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## Diocesan religious congregations honored at prayer service



KAY COZAD

Sister Jeanette Halbach, Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sister and Holy Cross Brother Robert Fillmore light candles to honor past and present religious orders serving within the diocese at a special prayer service in Ancilla Domini Chapel.

BY KAY COZAD

**DONALDSON** — Religious sisters, brothers and others filed reverently inside Ancilla Domini Chapel in Donaldson on Sunday, Nov. 4, for a Sesquicentennial Jubilee celebration. Close to 20 religious congregations from around the diocese were represented in the gathering at scenic Ancilla College, where a special prayer service took place at 2:30 p.m.

The service was offered to honor those men and women dedicated to religious life, who serve or had served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and is one of the final celebrations marking the Sesquicentennial Jubilee year.

The beautifully ornate chapel with its statuary and stained glass provided an impressive space for the solemnity of the occasion. As the ceremony began, women processed up the aisles joyously ringing hand bells. Individual candles were then lit in recognition of the religious orders serving currently and in the past, on a stunning display laid before the altar, as the name of each congregation was read.

Solemn prayers were chanted by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who presided over the service, and hymns of praise resounded as members of the many orders lifted their voices as one.

Following recitation of the Sesquicentennial Jubilee Prayer and a reading from Scripture, Bishop

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## The Original Transformer empowers teens at rally

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

**NORTH MANCHESTER** — The Holy Spirit and a popular teen action flick have more in common than one would think.

Teens from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend participated in a confirmation rally Saturday, Nov. 3, at Manchester College. The students gathered at the all-day rally in preparation for receiving the fruits of the Holy Spirit: "The Original Transformer," playing on the summer blockbuster's title.

The mild fall weather set the scene for a day of prayer, reflection and fellowship. The teens gathered in the school's Cordier Auditorium and were divided up into three groups: "dove," "wind" and "fire" for the day's 55-minute round-robin sessions.

The auditorium was a sea of read and gray T-shirts with the Cor. 3:18 verse on the back, a reminder of the Holy Spirit's power in our lives. You could feel the anticipation in the air as the teens were ready for a day of spiritual growth.

To start the day, Director of Youth Ministry Cindy Black invited everyone to spend a few minutes with Jesus in adoration in the auditorium. Holy Cross Father Brad Metz of Holy Cross Parish in South Bend explained the theology of adoration.

"It's Christ's time to speak to us," he said. "It's a time of reverence and piety. We'll have a great day if we treat each session with reverence," he added.

Moreover, the Decatur-based Catholic rock group Popple set the mood for meditation with their acoustic version of "Here I Am to Worship."

Priests were also available to hear confessions outside the auditorium in a private area. In the "fire" tent, Popple's bearded Dan Harms talked about how his life has changed since the Holy Spirit came upon him.

"The theme of this tent and what we're talking about today is the transition within the fire of the Holy Spirit," he said.

Harms engaged the crowd of teens and adults alike as he played Johnny Cash's classic "Ring of Fire" to illustrate the metaphor of the Holy Spirit inflaming our hearts.

"This song talks about the love of God," he interpreted.

Harms shared how in high school his faith grew from more an obligation to a spiritual desire, "a great outpouring of Spirit."

"Suddenly it made sense," he said about this transformative experience. "At that moment I decided it was it and was consumed in feeling."

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## WOMAN STANDS NEAR GRAVE OF RELATIVE IN MEXICO CITY



CNS PHOTO/HENRY ROMERO, REUTERS

A woman stands near the grave of a relative at San Gregorio Cemetery in Mexico City Nov. 2. Mexicans celebrate the "Day of the Dead" to pay tribute to their dead relatives, preparing meals and decorating the graves as an offering. This tradition is based on pre-Hispanic culture, but after the Spanish conquest the date was changed to coincide with Catholic feasts honoring the dead.

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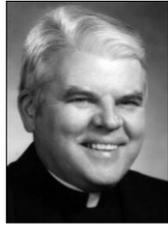
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# At confirmation rally, young challenged to live a good life



NEWS  
& NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

## A weekend to remember

South to Manchester College for a meet-  
ing with about 650 young people, who are  
preparing to receive confirmation in the  
spring. They came from all over the dio-  
cese. I arrived at 1 p.m. and you could see  
the young people going to confession  
throughout the building. It was all very  
orderly and prayerful. Father Ken Sarrazine  
of Roanoke and Nix Settlement heard con-  
fessions from 10:15 in the morning until 3  
p.m. Father Brad Metz, CSC, was there and  
gave an instruction on the Eucharist. I was  
pleased to have a question-and-answer ses-  
sion with the young people decked out in  
red T-shirts for the Holy Spirit and then cel-  
ebrate the Eucharist.

Pope John Paul II taught us so much  
about the joy of being with the young peo-  
ple, about challenging them to live a good  
life and about not being satisfied with  
mediocrity. In a meeting like this, there  
were many who attend public schools, and  
we always must increase our efforts to  
reach them.

After this event, I headed northwest  
while catching the Notre Dame-Navy game  
as it went into overtime. Sad days around  
the Golden Dome, but great joy at the  
Naval Academy and the midshipmen  
deserve credit for their great effort against a  
much heavier team.

The Irish will come back from this, and  
now it is the time for all of us to rally  
around them and their coaches.

## Sunday morning

Down Route 23, what a lovely drive, to  
St. Patrick, Walkerton. As I arrived, the  
people were just leaving the 9 a.m. Mass.  
My schedule had the Mass at 9:30, and I  
was to speak at the end. Everyone was leav-  
ing, but they all piled back in; and I was  
able to have some time with them and

respond to their questions. Many thanks to  
Father Bill Kummer, as fine and exemplary  
priest you will ever meet, who is serving  
there as temporary administrator and was  
eager to do so. I celebrated the 11:30 Mass  
and responded again to questions. This  
parish is close to my heart. It is 150 years  
old. In the beginning, it was a Holy Cross  
priest who rode down on horseback from  
Notre Dame and celebrated Mass in homes.  
The church is small, but the people cherish  
it and their small school.

## A splendid afternoon

I wish to thank the major superiors of the  
historic congregations in our diocese. I  
meet with them each year in the spring.  
When Linda Furge shared with them our  
plans for the Jubilee Year, they gently  
admonished me, "Bishop there is nothing  
special for the religious." They were cor-  
rect, and if you read our wonderful new his-  
tory written by Joseph M. White, Ph.D.,  
you get a glimpse of the extraordinary work  
here of the consecrated religious — broth-  
ers, priests and most of all sisters. Working  
under great difficulty and for very small  
compensation, these consecrated men and  
women taught the faith, cared for the sick,  
and their footprints are everywhere. So I  
drove south from Walkerton along the very  
rural Route 23 to Donaldson, home of the  
Poor Handmaid Sisters.

The sisters, working with our Office of  
Worship, put together a beautiful prayer  
service in the Chapel at the Convent Ancilla  
Domini, and a very large crowd attended. It  
was my privilege to give the homily, and  
express gratitude for their extraordinary  
service over these years. You know we have  
many collections throughout the year for  
various needs in the church: Latin America,  
Home Missions, World Mission Sunday,  
Campaign for Human Development, etc.  
But by far the largest collection is the one  
for retired religious. It doesn't require a lot  
of publicity; people hold the religious sis-  
ters, brothers and priests in their hearts and  
give generously so they may live out their  
years with dignity.

I drove from the beautiful campus at  
Donaldson, east to Fort Wayne, while lis-  
tening to the last quarter of the Patriots vic-  
tory over the Colts.

## Always meetings

It is not easy to keep up with all the  
meetings. The Diocesan Review Board was  
established by the Charter for the Protection  
of Children. I find meeting with them very  
inspiring. The bishop of this diocese is  
chair of Our Sunday Visitor board of direc-  
tors, and we met last week. I also met with  
the Diocesan Finance Council, a group  
required by canon law, which watches over  
the finances of the diocese; and also met  
with the board that advises our newspaper,  
*Today's Catholic*, and tries to strengthen it.  
These are just a few this past week. The  
Catholic Charities board is coming up  
shortly, as well; but it is necessary for the  
bishop to be involved closely with lay con-  
sultants and advisors to learn from them  
and give guidance. For the most part it is a  
joy.

## Another season

In the unforgettable October of 2004, I  
chose not to use the beautiful prose of A.  
Bartlett Giamatti, Ph.D. It has a touch of  
sadness to it, but there is no sadness now in  
Red Sox Nation. I considered not using it.  
Still the prose is so elegant, and so I leave it  
for all my dear friends who follow the  
Cubs, like John Gaughan and Shirley  
Vorndran, and the White Sox, like Dee Dee  
Dahm and Msgr. Bill Lester, and the Tigers,  
like Jim Fitzpatrick and Karen Fitzpatrick,  
and those who follow the Fort Wayne  
Wizards and all others who live in hope:

"It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your  
heart. The game begins in the spring, when every-  
thing else begins, and it blossoms in the summer,  
filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as  
soon as the chill rains come, it stops and leaves you  
to face the fall alone. You count on it, rely on it to  
buffer the passage of time, to keep the memory of  
sunshine and high skies alive, and then just when  
the days are all twilight, when you need it most, it  
stops."

— "A Great and Glorious Game," pg. 7

But spring will come again and bring  
baseball with it, a gentle reminder of the  
cycle of life and of the great spiritual truth  
that death is not the end, but the beginning.

I am off next week to Baltimore for the  
meeting with the bishops, but I will try to  
have a message for you anyway.

See you then.

## Bishop D'Arcy to celebrate Mass for St. Mother Theodore Guérin at Fort Wayne cathedral Nov. 18

FORT WAYNE — On Sunday, Nov. 18,  
Bishop John M. D'Arcy will celebrate the  
9:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the  
Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, honor-  
ing St. Mother Theodore Guérin and the  
Sisters of Providence. St. Mother Guérin was  
proclaimed a saint about one year ago in  
Rome by Pope Benedict XVI.

In attendance at the Mass will be several  
Sisters of Providence, the order of Catholic  
sisters that St. Mother Guérin founded at  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Vigo County,  
Indiana, near Terre Haute in 1839.

"Sister Denise Wilkinson, SP, provincial  
superior, will be present and we hope to have  
some words from her after Mass or at a

brunch (afterward) about Mother Guérin,"  
Bishop D'Arcy said. "Mother Theodore had a  
deep trust in Divine Providence and was a  
person of great courage. I hope there will be  
a large crowd at the cathedral for this event."

St. Mother Guérin entered the  
Congregation of the Sisters of Providence in  
France in 1823 where she devoted herself to  
the work of teaching in schools. In 1839, she  
was asked by her superiors to travel to the  
United States to head up a new community in  
Indiana. After a long journey over land and  
sea, a group of six sisters arrived at Saint  
Mary-of-the-Woods where they found a sim-  
ple log cabin chapel in the heart of a forest.  
They knelt before the Blessed Sacrament and

gave thanks, asking God's guidance upon the  
new foundation.

In 1845, shortly after Father Julian Benoit  
— known as the "Builder of the Cathedral"  
— erected the first Catholic school in Fort  
Wayne on the northwest corner of Cathedral  
Square, three Sisters of Providence came  
from Terre Haute to provide instruction. St.  
Mother Guérin was among the sisters who  
occasionally visited the new, three-story brick  
schoolhouse called St. Augustine Academy  
for Girls. The Sisters of Providence subse-  
quently taught at several parish schools and  
Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne.

# End-of-life decisions must be based on Catholic teaching

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk greeted a full house open to the public recently at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center for a discussion of the moral issues surrounding death and dying. His talk was cosponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation.

Calling it a "topic of perennial importance," Fred Everett, co-director of the diocesan Office of Family Life in South Bend, introduced the speaker on end-of-life decisions as a bioethicist, scientist and director of education at the National Catholic Bioethical Center in Philadelphia.

Father Pacholczyk opened the discussion by pointing out that human life is a gift and that we are not its owners. Therefore, he said, important end-of-life decisions should be guided not by sentiment or popular belief but by correct moral principles and Catholic teaching.

At issue is the dilemma often faced by family members and healthcare professionals of whether or not to administer artificial nutrition and hydration (tube feeding) to a patient who is sick or dying. Here, Father Pacholczyk made a clear distinction between proportionate and disproportionate intervention in such circumstances.

Proportionate intervention may



TIM JOHNSON

**Co-director of the Office of Family Life Fred Everett introduces Father Tad Pacholczyk, a bioethicist who serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. Father Pacholczyk, who writes a monthly column in Today's Catholic, Making Sense of Bioethics, spoke to priests and medical personnel in Fort Wayne and South Bend, Oct. 28-29, and met with the public at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in downtown Fort Wayne on Oct. 29 to discuss end-of-life decisions and to provide church teaching.**

be determined by asking the following questions, he said. Does it offer reasonable hope of success? How inconvenient is it, and are there associated risks? What are the circumstances of person, place, time and culture? What is the state of the sick person? What burdens may be placed on others? Does it involve excessive expense?

"A complicated blend of factors must be considered," Father Pacholczyk pointed out.

"Circumstances matter."

But there should be a presumption in favor of nutrition and hydration to the patient as long as it is providing benefit, he said. The person should die "in God's time" of his disease, not as a result of withholding nourishment.

According to a Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith proclamation approved by Pope

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# Pope prays for cardinals, bishops who died last year

Diocesan memorial Mass set Nov. 16

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although they held important positions of responsibility at the Vatican or in their local churches, the cardinals and bishops who died within the past year were special because they were friends of Jesus, Pope Benedict XVI said.

During a Nov. 5 memorial Mass at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope offered prayers for the eight cardinals, two heads of Eastern Catholic churches and 126 bishops who died in the past 12 months.

Being called to follow Christ was "the most precious grace" they received throughout their lives, the pope said.

Pope Benedict said that as Christians remember their beloved pastors who have died and all of their beloved deceased during the month of November they should "meditate on Jesus' trust in his Father."

Knowing that Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God, Christians can be sure that he has prepared the way for all his friends to follow, he said.

The eight cardinals remembered at the Mass were Cardinals Salvatore Pappalardo, retired archbishop of Palermo, Italy; Frederic Etsou-Nzabi-Bamungwabi of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of

Congo; Antonio Javierre Ortas, former prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments; Angelo Felici, former prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes; Jean-Marie Lustiger of Paris; Edouard Gagnon, a Canadian who had been president of the Pontifical Council for the Family and then the Pontifical Committee for International Eucharistic Congresses; Adam Kozlowiecki, former archbishop of Lusaka, Zambia; and Rosalio Castillo Lara, former president of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See.

The two heads of Eastern Catholic churches remembered were retired Syrian Patriarch Ignace II Hayek of Antioch and Syro-Malankar Major Archbishop Cyril Baselios Malancharuvil of Trivandrum, India.

The annual Mass for deceased bishops and priests of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will take place Friday, Nov. 16, at 12:05 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Diocesan priests who have died this past year include Msgr. Robert Contant, Father Eugene Kazmierczak and Father Terry Place. Permanent Deacons N. Art Bleau, H. Dean Tucker, Francis (Pat) Walsh and Joseph R. Zickgraf, who died this year, will also be remembered at the Mass. The public is welcome to attend.

# Father Tad Pacholczyk meets with priests, medical professionals

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — The Book of Ecclesiastes tells us that "All things have their season, and in their times all things pass under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die. ..."

When that time to die draws near, many questions arise about what level of care is appropriate and obligatory. Should the person have surgery? Dialysis? A blood transfusion? A feeding tube? Antibiotics? Should he be resuscitated if his heart stops?

In this age of sophisticated medical technology, it often is difficult for patients and their families to make decisions about end-of-life care. To educate Catholics in the pews as well as priests, medical personnel and pastoral care workers on this topic, Bishop John M. D'Arcy invited a top expert in bioethics to share his wisdom at presentations in Fort Wayne and in South Bend on Oct. 28 and 29.

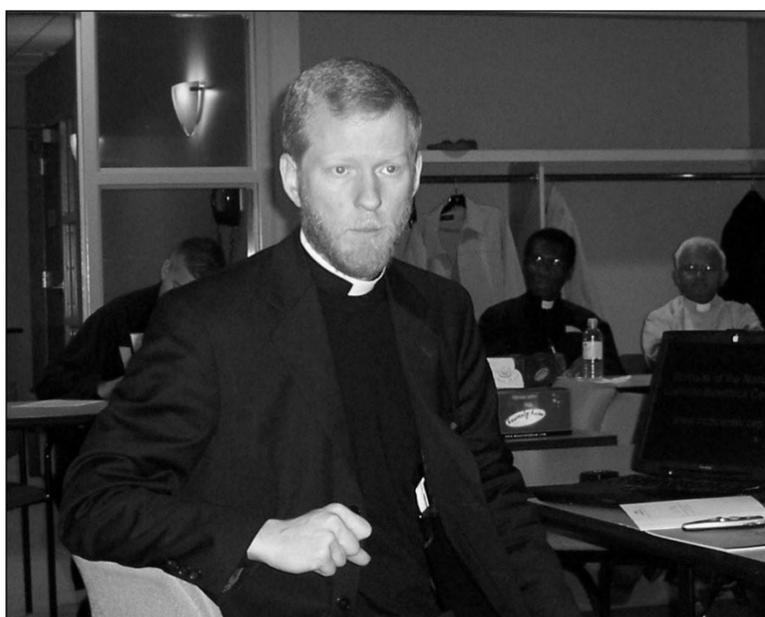
Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, director of education for the National Catholic Bioethics Center, gave a presentation in South Bend for area priests, medical personnel and pastoral care workers at noon on Oct. 29 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRM). Father Pacholczyk has a doctorate in neuroscience and advanced degrees in bioethics and dogmatic theology, and has given presentations on contemporary

bioethics throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. His column, Making Sense of Bioethics, appears regularly in *Today's Catholic*.

While the audience at SJRM enjoyed a box lunch, Father Pacholczyk explained that health care decisions should be guided by the "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services" (ERDs), issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Those directives declare that life is a precious gift from God, and we do not have absolute power over our own lives. However, the directives also explain that the duty to preserve life is not absolute and that a patient need not be given treatment that is insufficiently beneficial or excessively burdensome.

