pages are overlaid with Italian news.

Although a recent full-page ad showed Pope Benedict reading the newspaper, you would no doubt learn more about world events by reading the daily press summary prepared by the Secretariat of State.

The newspaper’s new director, who takes office at the end of October, doesn’t want to talk about his plans yet. But many expect him to revamp L’Osservatore.

ANSWERS:

1. In the Old Testament there is a welcoming attitude towards children, but as in
2. This child always belonged to God and so had to be “redeemed”
3. 1 Samuel 1 also shows that some children were dedicated from birth for a special service. In Samuel’s case he was destined, as a sign of this, to never
4. In Old Testament times most education was
5. Proverbs 22 suggests that this was quite accepted amongst the Old Testament Jews for children:
6. Children were required to honor their parents. By what?
7. Tremendous affection for children is shown even by King David. What did he do as evidence of this?
8. More dramatically, Elijah took this action when the child of a widow died:
9. The Song of the Three Children is found in the Book of
10. Who said, in Matthew 18, the faithful must like children?
11. Matthew 9:23 recounts that Jesus did this for a dead girl: a. wept
12. Jesus, as a young child, was “swaddled”. What was this?
13. In 1 John, who are addressed as children?
14. Childermas was an ancient name for this feast:
15. The Children’s Crusade ended in

Healing gives us strength and insight

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lk 17:11-19

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Today, it is not known which disease was the malady afflicting persons in the Bible who were called lepers. In any case, the disease had very visible exterior symptoms, and it was assumed to be highly contagious.

Jewish society imposed a strict, Jewish tradition required persons presumed to be lepers. They were outcasts among outcasts. In a society without a social services net, they were very vulnerable.

Hebrew tradition required persons cured of this illness to give thanks. Of course, nine did not give thanks. Of course, nine did not give thanks. Of course, nine did not give thanks.

Jesus said, “This was to show that the one who returned to give thanks was the least of all.”

Jesus, as a young child, was “swaddled”. What was this?

a. It was a ritual in which the child’s head was shaved.
b. It meant he was offered at the temple as a human dove.
c. provided a dress for her to be buried ion

In October we remember St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. This quiz looks at children.

ANSWERS:

1. In the Old Testament there is a welcoming attitude towards children, but as in
2. This child always belonged to God and so had to be “redeemed”
3. 1 Samuel 1 also shows that some children were dedicated from birth for a special service. In Samuel’s case he was destined, as a sign of this, to never
4. In Old Testament times most education was
5. Proverbs 22 suggests that this was quite accepted amongst the Old Testament Jews for children:
6. Children were required to honor their parents. By what?
7. Tremendous affection for children is shown even by King David. What did he do as evidence of this?
8. More dramatically, Elijah took this action when the child of a widow died:
9. The Song of the Three Children is found in the Book of
10. Who said, in Matthew 18, the faithful must like children?
11. Matthew 9:23 recounts that Jesus did this for a dead girl: a. wept
12. Jesus, as a young child, was “swaddled”. What was this?
13. In 1 John, who are addressed as children?
14. Childermas was an ancient name for this feast:
15. The Children’s Crusade ended in

THE CATEQUIZ’EM

By Dominic Campilisso
Act of canonization seen by us as act of infallible papal magisterium

Are Catholics obligated to recognize all persons canonically appointed to sainthood? The basis for this question is John Paul elevated José María Escrivá de Balaguer to sainthood several years ago. His reputation was based on his founding the Opus Dei organization in Madrid, Spain, in October 1928. While I was a member of the Aquinas Institute, a Catholic student religious body (churcd) of Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., it was my experience to conude that Opus Dei was an extremely controversial organization. The anti-group judged it to be political rather than religious. J. Garver, Tucson, Ariz.

Indeed, all Catholics must recognize canonized saints in the Catholic Church because the act of canonization is seen by us as an act of infallible papal magisterium. In other words, we believe that every act of canonization is true. Consequently, the pope intends to speak infallibly on matters of faith or morals and still be understood.

Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne, answered this week’s questions.

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Mass behavior

T he dilemma of getting little ones to behave at Mass certainly must be a universal Catholic concern. From the time I brought my firstborn home (coming up on 20 this November. Yikes!) just until this morning at a daily Mass, I have been worried about how the kids behave during this most sacred time. Over the years I have talked to many older moms with well-behaved children and asked them about their “Mass strategy.” I lay in bed at night thinking of my own. Some ideas worked great. Some didn’t. I’m offering what I think are the best ones here.

