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BROTHER CHARLES MCBRIDE, CSC

Holy Cross Father David Tyson, provincial of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross was the presider at the solemn vespers held in St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. Father Tyson is flanked by Holy Cross Brothers Joseph Fox and Donald Fleischhacker. The choir in the background was made up of Sisters of the Holy Cross, Holy Cross Brothers and seminarians from Moreau Seminary, Notre Dame.

Congregations of Holy Cross host a weekend of events to honor the Blessed Basil Moreau

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — The campuses of Holy Cross, Saint Mary's College and the University of Notre Dame were alive with activity the weekend of Jan. 18-20 to celebrate the first feast day of Basil Moreau, the recently beatified founder of the brothers, sisters and priests of the Congregations of Holy Cross.

As has been their custom, on Friday night the three branches of Holy Cross and associates joined together in prayer and feasting to honor Blessed Basil. This year the Moreau Day celebration, hosted by the Brothers of Holy Cross, began in St. Joseph Chapel on the grounds of Holy Cross College with solemn vespers.

Holy Cross Brothers Provincial Robert Fillmore graciously welcomed all present and said what an honor it was for the brothers to bring the Holy Cross family together. Father David Tyson, provincial of the Indiana Province, presided over the ceremony and Sister Joy O'Grady, president of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, gave an inspiring reflection on Basil Moreau's desire for unity and collaboration among his sons and daughters.

A choir composed of Holy Cross sisters, brothers, seminarians and members of the Our Lady of Loretto Choir led the singing.

Following the prayer, those gathered enjoyed a splendid banquet and time to renew friendships and acquaintances at Andre Place in Holy Cross Village.

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Vigils celebrate life

Bishop called for day of penance on Jan. 22

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Being pro-life is more than a slogan. As Catholics, we are called to actively support the culture of life by our prayers and our actions.

That's according to Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who presided over Sunday's Vigil for Life Mass. The bishop encouraged the faithful gathered at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend to prepare themselves for a painful week ahead. He asked people to do penance on "Jan. 22, the very day when the Supreme Court of our beloved country said there should be no legal defense of the unborn. What was forbidden was made legal."

While such penance is reparation for the continuing sin of abortion, the bishop also pointed to the gift of God's unfathomable mercy.

"If there is anyone within the sound of my voice who has had an abortion, or supported or incurred an abortion for another," said Bishop D'Arcy, "this is also week of reconciliation."

The bishop reminded those gathered that through prayer, counsel and good will we can, and should, reach out to help those who suffer the aftermath of abortion. He also reiterated the responsibility Catholics have to continue the fight for life.

"We must always teach our people," began the bishop, "and we should speak in the public arena."

Bishop D'Arcy illustrated how the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is doing this, with many people braving the cold winter weather to travel to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life.

There is much to be done here at home,

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN



DON CLEMMER

Teenagers and young adults from the diocese prepare to leave Fort Wayne by bus on Jan. 20 to participate in the annual Right to Life March in Washington on Jan. 22, commemorating the 35th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Additional coverage next week.

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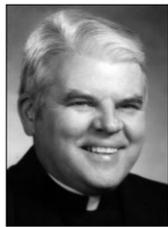
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Father Hodde remembered as beloved pastor, Civil War historian



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A beloved priest

We buried Father Bill Hodde on a cold but sunny winter day. The Mass was in the church of Our Lady of Good Hope, the church which he built and where he was the founding pastor. The church was packed. You could feel the grief and the sorrow, but also the joy at having known such an exemplary and splendid priest. People at the Mass were from St. Thomas, Elkhart, Our Lady of Good Hope, and especially the beloved little parish of St. Aloysius, Yoder, and other parishes where he had served as an associate.

Death challenges us all to look at the crucifix, at the one who bore his suffering for all of us and arose from the dead for our salvation. This is our hope.

The death of a good priest brings a special sharpness in the pain. People in several parishes had lost a father and a shepherd. We priests had lost a brother, and someone who bore the burden of the day with us. It could be said of Father Bill Hodde what the Lord said to his apostles in the Gospel of Luke, "You are the ones who have stood by me in my trials."

Father Bill served on our priests' Personnel Board for two terms as well as on the Presbyteral Council. He was elected by his brother priests and chosen by the bishop as a Vicar Forane — a priest who keeps a good pastoral eye on a whole area. In recent years, he served on the Advisory Board for Retired Priests. His judgment was always sound.

A public figure

A Civil War historian, he was a docent at the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne. When Doris Kearns Goodwin came to Fort Wayne to speak about Lincoln and her recent book, "A Team of Rivals," Father Bill was in touch with me and other priests, and we all attended this excellent lecture after a nice dinner. I am told he visited every Civil War battlefield and served on various round tables and committees. He sent me a book once on Gettysburg and told me that he hoped the reading of history was a helpful distraction for me as it was for him.

One marked especially his devotion to Our Lady and to the holy Eucharist. He was not afraid to take on new things for the church. He expanded the school in the little parish of St. Aloysius, and with the people of Our Lady of Good Hope built their church.

I loved meeting him. I always asked him about Lincoln, the Civil War, the history of our country and various battlefields, and I always received a worthy instruction.

He was especially proud of his class from Catholic University where he was a Basilian scholar; that is, a priest chosen by

his bishop to study philosophy. He told me how many were veterans of World War II and how one was a convert to the Catholic faith. They had two reunions in Fort Wayne, and I took the opportunity to tell the class what a splendid priest was their classmate Bill Hodde. I think he always took seriously the words said to the priest at ordination when the bishop gives him the chalice and the paten, symbolic of the privilege of making present the Eucharist — "Understand what you are doing, imitate what you handle, and model your life on the Lord's cross."

Safe home, dear Bill, safe home. May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs receive you at your coming.

A special weekend

I was off on a cold Friday afternoon to South Bend in time to meet Bishop Edward Little for supper at a restaurant, a few steps from his Cathedral of St. James. We enjoyed some wonderful blackened salmon.

The purpose of the visit was to commemorate with our dear Episcopalian friends the 100th anniversary of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This week was founded by some Anglican monks at Graymoor, N.Y. The monks eventually entered the Catholic Church and continued this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

So, with Episcopalians, Lutherans, members of the United Church of Christ, and several of our priests and laity, it was my privilege to speak at the historic Cathedral of St. James in South Bend. I said that the ecumenical call, as seen in the Gospel of John, is a call of love. It is a call to the love of Jesus Christ and to those for whom he died.

When all of us draw closer to him in prayer and adoration, the reform and renew-

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al, which is necessary before a full communion can take place, will draw us ever closer together.

Pope John Paul II has told us ecumenism is the "way" for the church, and it was a joy to be with our brothers and sisters in South Bend as the temperature dropped outside but the warmth of friendship and faith increased within.

Saturday with the saints

Off early Saturday morning for part of a day at Notre Dame. There, under the direction of Professor Larry Cunningham, were a large number of undergraduates pursuing a one-credit course on the saints. Imagine that. I heard a magnificent presentation by Sister Ann Astell, a new member of the excellent theology department at Notre Dame. Her conference was on the chapter in the decree on the Constitution on the Church, "Lumen Gentium," entitled The Universal Call to Holiness in the Church. A

beautiful presentation. Sister Ann is an expert on such medieval saints as Catherine of Siena.

Later the rector of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels in Los Angeles made a presentation on the various tapestries in that celebrated building. There were breaks in his talks while we all sang the litany of the saints. I made a brief presentation before lunch about holiness and optimism in the life of John Paul II.

Sunday

The first confirmation of the new year at Holy Cross Parish with Father Mike Mathews, CSC. Thus, I began my 34th year of conferring the sacrament of confirmation. It has always been a joy. While I have grown weary at times, as the spring rolls on, I have considered it a privilege. To see the vitality of the parishes and the goodness of so many parents, is a splendid opportunity; and that was true at Holy Cross, South Bend.

Afterwards, I was pleased to meet two friends, Professor Matt Ashley of the theology department of Notre Dame and his wife, Anselma, who is working on her doctorate in the same place, as well as their children, one of whom was confirmed taking the name Catherine of Siena. Professor Ashley will be giving a course this spring to our catechists on Catholic spirituality talking about such medieval saints as Ignatius of Loyola, Catherine of Siena, and some modern Catholics, such as Thomas Merton and Dorothy Day. What a privilege for our catechists, and I speak for Sister Jane Carew and others as to how pleased we are with the professors of Notre Dame who have enriched our preparation of catechists. Sister Jane writes: "This will be our 10th course given in both South Bend and Fort Wayne and many people have attended classes at Notre Dame during the summer. This has been truly a blessed experience for our diocese." The quality of the courses is extraordinary.

Back then to St. Matthew's Cathedral for the 5:30 Mass and the eucharistic holy hour of prayer, part of our diocesan observance for the tragic Roe v. Wade decision. Despite the frigid night, a large number of people remained at St. Matthew's to spend an hour in adoration praying for the ending of abortion in our land and also asking forgiveness and reconciliation for those who have made this terrible decision that they will return to Christ and to the Eucharist.

After soup and sandwich with the devoted pastor, Father Michael Heintz, now completing his doctorate in patristic studies, I was off through the cold night to Fort Wayne, where I heard the good news on the radio about the Patriots. Home in time to see the New York Giants win in overtime. Up early the next morning to prepare a fitting homily for our beloved Father Bill Hodde.

Prediction

New England 30, New York Giants 20.
It will be a worthy encounter. You heard it here first.
See you all next week.

In the right place

Jennifer Kohrman joins Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Jennifer Kohrman is delighted to be the newest member of the team known in the Office of Spiritual Development and brings a strong desire to share her faith with others.

This Fort Wayne native attended St. Vincent de Paul School with her two brothers and two sisters. She graduated from Bishop Dwenger High School and earned her degree in school counseling from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in 2002.

Her faith development, she says, began at home where her family prayed the rosary together every Sunday following Mass.

Kohrman became a parishioner of St. Jude Parish in 1994 and began serving as an RCIA sponsor. "It inspired me. That's when I started a hunger for sharing. I thought it was beautiful to share faith in that way," she says.

Her professional journey led her to a position as school counselor in the parochial school system in Fort Wayne for two years. Though she enjoyed her work, she continued to feel God was calling her to evangelize in different ways.