"A complex blend of factors" have to be considered in making a judgment about ethical treatment at the end of life, Father Pacholczyk said. Families making such a decision need to immerse themselves in the details of the person's condition, he said, by spending time with the patient and by talking at length with the medical personnel caring for the patient.

The central criteria for deciding what treatment should be given is whether the treatment is proportionate (ordinary) or disproportionate (extraordinary), he said, quoting paragraph 56 of the ERDs: "Proportionate means are those



ANN CAREY

**Father Tad Pacholczyk speaks to priests and medical personnel at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend on Oct. 29.**

that in the judgment of the patient offer a reasonable hope of benefit and do not entail an excessive burden or impose excessive expense on the family or the community."

Proportionate means also are determined by circumstances, Father Pacholczyk said, explaining that a feeding tube is so commonplace in U.S. hospitals that it is considered proportionate treatment; but in a remote area of the world, it would be disproportionate. He emphasized that decisions must be made on a case-by-case basis.

Making these end-of-life decisions can be "very tricky" the priest said, for circumstances can change suddenly, and it often is a struggle to discern the line between proportionate and disproportionate.

"You're going to have to bring this to prayer at certain moments when you're trying to decide 'Is this the right thing to do?'" he said. "This really is an invitation to a journey as we travel with our loved ones as their circumstances change."

It is important to remember,

Father Pacholczyk continued, that a patient should die from an illness, not from the action or inaction of a person. We also must be careful to distinguish between treatment that is excessively burdensome and someone's life that others may consider to be excessively burdensome.

"It is not our prerogative to sit in judgment of the quality of life of other people," he said, noting that life can be burdensome, but that fact does not allow us to shorten one's life.

Father Pacholczyk recommended that rather than having a living will, people should appoint a family member or close friend as their health care proxy in case they are not competent to make their own decisions about end-of-life care. A living will can be a "blank check," he said, for it is impossible to prognosticate years into the future and anticipate every possible circumstance. On the other hand, a proxy can analyze your situation and make day-to-day decisions based on what he or she knows to be your values and wishes and in conformity with church teaching.

Dying involves a lot of people — the patient, the family, the caregivers, all of whom should be interacting with the best interests of the patient in mind, he said.

"And when you do this process the right way, it is laden with graces and blessings," Father Pacholczyk emphasized.

# Politics, religion, music among issues bishops facing

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When the U.S. bishops meet in November, they will debate and vote on how Catholics should participate in the political process, what Catholic high school students should learn in religion classes and how to best ensure that liturgical music is both doctrinally sound and pleasing to the ear.

They also will begin a new era in the history of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops by electing a new president and vice president, voting on revised bylaws and filling several committee posts created by the USCCB restructuring process.

Other items on the agenda for the Nov. 12-15 fall general assembly in Baltimore are a document on education for chaste living and a revised norm defining "acts of extraordinary administration" that require a bishop to obtain the consent of his diocesan advisers.

Two liturgical documents — on revised readings during Lent and weekday celebrations of the Liturgy of the Word — also will come before the bishops, who will also vote on a Spanish-language version of the latter document.

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities will ask the bishops for permission to draft a pastoral document on reproductive technologies to respond to the "great confusion among lay Catholics regarding the church's teaching" on the subject. Under a projected timeline, the document would come up for a vote at the November 2008 meeting.

This marks the second year in a row that the bishops will hold their fall session at the Baltimore

Marriott Waterfront Hotel. The bishops will celebrate Mass together Nov. 12 to mark the centenary of the U.S. church becoming a mission-sending church.

The bishops also will hear reports on the current status and preliminary findings of the study they commissioned on the causes and context of child sexual abuse by clergy and on their "For Your Marriage" initiative and a preview of planned U.S. participation in World Youth Day next year in Sydney, Australia.

The politics document, called "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility From the Catholic Bishops of the United States," has been put out in some form by the bishops before every presidential election for more than 30 years.

This year's document, however, underwent a wider consultation by seven USCCB committees and will be considered by the full body of bishops. In past years, the documents were approved by the Administrative Committee, made up of the executive officers of the USCCB, elected committee chairmen and elected regional representatives.

"As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group," the draft document says. "When necessary, our participation should help transform the party to which we belong; we should not let the party transform us in such a way that we neglect or deny fundamental moral truths."

The bishops also are to vote on a shortened version of the text, designed for use as a parish bulletin insert.

The proposed curriculum



CNS PHOTO/GREGORY L. TRACY, PILOT

**When the U.S. bishops meet in November, they will debate and vote on how Catholics should participate in the political process. U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., sings the processional hymn as Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley passes by at the Boston Catholic Lawyers Guild's annual Red Mass Oct. 14 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. The Catholic senator dropped out of the 2008 presidential race Oct. 19.**

framework, prepared by the bishops' Committee on Catechesis, is intended as a guide for publishers of catechetical materials and to help diocesan offices and Catholic high schools develop their own curriculum guidelines and evaluate religion textbooks for use in their schools.

The draft outlines six core

semesters plus five elective courses from which schools may choose two. It said national uniformity in sequence of the core semesters was valuable because each course builds on a foundation laid by the others and because U.S. society is so mobile.

The other educational document to be presented to the bishops this fall is a 21-page set of guidelines on catechetical instruction on human sexuality for students from kindergarten through 12th grade. This document has been worked on since 2003 in response to catechetical publishers who had been seeking guidance on this topic.

The document on liturgical music — which has gone through 10 drafts — updates the 1972 statement, "Music in Catholic Worship," as a follow-up to the

2001 Vatican instruction "Liturgiam Authenticam" ("The Authentic Liturgy"), which called on each bishops' conference to compile a "directory or repertory of texts intended for liturgical singing."

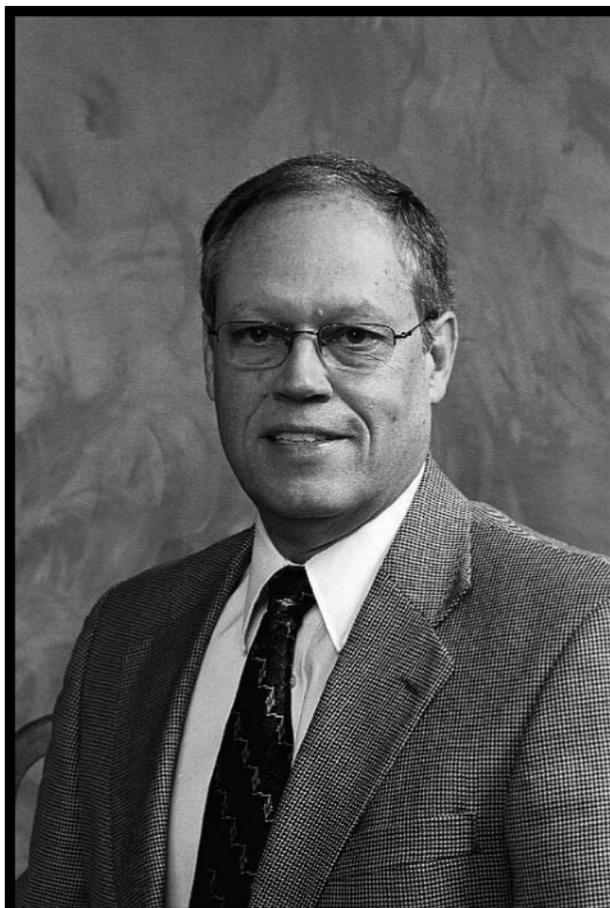
The statement before the bishops is to be followed within three years by a directory of liturgical songs for use in U.S. parishes. It calls for a balancing of three important aspects of music for worship — liturgical, pastoral and musical — and says "no judgment is sufficient on its own, nor does any one judgment prevail over the other."

The bishops also will elect a successor to Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., USCCB president for the past three years. If they follow past practice, Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, vice president of the conference since 2004, will become president.

The bishops will be asked to approve a \$147.7 million budget for 2008 and a 16 percent reduction in the assessments on dioceses that help fund conference activities. Despite the drop in assessments, the 2008 budget is 7 percent more than in 2007, due primarily to growth in funds received from national collections and federal grants for migration-related work.

The canonical revision before the bishops would require the consent of the diocesan finance council and the college of consultors in five situations: when a bishop takes out loans above a certain amount; when he makes a financial settlement larger than that amount; when he regularly operates or manages a business "not substantially related to the performance of the religious, spiritual, educational or charitable purposes of the church"; when he enters into a contract that could present a conflict of interest for himself or other diocesan officials; and when he files for bankruptcy.

Norms approved by the bishops in 2002 set these thresholds at \$500,000 for dioceses with fewer than 500,000 Catholics and \$1 million for dioceses with 500,000 or more Catholics.



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# Fire at Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn, is arson

BY KAY COZAD

AUBURN — Early Saturday, Nov. 3, Father Babasino Fernandes, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn, arrived at the church to prepare for the regular 7:15 a.m. Mass. To his dismay he found the glass of the front door laying in pieces on the ground. Opening the side door brought thick smoke and ash. The police and fire departments were immediately called and responded within two minutes, reports Father Fernandes.

After the cleanup it was reported that the intruders apparently poured an accelerant on the floral arrangements situated in front of the marble altar. Inexplicably, the fire was contained to an area of carpet and cloth in the church.

"The detectives can't explain why the fire didn't spread throughout the whole church. I can't explain it. It's a miracle," said the pastor.

The police continue their investigation and report that the arson fire was not considered a



Immaculate Conception Church, Auburn, was able to have Mass Saturday evening after a fire was purposely set earlier.

hate crime. It is not known yet if this incident is connected to any of the other church break-ins in the area.

Other damage to the church included a ransacked tabernacle, though the thieves reverently placed the hosts upon the altar. The sacred oils were thrown over many of the pews, but they were not ignited in the fire. Religious education offices and classrooms

were also broken into where the petty cash was stolen.

The bright side of this tragedy, says Father Fernandes, is over 100 parishioners came together for three hours Saturday afternoon to clean the church. "The parish came together and showed their solidarity," he said, adding, "You can't even tell we had a fire. We had confessions at 4 p.m. and Mass as usual at 5 p.m."

## ANCILLA

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D'Arcy spoke of his gratitude to those who had prepared the service saying it was "a moment filled with reverence."

Religious life is a sacrifice, the bishop said, noting that it takes special faith to live it in these times. "The Eucharist is at the heart of religious vocation. ... Religious life is above all else an act of love. ... We must return to the charism that we all have: prayer."

The Jubilee would not be complete, said the bishop, without "this day and moment and prayer." He added, "To take grace from this day we must ponder again our vocations."

All were invited to a dinner reception in Cana Hall on the lower level where a Powerpoint presentation highlighted the different religious congregations who have and still serve in the diocese. Spirits were high as the groups of religious enjoyed food and fellow-

ship.

Sister Rita Musante, OLVN, has been a Victory Noll sister for 50 years after "falling in love with God" and wanting to share that with the world. She serves in liturgy and spirituality ministry at the motherhouse in Huntington, and said of the celebration, "It was lovely. The setting and the candles were most beautiful. I love the bells ... they go right to the soul."

Sister Damian, PHJC, who has served for 48 years as a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ, provides transportation for the sisters of the order and agrees the prayer service was meaningful, saying, "It was wonderful that so many sisters were there."

Ancilla College teacher, Sister Judith Diltz is also a Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ and felt the service was "rich, to be praying together with men and women in the diocese. It was solemn, prayerful and deep."

Holy Cross Brother Walter Gluhm, who is entering his 50th year of service, is currently superior at Columba Hall on the University of Notre Dame campus.

Of the service, he said smiling, "Well done! The sisters really know how to put it on."

Holy Cross Brother Roy Smith cheerfully stated that he has served for 41 years and is currently doing development work for the province. Of the jubilee celebration he said, "It moved me. I was awed by all the communities who serve in the diocese. The years of service touch you."

It was apparent that many were touched as well by the recognition they received during this celebration of consecrated life and were grateful to Barbara Ziliak from the Sisters of the Holy Cross and Sister Connie Bach, PHJC who organized the prayer service.

As Bishop D'Arcy proclaimed, "The consecrated women, priests, brothers and sisters, especially the sisters, have been one of the main reasons why this diocese has flourished. We must never forget them and always learn from them. It is still right and legitimate to give everything to God. They've taught us by their lives as well as their words."

## LIFE

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Benedict XVI and issued in August, even a person in a permanent vegetative state possesses "fundamental human dignity and must, therefore, receive ordinary and proportionate care, which includes, in principle, the administration of water and food even by artificial means."

Father Pacholczyk pointed out that a permanent vegetative state is sometimes called "eyes-open unconsciousness," that is, when a person has suffered brain damage but is able to breathe on his own. That is a condition requiring artificial nutrition and hydration or tube feeding as a "simple form of caregiving."

However, there are circumstances when tube feeding may be disproportionate to the patient's needs, said Father Pacholczyk. When a person is close to death and such intervention causes excessive pain, fluid retention or vomiting, it may not be appropriate. Every case is different, he noted.

Dying is a journey, he said, which must be traveled by the patient along with loved ones who provide assistance and help make decisions as circumstances change.

Discussion also centered on the subject of the "health care or advance directive," which is usually a document that provides guidance when a person is no longer able to communicate and make decisions regarding his medical and health care. A health care directive may be a living will, the appointment of a health care representative, or a durable power of attorney.

However, Father Pacholczyk was critical of the living will, which he called a "blank check for uncertain circumstances" and a limited instrument. He recommended that a health care representative, someone who cares deeply about the patient, be appointed to make end-of-life decisions for him.

Dying involves a lot of people, he reminded his listeners. With the needs of the patient center-most, the process requires communication among family members, clergy and physicians. It can be a time of enrichment and healing for all concerned.

"When we die well, it is a time of many graces," said Father Pacholczyk in conclusion. Dying is a "beautiful rite of passage, a time of blessing ... oriented in our final destiny, in God."

For further information, readers may refer to "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services" (\$2.95) or "Life Issues, Medical Choices: Questions and Answers for Catholics" by Janet Smith and Chris Kaczor (\$14.95). Both publications are available at the Cathedral Bookstore, 915 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4611.

"A Catholic Guide to Health Care Directives," which includes the appropriate form for designating health care representatives, is available from the Office of Family Life, 114 W. Wayne St., South Bend, IN 46601, or by calling (574) 234-0687.



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## Bush to nominate Mary Ann Glendon as ambassador to Vatican

WASHINGTON (CNS) — President George W. Bush will nominate Mary Ann Glendon, a U.S. law professor and president of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, as the new U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. The White House made the announcement late Nov. 5. She will succeed Francis Rooney, a businessman who has held the post since October 2005. Glendon, a law professor at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., has been a member of the social sciences academy since its founding in 1994. Glendon, 69, was the first woman named to head a Vatican delegation to a major U.N. conference; in 1995, Pope John Paul named her head of the Vatican delegation to the U.N. Conference on Women in Beijing. Glendon's research has focused on bioethics, human rights, the theory of law and comparative constitutional law. Since 2001, she also has served on the President's Council on Bioethics, which advises the U.S. president. A native of Berkshire County, Mass., she lives with her husband, Edward R. Lev, in Chestnut Hill, Mass. They have three daughters.

## Blessed Damien's sainthood cause takes step forward

HONOLULU (CNS) — The sainthood cause of Blessed Damien de Veuster took a significant step forward when the medical commission of the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes ruled that the healing of a Hawaiian woman of lung cancer more than 10 years ago was "unexplainable according to available medical knowledge." The woman prayed to Blessed Damien and made pilgrimages to Kalaupapa, where he ministered and where in 1994 a portion of his remains were brought from his final resting place in Belgium. According to Sacred Hearts Father Bruno Benati, the postulator of Blessed Damien's cause, the five-physician commission's Oct. 18 ruling was unanimous. Father Benati made the announcement on the Web site of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts Oct. 19, the day after he received a phone call from the secretary of the congregation informing him of the commission's judgment. The woman's healing still has to be approved as a miracle by a commission of theologians, a commission of bishops and cardinals, and ultimately by the pope.

## On All Saints Day, pope says all are meant to answer call to be holy

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Holiness is not a privilege reserved to a few people, but is a call that all men and women are meant to answer, Pope Benedict XVI said. "All human beings are called to holiness which, in the final analysis, consists in living as children of God, (living) in that 'likeness' to him in which they

# NEWS BRIEFS

## MAN CARRIES MATTRESS INTO CATHEDRAL IN MEXICO



CNS PHOTO/T OMAS BRAVO, REUTERS

A man carries a mattress to a makeshift shelter inside the cathedral in Villahermosa, Mexico, Nov. 3. The cathedral has been transformed into one of the principal centers for evacuees fleeing floods that have devastated southeastern Mexico.

were created," the pope said Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints. "God invites everyone to be part of his holy people," said Pope Benedict, reciting the Angelus at midday as several thousand people gathered in the rain in St. Peter's Square. The saints "radiate the splendor of God's kingdom of love and truth," he said, telling English-speaking visitors in the square that Christians should look to the saints as real examples to follow. The pope said the church "wisely" placed the feasts of All Souls and All Saints next to each other on the calendar, encouraging Catholics to unite their prayers of thanks to God for the multitude of saints who have lived on the earth with prayers for all those who have died.

## Congress urged to consider global warming measures' impact on poor

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. bishops' international policy committee and other religious leaders said Oct. 31 that, as Congress begins to consider measures to address global warming, lawmakers must protect "those often missing from the debate — the vulnerable and often voiceless people at home and around the world." Bishop Thomas G. Wenski of Orlando, Fla., said, "We are convinced the real 'inconvenient truth' about climate change is that those who contribute least to the problem are likely to suffer the most." He made the comments during a teleconference with reporters. Other religious leaders who participated

included the Rev. Richard Cizik, vice president for governmental affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, and the Rev. Michael Livingston, president of the National Council of Churches. "For us, the moral measure of legislation is how it protects 'the least among us' ... in our nation and on the planet we share," Bishop Wenski said. On Nov. 1 a subcommittee of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee voted 4-3 to send a bill to cap greenhouse gas emissions to the full committee, which is chaired by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif. Boxer said she hopes the full committee will approve the bill by the end of the year.