Dress up for the occasion. Whether you’re going to mass dress or our children’s Mass for us) we are telling them non verbally that where we are going is special. We are going to see our Lord and king. It is a grand occasion. That being said, clothes should not be showy or lead us to pride. The clothes ought to command the respect we owe our God, while still being modest and unpretentious.

Our family the girls almost always wear dresses to Mass, except perhaps during the middle of the winter when there is heavy snow and bitter cold, or in the event mom did not get the ironing done. Our boys usually do (if you run into us in casual clothes on a balmy fall day.)

Don’t bring good, tiny toys or other distracting items. Most likely these items won’t be used for the intended purpose of occupying tiny hands, anyway. They are much more likely to be used as projectile objects. The only exceptions might be Mass books and take-along-saint photo album (put holy cards in a mini photo album). Bring the kids well-fed and well-rested (We usually try to avoid Saturday evening Masses for just this reason) and try to steer clear of anyone already in the pew with items that will irritate your little ones. You don’t want to set the kids up for failure by placing them smack in front of four superhero figures they don’t have.

Talk ahead of time what will be going on. Give your kids cues to watch for. “Father will be walking up the aisle flanked by altar servers.” Explain what flanked means. “Look! Father is wearing red! Today is the feast of a martyr!” or “See the pretty altar deacon dressed in white? White is the color of joy.”

Teach your children words like lector, homily and consecration. Teach them that keeping conversation to a minimum during Mass is always desired, but that it’s absolutely essential when Jesus comes down from heaven during consecration. If you belong to a parish that rings bells at consecration, take full advantage of that. A little whisper to your child at the appropriate time, “He’s coming!” Listen for the bell! “He’s coming!” is enough to build up anticipation and promote reverence.

Talk ahead of time about what to expect behavior wise, “We lay on the floor?” Noo. “Do we kick the pew? Nooos.” Do we fold our hands together and draw them over our hearts and face Jesus? Being calm and peaceful yourself and invite the tiniest of your children to your lap. Who says snuggle time can’t occur in the first and second reading? Stroke your child’s hair and rock him discreetly. Hum a religious tune softly. We want them to feel the peace of Christ too.

Practice really does make perfect. Attending Mass more frequently helps your behavior on track (not to mention is a great idea anyway). The daily Masses will give you more practice and what’s going on easier, and you get graces the more you go.

Don’t panic, don’t beat yourself up mentally if a meltdown occurs. Just take Junior out, take a deep breath and move on. Nothing is more embarrassing for a parent than Massgoers than an angry mother firmly pulling her child into the vestibule or a father snarling at his child.

As the kids get older there might be times of rebellion — ten years come to mind — when your child doesn’t sing as you would wish, forgets to genuflect or jumps out of the van in the church parking lot wearing kaki cargo shorts and flip flops (Sigh!). Keep on them and keep modeling the right behavior. Beware of the right time.

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Scripture search

Gospel for October 14, 2007

Luke 17:11-19

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the healing of ten lepers by Jesus. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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LETTER

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shifting the focus from Italian to international events, making the paper more colorful and user friendly, and launching an expanded Web site.

The idea is to make better use of L’Osservatore’s position at the center of the universal church and its potentially rich network of sources.

Naturally, L’Osservatore Romano is not trying to take itself as a typical Italian daily. The new management team knows the newspaper always will be an instrument of formation as well as information — but only if people read it.

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Christ is as fully present in the closed tabernacle as he is in the monstrance during exposition.

Let’s look at a new phenomenon you may know very little about. It is the remarkable rise of eucharistic adoration in Catholic churches and institutions in every part of the world. Why is it happening? And what is it?

“The Church,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “offers to the ... Eucharist, the body and blood, soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.”

Faithful, and carrying them in profound veneration of the Eucharist, “offers to the people the Eucharist, the body and blood, soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.”

“The central problem of the church is to have Christ Kreeft of Boston College, “is that most of the generation now becoming adults ... but of Christ himself, his real presence. Nothing less than Christ could have come into the body of the world, nothing less than Christ has Christians ... and Christ can re-Christianize it.”