"I was in spiritual discernment then," Kohrman recalls. Then she says, as God has always worked in her life, he sent a special person to guide the next leg of her journey. "My cousin was in the master's in theology program at Notre Dame through Our Sunday Visitor. I called Sister Jane to inquire and was accepted into the program in 2004."

The theology program has given this young Catholic woman a new perspective on her already deep faith.

"I'm a cradle Catholic. It's great to see it (faith) through a different lens, the second time around. I appreciate my faith even more," she says with a smile. And this new perspective has instilled in her a desire to share her faith more fully.

Along with her studies at Notre Dame, her discernment continued until she read an ad in the *Today's Catholic* newspaper for the position in the office of spirituality. "It seemed similar to what I wanted to do — share faith



JENNIFER KOHRMAN

in some capacity," she notes.

Kohrman interviewed and was hired to begin work in the office in November of last year as administrative assistant.

Currently she is shadowing and observing before she takes on the responsibility of guiding the number of parishes she will be assigned.

Her duties include assisting parishes in mission planning, developing enrichment days for Lent, promoting Women of Faith Bible study groups and the Wells of Hope program.

Kohrman is assisting in developing more spiritual programs for men as well and feels this position offers the opportunity to experience so many new activities. "I've done lots of things I've never done before. I've written petitions for Mass, articles," she says.

Her hope is to "get to know what people are thirsting for in the faith," she adds.

"Our role is to know their needs and work with them to empower parishioners and parishes," she says.

Kohrman intends to meet the faithful of the diocese at missions, Mass and other events. "The key," she says, "is to listen and keep in contact."

Of her new position she says eagerly, "It's very encouraging to work with the people here. It feels like a good place."

Her hope for the future is to earn her master's in theology by 2009 and continue to share her faith in whatever venue God directs. "I'm open to the future. Right now this is where I feel I should be."

Father William Hodde loved God, the people he served

FORT WAYNE — Father William G. Hodde died Thursday, Jan. 17, at Saint Anne Home. He was 81. He served the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for over 55 years and is remembered as a loving and dedicated priest, the founding pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, and a deeply knowledgeable lover of history, especially the Civil War.

Known as Father Bill to his friends, he was born June 15, 1926, to Harry and Ann Klein Hodde. His father was an International Harvester toolmaker and member of the Evangelical Reformed Church. His mother was a devout Catholic and the den mother of the Scout troop that included a young Adam Schmitt, also a future priest of the diocese.

Hodde and his brother Harry attended St. Peter's School in Fort Wayne, where several priests including Msgr. John Bapst, Father Leo Armbruster and Father Robert Zahn and Msgr. Thomas Durkin strongly influenced him. Father Hodde would later serve with Msgr. Durkin at Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne. At Central Catholic High School, he encountered Father Lawrence Gollner, with whom he would also serve, as well as Father Michael Vichuras, whom he also cited as an influence.

Father Hodde left Central Catholic after his junior year to attend Sacred Heart Seminary, just outside Fort Wayne. This was during World War II, and his studies condensed three years into two. He earned the Basselin Scholarship and attended Catholic University of America in Washington for seven years.

While in seminary, Father Hodde first found his love of history with the help of a friend, Father Dick Stapleton, but also through visits to historical sites such as Mount Vernon and Monticello.

"It's been a lifelong pleasure and hobby," Father Hodde told *Today's Catholic* in 2002. The Civil War was of special interest to Father Hodde, and throughout his life he visited many battlegrounds and other sites connected with the war and even served as a docent at the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, giving tours.

Father Hodde was ordained a priest May 22, 1952, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne by Bishop John F. Noll. His first



FATHER WILLIAM HODDE

assignment was to St. Luke Church in Gary. During this time, Father Hodde's brother was drafted, so Bishop Noll reassigned him to Sacred Heart Church in Fort Wayne as an associate pastor so Father Hodde could be close to his mother. He served 11 years at Sacred Heart.

On Nov. 7, 1963, he was appointed assistant pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne and served under Msgr. Stanley Manoski.

In 1969, Bishop Leo Pursley appointed Father Hodde as founding pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

"That was a lot of fun, starting from scratch," he said in 2002. "I think the first two or three years at Our Lady of Good Hope were some of the happiest of my priesthood."

After breaking ground in 1971, Masses were held in the Bishop Dwenger High School cafeteria and gymnasium while the church was being built. Since there was no rectory while a farmhouse on the property was being renovated, Father Hodde lived at the Fort Wayne chancery and assisted during the day with the Marriage Tribunal. Evenings included home Masses, as well as planning committee, parish council and activities committee meetings in parishioners' homes. The parish, which started with 275 families, grew to be one of Fort Wayne's largest churches with over 1,000 families.

Our Lady of Good Hope Church was finished in 1972, and Father Hodde spent 12 years as the pastor. He remained a beloved figure at the parish, even substituting at Masses till just before his death.

Father Hodde's diocesan appointments included being the area Scout chaplain from 1957 to 1967, vice official of the diocesan Marriage Tribunal in 1967, diocesan consultant in January 1969, spiritual moderator of Catholic Charities in 1972, chaplain of the Elkhart Area Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in 1981 and five years on the Clergy Retirement Committee beginning in 1998.

Father Hodde became pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkhart in 1981

and was assigned to St. Aloysius Parish in 1986.

"He loved all the little children of our parish," recalls Harriet Follis, parish secretary at St. Aloysius.

"You could see this love on his face at a baptism or when he greeted people after Mass."

"He was faithful to his promises. He was faithful to his friends," recalls Father Adam Schmitt who, having known Father Hodde from childhood, was a close friend. Father Hodde preached at Father Schmitt's first Mass, and Father Schmitt sometimes joined Father Hodde on his many travels. Father Schmitt recalls Father Hodde making the effort to visit regularly his family and classmates all over the country. "He was just a wonderful person," Father Schmitt adds. "He had a tremendous love of God and of his fellow man."

Father Hodde celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest and retired from St. Aloysius in 2002.

Moving to an apartment in Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne, Father Hodde remained very active in retirement, helping parishes with Masses and penance services all around the Fort Wayne area and even co-organizing a pilgrimage to the Mediterranean in November of 2004. He was a regular on the Fort Wayne TV Mass and contributed reflections to *Today's Catholic*.

Survivors include a niece, Sandra Hodde, a nephew, Matthew Hodde, and a great-nephew, Matthew Hodde. Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, Jan. 21, at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.



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Pope: Church-run schools need Christian perspective amid diversity

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said modern education is threatened by exaggerated rationalism on one hand and religious fundamentalism on the other.

In order to fight against this "educational crisis," church-run schools and universities should

propose a distinctly Christian perspective, even as they welcome cultural and religious diversity, the pope said.

He made the comments Jan. 21 to members of the Congregation for Catholic Education meeting at the Vatican.

The pope said the world today faces a double challenge: a rationalism "falsely liberated and unchained from every religious reference," and "fundamentalisms that falsify the true essence of religion with their incitement to violence and fanaticism."

Cultural pluralism raises new

questions in education, he said. Clearly, a school cannot exclude anyone because of his or her cultural or religious identity, he said.

But it's not enough simply to recognize such diversity, he said. The important thing is for people of differing cultural or religious backgrounds to speak to each other and understand each other.

And although the Catholic school is open to everyone and respects the cultural identity of each person, "it cannot fail to propose its own distinct educative, human and Christian perspective," he said.

Noting that the education congregation was considering an update of the "Norms for Priestly Formation," the pope said priests today need particular preparation in order to dialogue with contemporary culture.

"The human and cultural formation therefore should be significantly strengthened and supported even with the help of modern sciences, because some destabilizing social factors today — for example, the situation of so many separated families, the educational crisis, widespread violence, etc. — are making new generations frag-

ile," he said.

In an address to the pope, Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, head of the education congregation, said the updating of the priestly formation norms could also include the new possibilities offered by the Internet.

Cardinal Grocholewski also said the congregation still intended to offer guidelines on possible contributions of psychological sciences in seminary admission and formation. The congregation has been working on that document for several years; the cardinal did not say when it would be finished.

Notre Dame conference celebrates saints in the Catholic tradition

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — A conference on sainthood at the University of Notre Dame last week celebrated the September beatification of Blessed Basil Moreau, founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross. As demonstrated by the conference title, "A Great Cloud of Witnesses: Saints in the Catholic Tradition," the Jan. 18-19 event examined the entire spectrum of saints, from the early martyrs to the living members of the Communion of Saints.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C., headlined the list of speakers, which also included Notre Dame theology professors Lawrence Cunningham and Ann Astell; Kenneth Woodward, former religion editor for *Newsweek* and author of the book "Making Saints;" Robert Ellsberg, editor of Orbis Books; and Msgr. Kevin Kostelnik, rector of the Cathedral of the Angels in Los Angeles.

Lawrence Cunningham, the John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology at Notre Dame, talked about how the Catholic Church understands the role of saints and how the recognition of saints evolved over the centuries.

A general definition of saint is someone who is close to God in this life or in eternity, Cunningham said, but a more restricted definition of saint originated in the period of the early Christian martyrs. People began to venerate the martyrs' relics, and a calendar of when

the martyrs died gave rise to a list of who was to be venerated. Since canon means list, canonization means putting a deceased person on the list of those who are to be venerated.

After the period of martyrdom ended, interest in holy people continued, with the faithful making pilgrimages to venerate these holy people at their shrines, he said. The 16th-century Council of Trent made veneration of saints and their relics a part of Catholic devotion, but the process for canonization was not regularized until the 18th century.

The best way to understand saints is through the liturgy, Cunningham noted. The Eucharistic Prayer is "a treasury of good theology" that reminds us we are remembering and honoring the saints, not adoring them, he said. And venerated saints show us how to live the Christian life in depth and show us how to find new ways to serve Christ.

"Saints teach us perennial truths and give us new insights," Cunningham said, and when we ask them to join our prayers to God, they do not cease to intercede with us.

Cunningham also reminded the audience — many of whom were students — that we have saints among us today, perhaps in the person of a devoted parent or teacher or patient living with a difficult illness.