## Speakers examine what it means to be 'servant church' today

NEW YORK (CNS) — Speakers at the 15th annual meeting of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists heard diverse contemporary examples of those following Jesus' exhortation from the Gospel of Mark: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." "Jesus Christ is the model for how Catholics should carry out servanthood," which must be connected to bringing the reign of God into being, said Peter Amato, who teaches theology at St. John's University. "If you are not being a servant, you are not following Jesus." Amato was among several speakers at an Oct. 27 panel about Catholicism transforming culture. The session was part of the society's Oct. 26-27 gathering at St.

John's University School of Law in Queens. Bill Antalics, a tenant organizer, urban homesteader and longtime member of the Catholic Worker community in New York, said: "We are a bourgeois nation. ... Our activities and lifestyles aren't really bad. They just aren't much of anything at all. They are without substance." Consequently, he said, "we allow our minds and hearts to be filled with consumerism and materialism ... and cut ourselves off from the great questions, themes and problems of life." Self-knowledge will inspire and inform "courage, selfless commitment and involvement in solving the great problems of the world," he said.

## U.N. official says Darfur crisis will continue if stalled talks fail

ZALINGEI, Sudan (CNS) — The already perilous situation in Darfur will continue to worsen if stalled peace talks fully collapse, said a top U.N. official for the western region of Sudan. U.N. envoy Jan Eliasson, in a radio interview with the British Broadcasting Corp., expressed optimism Nov. 5 that peace talks might eventually succeed. However, he warned that a successful political process is needed to help check a shifting and increasingly deteriorating situation in Darfur, the site of a grave humanitarian crisis for more than four years. "I have seen myself the desperation, the anger, the frustration in the camps. I have seen also the beginning of tribal battles, fighting over land," Eliasson told the BBC. "And all these factors lead me to

the conclusion that we have to now really take advantage of the beginning of a political process." Talks between the Sudanese government and several rebel groups stalled almost immediately when they began Oct. 27 in Sirte, Libya. Several prominent rebel groups, including the Sudan Liberation Army, boycotted the talks.

## Pope calls for peaceful solution to tensions between Turkey, Iraq

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI called for a peaceful solution to mounting tensions between Turkey and northern Iraq. Recent events unfolding along the border between Turkey and Iraq "are a cause of concern for me and for everyone," he said Nov. 4 after praying the Angelus in St. Peter's Square. Turkey has threatened to launch a major incursion into northern Iraq if more is not done to combat Kurdish rebels who have been striking targets in Turkey from northern Iraq. Some 100,000 Turkish troops — backed by tanks and military aircraft — have been deployed along the Iraqi border. "I wish, therefore, to encourage every effort to bring about a peaceful solution to the problems that have emerged recently between Turkey and Iraqi Kurdistan," the pope said. Large numbers of Iraqi civilians have fled to the relatively stable, autonomous region of Iraqi Kurdistan "to escape the insecurity and terrorism that have made life in Iraq difficult these past years," he said.

## Scholars troubled by Vatican official's remarks on Muslim dialogue

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After 138 Muslim scholars wrote to top Christian leaders highlighting shared religious values as a basis for working together for peace and understanding, a Vatican official raised questions about the possibilities for dialogue with Muslims. Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, the longtime Vatican diplomat who became president of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue in September, has said the Vatican would respond formally to the Muslim scholars. But he raised concerns among the Muslim signers when he told a French Catholic newspaper he was not sure "theological dialogue" was possible with Muslims. The newspaper, *La Croix*, asked the cardinal if theological dialogue was possible with members of other religions. "With some religions, yes," he said. "But with Islam, no, not at this time. Muslims do not accept the possibility of discussing the Quran, because it is written, they say, as dictated by God. With such a strict interpretation, it is difficult to discuss the content of faith," he said in the interview published Oct. 18. Aref Ali Nayed, one of the original signers of the letter and senior adviser to the Cambridge Interfaith Program at Britain's Cambridge University divinity faculty, told Catholic News Service, "Cardinal Tauran's statement to *La Croix* was very disappointing indeed."

## Diocese sponsors Memorial Masses for parents who have lost a child

The diocesan Office of Family Life is sponsoring two Masses in November for parents who have lost a child, including through miscarriage and abortion.

The Fort Wayne area Mass will be held on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, and will be celebrated by Father Mark Gurtner. Our Lady of Good Hope Parish is located at 7215 St. Joe Rd. in Fort Wayne.

The South Bend area Mass will be held on Friday evening, Nov. 30, at 6:30 p.m. at Queen of Peace Parish, and will be celebrated by Father Dan Scheidt. Queen of Peace Parish is located at 4508 Vistula Rd. in Mishawaka.

## Christ Child Society to host cookie walk

FORT WAYNE — The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne will hold their annual Holiday Cookie Walk at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Fort Wayne from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. This is a new location for the event. Homemade holiday cookies and sweets will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go towards the disadvantaged children in our community.

## St. Vincent de Paul to host parish mission

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will host a parish mission on the diocesan Sesquicentennial theme, "Behold the Face of Christ: His Steadfast Love Endures Forever." The mission will be held, Monday, Nov. 12, through Thursday, Nov. 15. Each evening's session is at 7 p.m.

The mission will include the following topics:

- Monday, Nov. 12, "Steadfast in Faith," led by Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, "Steadfast in Prayer," led by Father David Voors of St. Mary's, Decatur
- Wednesday, Nov. 14, "Steadfast in Forgiveness," a reconciliation service led by Father William Schooler of St. Pius X, Granger
- Thursday, Nov. 15, "Steadfast in Communion," a closing Mass led by Father Daryl Rybicki of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne.

Morning sessions will be held at 9 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and led by Gervaise Bastian.

All are welcome. Babysitting will be provided each night.

## Detroit Catholic Evangelist to visit south side parishes

FORT WAYNE — Alex Jones, a Detroit evangelist and convert to Catholicism, has been invited by St. Henry and Sacred Heart parishes in Fort Wayne to give three presentations on Nov. 16-17.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## PRIESTS, DEACON JOIN BISHOP AT ST. HENRY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



ELLEN BECKER

Bishop John M. D'Arcy and Father Dan Durkin, left of bishop, are surrounded by former priests and a deacon who served as pastors or associates at St. Henry Church as the parish celebrated its 50th anniversary on Oct. 7. Bishop and Father Durkin are joined by Father Robert Hoewel, front row; and back row, Father Tom Shoemaker, Msgr. John Suelzer, Father Durkin, Deacon Fred Larson whose first assignment was at St. Henry, Bishop D'Arcy, Father Daniel Chukwuleta, Father Polycarp Fernando, Father Richard Hire and Father David Carkenord.

The first will be at Benoit Academy on Friday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. and titled "Keeping Our Eyes on Jesus." On Friday evening, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. Jones will share "His Conversion Story" at Sacred Heart Church, 4643 Gaywood Dr., Fort Wayne. On Saturday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m., Jones will present "Catholic Evangelization" at St. Henry Church, 2929 E. Paulding Rd., Fort Wayne.

Jones was the senior minister of two churches in the city of Detroit, the first being the second oldest Pentecostal church in Michigan and the other an evangelical and charismatic church, for 25 years up until December of 2000.

After some intense study of the apostolic fathers and subsequent church history, he discovered the Catholic Church. His wife, Donna, and he began a two-year journey into the Catholic Church that culminated in 54 members of his previous congregation, including 14 members of his family, entering the Catholic Church. He was welcomed into it through confirmation during the Easter Vigil on April 14, 2001.

He was ordained a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Detroit on Oct. 1, 2005 and was

the evangelization coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit. He received a master's of pastoral studies from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in April of 2007. He now serves as a deacon in three parishes near his home in Farmington Hills, Mich.

## Redeemer Radio Fall Sharathon in progress Nov. 7-9

FORT WANE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, is looking to enter its second year of operation, broadcasting the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith throughout all of northeast Indiana.

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To do this, Redeemer Redeemer Radio is a 501c3 nonprofit group of lay Catholics, financially separate from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and dependent on the

generosity of listeners.

Its fall on-air pledge drive is currently in progress, Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 7-9, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Known as Fall Sharathon 2007, the event is hosted by Jerry Usher at the studios of Redeemer Radio. Usher is the national host of Catholic radio's most popular program, "Catholic Answers Live," heard on Redeemer Radio weekdays from 6-8, mornings and evenings.

During Sharathon, both local and national guests share their perspectives on the vital importance of Catholic radio to our community. Several diocesan representatives will take part in the Sharathon including Bishop John M. D'Arcy on Friday from 3 to 4 p.m.

Phone numbers for Sharathon pledges will be (260) 436-1450 and toll-free (888) 436-1450.

Individuals and businesses who are interested in pledging or volunteering can contact Redeemer Radio at (260) 436-9598.

Pledges or donations can be made to Redeemer Radio at P.O. Box 5636, Fort Wayne, IN 46895. Pledges or donations can also be made online at Redeemer Radio's Web site, [www.redeemerradio.com](http://www.redeemerradio.com).

## USF representatives speak to Serrans

FORT WAYNE — The Serra Club of Fort Wayne held its October meeting at the University of Saint Francis.

University of Saint Francis chaplain Father John Stecher and Serra Club chaplain Father David Ruppert concelebrated Mass.

The club then met with student representatives of the campus ministry program. Jan Patterson, director of campus ministry, presented an overview of their activities and indicated the university has three students considering a religious vocation.

The Serra Club supplied shirts for all the campus ministers so they could be easily identified.

## St. Therese celebrates National Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Week

FORT WAYNE — St. Therese School celebrated National Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Week Oct. 22-26, with a roster of activities.

"Sock it to Drugs Day" enticed students to wear the craziest socks they could find to school. A speaker from the sheriff's office was invited to speak. "Hand in Hand, Let's Take a Stand" asked students to trace their hand on a red piece of paper and display it in the hall of the school. Hugs Not Drugs Day invited students to bring their favorite stuffed animal to school. The week also included a coloring page/poster contest and "Take a Stand, Be Drug Free" where students and staff stood in a circle to "free" red balloons.

Students received a red ribbon on Monday to wear all week. Names were drawn at lunch and prizes were awarded to the student if they were wearing their red ribbon.

On Friday, the students signed their name on the back of the ribbon and they were all sent to Washington, D.C., with a letter as a symbol of unity and concern for others.

## Scholarships available in creative arts for high school seniors

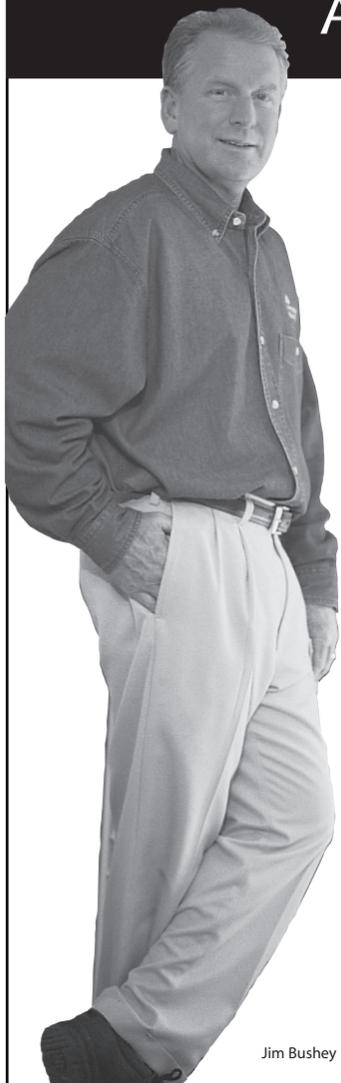
FORT WAYNE — Scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors at Talent Day Friday, Nov. 30, at the University of Saint Francis.

Talent Day gives high school seniors with an interest in art, communication or music the opportunity to submit an art portfolio for review and/or audition for the university's jazz ensemble, pep band and the University Singers. Scholarships will be awarded in studio art, communication arts and graphic design, art education, computer art, communication, music technology, choir, pep band and jazz ensemble. High school juniors are welcome to be reviewed and receive advice for their senior year.

The scholarships awarded are renewable for eight semesters with an appropriate GPA and can be added to any academic scholarships or need based grants they might also receive.

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## Pro-life dinner speaker encourages participants to be lifesavers

BY TOM UEBBING

MISHAWAKA — About 350 Saint Joseph County Right to Life supporters filled the Windsor Park Conference Center in Mishawaka for an evening of fellowship, inspiration and recommitment to the pro-life cause.

David Bereit, the keynote speaker, described the current pro-life situation in terms of an allegory about a boat excursion on Lake Michigan. Storms clouds gathered, and shortly the boat was being buffeted in raging seas. A mother clutching her baby was tossed overboard. Without lifejackets the mother cried for help in the churning waters.

“What should the other passengers do?” Bereit asked. “Would not the right response be to throw out a lifesaver to them and pull them back to safety? Isn’t that how every one of us in this room would respond if faced with a true life-and-death situation?”

“But now we have to ask ourselves a very challenging question: How is that scenario any different from what we face every day here in America. Because every 24 seconds in a nation that was founded on the right to what — to life — another mother and another child fall overboard at an abortion facility somewhere in America,” he said.

Bereit cited the statistics for last year of 10,686 abortion deaths for Indiana and 769 for St. Joseph County — almost two women and children a day there are “falling overboard and they are calling out for help and we are called to act.”

Bereit said, “We are called to reach out with everything we have and bring back every mother and every child and pull them back from the brink of disaster.”

The pro-life advocate described his gradual involvement in the movement from being passive and indifferent to praying at a clinic and giving money to leading the charge to negate the destructive influence of Planned Parenthood in his area. Galvanized by Planned Parenthood’s decision in 1998 to build an abortion clinic in his home town of Bryan-College Station, Texas, Bereit helped start and build an organization of 60 churches and thousands of people who succeeded in reducing abortions by 40 percent.

In 2005 Bereit moved to Washington, D.C., to serve as the director of program development for the American Life League and national director of its STOPP International Project, which is dedicated to removing Planned Parenthood’s influence from America.

According to Bereit, Planned Parenthood receives \$305 million in American tax dollars every year. Where their sex education programs are permitted in schools, promiscuity goes up 50 percent. In one year 264,943 children were killed in their abortion facilities.

Bereit is also involved in is “Forty Days for Life” a time of 24/7 prayer and fasting to end abortion. The project took place in 89 cities across America from Sept. 26 to Nov. 4, including Merrillville and Indianapolis. Wherever these vigils have been held in the past, dramatic changes have occurred.

Bereit urged everyone present that when they “go home, get down on your knees and ask God what is that unique and special role he is calling you to do.”

He challenged participants to take the local right to life movement to “a whole new level in St. Joseph County and in Indiana and in America.”

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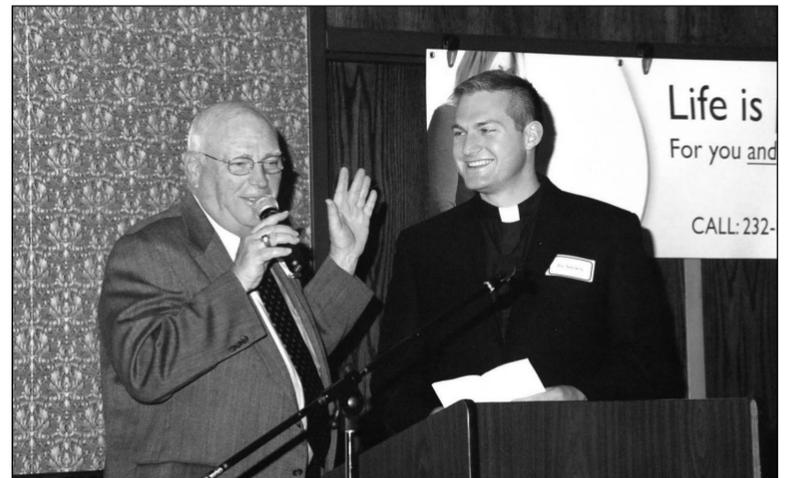
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# Harrington family witnesses to the power of prayer

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — What began as a normal day in the lives of the Harrington family on June 29 turned into a medical nightmare that has had this St. Vincent de Paul Parish family reeling ever since. That was the day they put their 19-year-old daughter Ashley, a sophomore studying biochemistry at Saint Mary's College, on a plane to Charlottesville, Va., to spend a long weekend with her boyfriend.

Ashley's dad, Jeff recalls getting the phone call every parent dreads. "It was 4:30 a.m. and she called from her hotel room. Her speech was labored and she complained that her arms and hands were tingling."

After calling her boyfriend to take her to the emergency room at Virginia University Hospital in Charlottesville, Ashley was quickly admitted and began the myriad of testing she would endure. By that afternoon the hospital staff was calling the Harringtons with the news that Ashley was non-responsive. Jeff was the first to board a plane, while his wife Mary, the eighth-grade religion teacher at St. Vincent de Paul School, handled the logistics back home with Ashley's brother Austin.

During Jeff's layover in Atlanta he recalls, "I called a neighbor to ask for prayers," and believes that is what kept him going.

Ashley Harrington is a 2006 graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School where she was selected distinguished student by faculty there. She was involved in Key Club, Habitat for Humanity and was



PROVIDED BY THE HARRINGTON FAMILY

The Harringtons are shown in this photo enjoying a Naples, Fla., sunset. In the photo are Austin, Mary, Jeff and Ashley.

team captain of the swim team. She also enjoyed being with her many friends and lifeguarding at a local swim club, Glenaqua, during the summers.

Harrington says of his daughter, "She has lots of friends. She's known for her smile. It's reflective of her personality ... she lives that smile."

Upon arrival at the hospital, Harrington saw his daughter in a groggy state. The MRI indicated an inflammation of the myelin, the protective covering of the nerve fibers. Teams of experts ordered a battery of tests with consultation from doctors at Johns Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore, and it became apparent that she had suffered a severe case of demyelination, cause unknown. It was eventually determined that Ashley was suffering from acute disseminated encephalomyelitis (ADEM), a rare disorder of the central nervous system, which often follows a viral infection. A steroidal treatment followed.

According to the National

Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, symptoms of ADEM range from fever, headache and nausea to seizures and coma. Damage to the white matter of the brain may cause neurological symptoms such as visual loss, weakness to the point of paralysis and difficulty coordinating voluntary muscle movement.