When John Paul II instituted eucharistic adoration at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, he said it was the “best ... way of establishing everlasting peace on the face of the earth is through ... perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.”

Why is this so? “Above all,” said Benedict XVI, “the Eucharist is the great school of love. When we participate regularly and with devotion in holy Mass, when we spend a sustained time of adoration in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, it is easier to grasp the length, breadth, height and depth of his love that goes beyond all knowledge (cf. Eph. 3:17-18).”

In his message in 2005 for the National Day of Young Catholics of the Netherlands, Benedict XVI exhorted them to “Go to the encounter with him in the blessed Eucharist, go to adore him in the churches, kneeling before the tabernacle: Jesus will fill you with love and will reveal to you the thoughts of his heart. If you listen to him, you will find in him the deepest joy of belonging to his mystical body, the church, which is family to the disciples held close by the bond of unity and love.”

Benedict XVI has insisted on this point: “Eucharistic adoration is an essential way of being with the Lord. ... In the sacred Host, he is present to us, truly present, waiting for us. Only by adoring in this presence do we learn how to receive him properly ... Let us love being with the Lord! Then we can speak with him about everything. We can offer him our petitions, our troubles, our joys. Our gratitude, our disappointments, our needs and our aspirations.”

Meet the Priest

Father William Hodde
Ordained May 22, 1952
Retired, Fort Wayne

What was the primary influence on your decision to become a priest?
The examples of good priests like Father Tom Durkin, Father Mike Vichuras and others.

What is the most rewarding part of being a priest?
Hearing confessions, especially of people who have been away for a long time or whose lives are so edifying.

What interests or hobbies do you have?
Reading history, mysteries and westerns, visiting historic sites, serving as a docent at the Lincoln Museum.

Do you have a pet? No.

What’s your favorite reading material?
David Donaldson, Allen Guelzo, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Carl Sandburg (all of them were biographers of Lincoln, his life, character, presidency), George Weigel, his articles in Today’s Catholic and his book, “The Courage to Be Catholic.”

What’s your favorite food?
Anything sweet, which I shouldn’t have.

What is something interesting about yourself that most people might not know?
I have a temper. I like Manhattans, which I shouldn’t.

How do you prefer to be addressed?
Father Hodde of Father Bill

What was the house of St. Peter like in the village of Capernaum?
Although St. Peter was born in the town of Betsaida on the coast of Galilee, he was living in the town of Capernaum, also on the same coast, at the time of the miracle at Kefar Nahum in Hebrew and Tell Kefar in Arabic. The city lies on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee west of the Jordan River and two miles short of the mouth of the river as it enters the lake.

H. VI. was of Capernaum. It stretched 500 yards along the Sea of Galilee and 250 yards from the shore to the hills.

At Capernaum they have excavated private houses in a residential area. J. Finegan says the houses were arranged around courtyard yards in which were ovens and grinding stones. The walls are of basalt stones held together with mud and pebbles. The houses were probably of only one story with stairways leading to flat roofs.

G. Freeman adds that Capernaum had no organized water supply or sanitary facilities, except the lake. Besides the centrality with his soldiers and St. Matthew at his customs post, the inhabited made his living by fishing, farming and trade. There was no industry.

Of special interest is what is called the house of St. Peter. Here Jesus stayed many times and cured Peter’s mother-in-law. A. Knoph, however, feels that Jesus lived in the house of Peter while Peter was lodging by his house at Bethesda. Over the house of Peter an octagonal church was eventually built.

Father J. Murphy-O’Connor says Peter’s house seems poor. The drystone basalt walls would have supported only a light roof of dried mud and straw. This reminds us of the paralytic let down through the roof to be cured by Jesus.

One room in the house, however, has plastered walls. This room was probably put to public use, because of the graffiti scratched in the plaster walls. Some of the writings mention Jesus as Lord and Christ, Peter, fish (the symbol of a Christian), and Berenice, the woman who suffered from a hemorrhage for 12 years and was cured by Jesus at Capernaum.

J. Finegan says the graffiti include 124 fragments in Greek, 18 in Syriac, 15 in Hebrew and one in Latin. At other places the graffiti come from many linguistic backgrounds. These graffiti suggest the house of Peter was a meeting place for the Jewish Christians at Capernaum. Possibly relatives of Peter remained in Capernaum and transformed Peter’s house in this way.