"Everywhere and in every time, there are heroic people who radiate the Gospel of Christ," he said, and these people are indeed saints, even if they are never formally

canonized by the church.

Journalist and author Kenneth Woodward observed that saints are familiar figures in all world religions, but the Catholic Church is the only religion that has a rigorous formal process for recognizing saints. In early Christianity, he said, local communities of Christians told the stories of their saints, built shrines to them and venerated them.

Sometimes those stories were "flattering fictions," he said, so over the centuries, the church developed what he called "quality control" to investigate the life and story of the proposed saint, and thus the canonization process was developed. That process is "long and fussy," he said, and "It should be."

Woodward noted that as the great churches and cathedrals were built in the Middle Ages, statues and artistic depictions of saints became a "visual catechesis" for a populace that could not read, and Catholics became accustomed to seeing depictions of Christ surrounded by people, his friends. "For me, canonization is a dramatic reminder that there really is a Communion of Saints," he said, and a reminder that "We're all connected in the circulation of God's gratuitous grace."

The conference was sponsored by Notre Dame's theology department, as well as Notre Dame's Office of the President, Cushwa Center, Campus Ministry and the Blessed Moreau's beatification committee.



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C., who has closely followed the beatification of Blessed Basil Moreau, speaks at the University of Notre Dame conference, "A Great Cloud of Witnesses: Saints in the Catholic Tradition." He presided over the solemn vespers at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto Saturday evening with the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

MOREAU

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The University of Notre Dame marked Moreau's first feast day with a special conference on sainthood, Jan. 18-19. The conference, entitled "A Great Cloud of Witnesses: Saints in the Catholic Tradition," was open to the public. This conference explored the development of the canonization process and the significance of saints in the lives of Catholics. A highlight was a talk on Blessed Basil Moreau given by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C., who was in Le Mans, France, in September for the beatification. The cardinal also presided at the 10 am Sunday Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrated Moreau's first feast with solemn vespers, presided over by Cardinal McCarrick, in

the Church of Our Lady of Loretto, Saturday evening.

In his homily, Cardinal McCarrick spoke of Basil Moreau as the one who restored Catholic education in France after the revolution.

The next morning, a special Mass, using the prayer texts for Blessed Basil's feast day, was celebrated at 10:30 followed by a festive dinner for community and friends.

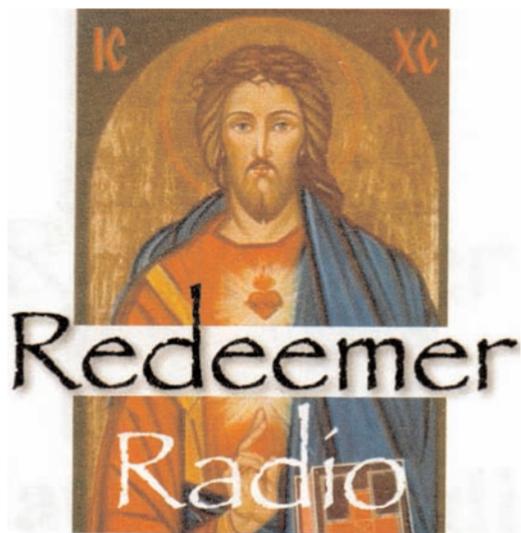
Saint Mary's College also celebrated a special feast day Mass on Sunday as part of its yearlong celebration of Father Moreau's beatification. It also began the college's third annual Heritage Week.

Before the Mass, Judith Fean, director of Campus Ministry, commented, "As we listen to the readings selected for his feast day we are called to trust and believe no matter where we are asked to go, we live in hope through the cross."

This feast day, Jan. 20, marked the 134 anniversary of Basil Moreau's death.

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Pope will not abandon liturgical reform

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has no intention of launching a liturgical “return to the past” but would like to recover some important elements that have been lost or forgotten in recent decades, the Vatican’s liturgist said.

Msgr. Guido Marini, master of papal liturgical ceremonies, made the comments in an interview Jan. 19 with Vatican Radio. He was asked about fears that the pope wants to abandon the liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council.

“These are certainly incorrect inferences and interpretations,” Msgr. Marini said. The path of Catholic liturgy is “development in continuity,” in which change never loses touch with the church’s living traditions, he said.

“This may also require, in some cases, the recovery of precious and important elements that along the way have been lost or forgotten,” he said.

On Jan. 13 the pope celebrated a Mass in the Sistine Chapel using the original main altar, which meant he faced away from the people during parts of the liturgy. Since Vatican II, Mass usually is celebrated facing the people.

Msgr. Marini said the change in direction reflected the special artistic circumstances of the Sistine Chapel and was not out of line with Vatican II reforms.

“There may be particular circumstances under which, because of the artistic conditions of the holy place or its singular beauty and harmony, it becomes desirable to celebrate at the ancient altar, where among other things the



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Msgr. Guido Marini, papal master of ceremonies, accompanies Pope Benedict XVI during a Mass at which the pope presented rings to 23 new cardinals in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican Nov. 25, 2007.

exact orientation of the liturgical celebration is preserved,” he said.

“This is exactly what happened ... in the Sistine Chapel. It is a practice allowed by liturgical norms, in tune with the conciliar reform,” he said. In such circumstances, the celebrant is not so much “turning his back on the faithful” as orienting himself, together with the faithful, toward God, Msgr. Marini said.

“I think it is also important to remember that, in these cases, the amount of time the celebrant turns his back on the faithful’ is relatively brief. The entire Liturgy of the Word takes place, as usual, with the celebrant turned toward the assembly, indicating the dialogue of salvation that God holds with his people,” he said.

“Therefore, there is no return to

the past, but the recovery of a form of celebration that in no way calls into question the teachings and directions of the Second Vatican Council,” he said.

In general, Msgr. Marini said, the orientation of every celebration of Mass is toward “the Lord, the savior who was crucified and rose from the dead.” This should be the interior orientation of the faithful and the exterior celebration as well, he said.

“The placement of the cross on the altar at the center of the assembly is able to communicate this fundamental element of liturgical theology,” he said.

One recent innovation for papal Masses in St. Peter’s Basilica has been the placement of a crucifix in the center of the altar, instead of alongside the altar.



DIANE FREEBY

Nicholas Becker looks over his mother’s shoulder during the Vigil for Life Mass held Jan. 20 at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. Nancy and Rick Becker and their seven children were among the many who prayed for the unborn during the period of adoration that followed Mass.

VIGILS

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added the bishop. He spoke of the good work being done at pregnancy help centers like the Women’s Care Center. Today, human compassion is joining with cutting edge technology as more ultrasound machines are made available at Care Center offices.

“I’m told once they see their baby moving around,” said Bishop D’Arcy, “92 percent of women choose life. We should support places like the Women’s Care Center.”

And finally, added the bishop, we must pray without ceasing as we pray for life. That’s something St. Matthew parishioners Matt and Anita Hunckler are

instilling in their seven children.

“We try to go to this vigil every year,” said Anita. “As a family, we say a prayer for the unborn every single day. Our older sons, Michael and Jimmy, are involved in Right to Life at Marian High School, and we pray the rosary at the Women’s Care Center. Michael has written several papers on the right to life.”

A holy hour of adoration and benediction followed the Vigil Mass. The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration seated in the first few rows were joined by the many who stayed after Mass for adoration. Several young people arrived right after Mass to join in the prayers of adoration and for the unborn.

A similar vigil was held in Fort Wayne at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Father Robert Schulte, rector of the cathedral, presiding.

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Jesuit working in Asia elected new head of order

ROME (CNS) — Spanish-born Father Adolfo Nicolas, moderator of the Jesuit Conference of East Asia and Oceania, was elected superior general of the Society of Jesus Jan. 19. The 217 voting delegates to the Jesuit General Congregation elected Father Nicolas, 71, on their second ballot. He succeeds Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, 79, who had asked to resign because of his age. Pope Benedict XVI was informed of the election of Father Nicolas before the Jesuits announced it publicly. The election came after four days of prayer, silence and quiet one-on-one conversations among the voting delegates, who were chosen to represent the more than 19,000 Jesuits around the world. Father Nicolas was ordained to the priesthood in Tokyo and is the former Jesuit provincial of Japan. He also had served as director of the East Asian Pastoral Institute in Manila.

Immigration issues top concerns at border bishops' meeting

LAREDO, Texas (CNS) — Bishops from adjoining U.S. and Mexican dioceses said the main concern they shared at a Jan. 12 meeting was how immigrants are being treated in both countries. Regardless of their legal status, people who try to cross the border into the United States need to be treated as human beings, said Bishop Patrick J. Zurek. The auxiliary bishop from San Antonio will be installed as bishop of Amarillo, Texas, Feb. 22. The latest in a series of regular cross-border meetings was closed to the media, but several bishops later discussed the general themes of the session with a reporter for the *South Texas Catholic*, newspaper of the Corpus Christi Diocese. Bishop Zurek said the group met with representatives of various government entities, including the U.S. Border Patrol, the U.S. consulate in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and the general counsel for Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

Cardinal Lehmann resigns as head of German bishops' conference

COLOGNE, Germany (CNS) — After 21 years as head of the German bishops' conference, Mainz Cardinal Karl Lehmann has resigned as its president, but will continue to serve as bishop of Mainz. The 71-year-old cardinal announced Jan. 15 he made the decision after being hospitalized for cardiac arrhythmia in December. His resignation will be effective Feb. 18, after the next conference meeting, where his successor will be elected. Tributes came from his fellow bishops, as well as from prominent Germans. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, a Lutheran, said that she had many deep conversations with Cardinal Lehmann. "He always accompanied us politicians in our

NEWS BRIEFS

POPE GREETS CROWD GATHERED FOR ANGELUS PRAYER



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Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd attending his weekly Angelus prayer in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Jan. 20. Tens of thousands of people thronged the Vatican Jan. 20 in a major show of support for the pope after protests led him to cancel a speech at Rome's Sapienza University.

work, even in the process of making difficult decisions," she said. The leader of the Social Democrats, Kurt Beck — who is also prime minister of the state of Rhineland-Palatinate, which includes Mainz — said, "As a brilliant theologian, with his humanity and his humor, he has often been able to reconcile different views."