Further action for Ashley involved five treatments of intravenous plasma over a five-day period with the goal of overwhelming her own auto immune system to stop the stripping of the myelin. Testing following the treatment showed the demyelination had been stopped. "Then it becomes recovery," says Harrington.

After spending four weeks in various ICU units suffering from fevers and infections, a biopsy determined that Ashley's brain had suffered no permanent damage. By the third week, Ashley was responding to TV comedy and family antics with laughter, which recalls Harrington, the doctors

reported was good news. It meant the myelin was beginning to regrow. Finally she and her mother, Mary, who had arrived the second day of the event, were able to fly back home to Fort Wayne. It was July 28.

By week 10, Ashley was recovering at Select Specialty. Though unable to speak due to an earlier tracheotomy, Ashley was sporadically showing other emotions, including crying.

"She paid attention to someone reading. It was slow progress but she was cognizant," says Harrington.

He reports that his daughter is moving more each day but continues to experience motor skill deficits. "She's frustrated. Simple tasks take a long time." The Harringtons have been instructed on range of motion activities for their daughter, which they perform daily to keep Ashley limber. "I'm sure she's working as hard as she can, and she expects nothing less from us," says Harrington, confident she will make a full recovery.

The family can't say enough about the ongoing support they have received from their friends, family and church community. Long distance communication over the Web and regular postings brought hundreds of e-cards and physical cards flooding in to encourage Ashley and her family during this harrowing time.

The pool manager, John Merz, at Glenaqua swim club, where Ashley had been a lifeguard organized a fundraiser in August to assist the family financially as the medical bills began to mount. Roller Dome North also opened its doors for a special skating party to benefit the young woman where

families from St. Vincent, St. Charles and St. Jude participated. And Rosie Munson and the St. Vincent Knights of Columbus teamed to offer a spaghetti dinner in an effort to assist with the medical expenses.

As so many others wondered how to help in tangible ways Harrington's simply request is, "Just pray."

It's been an emotional roller coaster ride for the entire family, but they believe that the tremendous support they continue to receive is what has kept them going.

"Everywhere we turn it has been phenomenal!" says Harrington gratefully. "That's the way it is. It's not a miracle, it's God's will."

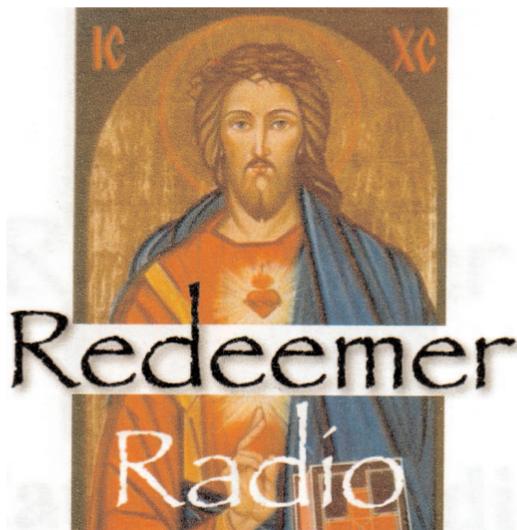
Of the questions they still ask as to why this has happened he says, "I don't know the meaning or how it'll all work out, but what a witness she'll (Ashley) be." He continues wistfully, "I've always believed in prayer. I've now lived it. Maybe that's the message."

On Sept. 17 Ashley was moved to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago where Mary, who has taken a leave of absence from her teaching position, remains by her side. Brother Austin and dad Jeff visit on the weekends.

Her days include several hours of therapy six days a week. Harrington says, "It's slow progress, but it is progress!"

The doctors report this determined young woman has the potential for a complete recovery. Harrington and his family believe by faith that she will recover and says confidently, "We're going to make it through this. We have our girl!"

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## Empty nesters visiting online social networking sites to ease transition

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After savoring the sense of accomplishment — seeing the children safely through accident-prone childhood, emotionally chaotic adolescence and angst-filled young adulthood — a shadow might begin to darken your emotions. In degrees that can range from mild nostalgia through debilitating depression, the departure of the children from a family can leave one or both parents coping with the unfamiliar intimacy of a child-free marriage, the loneliness of the loss of children from everyday life and loss of direction as their family roles are upended.

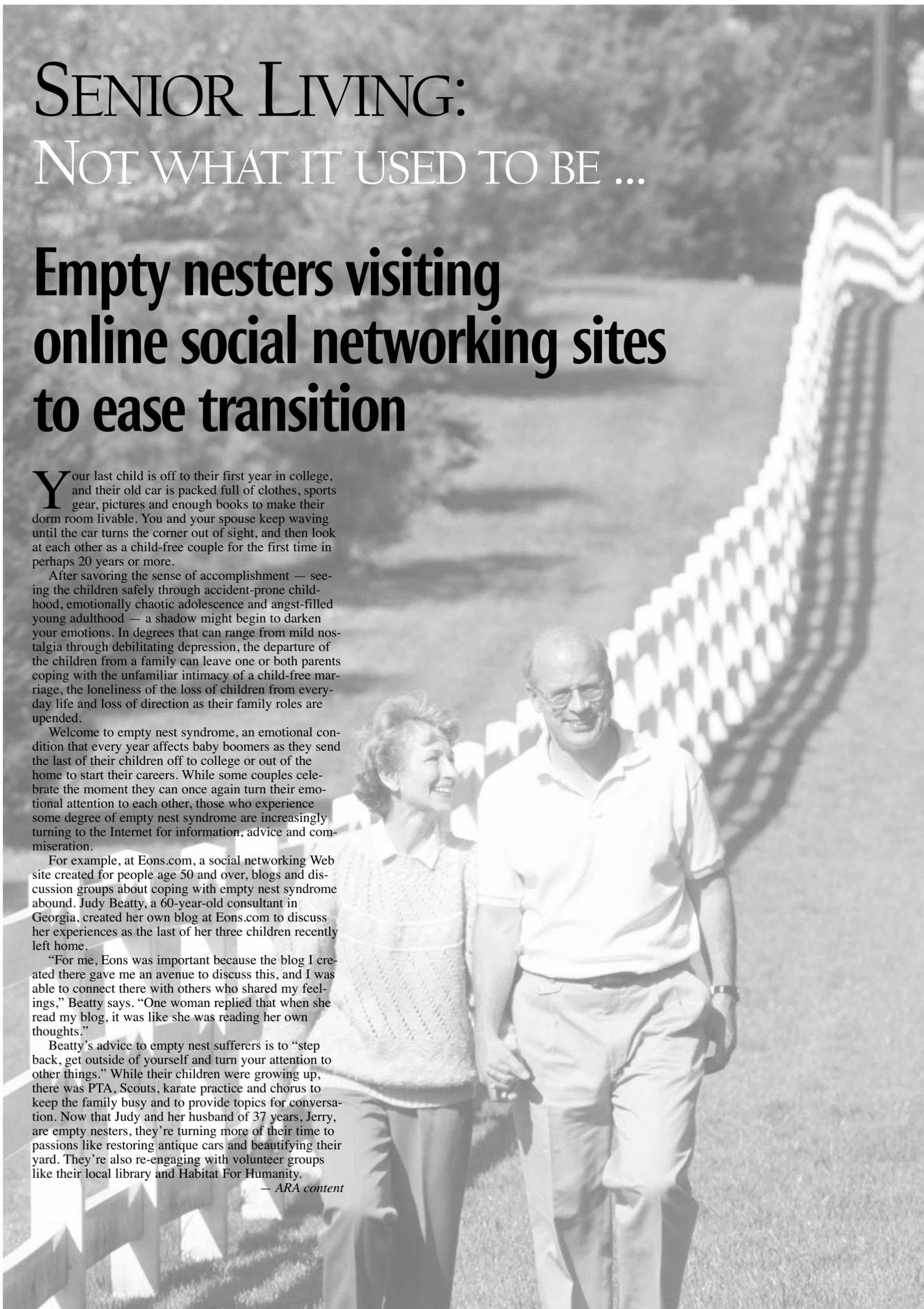
Welcome to empty nest syndrome, an emotional condition that every year affects baby boomers as they send the last of their children off to college or out of the home to start their careers. While some couples celebrate the moment they can once again turn their emotional attention to each other, those who experience some degree of empty nest syndrome are increasingly turning to the Internet for information, advice and commiseration.

For example, at Eons.com, a social networking Web site created for people age 50 and over, blogs and discussion groups about coping with empty nest syndrome abound. Judy Beatty, a 60-year-old consultant in Georgia, created her own blog at Eons.com to discuss her experiences as the last of her three children recently left home.

“For me, Eons was important because the blog I created there gave me an avenue to discuss this, and I was able to connect there with others who shared my feelings,” Beatty says. “One woman replied that when she read my blog, it was like she was reading her own thoughts.”

Beatty’s advice to empty nest sufferers is to “step back, get outside of yourself and turn your attention to other things.” While their children were growing up, there was PTA, Scouts, karate practice and chorus to keep the family busy and to provide topics for conversation. Now that Judy and her husband of 37 years, Jerry, are empty nesters, they’re turning more of their time to passions like restoring antique cars and beautifying their yard. They’re also re-engaging with volunteer groups like their local library and Habitat For Humanity.

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# Nonagenarian Heiny walks for health and Luers cause

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — When you have the pleasure of talking with Dorothy Heiny, parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, you might forget you are talking to a woman who has lived for almost a century. This 90-years-young mother of nine will be the first to tell you, though she has witnessed many changes, life is still good.

A native of Fort Wayne, Heiny attended Catholic schools throughout her academic career, and recalls being in the first class to attend St. Jude School in its premiere year. Her high school days were spent at St. Augustine Academy in what is now the diocesan chancery. She graduated with a degree in English and Latin from Saint Mary's College in 1939, but had difficulty finding employment in the depth of the Depression.

Eventually she was hired by the *News-Sentinel* as book editor and society column writer and enjoyed her work there for two and a half years.

Heiny met her husband Nicholas, and they were married in 1946. As their family grew to include nine children within 14 years, Heiny was happy to become a stay-at-home mom. As she raised their children, she remained active by walking.

"Walking gives me private time," says the soft-spoken

Heiny. She became interested in refinishing furniture along the way as well and has several beautiful pieces displayed in her home.

In 1970, when the children were nearly grown, Heiny took a position at Indiana-Purdue Universities in Fort Wayne (IPFW) teaching English composition and linguistics. She remained there teaching part-time for 20 years and subsequently retired in the mid-60s. "After retirement, I decided to take it easy for a while," says Heiny smiling.

Taking it easy for this petite, intelligent woman meant working with what was known as the community concerts group with scheduling and budgeting. She has also enjoyed volunteering for the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, the legal services of Fort Wayne and the board of health, all of which earned her the Francis Murphy Rumely Award, an honor presented to alumni of Saint Mary's College for exemplary volunteer work.

She remains active in eucharistic ministry at St. John the Baptist Parish and St. Joseph Hospital as well.

Currently Heiny enjoys her daily walks that take her a three-mile distance around the area neighborhoods. This nonagenarian can boast of "no major health concerns," short of her double knee replacements done in 1994 and 1997. But those surgeries



PROVIDED BY BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL

**Dorothy Heiny is proud to have participated in the annual Bishop Luers Walk-a-thon to help raise money for the school her nine children attended. At 90, this energetic woman walks three miles each day for fun and health.**

didn't stop this energetic woman, who says, "I was faithful doing my therapy. They (her knees) don't bother me now."

To put her walking to good use, Heiny walked in the annual Bishop Luers Walk-a-thon, where participants request donations to raise funds for the school. She wanted to help Bishop Luers where her own four girls and five boys "received a good basis for a good education."

Each of the Heiny children worked hard to attend college and have all graduated with advanced degrees, holding positions rang-

ing from lawyer to landscape architect.

This proud mother says, "We're fond of Bishop Luers. It has a down-to-earth atmosphere. The priests are still friends with the kids."

This year at 90, after seeing an advertisement in her church bulletin, Heiny decided to join the Bishop Luers walk. Because the 10K walk measures 6.2 miles, Heiny took a few practice walks to match the distance. "To be sure I could make it," she says. Prior to her knee surgeries Heiny clocked in at 15 minutes per mile.

Currently she walks 18 minute miles with no pain.

Money donated came not only from her children and family but from friends who read another bulletin ad reporting her participation in the walk. Heiny was surprised and proud to present over \$400 to the Bishop Luers fund. "It felt pretty good to raise that money. I didn't think I'd raise that much," reports the veteran walker, who adds that the walk's goal was \$47,000.

Of the walk Heiny reports that over 500 students and staff walked that slightly overcast day in September. The participants gathered first in the gym at Bishop Luers High School where a pep rally, including prayer, was held. "The students were extremely well behaved during the pep rally and prayer," says the impressed Heiny.

As the walk began, Heiny, clad in her walking shoes, long-sleeved shirt and sweat pants, with daughter-in-law Ann walked alongside students and faculty for a common cause.

"We were kind of among the last ones. But I had fun. I wasn't a speed demon, but I did it all," she says proudly. Following the walk participants were treated to hot dogs and chips.

Plans for the future? "I plan on joining the Luers walk next year if I'm around," Heiny says smiling and adds "I love to walk. It helps me feel good."

## RSVP volunteers extend a warm helping hand

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — In their own way, 175 volunteers try to blanket St. Joseph County in warmth each year.

They knitted, crocheted, sewed, stuffed and gave their time to make about 15,000 blankets, hats, door draft dodgers, pillows, totes and more for clients of local nonprofit agencies and health care organizations this year.

And Wednesday, Oct. 17, many of the volunteers came together again at the Food Bank of Northern Indiana on Chapin Street in South Bend to make sure the agencies that need the



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

**Ralph Whitbeck, a RSVP Busy Hands volunteer, readies a cart full of homemade items being picked up by the Michiana Alliance of Care for its clients.**

items the most would get them.

This year, 39 local nonprofit organizations were able to pick up about 10,000 of the 15,000 items for their clients, said Jennifer Tindell, RSVP project coordinator of St. Joseph County. The remainder of the items went to area health care providers and

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# Culver man helps Chinese girls learn language and customs

BY IDA CHIPMAN

CULVER — David Lee, 67, doesn't speak a word of Chinese.

Nevertheless, for over a year — for two hours at a time, five mornings a week, David has volunteered his time, with no compensation except his own personal satisfaction, to help four young Chinese women learn the English language and to better understand our American culture.

They call him their "American Grandfather."

Ali Schuldt of the Culver-Union Township Public Library, where David meets with his students, said that it is unusual to find someone as dedicated to helping others as he is.

Ali is thrilled at the progress the girls are making.

David meets with the young ladies, "one at a time."

All are employed in the family business, the China Buffet at 108 S. Main St., Culver, and all want to live in America.

"They want to learn the English language," David said. "They know they need to learn it, and they are willing to work at it."

Jenny Li, 23, from Fuzhou, China, has been in Culver for a year. She works with two of her three cousins, Ling Gao, 21, and Dan Dan Huang, 19, in her uncle Zitong Huang's restaurant.

A 2002 high school graduate in China, Jenny enjoys Culver, but said "it is very different from my country."

She does multiple jobs and works 11 hours a day in the restaurant.

"I am not a cook," she said, "I do not feel like I could be a good cook."

Jenny Li is the only one who speaks English well.

"The Culver Community School system offered their help," David said, "but it was pretty much a waste of time. They really needed one-on-one vocabulary skills."



IDA CHIPMAN

**David Lee, a patron of the Culver-Union Township Library and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Culver, helps Jenny Li with her English. Jenny Li works in the family business, The China Buffet, in Culver, owned by her uncle. David helps Jenny Li and her cousins learn the American language and understanding the American culture. He volunteers his time five days a week at the Culver Library.**

Hearts & Hands were willing to work with the girls, but getting to Plymouth was difficult — not enough.

That's when Carol Jackson, the head librarian of the Culver Library offered space as often as David would need to give the girls help.

David, now retired, lived in Chicago before moving to Culver.

A case worker with the Illinois Department of Human Services for 22 years, he had graduated in 1962, from Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill., with a degree in English.

"I learned Spanish and German," David said, "but do not speak them fluently."

After serving in the Army Intelligence Corps in Germany, he worked in a Chicago bank before going to work for the state. He retired in 2006.

David is the father of nine children and "plenty" of grandchildren, some of whom want to learn how to speak Chinese.

David first met Jenny Li at the

restaurant. She did most of the talking to patrons.

"Who in the family speaks good English?" he asked.

"Only me," Jenny Li said. She also has a small Mary Kay cosmetic business; most of her customers live in Chinatown.

"I used the product in China," she said, "and I really like it."

Her favorite pastime — with a 12-hour time difference — is to stay up late and talk to her friends in China.

One of the girls, Xiao Xiao Huang, 21, recently moved to Chinatown in New York City and lives with her extended family. She is working in a shop and attending English classes.

David, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Culver, helps out with the auxiliary at the church. He also volunteers at Culver Elementary School listening to the kindergarteners, first and second graders read.

"I've got the time," David said, "and I am willing to do it."

"And it is good for me too."

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hospitals.

Members of the Busy Hands, which is a part of RSVP, or Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, which is sponsored by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic Charities, hand make each item that's given away, Tindell said.

She said the program is important for the nonprofit agencies because most don't have the money to purchase items for clients that will help keep them warm during the winter.

"We're trying to help many of their clients who don't have the money to buy basic items for warmth or useful items for people with medical needs," Tindell said.

Homemade items for medical needs include catheter covers, walker and wheelchair bags and bean bags for physical therapy, she said.

"We're here to help them help their clients," she said. "We're working in conjunction with them to reach out to people in need."

Indeed, Catina Groves, assistant housing director for AIDS

Ministries in South Bend, said the agency's grants don't allow personnel to purchase items like blankets for clients. So being able to get them for free from the Busy Hands group is helpful.

Groves picked up quilts and draft dodgers to help keep clients from becoming cold and getting sick from it.

They provide the items to clients, who are "infected and affected by AIDS," Groves said.