By the 4th century, this room was the centerpiece of a complex with entrances on the north and the south. The room was given a more solid roof, that necessitated the construction of a central arch. The space was extended by adding other rooms on the two sides.

This was the house-church seen by the pilgrim Egeria in A.D. 381. She said “the house of the prince of the apostles has been made into a church with its original walls still standing. Here the Lord cured the paralytic.” Later in A.D. 571, a pilgrim from Piacenza said Capernaum and the house of Peter is now a basilica. The architect may have been Count Joseph of Tiberias, a town on the Sea of Galilee, who was a converted Jew. This Joseph had obtained permission from the Roman emperor Constantine to erect churches in Capernaum and the other towns of Galilee.

In the middle of the 5th century, says J. Murphy-O’Connor, all the buildings connected with the House of Peter were added to the structure so they could erect an octagonal church. The central octagon enshrined the venerated room and they put in a mosaic floor. The peacock centerpiece was surrounded by a geometric design with a lotus-flower border identical with that of the Church of the Loaves and Fishes, also on the Sea of Galilee at Tabgha, that commemorates the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Since the peacock raises its fan-shaped tail displaying its feathers, this bird was a symbol of the resurrection and immortality for the early church.

J. Finegan says thousands of plaster fragments were also found with flowers, fruits like pomegranates, and floral crosses that probably symbolize paradise, as we see in the grotto of Coma at Nazareth. There is a cross enclosed in a square that can suggest the four quarters of the world and the universal efficacy of the cross. There is a small boat with oars and a flying sail, like the boats at Nazareth. The sail is a symbol of the cross, for you need the sail to cross the sea safely. Besides Christian symbols, two fish hooks were found in the framing of the house of Peter, confirming the life of fishermen here.

Eventually an apse with a baptistery was added to the structure. This octagonal church was probably built by gentile Christians who now largely succeeded the Jewish Christians who had worshiped in the house-church. This octagonal church is the oldest found in the Holy Land. This church then ceased to be used by A.D. 638.

G. Freeman adds that the church may have been destroyed in the Persian (Iranian) invasion of A.D. 614. An earthquake did further damage in A.D. 746. New Greek excavations show inhabitants at Capernaum in the 10th century and that it enjoyed some wealth. The Russian Abbot Daniel visited Capernaum in 1106, and said it had been a great city with many people, but now it is deserted. It is from this city that the Antichrist will come, and that is why the Crusaders have abandoned Capernaum.

By the 13th century, the pilgrim Buchardus says there were only the houses or hovels of seven poor fishermen in Capernaum, a sad sight to behold for a once-renowned town.
Sports

CYO Eagles end regular season action with perfect 7-0 record

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Rolling over their opponents one by one, the St. John Fort Wayne/Benoit/St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Eagles finished 2007 regular season play with a 7-0 record defeating the St. Vincent Panthers 22-20.

In a hard-fought overtime battle, the Eagles soared to another victory — their 40th straight. On the line for these two unbeaten teams was the regular season Catholic Youth League (CYO) title. Fueled by their triple threat offensive (J.J. Curry, James Knappke, Devon Causey) and hard-nosed defense, the Eagles hung on to take the time against the mighty Panthers.

The two CYO powerhouse teams gave fans yet another game to remember. Each team kept them on edge of their seats all four quarters.

Both teams came into the match-up, virtually untouched, untested and undefeated by their opponents one by one. The kick was good. St. Vincent once again took the lead. With under a minute left in the half, Knappke hooked up with J.J. Curry on a 45-yard pass and punching it in to the goalline on a 1-yard keeper by Knapke. Brian Nicholas hit the PAT putting the Eagles up 8-6.

The Panthers were successful in overtime putting the ball into the hands of Feichter who scored on a 1-yard off tackle play. However, the tying PAT was missed.

“The kids played a great game and so did St. John’s,” said St. Vincent Coach Andy Lebamoff. Lebamoff was pleased with his unit’s defensive effort. “They played great the whole game and especially tough the second half.”

Eagles Coach Jim Carroll said, “We’re very proud of our team’s efforts, toughness and execution to get through a very hard-fought battle like today. They’re a super bunch.”