Cardinal outlines Rome basilica's activities for Pauline year

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Dedicating 2008-2009 to reading the letters of St. Paul and rediscovering the zeal that led him to establish Christian communities throughout the Mediterranean basin, the Catholic Church also hopes to promote Christian unity, an Italian cardinal said. Cardinal Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, archpriest of Rome's Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, said that if Christians seriously follow the apostle's example of allowing Christ to work in and through them, they naturally will draw closer to one another. Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed the special Pauline year, which will begin June 28, to coincide with the 2,000th anniversary of St. Paul's birth. In Rome, the basilica where his tomb is located will be the focal point of Catholic as well as ecumenical activities. Presenting a brief outline of the kinds of activities the basilica will host during the year, Cardinal Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo also announced Jan. 21 that a special Web site — www.annopaolino.org — had been launched and would be updated as events are confirmed.

Pope to change Tridentine prayer for Jews

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has decided to reformulate a Good Friday prayer in the 1962 Roman Missal that was offensive to Jews, according to an Italian newspaper. The new prayer will drop all reference to the "blindness" of the Jews in refusing Christ as savior, the newspaper, *Il Giornale*, reported Jan. 18. The Vatican did not officially confirm the report, but sources said privately that a rewriting of the prayer was likely and could be made public soon. The issue arose last year when the pope liberalized use of the 1962 missal, known popularly as the Tridentine rite. The missal contains a prayer for the conversion of Jews, recited on Good Friday. While the prayer would not be recited in most parishes, particular Catholic communities devoted to the old rite could use it in Good Friday liturgies.

Polish, Ukrainian prelates warn Catholics against Lefebvrite movement

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — Polish and Ukrainian archbishops have warned Catholics to avoid contacts with the schismatic Lefebvrite movement, which is working in several countries in Central and Eastern Europe. "This schismatic group is trying to spread in Poland," Archbishop Tadeusz Gocłowski of Gdansk said in a pastoral letter read in archdiocesan churches Jan. 13. The archbishop noted that last

year Pope Benedict XVI broadened permission for the use of the Tridentine Mass, the Latin-language liturgy that predates the Second Vatican Council. In a letter accompanying the decision, the pope noted the importance of the Tridentine Mass to the break-away Lefebvrites but said the reasons for their schism with the Vatican "were at a deeper level." In a pastoral letter for the Jan. 7 Ukrainian Catholic Christmas, Archbishop Ihor Vozniak of Lviv said Father Vasyl Kovpak, who was excommunicated in 2006 by a Ukrainian church tribunal, had defied the Vatican's confirmation of his excommunication and continued to head the Ukrainian Lefebvrite movement, which runs a seminary and convent in Lviv as well as several parishes with some 3,000 adherents. "The work of this priest is damaging to the spirit — this is why I forbid any support for his followers," Archbishop Vozniak said.

Phoenix parishes to become nonprofit entities separate from diocese

PHOENIX (CNS) — The Phoenix Diocese is undertaking a comprehensive restructuring process so that its civil organization matches the one already in place canonically. Currently, the diocese is a corporate sole — a legal entity consisting of a single incorporated office occupied by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted. Through July 1, church leaders will be preparing each individual parish to become a separate, nonprofit corporation. Little will change in day-to-day parish operations, according to

diocesan officials. "While this is a civil restructuring, we cannot forget who we are as church," said Father Fred Adamson, vicar general and moderator of the curia. "The way the church structures itself provides a great deal of autonomy at the parish level to minister to the local needs of the people of God." Under the current civil structure, Bishop Olmsted is listed as the property owner of all parish assets in trust for the given parish. But in actual practice, as prescribed by canon law, the pastor makes almost all decisions at the parish level.

Pope says ecumenical dialogue should lead to concrete activities

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Meeting members of a Lutheran-Catholic pilgrimage from Finland on the first day of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Pope Benedict XVI said the theological agreements reached in ecumenical dialogue should lead to concrete joint activities. "May the ongoing dialogue lead to practical results in actions which express and build up our unity in Christ and therefore strengthen relationships between Christians," he said Jan. 18 to the pilgrimage sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland. "In the new and challenging circumstances of today, and within your own country, there is much that Lutherans and Catholics can do together in the service of the Gospel and the advancement of the kingdom of God," the pope said. Pope Benedict said that prayers for Christian unity reinforce the bonds of communion already existing among Christians and enable them "to face courageously the painful memories, social burdens and human weaknesses that are so much a part of our divisions."

To preach effectively, have passion for Gospel, says U.S. archbishop

ROME (CNS) — Preaching effectively in U.S. multicultural communities hinges upon believing passionately in God's word and his universal plan of salvation, Atlanta's archbishop told U.S. seminarians studying in Rome. "If the preacher truly, deeply, passionately embraces the word," then the word of God "will find a home in the hearts of those who listen," said Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of Atlanta. "The word itself and the graced hearts of the listeners will adapt the preaching so that it becomes hearable in a given context," he said Jan. 13 during the 2008 Carl J. Peter Lecture at Rome's Pontifical North American College. The annual lecture seeks to foster preaching skills for seminarians preparing to serve in parishes. The African-American archbishop's talk was titled "Preaching in a Multicultural Church — Highlighting the Latino, African-American and Asian Communities." The archbishop said a priest's main task is proclaiming the word of God.

St. Thomas, Elkhart, to host parish mission

ELKHART — St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkhart will hold its parish mission from Sunday, Feb. 10, through Thursday, Feb. 14. The mission's theme is "... For I Have Called You By Name" and will begin at 7 p.m. each evening.

The speakers and their topics are the following:

- Sunday — Faith — with Cindy Black, director of Office of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

- Monday — Prayer — with Father Bob Lengerich, parochial vicar at St. Pius X, Granger, and a son of St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart.

- Tuesday — Reconciliation — with Holy Cross Father Peter Jarret from the University of Notre Dame. Confessions will be heard.

- Wednesday — Christian Family as Church — with Lisa Everett, the co-director of the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

- Thursday — Eucharist — with Bishop John M. D'Arcy.

Morning sessions will be held Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. in Elliott Hall as a followup from the previous evening's talk. Holy Cross Sister Mary Brooks will coordinate the sessions.

Light refreshments will be served prior to the morning sessions and following the evening sessions, except Tuesday evening.

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School supporters invited to Legacy Auction

FORT WAYNE — School parents, school faculty, staff, parishioners and all supporters of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Catholic School are cordially invited to its fourth Annual Legacy Auction to take place on Saturday, Jan. 26, in the St. Elizabeth Seton Parish Activity Center.

The social portion of the evening will begin at 7 p.m. Silent auction bidding will start at 8 p.m., while the Live Auction will begin at 9 p.m. Bidding on the various items on display is optional. A wide variety of items will be offered this year, including a full orthodontic treatment, a 15-speed bicycle, a gas grill, an electronic keyboard and an acoustic guitar. Other items offered include housewares, linens, glass candlestick holders, dishware and glassware for entertaining. Live auction items will include bidding for a murder mystery dinner hosted by school faculty and an opportunity to be "principal for a day." School classes will also be making arts and crafts items to be auctioned off.

The price for tickets is \$20 per person, which includes admission and hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be available for beverages. Recommended dress is casually elegant. To purchase tickets, please call co-chairs Jeff Krudop at (260) 436-1660, Norine Martin at (260) 436-1983, or the school office at (260) 432-4001. "Come enjoy a fun evening filled with great food, spirits and lots of fabulous auction items, all the while mingling with old and new friends of our school," says co-chair and school parent Norine Martin.

"The Legacy Auction is an evening for us as parents to come

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together in fellowship and to celebrate our children and our wonderful Catholic school," said co-chair Jeff Krudop. "The evening isn't really about the auction; it's the kick-off to a week of celebrating Catholic education."

The Legacy Auction kicks off St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School's celebration of Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 26-Feb. 2).

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish is located at 10700 Aboite Center Rd. in southwest Fort Wayne.

Stephen Perla appointed first director of ACE Consulting

NOTRE DAME — Stephen A. Perla, superintendent of schools for the Catholic Diocese of Worcester, Mass., has been appointed first director of the University of Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) Consulting Initiative. His appointment becomes effective in June.

"ACE is committed to strengthening and sustaining under-resourced Catholic schools," said ACE founder Holy Cross Father Timothy R. Scully, director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives at Notre Dame. "This new consulting initiative is one more effort to ensure that our church's educational ministry remains strong and vibrant. With Steve's experience and passion for Catholic education,

ACE Consulting will address many of the most pressing needs in Catholic schools from coast to coast. I am very grateful to the diocese of Worcester for the gift that they are making to our efforts to strengthen and sustain Catholic schools nationally."

Before becoming the superintendent of Catholic schools in Worcester in 2004, Perla served for more than 10 years as the founding executive director of the Parents Alliance for Catholic Education, a Massachusetts group which advocates on behalf of students and Catholic schools. He also has served in a variety of administrative positions in higher education and as mayor of Leominster, Mass., from 1988 to 1992. As a member of Notre Dame's national Task Force on Catholic Education, he contributed to the report it published in December 2006, "Making God Known, Loved, and Served: The Future of Catholic Primary and Secondary Schools in the United States."

Emphasizing the challenges facing contemporary Catholic education, the report recommended that Notre Dame undertake 12 "strategic initiatives," among them the establishment of ACE Consulting to provide administrators and Catholic school advocates with "high-quality, affordable consultative guidance in marketing, strategic planning, investing and other areas essential to school success."

Founded in 1994, the Alliance for Catholic Education supports a variety of programs serving Catholic schools in the United States and abroad. Central to its mission is the preparation of teachers and leaders for service in Catholic schools. While earning a master in education degree, approximately 180 college graduates serve annually in schools in 32 communities.

12-step retreat at Lindenwood

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being taken for a "12-step Compulsive Eating and Eating Disorders Retreat" to be held at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center. The program is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, and conclude on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 1 p.m. The fee is \$165 for single room, \$135 per person for a double occupancy room and \$85 for commuter.

This weekend is designed as time away from work and home to focus on where you are in life and in your recovery. The focus will be on the spirituality of the 12 Steps, which are recognized as the foundation of most successful recovery programs.

For information or to register contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1780 weekdays or e-mail lw@lindenwood.org; Web-site: www.lindenwood.org

Deadline to register is Jan. 29.