Warren Kirkwood, pastor of Albright United Methodist Church in Mishawaka, picked up quilts, draft dodgers, pillows, mittens and hats for the Mishawaka Alliance of Care, or MAC, which operates a pantry at Albright.

"Food is not the only issue we deal with," said Rev. Kirkwood, who is also vice president of MAC.

The items for warmth, he said, can last families for several years and many clients must rent homes that aren't well insulated. That's where the blankets and such can come in handy for families who use the pantry.

He called the volunteers "phenomenal" for all the many hours they put into the homemade items. Because of the volunteers, many children he knows who don't even have a bed can at least be warmed by a blanket at home or hat, mittens, gloves and



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

**Jennifer Tindell, RSVP coordinator of St. Joseph County, shows what types of homemade items Busy Hands volunteers made over the past year for area clients of nonprofit agencies.**

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scarves on the way to school in the morning.

"It shows them that someone cares because of the hours they spend," Kirkwood said.

And Groves agreed. "It adds a special touch when they know someone puts their own hard work into it," she said of clients. "And I explain that to them."

But it seems as if volunteers are simply happy others can be warmed by their work.

Dorothy Wilkenson, of South Bend, who volunteers for Busy Hands, said she has worked on crafts for many years and she accumulates so much of it she doesn't quite know what to do with all of it.

"It's nice knowing someone will use and enjoy it," Wilkenson said. "And for older and retired people, it gives them something to do. And it's a really good thing for people in the community to give back to people in the community."

# Alumni celebrate 95th anniversary of St. Joseph School

BY JENNIFER MURRAY

MONROEVILLE — St. Joseph School in Monroeville celebrated its 95th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 28. A Mass was celebrated at St. Rose Parish at 1 pm, followed by an open house at the school from 2-5 pm.

Alumni of all ages joined to remember the school that meant so much to them. The halls and rooms of the small town school were filled as a whole community came together, catching up with old friends they had not seen in ages or giving a warm hello to a neighbor. There were little ones as today's current students showed off their school.

Then there were the alumni marveling at the changes that had taken place in this building that held so many of their memories.

Nobody saw as many changes as Helen Castleman-Wannemacher, the oldest alumni.

Wannemacher was from the class of 1924. She began attending in the third grade. She remembered there were eight others in her class and they made their first Communion that year.

When nature called, they went to a big building outdoors with 12 seats and used catalogue pages as

toilet paper. They drank from a well with a rusty tin cup hanging from a chain and they played outside every noon no matter what the weather.

Wannemacher had five siblings and when her oldest brother was in the seventh grade, he began to drive his siblings and a couple of neighbor kids in the family car to arrive at school each day. Wannemacher remembered that other kids came to school in horse drawn buggies.

She said the teachers "were very gentle and kind." In those days, all of the teachers were from the School Sisters of St. Francis of Milwaukee, Wis. Today the teachers are lay teachers but they are very dedicated to their jobs, to the school and most especially to their students.

The principal, Carolyn Kirkendall, has been there for 23 years. When asked about the differences she has seen, she said, "One thing that is very noticeable is the size of the families ... we used to have less families but (they had)

more children. ... The other thing is we need to keep abreast of the Catholic tradition."

This provides a challenge as they strive to offer Catholic values and teachings to the students. Kirkendall said "(The students) are not always from two-parent fami-

**"We are celebrating our first 95 and beginning our next 95."**

CAROLYN KIRKENDALL



JENNIFER MURRAY

**Celebrating the 95th anniversary of St. Joseph School in Monroeville, are alumni and their families who gathered Sunday, Oct. 28, at the school and St. Rose Church.**

lies or both parents are not always Catholic." However, she added, "The kids are eager to learn. I think that's because their parents want them here."

The parish and parents are very supportive of the school. Kirkendall said this "support has been constant." Another thing that has been constant during her 23-year tenure is "this dedication of our teachers ... the teachers take teaching as their ministry."

When asked why she has stayed so long, Kirkendall said, "This is

family. This is home. Family spirit, acceptance, support. I love small schools because you know everyone and that's important. I know each parent by name. I belong to the parish. This is my home."

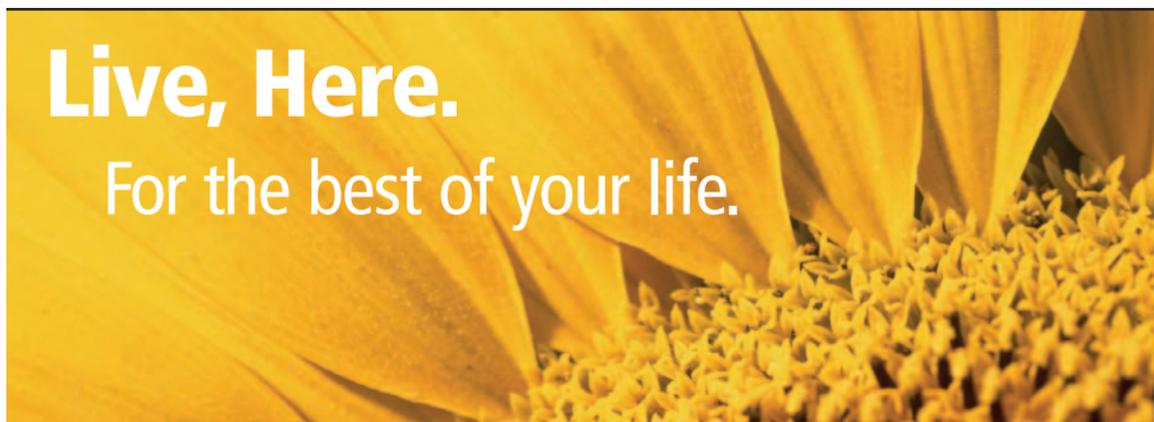
During the Mass, Kirkendall told the congregation, "We are celebrating our first 95 and beginning our next 95."

The school has 50 students and it has thrived so long and will continue to thrive because of the dedication of staff, community and the parents. Theresa Gerardot-

Renninger, an alumni and parent of current students, has volunteered her time as the marketing director of the school to ensure it lasts another 95 years. She wanted to share the reason for her dedication to this school. When her daughter Erica was in kindergarten and Easter was drawing near, Renninger found her daughter crying and asked why. Erica was upset because Jesus died.

Renninger's son, Evan, who was in second grade at the time, asked why his little sister was crying. When Renninger explained, her son asked, "Doesn't she know he had to die to open the gates of heaven for us?"

Renninger noted that as they have built up the marketing of the school program, they now have about 15 percent of the students who are not Catholic. However many of their parents used to be Catholic. This brings an opportunity to reach out to these children and to their parents as they are surrounded by the values and truth of the Catholic faith that led a second grader to explain so simply and eloquently the reason of Christ's death, the reason for our faith and the reason that St. Joseph Parish school is celebrating its 95th anniversary.



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# Being a supportive friend

## Twelve ways to help an Alzheimer's caregiver avoid burnout

BY LISA M. PETSCH

One in 10 Americans over the age 65 and almost half of those over 85 have Alzheimer's disease or a related type of dementia (loss of intellectual functioning).

Alzheimer's disease (AD), the most common form of dementia, involves gradual breakdown of nerve cells in the brain. Afflicted persons lose the ability to interpret information and to send messages to their body to behave in certain ways. Over time they experience mental, emotional, behavioral and physical changes, necessitating increasing amounts of supervision and, eventually, hands-on help with activities of daily living.

Family members, particularly wives and daughters, provide most — and in many cases all — of that care. They are at increased risk for depression and other health problems due to the emotional strain and the physical toll of caregiving.

Following are some things that you can do to help prevent an Alzheimer's caregiver you know from wearing down.

1. Keep in touch. Recognize that you may have to make most of the effort in maintaining the relationship.

2. Become informed. Educate yourself about Alzheimer's disease — to help you understand the kinds of challenges caregivers can be faced with — and share information with family and friends.

3. Lend an ear. Listen non-judgmentally and demonstrate compassion. Don't give unsolicited advice.

4. Connect her with other caregivers. Locate caregiver support groups and encourage her to try one. Offer to stay with her loved one while she attends meetings or accompany her to the first meeting.

5. Promote self-care. Encourage her to eat nutritiously, exercise and get sufficient rest in order to maintain good health. Do whatever you can to help make this happen.

6. Provide practical help. Determine what kind of assistance she could use most. Perhaps it's picking up groceries, running errands, or doing laundry or yard work. If your assistance is declined, continue to express your desire to help. Meanwhile, take it

upon yourself to deliver a casserole or muffins or, if you're a neighbor, sweep both walks or bring in both sets of garbage cans.

7. Surprise her with a treat. Ideas include a rented movie, a favorite magazine, fresh flowers or a plant. If you're on a limited income, sign out reading material, movies or CDs from the library.

8. Give her a break. Offer to sit with her loved one for an hour while she goes out to a hair appointment or to Mass.

9. Watch for signs of trouble. Encourage her to seek help from her primary physician or a mental health worker if she feels overwhelmed or hopeless, or if she starts to fear for her safety or that of her loved one.

12. Stand by her. Praise her efforts and be an ongoing source of encouragement. In particular, support her if she decides to pursue placement in a long-term care facility.

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# Bill Wallace helps seniors with Medicare and taxes

BY IDA CHIPMAN

PLYMOUTH — He admits it can be very confusing.

"I don't care how old you are," he said, "18 or 88 — the paperwork can be perplexing."

Bill Wallace, a retired Navy commander, for the last two years, has been a SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) volunteer at the Life Enrichment Center, 1305 W. Harrison St., in Plymouth.

He can lend a hand to straighten it all out.

"Sometimes you just need somebody to help you navigate around it," he said.

When the Medicare Prescription Plan D came out, Bill Wallace and Bill Gee saw as many as 10 people a week who needed help in making heads or tails of the instruction manuals.

He held up the big, fat Medicare 2007 information book that all seniors received in the mail.

"This is the most unread book of all time," he laughed.

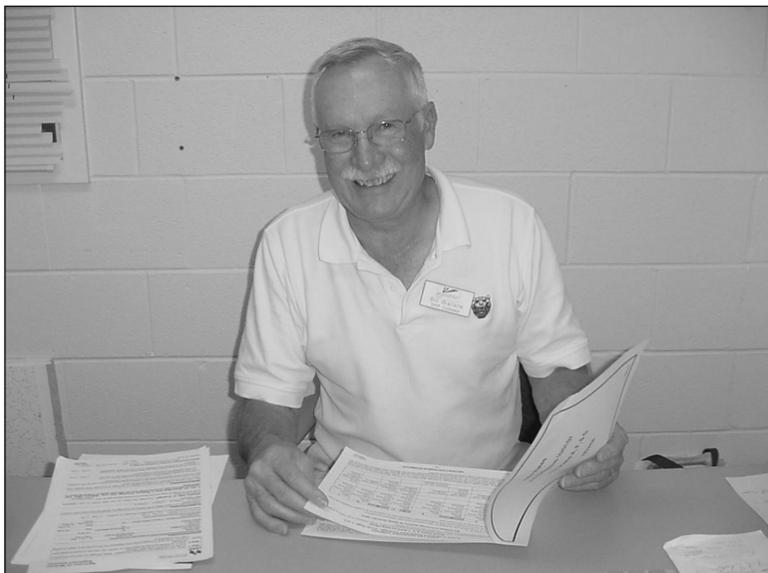
He also volunteers to prepare, without charge, Indiana and federal tax returns for seniors.

From February to April, Bill will be busy with those numbers.

"A lot of times, folks will bring in letters from the I.R.S. that do not require any action," he said.

"I just tell them that the easiest thing to do is — (making a tearing motion) — throw it away."

Bill, an Illinois native, graduated from Chesterton, Md., High School in 1957, and worked a year with synthetic oils and greases



IDA CHIPMAN

**Bill Wallace helps seniors with the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIP) as a volunteer at the Life Enrichment Center in Plymouth. He is a member of the the St. Michael Parish Council and the Knights of Columbus.**

before joining the Navy in 1958, as a seaman recruit.

As an independent hospital corpsman 2/c, serving aboard the U.S.S. Lester, a destroyer escort, he worked his way up the ranks to a Navy commander, retiring from active duty in September of 2003.

Bill and Jane, his wife and mother of their three grown children, visited a daughter and son-in-law in the Marshall County area in 1996.

They loved it. Jane especially was entranced with the older homes on Michigan Street, and in 2003, they moved to Plymouth.

In addition to his volunteer

work with SHIP and the tax program at the Life Enrichment Center, Bill is active in the Lions Club, the Lung Card Golf group, and the Knights of Columbus where he is a member of their council as well as the St. Michael Parish Council.

Bill said that he donates his time because "I just like to help people."

And so he does.

**Need help?** Call the Life Enrichment Center to make an appointment with Bill Wallace at (574) 936-9904.

# St. Bernard Knights of Columbus are knights in shining armor for widow

BY KAY COZAD

WABASH — Rita Fedewa couldn't be more grateful to the St. Bernard Parish Knights of Columbus for coming to her rescue after her husband Tom died in fall of 2002.

Tom, who was a member of the Knights of Columbus for many years, was a well-known businessman in town as well as a faithful servant to his church and community. "Tom was always willing to help," says his widow. The Knights, she says, were right there with her through the emotional visitation and rosary as well as the funeral and burial.

Fedewa met her beloved Tom at a wedding while they were attending college, she at St. Francis in Fort Wayne and he at St. Joe, Rensselaer. After a long-distance courtship of letters and phone calls, the two married in June of 1951 and moved to Wabash where Tom worked alongside his father in the family appliance business, Fedewa Appliances.

He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus as long as anyone can remember, and says Fedewa, wore his father-in-law's Knights of Columbus ring with pride.

Fedewa herself was a faithful employee of the church, serving as office secretary for 10 years after her two children, Richard and Teri grew older, as well as teaching religious education. She also worked at an area bank for several years and was well known for her kindness.

Joining her husband at many of the Knights of Columbus events was a joy for Fedewa who reports, "I've always known the Knights. They're a bunch of good guys."

Eventually their son, Richard grew old enough to work alongside his father in the appliance business and the family was content for many years. Unfortunately Tom became ill in 1989 and by 1991 the store was closed.

During his illness Tom became homebound with his loving wife continually by his side as caregiver. By 2000 Tom's healthcare needs were more than Fedewa could manage and the difficult decision to place him in nursing home care was made.

This faithful wife made daily visits to the nursing home where she fed her beloved husband and brought Communion to the patrons of the home. Two years later Tom died there, yet even today Fedewa remains a constant visitor to the nursing home, offering Communion and friendship.



RITA FEDEWA

As one Knights of Columbus wife Donna White says, "She's always been that type of person. Always willing to help anyone. Everybody loves her!"

One fall day recently a member of the St. Bernard Parish Knights of Columbus, Dick White and his wife Donna were walking in Fedewa's area. They both noticed that her roof was in need of repair.

"Knights take care of widows," says White proudly, adding that he presented the idea to roof the house for Fedewa to his council. It was voted that the Knights would pay for all materials and volunteer their time to roof the house.

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon in September, a dozen Knights were shining their lights

of service as they roofed the grateful widow's home. "That's what Knights are for," says White humbly, adding that Fedewa's grandson, Richard Jr. also volunteered and made his grandma very proud. "He helped and it meant a lot to her," he says. With the enthusiasm and group effort the new roof was completed by noon.

Fedewa, who is 80 this year, currently works part-time in a local law office and can't say enough about her faithful Knights and their service.

"I've been speechless ever since," she says. "I'm just so appreciative of what they've done. They're all so kind to me. They always realize when someone is in need."

Fedewa continues to see the Knights at Mass as well as occasionally at gatherings in her home parish. She keeps up with other Knight news by reading their magazine *Columbia* and continues to save pop can tabs for their service projects as well.

For these generous men who live out their faith in service to others, Fedewa offers, "I'll keep them in my prayers. I'll always be thankful."

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## EDITORIAL

## A term to know — health care proxy

Thinking and talking about death is not a pleasant experience for most people, so we tend to ignore the topic as much as possible. However, the visit to our diocese last week by bioethicist Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk reminds us that we should think and talk about death so that we will be prepared to deal with this inevitable reality in an ethical and loving way when we or our family members come to the end of life.

For some people, death comes suddenly, and it is not necessary to make decisions about end-of-life medical care. For the majority of people, however, death usually is a more gradual process that will involve decisions about the kind of treatment the dying person should receive. These decisions become more and more complicated as technological advances offer more and more treatment options.

That is precisely why Father Pacholczyk recommended that each person designate another person as his or her health care proxy, someone who knows you well, in the event that the patient is not able to make decisions for himself. Using the beautiful teaching of the Catholic Church about the dignity of the human person as a guide, the person can discuss with the proxy his wishes about end-of-life care.

Then, in the event the patient is not able to make those decisions himself, the proxy can make a determination based on what he knows to be the patient's wishes and values. This is a much better plan than signing a living will, because a living will cannot begin to cover every possible contingency, and may even be misinterpreted. A health care proxy, on the other hand, can be fully informed about the patient's condition and is able to make decisions on the spot as the patient's circumstances change.

Indiana Catholics have a wonderful resource for this whole process, for the bishops of the state recently approved "A Catholic Guide to Health Care Directives." This booklet explains the church teachings on end-of-life issues and also provides an "Indiana Catholic Health Care Directive" form that includes a "Statement of Faith" and a legal form for designating a health care proxy.

We encourage every Catholic adult, and particularly senior citizens, to get one of these booklets from your parish and to name a health care proxy who knows you well and will carry out your wishes. And we encourage you to consider this exercise in planning end-of-life care not as a dreaded, morbid task, but rather as a gift to yourself and your family. We are, after all, an "Easter people," and we look forward to passing from this life into eternity with the risen Christ.

## Frozen embryos in divorce dispute

Technological advances at the beginning of life also present ethical difficulties that often are even more confounding than end-of-life issues.

In the news last week was the story of a couple in Texas who used in vitro fertilization (IVF) to have six embryos created in 2002. The night before the embryos were to be implanted in the wife, the husband withdrew his consent for the procedure because he had concerns about the stability of the marriage. The embryos subsequently were frozen while the couple tried to work out their differences.