In other action, St. John New Haven improved their record to 4-3 with a win over Queen of Angels/Precious Blood. Colin Stuezenberger scored twice for the Raiders while Keenan Schon had a touchdown for the Royal Reds.

St. Charles outscored St. Jude 32-0. Zach Crabtree chalked up two for the Cardinals on rushing touchdowns and play. Whistles added a 70-yard run. Casey Cooney found Michael Sordelet for a 15-yard touchdown pass and all four point- afters were kicked by Bobby Jauch. The Cardinals finished 5-2 for the season and will face the third place seed in the tournament.

Holy Cross also won a romp with a 32-0 victory over St. Joe Panthers, 20-6. Anthony/St. Joe Panthers3 1

Ravotto racked up two touchdown runs of 25 and 26 yards. Michael Rice and Jackson Powell added conversions. The St. Matthew Blazers staged a comeback with a 32-0 victory over the Corpus Christi Cougars.

The Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders beat the St. Anthony/St. Joe Panthers, 20-6. Anthony Murphy scored a 20-yard run. Quinn Imus scored on a 1-yard run. Pierre Byrne scored on a 4-yard run to lead the Crusaders.

Boys varsity football standings

St. Anthony 4 0
St. Joe Panthers 4 0

Mishawaka Catholic Saints 3 1
Holy Cross 2 2

St. Matthew Blazers 1 3
Holy Family Trojans 0 4
Corpus Christi Cougars 0 4

Junior Varsity

Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders 4 0
St. Anthony/St. Joe Panthers3 1
St. Matthew Blazers 3 2
Mishawaka Catholic Saints 2 2
Holy Family Trojans 2 3
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Corpus Christi Cougars 0 4

Volleyball scores

St. Rose/Louis over St. Theresa 25-18, 25-22 (eighth grade)
St. Joe/St. Elizabeth over St. Theresa 13-25, 25-19, 24-25 (seventh grade)
St. Theresa over St. John, Fort Wayne, 25-21, 17-25, 25-22 (seventh grade)

Final 2007 regular season statistics

1. St. John Fort Wayne 7-0
2. St. Vincent 6-1
3. St. Charles 5-2
4. St. John, New Haven 4-3
5. Holy Cross 3-4
6. Sts. JAT 2-5
7. PBQ of A 1-6
8. St. Jude 0-7

St. Anthony/ St. Joe Panthers baseball

Mischler’s individual performance was the standout of the day, although the two teams waged a tight defensive battle in the second half.

The Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders marshalled a vise-like defensive game to defeat the St. Matthew Blazers, 2-0, with Matt Kletka’s 45-yard interception return launching the Crusaders’ offensive early in the first period. Mike Swall threw for a score to Sam Presnal, and David Arsenault also scored in the win. Jason Mullagam kicked an extra point.

In the junior varsity division, Mishawaka Catholic whipped Holy Family, 14-0, as Jack

SPORTS STARS CAN BE ROLE MODELS FOR YOUTHS, POPE SAYS

Pope Benedict XVI said sports stars can be models for young people, but only if they remember that winning isn’t everything. The pope said that when practiced with the right spirit sports can help promote human development and lead to the discovery of individual capabilities and talents. Human dignity should always be respected in these sporting activities, he said. Sports figures remain models for youths and therefore should exhibit the virtues that are associated with athletic contests: determination, a spirit of sacrifice, and inner and outer discipline, as well as respect for opponents and an awareness of one’s own limits. — John Thavis

Parish Mission

October 14-18
7:00 pm each evening

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ICCL soccer teams poised for tournament

SOUTH BEND — Last weekend saw two days of soccer action — one a make-up game day — as Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) soccer is poised for tournament play, which begins Oct. 13-14.

Boy’s varsity games played Saturday, Oct. 6, St. Jude downed Corpus Christi, 6-2. Goals scored for St. Jude by Mark Downs, Michael Henry and Jeremy Downs, each with double doubles.

In Corpus Christi, Brandon Turk scored two goals.

St. Matthew beat St. Joseph, South Bend, 7-8-1. St. Matthew won a well-played game by both teams. Two goals were converted on corner kicks, while St. Joe had opportunities with credit owed to some fine passing.