USF recognizes best classroom practices

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis Center for Academic Excellence and Scholarship will sponsor a Best Practice Teacher Recognition Showcase. This event identifies and recognizes teachers who demonstrate best classroom practices. The second annual event is scheduled Feb. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Admission is \$5 for those who pre-register or \$10 at the door. Lunch will be provided for those who pre-register. Call Nancy Hanke at (260) 399-7799 Ext. 8405 to register or for additional information.

The University of Saint Francis appoints new dean of Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis has announced the appointment of Dr. Rita Padmore as the new dean of the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership.

Padmore was formerly the academic dean at Roxbury Community College, where she developed, implemented and managed academic and administrative programs in the business management, math, science, engineering technologies, computer information systems, and sports management/physical education departments. In addition, Padmore has held positions at IBM Corporation's K-12 and Higher Education Divisions, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and Kimeta Systems.

Padmore earned a doctorate in education at Harvard University, master's degrees from Sloan School of Management at MIT and Columbia University's Teachers College and a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University.

St. Jude seeks nominees

SOUTH BEND — St. Jude Catholic School, South Bend, will be awarding the NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award this year. This award is intended to honor graduates of Catholic elementary or middle schools who have made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic Church. The only guidelines are that the individual must be a graduate of St. Jude at least 10 years ago, in other words, 1997 or earlier.

An electronic version of the nomination form will be available on the school Web site at www.stjudeschool.net. Deadline is Friday, Feb. 22.

In addition, graduates or friends of both St. Jude and St. Mary of the Assumption are invited to register to join a new alumni network that honors the legacy of both schools. A graduate or an enthusiastic supporter of St. Jude or St. Mary, please register from the link found at www.stjude-school.net or call (574) 291-3820.

ICC hosts legislator luncheon, educates on moral tax policy

INDIANAPOLIS — Each year the Indiana Catholic Conference hosts a legislator luncheon and brings a notable expert from the Catholic community to Indianapolis to help form the hearts and minds of state lawmakers on a pressing public policy issue facing the state.

This year's expert, University of Notre Dame Law School Professor Matthew J. Barrett, was given the daunting task of enlightening legislators on effective, yet morally acceptable ways they could deal with the looming issue of property tax reform.

If the Indiana General Assembly is successful in reducing or eliminating property taxes

this year, which is their goal, this tax cut must be made up in other areas to provide sufficient revenue to support the common good of Hoosier families and children including money for schools, police and fire protection, and also provide a safety net for basic needs of the poor.

To address this concern of the church, Professor Barrett provided legislators with a "macro" perspective of forming morally and fiscally sound taxation, rather than a single approach of property tax reform.

"Render unto Caesar" in Indiana and Catholic Social Teaching on Taxation, the title of Professor Barrett's Jan. 16 pres-

entation to lawmakers, covered basic concepts in Scripture and church teaching that recognize the role of government and the obligation people have to pay taxes, but more importantly stressed the words in Luke's Gospel that "much will be required of the person entrusted with much."

Reacting to Professor Barrett's presentation Speaker of the House, Rep. Patrick J. Bauer (D-South Bend) said, "I applaud Professor Barrett's work and the ICC for bringing him here for this legislator luncheon. The presentation offered a realistic approach to tax reform.

"His suggestion to include

sales exemptions for the poor is something we actually did in 1973. We exempted food and medicine from sales tax. I was in the legislature then and helped promote that. Increasing certain standard deductions, giving utility exemptions for the poor and giving sales tax exemptions, I advocate all of the above and I have worked toward many of these."

Senate Minority Leader, Sen. Richard Young (D-Milltown), who also attended the luncheon said, "Sen. Broden and I have been talking to each other saying there must have been a microphone on in our Caucus room because these are all concepts the Senate Democrats have been talking about for the last five years and are ideas that we have offered amendments on."

Professor Barrett began his talk saying, "I come to you because of my faith and 25 years of experience ... I come on behalf of the poor."

Quoting from the National Catholic Conference of Bishops 1986 pastoral letter "Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy," Professor Barrett said that in order to accomplish basic economic justice, the U.S. bishops refer to "a system of taxation based on assessment according to ability to pay" as a "prime necessity."

The 1986 pastoral letter uses three principles to evaluate the U.S. tax system, saying it should 1) raise adequate revenues to pay for society's needs, especially the basic needs of the poor; 2) use a progressive structure so that those with greater resources pay a higher tax rate; and 3) not require families below the poverty level to pay income taxes.

The Iowa Catholic Bishops in 2003 issued a Statement on Taxation which Professor Barrett said could be used as a guide for Indiana.

"Catholic moral teaching raises two essential questions that apply to all economic policies including tax policy," said Professor Barrett "First, does this policy maintain or enhance the life and dignity of the human person? And secondly, how does this policy affect the poorest and the

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most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters?"

Professor Barrett explained that Catholic teaching offers two basic principles which should govern tax policy — contributive and distributive justice.

Contributive justice requires everyone to contribute based on their ability to pay. Distributive justice requires that wealth be allocated in such a way to ensure that the basic material needs of people are met.

In evaluating Indiana's current tax system, Professor Barrett told lawmakers he gave them "a passing grade" on the contributive justice aspect since everyone contributes to sales taxes, income taxes and all homeowners pay property taxes. However, he pointed out that on the issue of ability to pay, while the poor do receive some tax breaks, said Professor Barrett, "the state does not ask the rest of us, the non-poor, the blessed, to pay progressively more."

Professor Barrett challenged legislators to adopt tax policies that were "both in fact and in appearance" more progressive. He recommended progressive income tax rates, increases in standard deductions and personal exemptions, progressive local option taxes, rather than a flat tax; exemptions from sales tax for residential utilities and school supplies, and a variable homestead exemption that decreases as the assessed value increases.

In his closing remarks, Professor Barrett said that Speaker Bauer was quoted recently in the *South Bend Tribune* on this year's property tax reform outcome saying that "he hoped there were more winners than losers." Professor Barrett said he would offer a friendly addition to Rep. Bauer's comments, "If the poor win, we all win."

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Details on tickets to papal Masses remain sketchy, as deadlines pass

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Your chance of getting a ticket to Pope Benedict XVI's April 20 Mass at Yankee Stadium might depend on whether you live in a diocese close to the Archdiocese of New York or in one of the nation's oldest archdioceses.

Or it might just come down to sheer luck.

The precise formula that will be used to distribute tickets to the Yankee Stadium Mass and other events during the pope's April 15-20 visit to Washington and New York has not yet been made public, but some details are emerging.

Dioceses from Anchorage, Alaska, to Syracuse, N.Y., have been posting notices on their Web sites about how to request tickets for the papal Mass at Yankee Stadium, which holds 65,000 people, and an April 17 Mass at Nationals Park in Washington, which will seat up to 45,000 people for the event.

But the various notices make one thing clear: If your opportunity to request a ticket has not already passed, it will soon.

The Diocese of Syracuse posted a brief notice that it had "filled all the requests possible" for the New York Mass, with its allotment of 500 tickets already reserved.

Catholics in the Anchorage Archdiocese were told they had until Jan. 1 to submit ticket requests to the archdiocesan chancery office.

The Diocese of Davenport, Iowa, said requests for its "very limited number of tickets" had to be in by Jan. 18, with a lottery planned if requests for tickets exceeded the number received.

The Evangelist, diocesan newspaper in Albany, N.Y., published a coupon Jan. 3 that readers could mail in for a chance to receive tickets to the Yankee Stadium Mass. Editor Jim Breig said more than 3,000 people had entered the random drawing, which was to take place after the diocese found out how many tickets it would be receiving.

But Catholics from three archdioceses that share with the Archdiocese of New York the distinction of marking their 200th anniversary this year will get special treatment at the Yankee Stadium Mass. The archdioceses of Boston, Philadelphia and Louisville, Ky., will be honored at the Mass, along with the nation's first diocese, the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Brian Reynolds, chancellor and chief administrative officer of the Louisville Archdiocese, said Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville will concelebrate the Mass with Pope Benedict and the cardinal-archbishops of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

The archdiocese has request-

ed 650 tickets to the Mass, Reynolds told *The Record*, Louisville archdiocesan newspaper. Some would go to a 150-member archdiocesan delegation appointed by Archbishop Kurtz, while the rest would be distributed among the archdiocese's 121 parishes and missions.

"Unfortunately, it will be a small number" for each parish, Reynolds said, although the exact number would not be known until the papal visit office in New York issues a final ticket count.

The New York office extended the deadline for dioceses to submit ticket requests until Jan. 15 and said the heads of dioceses would receive information about their ticket allocation during the week of Jan. 21. Each bishop will distribute the tickets "at his discretion," the New York Archdiocese said.

For those living within the New York Archdiocese, tickets will be distributed in the parishes. "Pastors will receive detailed information regarding ticket allocations and distribution by the end of January," the papal visit office said.

The office also is distributing tickets for the pope's April 19 meeting with young people and seminarians at St. Joseph's Seminary in New York. Those will be allocated "through Catholic schools, parish catechetical programs, parish youth groups, seminaries, etc., in the Archdiocese of New York and other dioceses in the immediate New York metropolitan area."

Fewer details are available about ticket distribution for Pope Benedict's only event open to the public in Washington, the Mass at Nationals Park.

"The Archdiocese of Washington has received requests for thousands of tickets to the planned Mass at the Nationals stadium from hundreds of youth groups, parishes and individuals around the United States," said the archdiocesan Web site.

"In the past, the custom for major events has been to distribute tickets primarily through our parishes, dioceses and organizations with whom we collaborate in the pastoral care of the local church," it added.

The new home of the Washington Nationals baseball team is designed to hold 41,222 people but organizers found that, by locating the altar in center field rather than at second base as originally planned, an additional 4,000 people could be accommodated.

Contributing to this story was Joseph Duerr in Louisville.

National Catholic Educational Association to hold meeting in Indianapolis

WASHINGTON — More than 8,000 delegates are expected to attend the annual convention, exposition and religious education convocation of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) in Indianapolis, March 25-28. This marks the first meeting in Indianapolis in the 105-year history of the association. The theme for the convention is "Crossroads: Where Challenge Meets Opportunity."