The couple eventually divorced, and a judge awarded the embryos to the wife, who wanted to have them implanted so that she could give birth. That ruling was reversed on appeal to a higher court because the couple had signed an agreement at the time of the IVF, saying that the embryos would be destroyed if the couple divorced, and the husband did not want to have children if they were not going to be raised within his marriage.

The wife appealed to the Texas Supreme Court, which refused to hear the case. Now she is considering whether to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Meanwhile, the tiny humans have been in the freezer at the fertility clinic for five years as the legal battle rages on.

A recent Associated Press article reported that in the divorce, the wife got the house and the husband got the car, but "one piece of community property" was disputed: the frozen embryos. This case demonstrates what an impossible dilemma we create for ourselves when we treat human life as a commodity, when we seek to control when and how human life begins and when and how it should end.

Medical technology that is used with respect for the moral order and the dignity of the human person is a blessing; but using technology without any ethical consideration creates unending nightmares.

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

# COMMENTARY

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## Proposes doing away with 'feeder schools'

In the issue of *Today's Catholic* on Oct. 14, 2007, the enrollment figures for all schools were released. Accompanying the issue was the term "feeder schools", specifically designating feeder grades schools to each of the high schools. To the best of my knowledge, feeders are set territories insuring each high school of a certain amount of students in attendance to keep them thriving. I would propose we do away with "feeders," simply because they have outgrown their function.

A more diplomatic approach would be to have an equal representation of each high school in a parochial grade schools by our area high school representatives. In doing so, we would diminish the covetousness, jealousy and envy in our parish families. It's a real underlying current in our parishes and not positive for our young people. Both area high schools, Marian and Saint Joseph's have a strong Catholic formation curriculum. However, each eighth grader, along with his or her parent or guardian, should have the opportunity to hear from both schools at his or her grade school.

Together, the parties could further explore interest through prayer, visits to the high schools, discuss matters of faith, academics, extracurricular activities, safety, friendships, location, etc. before making a final decision. In addition, a change from the "feeder school" preference can be a refreshing and challenging venture, adding further to the maturity of a young person.

We all should strive to be ambassadors for Christ. The "feeder school" mindset does not address that calling for Christ. Instead, the mindset has become divisive in our parish families. Could we not channel our energies elsewhere? Perhaps we could investigate what keeps a possible student from not attending our Catholic high schools.

On a personal note, I am most thankful for my dear friends at Saint Joseph's High School and those at Marian, too. There is a way to enjoy both Catholic high schools and have peace. Best wishes and prayers to all future eighth grade graduates.

Carmen Watkins  
South Bend

## Profound thanks for support of Pontifical Mission Societies

With prayerful best wishes and on behalf of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, I greet you and send you and the generous people of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend our profound thanks for your donations in 2006 to the Pontifical Mission Societies in support of the mission "ad gentes."

We are grateful for the donation of \$73,039 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and \$484 to the Society of St. Peter Apostle, which support more than 1,150 mission dioceses and help educate seminarians and novices throughout the developing world. Additionally, the offering of \$3,012.34 for the Holy Childhood Association affirms the commitment of the children in your diocese to accept the call of baptism to be missionaries.

We are especially grateful for the increase in donations during the year 2006, which directly translates to more mission support where it is most needed.

Your leadership and good example, especially in promoting and participating in World Mission Sunday, scheduled for Oct. 21, 2007, inspire the faithful to join the universal church at the Eucharist on that day in support of the mission needs of the church. Our hope is that this eucharistic celebration will serve as the annual culmination of a fully integrated mission animation program in your local church.

Our gratitude also extends to your diocesan mission director, who provides the lifeline between your faithful and the poor in mission lands who wait to know Christ and to receive the good news of the Gospel from missionaries. Please extend to your director my heartfelt thanks for all animation and cooperation endeavors.

Thanking you for your missionary role and asking God to bless you in all your pastoral efforts, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,  
Ivan Cardinal Dias Prefect  
Congregatio Pro Gentium  
Evangelizatione

## High school student concerned about adult fan's behavior

Being a student at Bishop Luers High School, I can tell you from a firsthand account that nothing is more exhilarating than game day of

the annual Battle of the Bishops football game between Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers.

First, I would like to commend both teams on an outstanding game played by all. On the field, I witnessed great sportsmanship from both sides. I think that kind of sportsmanship only comes from the fact that both schools are Catholic schools and teach the Catholic ideals and practices. It is a shame that not all the fans can act in the same manner.

With two minutes left in the game, I had arranged to meet with a group of my friends, who go to Bishop Dwenger, by the fence at the end of the field by the parking lot. I was standing at the fence with my good friend Alex Fletcher, who attends Dwenger, watching Bishop Luers' last drive.

The man next to us realized that Alex was from Dwenger and I from Luers. Seeing this, he said to Alex, "Why are you hanging out with him? Doesn't he go to Luers? He is supposed to be your biggest rival."

I was appalled that a man, somewhere between 40 and 50 years of age, was making disconcerting comments towards me, a freshman at Bishop Luers. The longer Alex and I stood there, the more jeers this man directed at me.

Not being able to ignore it anymore, I said aloud, "It's pretty pathetic that some of the Dwenger parents are more immature than the students," and I walked away. Alex came after me and apologized for the man's behavior.

Personally, I have absolutely nothing at all against Dwenger. In fact I know a lot of people who attend Bishop Dwenger. They are outstanding individuals and are some of my closest friends. In fact, all of my cousins attend Bishop Dwenger High School.

It seems to be the adults who don't see the fun in the long-standing rivalry. Congratulations Bishop Dwenger on a game well played. I hope your fans treat other schools better than their fellow Catholics. Good luck in the tournament.

Nick Schenkel  
Fort Wayne

## Cunibert

died c. 663  
feast – November 12

Several medieval accounts claimed that Cunibert grew up at the court of Frankish King Clotaire II. He was ordained a priest, then was made archdeacon of Trier and in about 625 bishop of Cologne; both cities are in Germany. He also was a royal counselor and a guardian to one of Clotaire's grandsons. In a letter, St. Boniface said that Cunibert had hoped to evangelize among the Frisians but remained devoted to his own diocese and its people, among whom he was respected as both bishop and man. His relics were enshrined in Cologne.



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# God and geeks: Vatican astronomer hunts for faith in Silicon Valley

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Engineers, scientists and computer whizzes study or manipulate nature and machines to find sound, logical solutions to nagging questions and everyday problems.

But if hard empirical evidence is what makes a techie brain tick, then how is he or she able to justify or believe in something as scientifically unprovable as God or as mind-boggling as transubstantiation?

Jesuit Brother Guy Consolmagno, a self-described techie and Vatican astronomer, argues in a new book that a nerd is not necessarily a nihilist, and geeks can and do believe in God.

In "God's Mechanics: How Scientists and Engineers Make Sense of Religion," he shows that atheism is actually very rare among men and women scientists.

He told Catholic News Service "the more common stance is to be agnostic — they don't want to make a claim one way or another, but really what they're shy about is belonging to an organized church."

Brother Consolmagno said some hold preconceived, mistaken

notions that the people they'll find in the pews might be intellectually inferior or even "repellent."

The Jesuit astronomer said, "One fellow put it to me very bluntly, 'I don't mind God, it's his fan club I could do without.'"

He said the idea for his fifth book came after some techie friends asked him to explain the "nuts and bolts of how" to believe in a particular religious creed.

These friends were interested in joining a church, and they were looking for "intellectual support" and help in explaining certain aspects of the Catholic faith, he said.

He soon realized techies look at religion differently than most folks and likewise have different needs when it comes to pastoral care and outreach.

So two years ago, Brother Consolmagno bade a temporary farewell to his telescopes and went from gazing at the heavens to peering into fellow techies' hearts and souls.

"The techies, they're my tribe. I'm one of them and I want us to be better understood by the church," the planetary scientist

## THE VATICAN LETTER

CAROL GLATZ

explained.

The discoveries he made from a two-month journey traveling up and down U.S. Highway 101 in California's Silicon Valley became the core of his new book.

He interviewed 100 "hard-nosed, rational, dyed-in-the-wool techies" and asked them the reasons they went to church, what they did and didn't get out of church, and why they belonged to one faith community and not another.

He said the answers were as varied as one would find in the general population, but that several unique characteristics stuck out.

For example, skeptics weren't

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# The faithful will live with God



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 20:27-38

This weekend, observed in the United States as Veterans' Day, and by the church as the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, the church presents as the first reading a section from the Second Book of Maccabees.

Maccabees, first or second, rarely appears as a reading at Mass. These books date from a period only two centuries before Christ. They rose from a very dark period in the history of God's people.

When Alexander the Great, who had conquered so much of the present-day Middle East, his generals scrambled to succeed him. One of them, Ptolemy, became the pharaoh of Egypt. Another of them, Seleucus, became king of Syria.

A successor of Seleucus, Antiochus IV, believed himself to be divine. He demanded that his subjects, including the Jews, worship him. Anyone who refused this demand paid dearly. Maccabees were written about martyrs who defied Antiochus.

These two books of Maccabees lionize these pious Jewish martyrs who refused to forsake the one God of Israel.

This weekend's reading describes quite vividly the penalty

Antiochus IV reserved for those who denied that he was a god.

Heroism, therefore, is one lesson. Another is about the afterlife, and it mentions the afterlife as a reward for holy living on earth. The afterlife as a doctrine was not very refined in the more ancient Hebrew writings. Thus, Maccabees expands the notion not often mentioned in more ancient revelation.

The Second Epistle to the Thessalonians provides the second reading. This work too was written when times were very hard for true believers. The epistle is challenging but encouraging. Regardless of whatever may lie ahead, it insists that disciples must hold firm to their bond with the Lord. Times may be bad, even terrifying, but God will be victorious.

St. Luke's Gospel continues the theme of the afterlife. Its message is clear. Those faithful to God in this life will live with God, triumphantly and eternally, in the next life.

This reading also says that the ways of God are beyond our experience and our understanding. We are humans, nothing less but nothing more. We are nothing less in that we can decide to live so as to receive as God's gift eternal life itself. We are nothing more in that we need God.

### Reflection

Our country celebrates today as Veterans' Day because the day coincides with the surrender in 1918 of Germany and its allies, bringing to a close the First World War. This war, since eclipsed by the Second World War, was horrifyingly destructive. Hundreds of thousands lost their lives on battlefields, or in bombing raids, starved or maimed.

Historians are united in bemoaning the beginning of this great war. It was simply the product of unchecked, reckless human selfishness, even after all the masks to cover its darkness or give it respectability and value.

It was one more proof of how badly humans can make life for themselves and for others when they ignore or defy God.

Other proofs of the same reality were in the experiences of the Maccabees. Antiochus brought death and anguish. However, in the end, the just triumphed. Their memory is glorified. We celebrate the Maccabees and the martyrs. Antiochus is a sign of evil. For the Thessalonians, imperial Rome brought agony. The just triumphed. They are glorified. Imperial Rome is a relic from antiquity. It is gone.

These readings remind us again that peace, justice and security come only when God is respected. They also remind us that the allurements that so often drive humans to hurt themselves and others inevitably will pass away.

Only God, in the heavenly kingdom, will endure. It is our choice to be a part of this kingdom or not.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 2Thes 2:16-35 Lk 20:27-38

**Monday:** Wis 1:1-7 Ps 139:1-10 Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:** Wis 2:23-39 Ps 34:2-3, 16-19 Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Wis 7:22b-8:1 Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175 Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:** Wis 13:1-9 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9 Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 Lk 18:1-8

## CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

In November, the church remembers St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr. This quiz looks at that phat saint by looking at all things fat.

**1. Who offered God one of the fattest (best in some translations) of his flocks, while his brother's offering was rejected, with fatal consequences?**

- a. Abel                      b. Benjamin                      c. Cain

**2. According to Numbers, Moses sent men to find out if Canaan was "fat or lean" (productive or bare) and they brought these back as signs of its riches:**

- a. tubs of lard  
b. milk and honey  
c. grapes, pomegranates and figs

**3. In Genesis, what did Joseph see happen to seven fat cows?**

- a. They were branded with an ankh as they belonged to Potiphar.  
b. They were eaten by skinny cows.  
c. They were saved by HETA, Hebrews for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

**4. There was much regulation of fat in the Old Testament. Why?**

- a. Most likely the high Hebrew heart disease rate (referred to in "harden not your hearts") led to a policy against cholesterol.  
b. Obesity was associated with paganism.  
c. Many types of animal fat were reserved for God.

**5. What happened to that fat?**

- a. It was eaten by the priests at the temple.  
b. It was smeared on the wheels of the chariots of fire.  
c. It was burned.

**6. In Deuteronomy it is reported that the "Jeshurun" got fat. That word probably means "darling." Who was the "darling" of God?**

- a. the pope                      b. the people of Israel                      c. the gentiles

**7. In older Bibles Isaiah 63 refers to a "winefat." What is it?**

- a. a soup made of animal fat flavored with wine, enjoyed by fat drunkards as a hangover cure  
b. a measure of obesity, indicating how close to being the size of barrel a person was  
c. simply an archaic rendering of vine vat

**8. In Judges the king of Moab, Eglon, died as a result of being fat. How?**

- a. He got stuck in a temple doorway and starved to death as no food was allowed inside.  
b. A knife stabbed into him went right inside the rolls of fat and got stuck and killed him.  
c. He overexerted himself attempting to escape the Israelites and had a heart attack.

**9. According to Job 15, the crass and wicked man adds rolls of fat here:**

- a. on his loins                      b. in his soup                      c. on his pork chops

**10. Psalm 119 also describe the hearts of these people as gross and fat:**

- a. swineherds                      b. Samaritans                      c. the arrogant

**11. Why did the fatted calf likely not celebrate the return of the prodigal?**

- a. He was going to be demoted when the son took over as cowboy.  
b. He was to be the main course in the celebration.  
c. He had been worshipped in a gold effigy and the son was about to stop that.

**12. This great Catholic thinker was said to have been grossly fat:**

- a. Martin Luther                      b. Thomas Aquinas                      c. Thomas More

**13. In fact his size might have been one reason he was this called by a contemporary:**

- a. dumb ox                      b. Fryer Muck                      c. Fat Bro Slim

**14. This convert to Catholicism and noted writer of the Father Brown mysteries was a very large individual:**

- a. T.S. Eliot                      b. Oscar Wilde                      c. G.K. Chesterton

**15. When he (14 above) was young he was a slow learner, not learning to read until he was eight. One exasperated teacher clearly did not anticipate his literary genius. One noted**

- a. "Fat chance you have of ever writing a mystery"  
b. "Your failings are as big as your girth"  
c. "If we opened your head, we should not find brain but only a lump of white fat."

### ANSWERS:

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

# Hybrid name for Jehovah has origin

**I got a visit from a Jehovah Witness. Why do they call God "Jehovah"? Maria Fry, Monroeville**

When God appeared to Moses, he revealed his name as "Yahweh," generally translated, "I am who am." The New American Bible says the name Yahweh is commonly explained in reference to God as the absolute and necessary being. It may be understood of God as the source of all created beings.

Father John McKenzie says there is general agreement that the name Yahweh comes from the verb "hawah," meaning "to be."

Out of deference to God's superiority, the Jews did not pronounce the name Yahweh and thus we do not have the certainty of its enunciation.

Father John McKenzie says, in place of Yahweh, the Jews read "Adonai," meaning "Lord." The combination in writing of the consonants YHWH from Yahweh and the vowels AOA from Adonai, created the hybrid "Jehovah" of the English Bibles of the 16th century. The New American Bible says the word "Jehovah" arose from a false reading of Yahweh as it is written in the current Hebrew text.

E.A. Livingstone says the Jehovah's Witnesses are a sect of American origin founded by C.T. Russell (d. 1916). He believed in the near end of the world for all except his own adherents called the "elect of Jehovah," who would

be the sole members of the Messianic kingdom. His successor J.F. Rutherford (d.1941) held the theory of a theocratic kingdom, membership of which prevented allegiance to any country.

The New Testament we have was written in Greek. The Greek word for God here is "theos" or "ho theos."

Father John McKenzie says "theos" can designate the gods of paganism, but it normally is used for the God of the Old Testament or Israel, namely Yahweh. But the New Testament adds that God reveals himself in Jesus Christ in a visible and tangible form. The God of Israel (ho theos) is the Father of Jesus Christ. Jesus is called the son of God (ho theos). Both the Father and the Son are divine beings.

Jesus says, "I and the Father are one." So the use of "ho theos" touches the personal distinction of the Father and the Son and not the divinity, for example, the divine sonship of Jesus Christ. In Jesus, not only the word of God is made flesh, but also all of the saving attributes of Yahweh in the Old Testament. In Jesus God is known in a new intimately personal manner.

The new Catechism of the Catholic Church says that God is not only the supreme being, but he is also truth and love. God is truth itself whose words cannot deceive. This is why one can abandon oneself in full trust to the truth and faithfulness of his word in all things. God's truth is his wisdom,

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which commands the whole created order and governs the world. God, who alone made heaven and earth, can alone impart true knowledge of every created thing in relation to himself. God the Father sent his Son into the world to bear witness to the truth.

St. John the Apostle says "God is love." In the history of the Old Testament we see the unconditional love of God who never stops saving his people and keeps pardoning their unfaithfulness and sins. The Old Testament says God's love for his people is stronger than a mother's love for her children. The New Testament says God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son. The inner reality of God is love. God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.

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

## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for November 11, 2007

Luke 20:27-38

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a test question about the resurrection. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

SADDUCEES	QUESTION	TEACHER
MOSES	WROTE FOR US	A WIFE
RAISE	SEVEN	CHILDLESS
WOMAN	WHOSE	THIS AGE
MARRY	WORTHY	NGELS
BUSH	ABRAHAM	ISAAC
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# Make 'em laugh

My son Matthew is a high school freshman, and already I'm trying to get him to start thinking about serious things like good grades (which really count now) and college. The other night I handed him a couple college brochures as he sat next to his bed doing his homework.

Matthew is logical and good in math. He works very hard in all his classes. He's also creative. I thought maybe architecture is an occupation that might interest him. Or maybe law. His dad's a lawyer.

"Thanks, mom. I'll look at these," he said, briefly glancing at the slick four-colored pieces and then tossing them on his bed, where an empty wrapper from a granola bar also sat. I could see he valued both about the same.