St. Joseph (South Bend) 8 defeated Mishawaka Catholic, 9-1. For St. Joe, three goals were scored by Nick Hall, and two goals were scored by Thomas J. Labuzienski. Scoring one goal each was Alex Scholtes, Tommy Byrzeswki, Paul Hickner and Jon Carter. David Giloth scored a PK for Mishawaka.

In games played Oct. 7, St. Jude defeated Mishawaka Catholic, 8-2. Goals for St. Jude included three each by Mark Downs and Jeremy Downs and one by Michael Burzynski and Michael Amor. For Mishawaka Catholic, Ryan Mathis scored two goals.

St. Joseph, South Bend, 8 and St. Thomas, Elkheart, played in a game that tallied a double goose egg, 0-0, and St. Matthew defeated Christ the King, 6-0.

In boy’s B-team action played Oct. 6, St. Joseph, South Bend, defeated St. Jude, 11-0. Michael Farkas, Nick Matt and Liam Mahler all had double goal scores, while Tommy Clark, Dominic Tzaskowski, Jack Julien, Tom Eleff and Giancarlo Caruso each added singles.

Mishawaka Catholic defeated St. Thomas, 3-1, in a well-played game by both teams. Mishawaka Catholic came from behind to the get victory over St. Thomas. Goals for Saints were scored by Michael Bogel with two and Johnny Herman with one. Connor Bilancio had an assist.

In boy’s B team action played Oct. 7, Christ the King, 6, defeatd St. Thomas, 7-3. Cole Nowicki had four goals with teammates Jacob Klaybor and Joey Savastano each adding single goals.

St. Joseph, South Bend, beat St. Jude, 9-0, with Caleb Geissler scoring three goals. David Behr with two goals and Matthew Brewer, Nick Matt, Gavin Regnery and Tommy Clark each adding single goals.

In girls varsity game played Oct. 6, St. Joseph, South Bend, defeated Mishawaka Catholic, 2-0, and Christ the King defeated Corpus Christi, 8-2.

St. Anthony beat St. Matthew, 6-5, in a back-and-forth game that was won in last minute with a goal by Alexandra Schulte. Kit Foster scored four goals for St. Anthony.

In girls’ varsity games played Oct. 7, Corpus Christi beat St. Matthew, 2-0, with goals from Kate Vasile and Jessica Kambol.

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Christ the King was led by Amanda Hasting’s four goals.

Beth Solkey added three goals and Emily Han one for the victors.

Corpus Christi beat Holy Cross, 7-0; with Lillie Botsberger and Sara Bogol scoring two goals each, and Emily Lindzay, Sam Kambol and Brianna Spaniolo each scored one goal.

St. Bavo outscored the Christ the King 5, 4-1.

In action on Oct. 7, St. Bavo beat St. Thomas, 7-2; St. Joseph, Mishawaka/Queen of Peace defeated Corpus Christi, 2-1, with goals by Tagin Schulteis and Kelly Welsh.

St. Jude beat St. Matthew, 4-3.

Cassie and Jamie Young scored for St. Jude. Anna Dlugosz had her first assist. The game was close throughout the action.

Christ the King beat St. Thomas, 9-5, as Beth Solkey and Amanda Hasting led Christ the King with four and three goals respectively. Emily Han and Erin Kearney each added one goal.

Coach Svarczkopf honored by Colts

FORT WAYNE — Coach Chris Svarczkopf of Bishop Dwenger High School has been named eighth Coach of the Week for 2007 by the Indianapolis Colts. This marks the 10th year the Colts are recognizing outstanding Indiana High School football coaches through the Colts/NFL Coach of the Week program, presented by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Former Colts player, Mike Prior, now the Colts Youth Football Commissioner will be on hand for the presentation Friday, Oct. 12, and will also address the Dwenger Saints football team and take questions from them. The presentation will take place at 10:45 a.m. in the Student Activity Center at Dwenger.

Svarczkopf is being honored for putting together another winning team this season. The Bishop Dwenger Saints are currently 8-0 and ranked No. 1 in Class 4A. This past Friday night, the Saints knocked off their biggest rival, the Snider Panthers. The team’s entire arsenal of offensive and defensive skills was on display en route to a 32-13 victory. This marked Dwengers first win over Snider since 1996 and also gave the Saints the SAC title for the second consecutive year.

Coach Svarczkopf is now in his sixth season as the head coach of Bishop Dwenger and has posted a 58-15 record while at the school. Svarczkopf is a graduate of Cathedral High School in Indianapolis and earned his degree from Purdue University.