Bishop Blase Cupich, bishop of Rapid City, S.D., will address the opening general session on Tuesday, March 25.

Daniel H. Pink, author of "Free Agent Nation" and "A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future," will deliver a keynote address on Thursday, March 27. Since its publication in March 2006, "A Whole New Mind" has sold 100,000 copies and has been translated into 12 languages.

Convention liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop Daniel M. Beuchlein, archbishop of Indianapolis and member of the Order of St. Benedict; Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; and Bishop Donald W. Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, D. C., and chairman of the NCEA board of directors.

Awards presented

During the convention, awards will be presented to outstanding leaders in Catholic education.

The C. Albert Koob award honoring a distinguished Catholic educator who has made extraordinary contributions on a regional or national level will be presented to Jesuit Father William Leahy, president of Boston College.

The Catherine E. McNamee, CSJ, award, which honors leadership promoting a vision of Catholic education that welcomes and serves cultural and economic diversity, will be presented to Sister of Notre Dame Sharon Slear, dean of education and outreach for the College of Notre



Dame of Maryland.

The Msgr. John F. Meyers award will be presented to Oblate of St. Francis de Sales William Davis, retired interim secretary for education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. That award is presented to an individual who has supported Catholic education at any level.

The Leonard F. DeFiore Parental Choice Advocate award honors an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in promoting full and fair parental choice in education. The 2008 recipient is Timothy V. Luckhaupt, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Ohio.

More than 400 sessions

Open to anyone working in or interested in Catholic education, the NCEA convention features general sessions and liturgies, department meetings, development sessions, technology sessions, presentations and workshops dealing with special interests for school board members, directors of religious education, parents, priests, principals and teachers. The convention is expected to draw delegates from throughout the country. More than 400 convention sessions will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center and RCA

Dome.

The annual convocation of the National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors, an NCEA organization, will meet in Indianapolis concurrent with the convention. Parish catechetical leaders and coordinators of religious education will gather for workshops, prayer and fellowship with hundreds of col-

leagues from across the United States.

According to recent statistics compiled by the NCEA, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis enrolls 5,654 students in 63 elementary schools and 10 high schools. The Great Lakes region (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin) serves 24.6 percent of all students enrolled in U.S. Catholic schools.

Sue Arvo, NCEA convention director, said that an integral part of the four-day convention is the exposition, which features the latest in educational equipment and supplies. "With offerings ranging from school uniforms and fundraising products to computer networking and Internet services, convention attendees find the exposition an effective way to develop contacts," said Arvo. More than 500 companies are expected to exhibit.

For more information about the convention and NCEA, visit the Web site at www.ncea.org. NCEA is the largest private, professional education association in the world. Association membership represents more than 200,000 educators serving 7.6 million students in all levels of Catholic education.

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Project Gabriel launched at Knights' right-to-life march, program

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — Stalwart souls endured the 8-degree temperatures to commemorate the estimated 50 million babies lost to abortion since Roe v Wade.

A little over 50 persons turned out for the annual Knights of Columbus Right to Life March and Respect Life Program Sunday, Jan. 20, in South Bend. Knights' Right to Life Committee member Kevin Large offered the participants the option of a motorcade rather than a march, but nearly everyone chose to make the trek from the council building down to St. Joseph Church for a prayer service led by Holy Cross Father John DeRiso.

The prayer service

The cantor intoned a beautiful litany of saints that reflected some aspect of the Right to Life movement such as St. Michael and Sts. Monica and Augustine.

Knight's Right to Life committee member Bill Schmitt read from Romans 8, "For I am certain that neither death nor life ... can separate us from the love of God that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord." The congregation sang Psalm 139 which includes "you knit me in my mother's womb, I praise you, so wonderfully you made me."

In his homily, Father DeRiso reflected "we have come here to praise God for the gift of life and to respect life in all its stages."

He called on the Holy Spirit to "lead us into the splendor of truth and deepen in our minds and hearts the goodness and dignity of life." He reminded this small but devoted group of right-to-lifers of the great difficulties and setbacks endured by Congregations of Holy Cross founder, Blessed Basil Moreau, and paraphrased Mother Teresa, "God has not called us to be successful; he has called us to be faithful."

Respect life program

The respect life program took

place back at the Knights of Columbus council building. Mike Nolan, music director at Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame, played guitar as he and his wife sang the litany of Our Lady. The event was emceed by Deputy Grand Knight Bob Zielinski who introduced the main speaker, Eileen Hartman, the founder and executive director of the Great Lakes Gabriel Project.

Hartman establishes Project Gabriel

The Knights' event was the kickoff for establishing Project Gabriel in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Hartman said, "It's only fitting that we announce our arrival in the area through an event of the Knights of Columbus since they have been a major support factor for us from the start of the project in Columbus, Ind., in 1999."

Earlier in the year, diocesan pro-life coordinators Fred and Lisa Everett laid the groundwork when they invited Hartman to address the pro-life coordinators from area parishes at two diocesan meetings. Fred is also a member of the Knights' Right to Life committee.

In 1999, a friend of Hartman learned about Project Gabriel online and suggested she get it started in Indiana. She thought she was already doing a lot for the cause and did not see how she could add anything else to her life.

Then Father Frank Pavone of Priests for Life spoke at a Right to Life event in Columbus, which Hartman helped coordinate. When he was asked what was the most effective means to help women in crisis pregnancies Father Pavone described Project Gabriel and added, "When you call our office on Monday, we'll help you get started."

Hartman responded to that straightforward call to action, but before they could complete their training period they had to jumpstart the ministry when they got a call about an expectant mother in need, an undocumented Mexican woman.



PHOTOS BY TOM UEBBING

A band of committed pro-life participants were willing to brave single digit temperatures as they carried the "God is pro-life" sign in the Knights of Columbus Right to Life March on Jan. 20 in South Bend.

"We helped her. There was some controversy in our church about it," Hartman said. "Word got out (about our services). We had no time for (long-term) training. We had someone from Dallas come and train us."

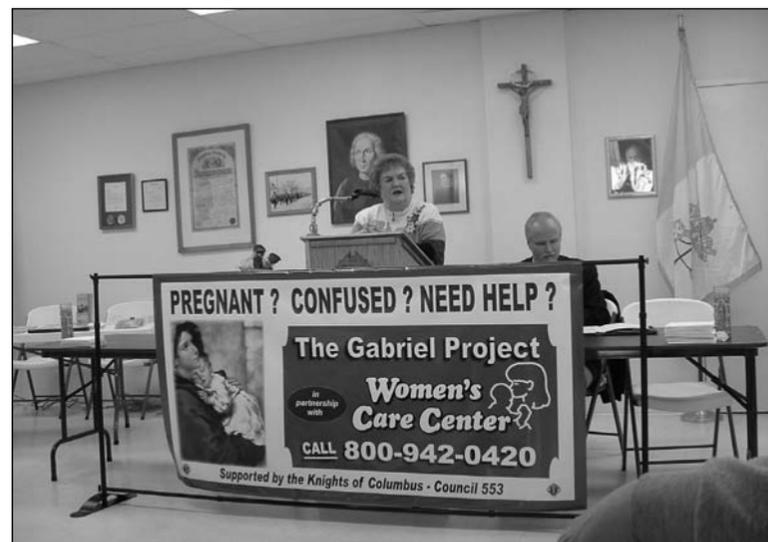
The volunteers quickly learned "it's not our project it's God's project. Sometimes that's a hard lesson to learn, even on a daily basis — you don't have to handle it. It's God's project," Hartman said.

In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, since the highly effective Women's Care Center is well established, Project Gabriel is entering into a partnership with them.

Hartman described the Women's Care Centers as "the emergency room" and Project Gabriel as "intensive care." Volunteers try to build a relationship with the woman and visit her in her own home.

They are even available nights and weekends if needed to minister to the mother-to-be and also as she gets started caring for and raising her child. If they get a crisis pregnancy call in this diocese on their hotline number they will refer the caller to a Women's Care Center location.

If the woman opts for life for her baby, then Project Gabriel can



Eileen Hartman, left, launched Project Gabriel, a program that partners with the Women's Care Centers to work with pregnant women and new mothers in their homes and determine their needs. With Hartman in the photo is the Knights' Right to Life program emcee Bob Zielinski, right.

help her through the rest of the process by building a strong relationship with her.

Participating parishes will display a sign that invites mothers-in-need to call for help. When someone calls or is referred by the Women's Care Center, volunteers will visit her at home and determine her needs.

Then they go back to the parish volunteers and line up the support

the mother needs. If a woman has no other support, a volunteer may even be present for labor and delivery.

Volunteers from the parish can assist in several ways:

- Prayer support — making a daily commitment to pray for the project and/or participate in a prayer chain;
- Provide personal help — for example, transportation, cooking, shopping, baby-sitting for the expectant or new mother;
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- And educational support such as speaking to parish groups and also approaching other area pastors (Catholic and non-Catholic) about starting a Gabriel project.