He must have noticed me not budging because he said, "Thanks, I really will read those, but I'm thinking more along entertainment lines. I want to be a comedian."

At these words I did not laugh. A comedian? The "C" word swirled in my mind. You mean a guy who stands in front of people and churns out puns and double entendres and cracks up his audience with a droll delivery? As a profession?

"Mom, I told you that last year," he said.

And then I answered dumbly, "But I thought you were joking when you said you wanted to be a comedian."

The irony of my words hit even me. I could obviously not



## EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Theresa A. Thomas

tell a joke from a serious comment.

"I wasn't joking. I really want to be a comedian. I like to make people happy."

Matt likes to make people happy. This I know. As a young child he was always up to antics ... playfully teasing a younger sister (he had a choice of five of them) or being silly at the dinner table or with friends. Matt had always loved a good joke, but he also had a depth about him that is unusual for someone his age.

Having been home schooled previously, last year was his first year (eighth grade) in the parish school. It was then that I saw a deepness and kindness that went previously undetected. He sometimes sat at lunch with the loner kid that nobody else sat with. He went out of his way to stick up for the underdog, picked on at school. On the football team he provided encouragement to players who messed up a play (even when he was a part of that play). He counseled a troubled acquaintance whose parents were getting a divorce. He got kids to take life a little less seriously. He got them to forget about their troubles. He made them laugh.

The Bible says, "No treasure (is greater) than a joyful heart ... gladness of the heart is the very

life of man, cheerfulness prolongs his days." — Sir 30:16-22. God wants us to be joyful, and I think those who help us in this regard do have a special mission.

I'm starting to accept Matthew's desire and possible career choice, (and have reminded him of the responsibility he would have as a Catholic entertainer affecting many people.) Matthew has four years of high school and his ideas may change. He may decide to be funny full-time, on the side, or not at all.

In the meantime, I'll continue to offer Matthew different college brochures and hunt for good programs (both in and out of the entertainment field.) I will continue to pray that he knows what God wants him to do. And as long as Matthew continues to work hard, study well and try to live as God wants I will say — and I mean this in all seriousness — go ahead, Matt. Make 'em laugh.

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saying, "Prove to me God exists," but had more pragmatic concerns like "whether he exists or not, why should I believe? Why should I care and what does it get me?"

Also, people in the world of science tend to be "rule followers" and see the church as a book of rules, he said.

In fact, "a very common fallacy" among techies, he said, is believing salvation is the result of following the rules.

In their work world, techies see that "if I follow the rules then the program should run, but religion doesn't work that way," said Brother Consolmagno.

He also got the feeling that a lot techies weren't exactly convinced they could ever know "the truth."

He said one family had actually been "church shopping" and was ruling out churches that were "obviously wrong."

He said this family wasn't looking for proof of which religious community was right, they just wanted one that "had a greater chance of being correct," like one that has "existed over a long period of time and in a lot of different cultures."

The Vatican astronomer said the biggest surprise to come out of his research was that, for techies in general, the biggest motivation to belong to a church was the search for community.

Being part of a community was really important, he said, "in part

because community is something a lot of them didn't have growing up; when you're the geek nobody likes you. But also because techies work better in community, because most scientists and engineers do their work as a team."

Many in the tech world aren't going to church to find the truth, he said, "because by the time you're in your 30s or 40s you've pretty much decided what the truth is. The reason they go to church is for tech support; it's once-a-week scheduled maintenance," he said.

But in some churches, that community support may be lacking, especially if the techie individual is unmarried or far from family.

"The sort of alienation that comes from a techie life is something a parish ought to be addressing, and yet most parishes don't even recognize the problem," he said.

Parishioners with science backgrounds should be more vocal about their interests and could try starting up an astronomy, computer, or science fiction club, he suggested.

When asked how he explains to scientists complex facets of Catholicism, such as transubstantiation — that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist — Brother Consolmagno said he first explains what the statements actually mean.

"One of the problems that techies have is they don't necessarily understand that words do have power. But if you think of words like, 'Yes, I'll marry you,' or 'You've just been accepted to MIT,' these words change reality," he explained.

# What happens when media get too big for their britches?

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Who ever knew there could be so much tension in relaxation?

Federal Communications Commission chairman Kevin Martin has unveiled his intent to relax media ownership rules — possibly by December if he gets his way — as long as he can get two more votes on the five-member FCC.

Perhaps Martin forgot that ownership rules were relaxed, not strengthened, in 1996. Those rules increased the number of radio stations one company could own in one market to eight, gave greater leeway to companies owning two TV stations in the same market, increased the percentage of Americans one company could reach with the TV stations it owns.

Martin hasn't released his plan, even though he wants a vote

on it by the end of the year. In some places, people would call that buying a pig in a poke.

How big is too big? Things were already plenty big by the time Ben H. Bagdikian wrote his first edition of "The Media Monopoly" back in the 1980s. His seventh edition was published in 2004. Since he started, the different kinds of communications media have increased, but the market share of the prime players in each medium also has increased. And companies look to stretch their tentacles wherever they think they can finally get hold of some long-elusive "synergy" that makes the inflated purchase prices worth it.

The biggest problem is that the synergies aren't that easy to find. To pay for the acquisition, the buyer inevitably makes cuts in staffing, leaving the local community in a boat without a paddle while programming decisions are made at some far-away corporate

headquarters.

Clear Channel, already the largest owner of radio stations in the United States, has expressed its hopes that the FCC will increase the ownership caps in a market from eight stations to 10. What purpose will that serve? Who would benefit — besides Clear Channel?

"The airwaves do not belong to corporations, entities that hold licenses allowing them to utilize the resource. The airwaves are owned by all of us," said an Oct. 25 statement by the Prometheus Radio Project, which advocates the establishment of low-power radio stations to serve big-city neighborhoods and small towns across the United States.

"Setting a reasonable set of limitations on ownership is not a burden to those who have the privilege of operating broadcast signals for the public benefit. The only people that support elimination of these rules are those who

stand to gain financially," it added.

Ownership is often followed by a sense of entitlement. Comcast, which routes more cable TV into homes than any other U.S. operator, is also one of the biggest names in the Internet service field.

In October, The Associated Press ran a series of tests to try and swap files online using some of the more popular file-sharing services. These services have been fingered as the ones most commonly used to illegally download copyrighted music, movies and other media.

But AP didn't use a song or a film to swap. It used the King James Bible. Why? Because it was a big file — a critical element to the test — and because it is in the public domain.

Comcast, for all its perceived omniscience, cannot tell what content is being swapped. Still, it sent fake messages to the senders

telling them the file transfer had been stopped and to try again later.

"Under a net neutrality law, those kind of practices would be illegal," said Peter Eckersley of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, an online civil liberties group, in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Oct. 27.

A net neutrality law — short for network neutrality — would guarantee equal access to all parts of the Web.

"Others would like to go further and make the Internet a utility under government supervision," Eckersley added. "But however it comes out, we need an Internet in which all users paying the same price get equal service."

Mark Pattison is media editor for Catholic News Service.

## Tradition points to two locations in Nazareth as site of the Annunciation

Where did the Annunciation of the angel Gabriel to Mary take place?

St. Luke says the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary at Nazareth to announce the conception or approaching birth of Jesus. Tradition points to two locations in Nazareth as the site of the Annunciation.

The first location is the Church of the Annunciation. The first church was built here by Jewish Christians in the 3rd century on the pattern of the Jewish synagogue. A second church built over the site was an octagonal Byzantine church from the 4th century ordered by St. Helena, the mother of the Roman emperor Constantine, with three aisles, an apse, and a large atrium.

In 1187, a Crusader church was built over the Byzantine church that contained three aisles, six bays and a dome with three apses. It was destroyed in 1263.

In 1730 the Franciscans built a fourth church that was demolished in 1955 to make room for the present church built on the Crusader foundations that was consecrated in 1969.

This new vast church is decorated with mosaics and ceramics of Mary from 20 countries around the world, including Australia, Japan, Cameroon, Hungary, Poland, Argentina. This church has a nave and two side aisles. Through an opening in the floor you can see older building layers below. You can go down into the lower level of the church called the Grotto of the Annunciation. An altar bears the inscription, "And the Word was made flesh."



FATHER RICHARD HIRE

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The second site for the Annunciation at Nazareth is the Church of St. Gabriel by the spring and the public fountain known as Mary's well. The apocryphal Protevangelium of James from the second century mentions a spring in connection with the angel Gabriel and Mary.

The story says the parents of Mary, Sts. Joachim and Anne, gave Mary into the keeping of priests in the Jerusalem Temple at

sumably at the spring of the Church of St. Gabriel), and secondly at her house (possibly the Church of the Annunciation or the Church of St. Joseph). At the Church of St. Gabriel, there may have been a Byzantine Church in the 6th century and then a Crusader church. In 1750 the Greek Orthodox built the present church. Seven steps descend to the lower chapel of the spring. The well bears the inscription, "Annunciation of the Virgin and Well of Water." This ancient spring, of course, is authentic and would have been a water source for the Holy Family. Women of Nazareth still visit the Fountain of Mary with water vessels on their head.

The church historian Hegesippus (c. 180 A.D.) mentions that some of the relatives of Jesus, like Simeon and the two grandsons of Jude, were farmers and could have been living in Nazareth with its abundant agriculture. That may have been a motive for Joseph, and eventually Mary, to move to Nazareth.

Another opinion would put the Annunciation possibly in Jerusalem, where Mary traditionally lived.

Father J. Murphy-O'Connor says all that Luke knew was that the Holy Family had lived in Nazareth for so long that it was Jesus' hometown and they had relatives there. Luke therefore assumed that Joseph and Mary had been born there.

Another tradition, however, says Luke personally knew Mary and that is why he offers so much information on the infancy of Jesus, in contrast to the other Gospels.

The second site for the Annunciation at Nazareth is the Church of St. Gabriel by the spring and the public fountain known as Mary's well.

age three, where she remained until she was 12 years old. Then the priests gave her into the care of Joseph, who took her into his house while he went away to build his buildings. Mary took a pitcher to draw water and a voice said "Hail, you who are highly favored among women." Trembling Mary went to her house and put down the pitcher. The angel suddenly stood before her and said, "You have found grace before God and shall conceive of his Word."

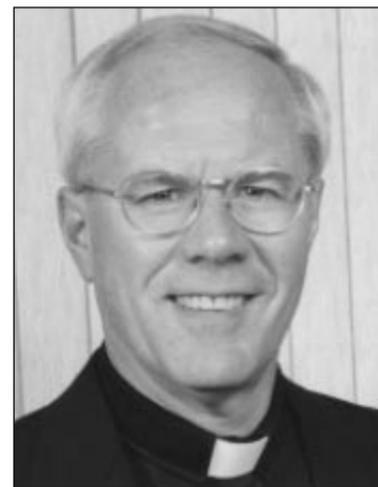
J. Finegan says the angel spoke to Mary twice and in two separate places, first when she filled her pitcher with water (pre-

## Meet the Priest

Father John Kuzmich

Ordained May 29, 1965

Pastor, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne



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

My family, parish and Catholic schooling all played a role in my decision to become a priest. I cannot recall any one thing that greatly influenced me, other than the Eucharist.

What is the most rewarding part of being a priest?

The priesthood, by its very nature, affords great intimacy with God.

What interests or hobbies do you have?

I have no hobbies. I like to read newspapers, periodicals and watch television news. Notre Dame football draws my attention.

Do you have any pets?

I have no pets but do like animals. Maybe in my retirement I will acquire a dog.

What do you do for relaxation?

I enjoy visiting the Notre Dame campus. Also, I like going to a theater for a good movie and popcorn. I also enjoy good music and watching old movies on television. For exercise, I am fortunate to be able to swim.

What is your favorite reading material?

I like theology and religion, and some history. I discovered G.K. Chesterton early in my seminary years and still read his works. I am enjoying Pope Benedict's latest book. Rarely do I read a novel. However, I have started reading the Brothers Karamazov by Dostoevsky.

What is the best part of being Catholic?

Being part of a church that is very much alive, ancient and yet ever new, filled with all sorts of people who share a common vision.

What is your favorite prayer?

I suppose the ones I learned as a child, the Our Father and Hail Mary.

What is your favorite Scripture passage?

Galatians 2:20 "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me," and a few others.

Who is your favorite pope?

Certainly Pope John Paul II looms large. I have affection for Pope John XXIII.

What is your favorite food?

I like anything that tastes good, and I try to eat in moderation.

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

I tend to be a "tease."

How do you prefer to be addressed?

Father John

# Sports

**DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ADVANCES, MARIAN STATE VOLLEYBALL RUNNER-UP** Diocesan high school football teams have fared well in sectional semifinals Nov. 2. In Class 4-A, Bishop Dwenger defeated DeKalb, 52-20. Dwenger will play Jay County at the regional on Nov. 9. In Class 3-A, Saint Joseph's defeated NorthWood 41-27. Saint Joseph's will play Merrillville Andean for the regional title Nov. 9. In Class 2-A, Bishop Luers defeated Jimtown, 24-17. Luers will play Northwestern Nov. 9 for the regional title. In girls volleyball, Belmont (Decatur) defeated Marian High School, 25-16, 27-25, 25-23 in the state championship at Worthen Arena at Ball State University on Nov. 3.

## Mishawaka Saints take win in CYO-ICCL clash

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Two accomplished teams with resumes that included victories in their league championship games over opponents that had beaten them in the regular season, strapped on their helmets, laced up their cleats and prepared to battle for the annual CYO-ICCL (Catholic Youth Organization-Inter-City Catholic League) diocesan clash.

Visiting St. Vincent Panthers came loaded with their premier player Evan Feichter and the Mishawaka Catholic Saints brought a talented line that had grown stronger as the season progressed.

The game was especially important to the Mishawaka Catholic coach that had been at the helm for 24 years and brought into the game a 0-11 record against the eastern diocesan teams.

"The ICCL has always had a tough time with the CYO teams. We really needed to play a great game and maybe turn the table on the rivalry," explained Tony Violi, Mishawaka Catholic coach. "I think that breaking through is not only important for our team but for the ICCL as a whole."

Breaking through is just what the Saints did holding the talented Panthers in check on their first drive gang tackling Feichter every time he touched the ball and then responding back with three straight runs by Michael Whitfield capped by his 5-yard touchdown and a Coley Schultheis two-point conversion.

The next Panther drive was also stalled by pressure from Saint interior lineman Tom Stachowiak and Michael McNamera and an interception by defensive back Eric Plude.

The Saints wasted little time driving down the field and scoring again and a hard earned half yard by quarterback Andrew Olena again followed by a Schultheis two-point kick.

Leading at half time 16-0 the Saints received the ball to start the second half and didn't let up. They took the ball and drove the length of the field and added to their advantage with a 26-yard scamper by Whitfield.

The Panthers moved their star Feichter around having him play tailback in the I-formation, the lone back in the spread, wide receiver and quarterback in the shot gun.

The different looks finally paid dividends when after two long passes from Feichter to Nick German stepped up a first and goal from the 3-yard line. Feichter finished the drive with a keeper to put the Panthers on the board 22-6.

It didn't take the Saints long to respond to the touchdown, Schultheis took the kick off and rambled to the 2-yard line and then plunged into the end zone on the next play and kicked the two point for good measure.

The next Panther drive was extinguished with a Whitfield interception and again finished with a drive highlighted by a touchdown by Schultheis and the conversion from Schultheis to Danny Eggeston.

The Saints didn't stop there,

Daniel DeBoni took a handoff on the next possession and ran 53 yards into the end zone to make the contest, 43-6.

The last hurrah for the Panthers came when their talented back Feichter took a snap and dashed 30 yards for a touchdown followed by a German two-point kick to make the final score 43-14.

"We tried to keep their defense guessing by placing Evan in different spots on the field," stated Panther head Coach Andy Labamoff, "The bottom line was that they totally controlled the line of scrimmage on offense and defense.

"Evan is a very talented player but you still have to block and tackle," added Labamoff. "This was a great year for us, our victory in the CYO championship game was so emotional for our team and really our Waterloo.

"Our hats are off to Tony and his team, I have a great respect for him as a coach," commented Labamoff. "The CYO provided good fun and good football."

As the Panthers celebrated a season of great accomplishments, the Saints rejoiced ending a streak much like the Midshipmen did the day before less than 10 miles away at Notre Dame Stadium.

"I've coached many great teams but as of right now this is by far my best," shouted an emotional Violi. "The leadership this team possessed and their determination was second to none.

"I promised the kids that if we won the ICCL championship we would break out the purple



PHOTOS BY JAMES ROSS

**Michael McNamera (54) and Tom Stackowiak (51) block on an extra-point try at the diocesan playoff championship game on Nov. 4 at Marian High School.**

pants and they look great," explained Violi. "Our line was as good as a line can be, the five I have been leaning on all year, Stachowiak, McNamera, Parker Devenney, Alex Soptich and Bobby Brewers and the rotating tight ends Matt Hammond, Joe Walter and Alex Ewing came to play today.

"I have faced Coach Labamoff's teams before and they have always showed class and today was no exception," remarked Violi. "This was not only a good day for the Mishawaka Catholic Saints but a great day for the Inter-City Catholic League."

### Other scores

In the runner-up game, St. Anthony/St. Joseph South Bend defeated the Eagles of St. John,

Benoit, Hassen Cassel by the score of 30-6.

Nick Carmola threw for three scores. Collin Hickey had two on catches of 14 and 25 yards. Robert Mischler had the other on a 19-yard catch. Vince Campiti and Kameron Smith each had scoring runs for the Division 2 diocesan champs.

In the ICCL B-team championship game Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders beat Mishawaka Catholic 40-0.

Holy Cross won their fifth ICCL junior varsity championship in a row as six different players scored. Matthew Monserez, Pierre Byrne, Anthony Murphy, Peter Rymysza, Andrew Petsche and William O'Connor all scored. Jacob Jobe and Matt Potter each kicked two-point conversions.



Coley Schultheis scores one of his touchdowns.