At the conclusion of the season, Coach Svarczkopf will receive a framed certificate signed by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Colts President Bill Polian, Colts Head Coach Tony Dungy and Colts Youth Football Commissioner Mike Prior, as well as a $1,000 donation from NFL Charities. In addition, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield will contribute $1,000 for the school’s athletic fund.

Catholic center partners with soccer team to clean up sports

BY CAROL GLUTZ

ROME (CNS) — A Catholic sports association has partnered with a once-scarlet-plagued Italian soccer team in an effort to help clean up sports.

The Italian Sports Center, the Catholic Action’s sports association in Italy, struck an agreement with minor league squad A.C. Ancona to offer it a “new model” for running a sports team based on strong ethics and good business sense, said the center’s Oct. 2 press release.

Team managers, members, trainers, players and fans will have to adhere to a new ethics code drawn up by the Catholic sports center.

Reform include requiring players to perform a certain number of hours of mandatory volunteer service, a cap on players’ salaries, greater transparency in the club’s finances, and more family-friendly games that ban unruly, abusive or racist fans and banners.

Ticket prices to games will be cut and club profits will be reinvested in projects which help the developing world and Catholic youth in Italy.

Archbishop Edoardo Menichelli of Ancona-Osimo, who played in a recent charity match against stars, told the Italian daily La Stampa Oct. 3, “It is a way to moralize soccer and bring back a ethics to a field that has experienced a serious crisis of values.”

Italy’s dream sport became a nightmare when police investigations discovered in 2006 that some top major league players, owners and referees long had been involved in game-fixing, fraud, corruption and illegal betting, the so-called “soccer-gate scandal” resulted in teams found guilty being thrown out of the major league and bumped down to the minor leagues.

Scandal, however, already had hit A.C. Ancona in 2004 when the team’s president was jailed for accounting fraud, forcing the club into bankruptcy and to slip deeper into the minor leagues.

The team’s new president, Sergio Menichelli, is determined to change the club’s operations and attracted the attention of the Italian Sports Center, which had been looking to work with a professional soccer team.

The Catholic Sports association did not purchase the team or a portion of its shares; it merely promised to find the club some new owners to clean up for the club’s adopting and enforcing its new ethical code.

Edo Costantini, head of the Italian Sports Center, said they want to show that fair play and good sportsmanship can translate into profitability, and that they will work according to the center’s Web site.

He said they hope to present their formula, called “Project Soccer,” to other teams and sports.

The Italian Sports Center Web site said Costantini and Schiavoni would present the A.C. Ancona team’s new uniforms to Pope Benedict XVI during his Oct. 10 general audience in St. Peter’s Square.

That same evening the team was to play a friendly match against players from the Clericus Cup, a soccer championship open exclusively to priests and seminarians in Rome created by the Italian Sports Center.
What’s Happening?

Fort Wayne — St. Peter Parish, 500 E. De Wald, will have a pancake, sausage, egg casserole and fresh fruit breakfast Sunday, Oct. 21, from 8 to 11 a.m. Adults are $5, ages 12 to 15 are $3, and children under 12 will be free.

S. Joseph Parish auction South Bend — St. Joseph Parish will host a benefit dinner and auction at St. Andrew’s Catholic Orthodox Church on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 7 to 10 p.m. A sumptuous Italian dinner, complete with complimentary bar service, entertainment and live and silent auction items will be offered. Tickets are $40 per person. Call (574) 277-3284 for information and tickets.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Oct. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults $6, children (5-12) $3. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and coffee. Carry-out available.

Polish dinner and dance South Bend — St. Adalbert Parish will have a family-style Polish dinner and dance on Sunday, Oct. 21, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are $15 per person. Tickets available at the parish office. Last day to purchase tickets is Oct. 15.

Rummage sale planned New Haven — St. Louis Besancon Parish will have a rummage sale on Friday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Fill a bag for $3 beginning at 3 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 20, fill a bag for $1 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Fall bake sale and flea market South Bend — The St. John Altor and Rosary Society will have a bake sale and flea market in Father Jacobs Hall, 3616 St. John’s Way, on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. Sunday will offer a $1 bag sale.