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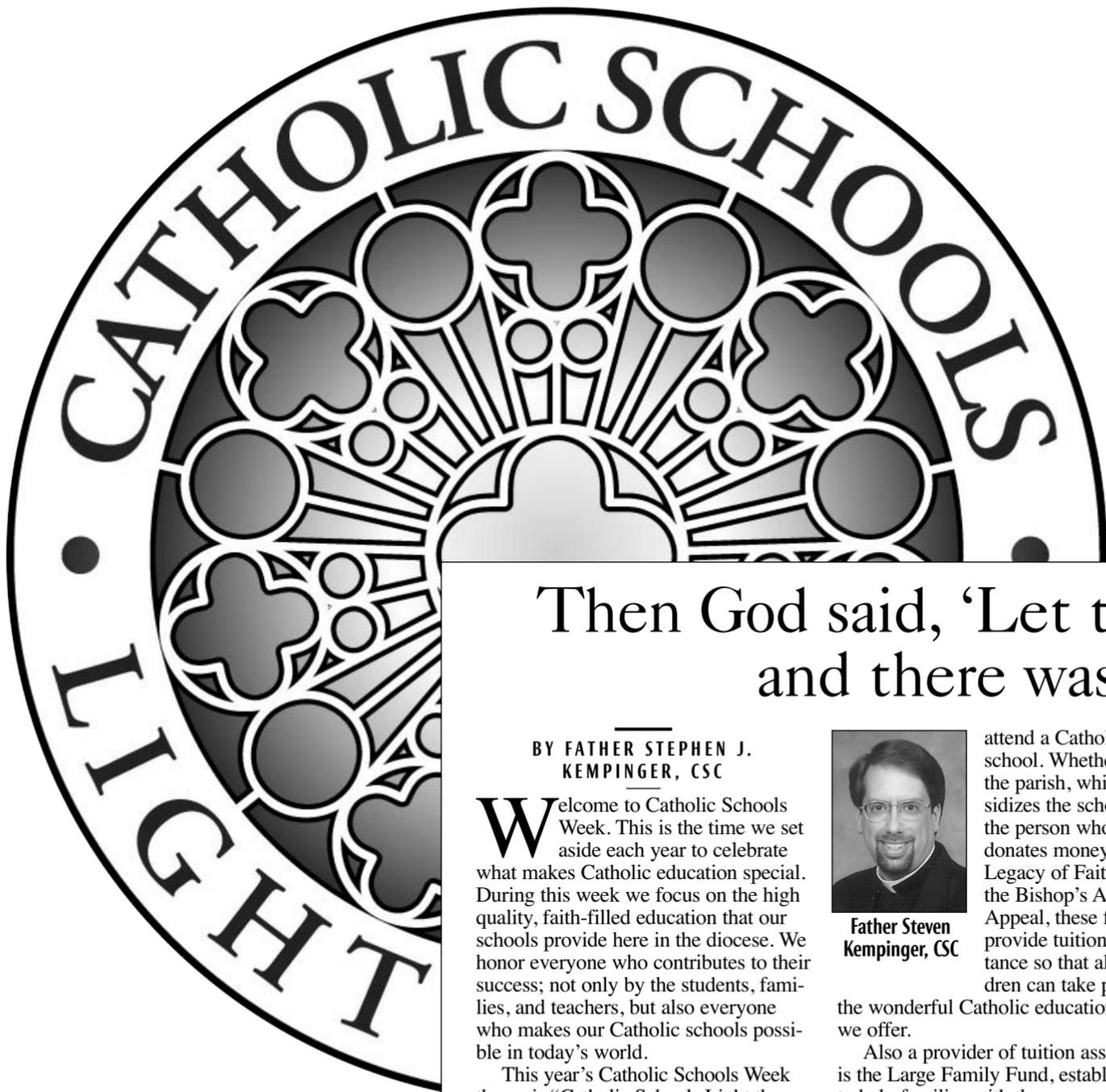
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For more information, contact Eileen Hartman (877) 734-2444, projectgabriel@comcast.net; P.O. Box 1612, Columbus, IN 47202



Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light

BY FATHER STEPHEN J.
KEMPINGER, CSC

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week. This is the time we set aside each year to celebrate what makes Catholic education special. During this week we focus on the high quality, faith-filled education that our schools provide here in the diocese. We honor everyone who contributes to their success; not only by the students, families, and teachers, but also everyone who makes our Catholic schools possible in today's world.

This year's Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools Light the Way." It combines the concepts of God as the light of the world and the light of knowledge that our schools kindle in our students. The stain-glass logo underscores the faith-filled education that our Catholic schools emphasize. The theme also represents the role of Catholic schools, teachers and parents in lighting the way through a faith-based education that supports the whole child in learning about and leading a fulfilled life. It is our hope that our students in turn will "Light the Way" to a brighter future through leadership in their communities, businesses and families.

All one has to do is to look around the diocese and see the many ways that people are lighting the way for Catholic education.

In our parishes, one can see the commitment and stewardship that is taking place, especially when we look around the diocese this year and see the many building projects; buildings that are built on solid foundation that will serve this generation and many more to come. From Bishop Dwenger's addition of their fine arts building, to the kindergarten expansion at St. Vincent School in Fort Wayne, to the building of a gym at Holy Cross in South Bend, and the major accomplishment of building a new school that will open in the fall at St. Pius X in Granger, all of this is a sign of the strength of Catholic schools in this diocese. It is also a reflection on the commitment of parents and parishioners who are willing to strive and build on a good foundation, a rock of foundation of the faith that we believe and wish to pass on.

We can also see people that light the way by giving of their hard earned treasure to support those who want to



Father Steven
Kempinger, CSC

attend a Catholic school. Whether it is the parish, which subsidizes the school, or the person who donates money to the Legacy of Faith and the Bishop's Annual Appeal, these funds provide tuition assistance so that all children can take part in

the wonderful Catholic education that we offer.

Also a provider of tuition assistance is the Large Family Fund, established to help families with three or more children in Catholic schools. There are also other private foundations like the Freedom 22 scholarship program in South Bend, the Guardian Angel Society and corporate sponsorship through Filling Schools-Fulfilling Lives, all which accomplish the goal of helping to provide a Catholic education. These are all organizations and individuals who recognize the wonderful gift that Catholic education has on communities. They are willing to commit funds so those that might otherwise be unable financially to attend are able to come to Catholic education to study and strive for excellence in our schools for a better life in the future.

We also see "Lighting the Way" by our parents and students. Parents are the primary educators of their children, the first teachers, and we see in them the commitment to contribute to our schools, to be there as volunteers, and to assist in many ways that make a day of Catholic education possible. This continues by parents giving support to their children as they bring home the new knowledge that they have learned and are able to expand upon it.

We at Catholic schools are striving to improve that communication between the parents and the school, using initiatives such as new technology and the PowerSchool program. These are modern-day tools that increase our communication so that we can become true partners. Through the collaboration of parents and schools, we enlighten our students on a daily basis in the hope that each child will "Light the Way" for others as they continue to grow and mature in their faith.

Let us not forget our wonderful pastors and priests in our parishes, that by

providing their leadership and their experience, they are "Lighting the Way" not only for our students, but for all of the people of God, by using their gifts to continue the legacy that our Catholic schools have formed.

Let us continue to pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood. Our schools are producing vocations to both the priesthood and religious life. In a way, they are fertile ground, exposing our students not only to the vocation of marriage and single life, but of ordained ministry and religious life.

Finally, we remember our teachers. They are, on a daily basis, "Lighting the Way" for all of our students. They are truly committed to excellence in education. They are striving to identify our weaknesses in school by looking at school improvement plans and by participating in professional development so that they may always offer the best strategies in reaching our students. Because of the efforts of our teachers, students grow in love and learn how to use the tools that we offer so that they may have a successful life after being in our schools. They are truly a gift from God for all of us, not just in their schools, but for society and the church around the world.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all those who help our Catholic schools, especially in striving for the excellence that they offer.

If you have not seen what we do in Catholic schools, many of our schools will have open house during Catholic Schools Week. I invite you to participate in these open houses or to arrange to come and visit our schools. Witness for yourself how many are "Lighting the Way" for our students and for our future.

Let us pray together that we continue to be blessed in many ways, especially as educators in the faith, and in passing on our traditions to the next generation. Reflecting on the words of St. Augustine, "God does not give heed to the ambitiousness of our prayers, because he is always ready to give to us his light; not a visible light, but an intellectual and spiritual one."

Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger is the superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Catholic education bursting at the seams

BY KAY COZAD

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has a rich history of Catholic education dating back to 1845 when St. Mother Theodore Guérin established the first school, St. Augustine Academy, in Fort Wayne on what is now Cathedral Square. The parochial school system currently boasts 44 elementary and four high schools. With shifting student population and parents seeking the excellence of Catholic education, many parish schools have been prompted to undergo renovation and expansion projects. The following are a sampling among the many that are constructing new and enhancing existing structures.

In Fort Wayne, St. Vincent de Paul Parish is currently constructing a new wing, which will include eight new classrooms.

Four of those will be offered to include kindergarten students this year in the student population that numbers 695. The other four classrooms will allow for extension of the resource department. The building will be completed and ready for the start of school in 2009. St. Vincent School is currently taking applications for kindergarten placement.

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School opened its 2007-08 school year with a 5,000-square-foot addition to the St. Elizabeth campus that houses a high school-size gymnasium/parish community center, 400-seat cafeteria, administrative offices, computer lab, resource room and four new classrooms for the new third and fourth grade students attending the St. Elizabeth campus this year. The Aboite Center Road campus educates 287 students in kindergarten through fourth grades.

St. Jude School in Fort Wayne

is anticipating a change and is currently awaiting architectural plans to consider for their building plans.

Bishop Dwenger High School is in the midst of phase two of their exciting expansion-renovation project. A two-story addition will grace the south side of the existing building and offer eight new classrooms for the English and math departments by June of this year. The entire staff of full-time teachers will now each have their own room. Renovations of an office complex will allow room for the guidance department and will be completed in March.

Bishop Luers is currently upgrading the heating and air-conditioning system of its existing building. Replacement windows have been installed in the majority of the school and new lighting brightens several areas as well.

South Bend's Holy Cross Parish School, with enrollment of 350 students, began a renovation-expansion in November of 2006 that includes a high school-size gymnasium with a beautiful wood

floor gifted by the University of Notre Dame from the 2001 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship team. A new kitchen, office suite and handicap-accessible elevator make this school state-of-the-art. The completed construction included renovations of existing space that produced a new library, cafeteria/teater, expanded computer lab, music room and art room with gallery space. The new configuration allows for a new entrance that provides easy access to the new offices.

South Bend Saint Joseph's High School is conducting a feasibility study to choose from two options, renovating the existing or building a new high school. Renovation of the existing building on the current 19 acres of land would include adding administrative and guidance offices, a media center, an auxiliary gymnasium and a football stadium. The new building option would allow for the construction of a new high school on the donated 22-acre site of the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center allowing for a football stadium and tennis courts

to be included.

The 169 students of St. Mary of the Assumption in Avilla have enjoyed the 2006 near \$1 million expansion that added four new classrooms and expanded office space and media center as well as a new computer lab. The seventh- and eighth-grade students who attended classes in mobile units are now under the main school roof. The addition allowed the school to offer preschool classes as well.

Queen of Peace School in Mishawaka completed construction in fall of 2007 on a new wing that added new administrative offices, library, commons area and three classrooms with a science lab. The preschool through eighth grade students number 250 there.