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# CYO winning-streak Eagles coach starts over, looks ahead to next year's strength

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth Organization's (CYO) St. John Fort Wayne/Benoit/St. Joseph Hessen Cassel lost, 30-6, to the big and physical ball club from St. Anthony/St. Joseph on Sunday, Nov. 4, in the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan showdown at Marian High School.

But Coach Jim Carroll is looking forward to having a whole lot of seventh graders back in 2008 and continuing the strong Eagle tradition. "We are looking forward to having tons of fun and giving our best effort next season," concluded Carroll after the Eagles' 42-win streak was snapped in the CYO championship against St. Vincent on Oct. 28. Prior to that, the Eagles had not lost a game since the 38-37 diocesan consolation game against South Bend in 2003 after placing runner-up to John Goodman and his St. Jude Eagles the week before in the CYO championship.

With just two starters returning from the 2006 championship season, Coach Carroll felt the 2007 season would be a challenge. However, he explained that this year's team had and played a lot of first-year players who listened, worked hard in practice, never whined and really wanted a blue ribbon.

"Losing the '07 championship was a bitter pill to swallow because the kids we coached this year south of Rudisill were such a special bunch. But hats off to the St. Vincent team and coaches; they played a great game," said Carroll.



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Coach Jim Carroll and the Eagles coaching staff led their teams to 42 straight CYO victories over the course of four seasons: 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Carroll credited his dynamic coaching staff with aiding him in building character and life lessons the team learned together for the past 13 plus weeks.

Carroll said, "Our goal was, as always, to make these kids winners now and in the end."

This year's assistant coaches for the Eagles included: Jim Hoch, Tim Ryan, Marc Cotter, Gabe Ortiz and Jerry Krouse.

Carroll wished to acknowledge the leadership role of the team captains, James Knapke, Devon Causey and Matt Wood, in the CYO championship game. Team captains were chosen each game based on performance from

the previous week.

Often one young man from each of the three schools represented on the Eagles team was selected. However, the coaches did not limit the picks to those criteria since the players were considered "one big Eagles team" on the field. Carroll also noted the determination of his linemen — Billy Berghoff, Herm Rost, Wood, Mike Shank, Marc Cotter and Tommy Carrier — week in and week out. "Despite the unfortunate outcomes in post season play, I am very proud of our 9-2 finish for 2007," summarized Carroll.

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# CYO volleyball tournament winners

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) volleyball tournament action on Saturday, Oct. 27, the lady Eagles from St. Jude were crowned champions of both the Green and White leagues.

Both teams finished undefeated in their leagues. The eighth grade team also beat all of their non-conference opponents. This is a repeat performance from 2006 for the defending White League tournament champs.

Annette Sage-Schrader, Thad Schrader, Victoria Miller and Jeff Mickelini have coached this same group of girls since the fifth grade. "This was a particularly special season, since the players will be leaving St. Jude to enter high school next year," said head coach Sage-Schrader.

This year's roster included Annie Bobay, Suzie Charais, Kristina Dammeyer, Julie Freistroffer, Gabrielle Greer, Adrienne Korson, Claire Laisure, Katie Leeuw, Maddie Mayers, Tia Miller, Libby Momper, Aubrey Schrader, Madeline Terrell and Lindsey Wolff.

The Lady Eagles downed St. Vincent in the first round of tournament play by scores of 25-23 and 25-15. The championship game went three matches against St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, with scores of 25-22, 16-25 and 25-20.

According to Sage-Schrader, the girls added strength, gained confidence and developed their skills this year. "Off the court, all of our players continued to strive to maintain high academic standings during the season," she points out. This season the Lady Eagles also enjoyed scrimmages against a team consisting of former and current students and a current teacher at St. Jude. They also had fun taking on the seventh-grade team.

The team was fortunate to have a very supportive group of parents that provided the players with "fire up bags," lunches, pizza-pasta parties, balloons and cheers during the last four years.

"Our team also offered thanks at each practice and game to the Virgin Mary, St. Jude and St. Sebastian (patron saint of athletes)," concluded Sage-Schrader.



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

The Lady Eagles eighth grade volleyball team won the White League CYO volleyball tournament.



The Lady Eagles seventh grade volleyball team won the CYO Green League championship.

# To those who have been given much, much will be expected



## THE CUTTING EDGE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

I heard these words at Mass recently and, every time I hear or read them, they always seem to stop me in my tracks. I remember hearing similar words growing up. They give me lots of room for reflection.

What do they mean? One's first reaction is to think of material goods like, when you have a lot of material things you need to share with others. Or, if you have been given a lot of opportunities, like a good education, you should help others who are not so blessed. There are probably many interpretations.

I have pondered these words many times and I have concluded that Jesus is reminding us that all we have is gift. Everything, we

have and are, has been freely given to us by God and we are called to share what we are and have (not just material things) with others.

If we are blessed with an excellent job and an abundance of money, it is not too hard to write a check and send it to some good cause. It can be much harder, but often more meaningful, to also give of our time and expertise. Giving of ourselves means to get invested in something. It usually calls us to relate personally to others.

The Good Samaritan didn't just throw a couple of coins to the man he found lying on the side of the road. He picked him up, bound his wounds and brought him to where he would receive care. He got involved.

There are many examples of opportunities that come our way to share our God-given gifts. If you have the gift of organization and know someone who is struggling with a project because of her lack of it, should you not offer some advice or concrete help?

If a parish is in desperate need of cantors or choir members and you have been blessed with a beautiful voice and have the

time, should you not volunteer your services?

If you are a talented athlete and know of a little league or another children's team that will have to disband because it doesn't have a coach, should you not help the situation?

If you are excellent in math and know how much a fellow classmate is struggling to keep up in a class he absolutely needs to pass to graduate, should you not offer some tutoring help?

There is another special gift we have been given. It is the gift of our faith. How willing are we to share that gift with others? How willing are we to tell others about Jesus, our church, our values and beliefs? Are we more likely to hide our faith under a bushel basket and keep it restricted to Sundays?

Hopefully none of us will hear any of the following from God, St. Peter, or whoever will be standing at the pearly gates: I gave you a fine mind and an excellent intellect, but you fooled around and dropped out of school. I gave you the skills to be a great teacher, but you took another job because you wanted to make a lot of money. I gave



## YOUNG ADULT PERSPECTIVES

you the gift of faith, but you dropped out of church and never grew in it.

What gifts have you been given that you have not developed or used for other? Get going. It is never too late to grow.

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## iWant an iPhone: Unleashing the grip of greed

"I want the world. I want the whole world. I want to lock it all up in my pocket. It's my bar of chocolate. Give it to me — now!"

Veruca Salt's declaration of greed in the 1971 film "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" would make an apt anthem today for many Americans, aiming for acquisition and prodded by retailers, who seem to have fully and irretrievably wedged the commercial Christmas season into November. Now we craft wish lists before we even pause to consider that antiquated notion of giving thanks.

Well-oiled ad campaigns are designed to make our material lives feel incomplete, sorely lacking accessories, utterly mute of bells and whistles. We come to see the holes in our wardrobe, the gaps in our entertainment center, the lags in our home office.

We are keenly aware of what we wish we had.

And though the gimmies are nothing new, what has changed is the sheer volume of products on the market, along with the complexity of high-tech toys. Millions of Americans decided they wanted an iPhone before they understood how it functioned. It was a flashy badge for the early adaptor before it became a useful tool.

We have become less discerning consumers, coveting gadgets without considering their practical benefits to our lives. We are seized by iWant, a modern brand of avarice that allows no space to separate person from product. Novelty morphs into necessity at first sight.

iWant may seem like a seasonal blip, but it is a serious spiritual malady. It compels us to dismiss the blessed lowly and chase the

rich and famous, trying to forge the kind of "fabulous life" documented on VH1.

Pope John Paul II admonished materialism with fervor and frequency. He preached about its dangerous grip during his first papal visit to the United States. He addressed the subject again in his 1986 encyclical "On the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church and the World."

"In principle and in fact," Pope John Paul wrote, "materialism radically excludes the presence and action of God, who is spirit, in the world and above all man."

A year later, he told young people gathered in New Orleans, "The modern technological world can offer us many pleasures, many comforts of life. But what the world can never offer is lasting joy and peace."

Two decades later, his message is more relevant than ever. We can honor our late pontiff by heeding his warning.

Here's an exercise to get you started: Instead of pining away for the things you wish you had this November, be grateful for the things you don't have. If any of these scenarios have eluded your home or heart, consider yourself blessed: a bad habit, a loud neighbor, a family grudge, an expensive addiction, a hostile enemy, a criminal record, an intolerable boss, an insatiable ego, a dangerous addiction.

If you don't attract the paparazzi, be glad. If you don't have a reason to go on "The Jerry Springer Show" — or the desire to — count yourself fortunate. If you don't star in your own reality TV show, let out a sigh of relief. If you don't possess the kind of fortune that calls for a prenuptial



## TWENTY SOMETHING BY CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

agreement, know that you're better off.

We are urged to "have it all." Seldom do we hear about the freedom that comes from having none of it. What advertisers portray as a void in your life might just be an abundance of blessings.

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## YOUNG ADULTS ENJOY CAMPING TRIP



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Young adult singles, couples, and families throughout our Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend enjoyed the warm weather Oct. 5-7 at the annual camping weekend at Pokagon State Park. The outing is sponsored by the Office of Campus/Young Adult Ministry.



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## FUNDRAISERS

**Craft bazaar supports BD band**  
Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters will have a fall craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school gymnasium, 1300 E. Washington Center Rd. Proceeds support the music program.

**Fall rummage, craft and bake sale**  
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Hesse Cassel will have a fall rummage and bake sale on Friday, Nov. 9, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to noon in the parish hall. \$3 sack sale on Saturday. The craft sale will be Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. Lunch items will be available.

**Christ Child Society luncheon benefit**  
South Bend — The Christ Child Society will have a benefit luncheon Thursday, Nov. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Century Center's great hall. The luncheon, silent auction, raffle and style show tickets are \$45 and may be reserved by calling (574) 288-6028 before Nov. 14. All proceeds go toward providing new clothing for local children.

**Knights plan spaghetti dinner**  
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Nov. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$6, children (5-12) \$3. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast and coffee. Carry-out available.

**Christmas boutique**  
Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will have a Christmas boutique Saturday, Nov. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Over 100 tables of home-made crafts. Food will be available.

**Holiday bazaar at Queen of Angels**  
Fort Wayne — A holiday bazaar will be held at Queen of Angels Parish, 1600 W. State Blvd., Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Holiday bazaar at Queen of Peace**  
Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish, 4508 Vistula Rd., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, piggy raffle, food and bake sale. New this year are a plant table, rummage and children's area. Crafters may contact Jane Zusman (574) 257-1770 or email janezusman@nd.edu

**Holiday bazaar**  
Bristol — St. Mary Church, 411 W. Vistula St., will have a holi-

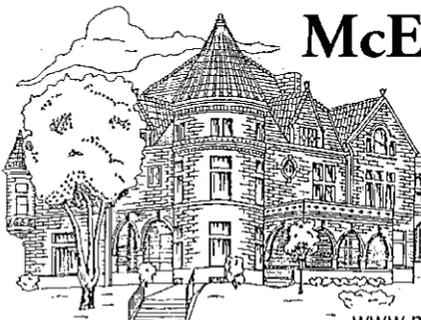
day bazaar Saturday, Nov. 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday items, bake sale, needlework, handcrafted items, plants, hidden treasures and lunch offered.

**Fall Festival**  
South Bend — St. Casimir Parish, 1308 W. Dunham St., will have a fall festival Sunday, Nov. 11. Chicken dinner served from noon-1:30 p.m. Advance sales only. Adults: \$8, children (5-10) \$4, children 4 and under eat free. For tickets call (574) 287-9551. Music from 2-5 p.m. provided by the Jim Deka Trio. Games of chance, raffles, prizes, pastry booth.

**Fish fry for Knights**  
Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Father Tremmel Council 1975, will have a fish fry Friday, Nov. 9, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the K of C hall, 901 E. Jefferson St. Adults and carry-out \$7 and children under 10 \$3.50. Alaskan Pollock prepared by the Tyner Odd Fellows.

**MISC. HAPPENINGS**  
**Bruce Summerfield to speak**  
Bluffton — St. Joseph Parish will present Bruce Summerfield, noted artist and speaker, Monday, Nov. 12, in the social hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with refresh-

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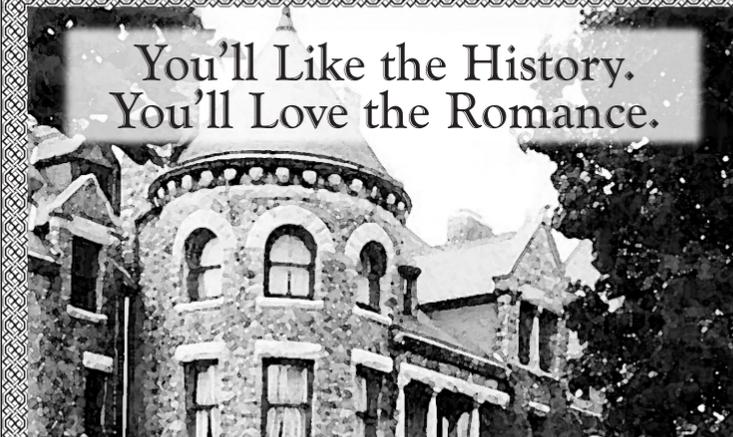
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ments, program begins at 7 p.m. Free-will offering will be taken at the door. Artwork will be for sale.

**Open house announced**  
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers

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# RALLY

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Likewise, his fellow bandmate Kyle Heimann offered an image of fueling a bonfire to explain the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

Like a line of fire that spreads slowly, we need to make small changes in our lives to ignite the power of the Spirit, Heimann said.

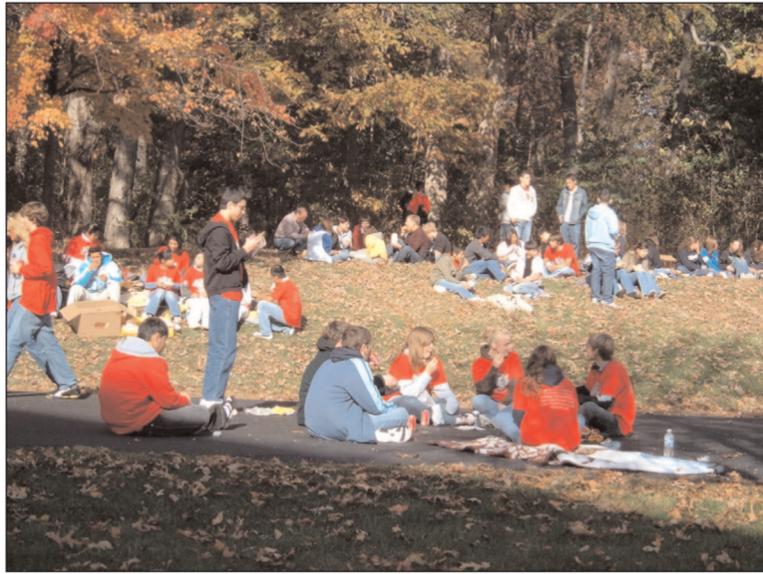
"At some point we're given that spark to impact other people," he said. "Each of you has gifts ... something to share. So all of you have a spark — find it and nourish it."

The young men seemed to be well received by the teens with their straightforward, modern interpretation of theology.

"The (Popple) guys were inspirational," said Brandon Ditmire, a 14 year old from St. Michael Parish in Plymouth.

Following the two sessions, a lunch break was scheduled. Soon groups of teens, parents and chaperones were sprawled out in the green space to get some fresh air. There seemed to be no better place to find God than at a picturesque campus like Manchester.

Led by Greg Sweeney, the 1:20 p.m. "Wind" session began with a more hands on approach to exploring faith-human foosball. Soon beach balls were flying everywhere as the teens attempted to toss the balls to their teammates. The activity was a creative way to break the ice and introduce the theme.



PHOTOS BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

"The wind is always a part of our lives," he told the teens. "Wind changes us."

Concluding the session, two teens from diocesan parishes shared inspiring stories of transformation. In an emotional testimony, Liz, from St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Decatur, overcame destructive habits and found God.

"Without God, I'm nothing," she said.

Morgan, from the Immaculate Conception Parish in Fort Wayne, was a non-practicing Catholic until she rekindled her faith.

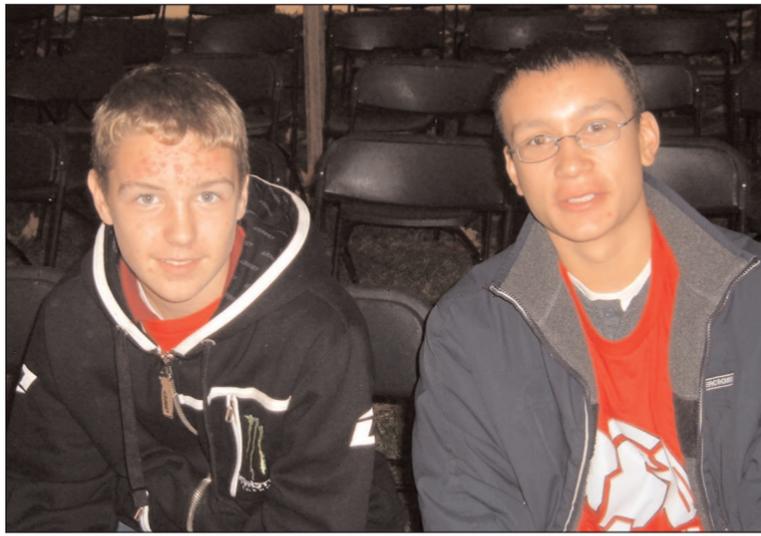
"God is wonderful, and he's there," she told the teens.

Following the sessions, the day concluded with a performance by Popple, keynote speaker and a closing Mass with Bishop John M. D'Arcy as celebrant.

The teens took a break for lunch to enjoy some fresh air and fellowship at the confirmation rally held Saturday, Nov. 3, at Manchester College.



Dorothy Stachulak, 13, and Kelly Bryant, 14, of St. Michael in Plymouth attended the rally with their youth group.



Brandon Ditmire, 14, and Charles Brown, 15, of St. Michael enjoyed Popple's contemporary approach to theology.

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