Charity Fall luncheon held South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572 will hold their 60th annual Charity Fall Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 27, at noon at the Blue Heron at Blackthorn. Admission is $25 and all proceeds benefit the developmentally challenged of St. Joseph County. For reservations call (574) 287-1487 by Friday, Oct. 19.

Fish and tenderloin fry Fort Wayne — Bluffton St. Joseph Church will have a fish and tenderloin dinner on Friday, Oct. 19, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets will be $8 for adults, $5 for children (6-12), and children under 5 free. Eat in or carry out.

Pasta, shopping and wine tasting expo Fort Wayne — Dinner will be served at St. Jude Parish hall on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 5-7 p.m. Shopping and wine tasting from 5-9 p.m. Vendors include, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay, Tupperware, Hoosier Soy Candles, Lia Sophia Jewelry and crafter Norma Harris. Adults $7, children (4-12) $5. Sponsored by Sigma Alpha Chi Sorority, proceeds benefit local charities.

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Storyteller brings Scripture to life South Bend — Christ the King youth ministry presents storyteller Sean Buvala on Friday, Oct. 19, at the parish. A 6:30 p.m. potluck precedes the 7:15 p.m. performance. Sean clumbs into the minds of Scripture’s most famous and infamous characters and brings them to life through story and action. All teens and adults are invited. For information contact Greg Sweeney at (574) 272-3113.

Series begins on Book of Revelation Fort Wayne — Father John Pfister will give a series of three presentations on the Book of Revelation on Wednesday, Oct. 17, Tuesday, Oct. 23 and Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 7-9 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Clinton St.

Catholicism Revealed Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will offer a series on the Catholic faith called Catholicism Revealed, Monday evenings, beginning Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the church. Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. On Monday, Oct. 15, Father Dan Scheidt, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka, will offer “Behold the Lamb of God,” dealing with issues surrounding the Eucharist in today’s life.

Little Flower Holy Hour Fort Wayne — Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Parish will celebrate the Holy Hour with rosary and liturgy at Queen of the Apostles Chapel on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:15 p.m. Please join in praying for priests and for vocations.

Polish Mass held at USF Fort Wayne — Polish Mass will be spoken and sung in the Polish language on Sunday, Oct. 14, at the University of St. Francis, Trinity Hall Chapel, 2701 Spring St. Sponsored by the Polish National Alliance, White Eagle Lodge #3149. A Social will follow the Mass.

Choral work performed by area vocalists and musicians Donaldson — “Gloria,” by Antonio Vivaldi will be presented Sunday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Ancilla Domini Chapel at the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry Center. The choir will be directed by Dr. David Lamb who will also present a half-hour organ recital prior to the performance.

Fundraisers Breakfast is served Fort Wayne — St. Peter Parish, 46856; or e-mail: fhoogan@fsduoceseoffw.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.
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they begin this new school year. And then the bishop asked for God’s blessing on each school and every student.

“The angels of young people always see the face of God,” he pointed out, as he asked the children to be “open to the will of God” through daily prayer.

Bishop D’Arcy introduced soon-to-be-ordained Deacon Jason Freiburger, who described his early years in Catholic schools as a wonderful time of spiritual growth. He expressed gratitude to the priests and others who guided him through the process of discernment on his path to a vocation. “I was open to it,” he said. And then he added, “I know he is calling some people here.” He offered this advice to his young listeners, “Go to Mass and pray that God will allow you to find your vocation.”

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“Faith is casting your life and your decisions at the feet of someone you’ve never seen,” the bishop said. He added that faith is also something that is tested along the course of one’s life. At the Red Mass brunch in the Grand Wayne Center, Judge Kenneth F. Ripple of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit spoke of the trials of unity through Catholic education. Judge Ripple proclaims one of the readings at the annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Judge Ripple’s remaining examples came from his time as a legal officer to the United States Supreme Court in the 1970s. He of so many virtues,” Judge Ripple said. “Demanding in his professional standards, he never let that quest interfere with the quality of life.”

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JUDGE KENNETH F. RIPPLE

Ripple urges gratitude, support at Red Mass

BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — Members of the legal community and elected officials came together yet again for the tradition of the annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Oct. 7.

In his homily, Bishop John M. D’Arcy said that the image of a slave as found in the day’s Gospel is repugnant to modern listeners, but that the underlying message was of the transforming power of faith.

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