Sacred Heart School in Warsaw is expecting construction for an addition of four new classrooms to the existing building. The additional space will be utilized by special classes such as art, music and computer. Kindergarten students will also enjoy the new area. Preschool through sixth-grade students number 200 there. A 200-seat expansion of the sanctuary of the church is also expected to be included in the construction. Anticipated date of construction is summer of 2008.

St. Thomas School in Elkhart hopes to offer their 434 students several new classrooms in the future including renovated space, with upgraded facilities that will include handicap accessibility following approval by the bishop.

St. Pius X in Granger is in the process of constructing an all-purpose parish education center that is due to be completed in the fall of 2008 for the start of the school year. The center will house 23 classrooms for pre-kindergarten through eighth grades, which will be shared by the religious education classes. The structure will include administrative offices, a media center/gathering area, several small conference rooms, computer lab, music and art rooms and more. Enrollment is expected to be near 300 students.

The growth within the diocesan school system is evidence that Christ-centered, exemplary education is still much valued by the faithful of the area.

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Learning the difference between wants and needs

St. Matthew Young Vincentians on course to help the poor of South Bend

BY JUDY BRADFORD

SOUTH BEND — Food drives, fund-raising walks and donation collections: Students at St. Matthew School are developing good habits to help the poor by being “Young Vincentians.”

Modeled after adult volunteers for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, this group of dedicated students meets once every two weeks to plan or participate in activities that will help the poor.

“We felt there was a lot that the kids could be doing,” explains Pam Van Huffel, the third-grade teacher who started the Young Vincentians several years ago. An adult Vincentian who wanted to bring the Vincentian spirit to the school, she first asked student council members to do projects.

“What we really needed, instead of the student council doing projects, was a dedicated group to work on projects for the poor,” Van Huffel says. “Now, they even earn a chevron for their letter jackets.”

Last fall, they held the

“Fruity Fall Challenge” and collected 2,158 cans of canned fruit over a two-week period. The fruit went into Christmas baskets assembled and distributed to poor families in December by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Joseph County.

One of the sixth-grade classes, 6B, won a pizza party for collecting the most cans (350). But they decided to forego the party and donate the pizza money to the society instead.

In April of 2007, the Young Vincentian group also walked in the Homeward Bound Walk for the homeless, helping to earn almost \$2,000 for the society and its work.

In December, they also completed a project for the CASIE Center in South Bend, which helps abused children. They packed 92 backpacks with games, books, toothbrushes and toothpaste and other items the children could use.

Right before summer vacation, they also hold the annual “pantry challenge” to fill the church pantry for the summer break. The winning class will have lunch in the rectory with



JUDY BRADFORD

The Young Vincentians of St. Matthew School in South Bend are shown after delivering cans of fruit for the St. Vincent de Paul Christmas baskets.

Father Michael Heintz. Usually, he grills hot dogs for them.

The group is actually divided into two sections, one for older students in fifth through eighth grade, and one for younger students in third and fourth grades. Both the older and younger group each have about 30 stu-

dents, for a total of 60.

The older students do more planning and organizing — and they follow the same agenda for meetings as do adult Vincentians. The agenda includes a spiritual reading and discussion.

Vince Coiro, an eighth-grader

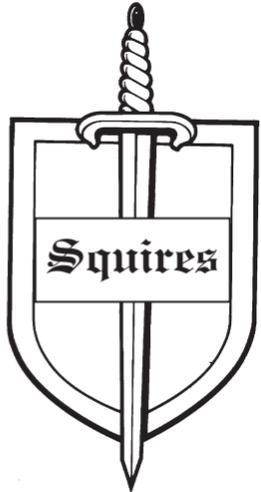
who is president of the older student section, says it helps to keep some perspective on poverty while planning all the food and fundraisers: “Jesus said that the poor will always be with us. So the St. Vincent de Paul job is not to totally delete or wipe out poverty, but to decrease it. This is just a starting point.”

Olivia Griggs, a fifth-grader, says the Vincentian work keeps reminding her how blessed she is. “It makes you feel different when you learn how some people don’t have it as good as you do. You’re sad for them, and it makes you want to help.”

Another student said the Vincentian work helps her understand “what real needs are, like paying for rent or electricity. I understand now how wants and needs are different.”

Van Huffel has great expectations for these students. “I feel they are much more spiritual because of their Vincentian work. It makes them stop and think more about what they’re all about. And, I hope many of them will move on to become adult Vincentians.”

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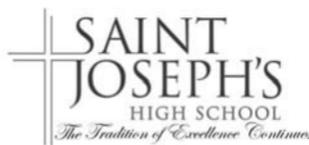
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Guitar elective develops music ministry talent

BY JENNIFER MURRAY

FORT WAYNE — The students at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, Fort Wayne, have a unique opportunity to develop their talents and offer them for God's glory. Students with an interest in music can take guitar classes as an elective under the direction of the parish's music director, Ken Jehle.

As the students develop their ability, they are invited to play music during the school Mass once or twice a month. Currently five students play regularly for the Mass: Taylor Busch and Megan Quigley, both sixth graders, Dan Christian and Cody Rice, both seventh graders and Chris Williams, an eighth grader.

Having a more active role in the liturgy has been enriching for the students.

Cody said, "You're actually a part of the Mass. You're doing something, and it makes worship twice as fun. ... When you're playing it helps you to listen to what the songs are, to get to know God."

Dan added, "... Singing or playing at Mass is a fun way to be part of the liturgy."

The students want to continue using their musical talent even beyond the parish school. Megan said, "I've started playing on Sunday nights (at Mass)."

Taylor also sings in choir, and Dan is already thinking of giving lessons once he becomes more experienced.

The students enjoy their guitar class, but they have learned a lot beyond which chords to use.

"It requires a lot of hard work



JENNIFER MURRAY

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School students are offered a guitar elective with parish music director Ken Jehle. Shown above are guitarists, from left, Taylor Busch, Megan Quigley, Cody Rice and Dan Christian.

and wanting to be better," said Cody, who sees this as a lesson he will apply in other areas of his life.

Taylor said, "I've learned that if you really want to be good at something you have to work hard."

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TAYLOR BUSCH

Megan added, "I've learned patience because you've got to have patience to learn (something new)."

The students plan to continue playing at Mass for their peers this year and hope that as they learn more songs, they will

be invited even more frequently than a couple of times a month.

In the meantime, Ken Jehle is busy helping all the guitar students cultivate their talent. Beyond these five students, he has several others who are ready

to begin playing at a few of the Masses.

When Jehle first came to St. Joseph in 2002, he inherited this program but he feels it has really grown. "I've been really impressed. They practice hard and they've really accomplished a lot."

He sees how the students in the pews enjoy the talent of the students who play during the Mass. The third and fourth graders watch the older students and want to be a part of that. As they listen to favorite songs such as "Trading My Sorrows," "Blessed Be Your Name" or "Let The River Flow," future musicians are inspired. By the time they are able to take the guitar class, they are willing to work hard to learn the skill and develop their talent and play their hearts out for God.

And so the program continues, one group of kids encouraging and inspiring the next group to answer a call to develop the talent God has given them and to take a more active role in the church as music ministers.



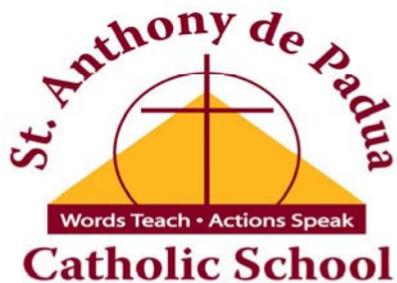
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High tech Smart Boards arrive at many Catholic classrooms

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Say good-bye to chalk dust and erasers, and say hello to high-tech Smart Boards. Smart Boards have been greeted with much enthusiasm by teachers, students and parents at several Catholic elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

It looks like a white board, but this Smart Board takes a chalkboard or white board to a whole new learning level. It can show movies and the Internet, provide presentations, yet allow the user to write on it and save the notes on a computer.

“Connected to a computer, the Smart Board not only allows for interactive lessons correlated to the curriculum, but

also acts as a ‘chalkboard,’”

described Sandra Guffey, principal at St. Vincent de Paul School, Fort Wayne, in a recent parish bulletin announcement.

“However, unlike the chalkboard, lessons are saved, and their content can be displayed again and again, gaining teachers

valuable learning time. Notes generated during class discussion can be saved and provided as study guides to the students ensuring instruction is aligned with assessment.”

Guffey added, “Another benefit of the Smart Board is the connectivity to the computer that is coupled with a projector, providing teachers the ability to display computer assignments and interactive curriculum content to the entire classroom in a larger visual format. ...”

A visit to the middle school campus of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Fort Wayne quickly revealed the many tasks these boards can perform. Science teacher Jodi Jump demonstrated the dissection of a frog, just as if one were dissecting the real lab creature, minus the smell of formaldehyde and purchase of the lab frogs.

“I have used the Smart Board to complete an open heart surgery with my seventh-grade science classes using the Internet as a tool,” Jump said. “I have been able to have my students record their data from investigations for the other students to compare and make conclusions based on the entire class data rather than only their own data.”

“Anything that can be done on the computer, can be done on the Smart Board,” Jump said.

St. Aloysius School, Yoder, teacher Priscilla Harless said she uses the Smart Board and its accessories (electronic colored pens to write directly on the board) “for every class I teach.”

“The Smart Board has been especially helpful in my pre-algebra and algebra classes,” Harless said. “I’ve preprogrammed the pre-algebra and algebra notes for the substitutes. As far as preparation for class, I like to preprogram the graphs, story problems and graphics before I teach the lesson. I also will type the English examples ahead of time so the students can identify parts of speech and practice the skills instantaneously instead of waiting for examples to be written.”

At St. John the Baptist School

in Fort Wayne, second-grade teacher Angie Jurczak uses the Smart Board with daily oral language (DOL) studies — math, language arts and social studies.

“When we use the Smart Board for DOL, I type the sentence that we need to correct and then the children come up to the Smart Board and correct the sentence,” Jurczak said. “They love this. It is something different than the chalkboard — and a lot cleaner. What is also nice about the Smart Board is the different colors of the pens. The children are able to use a different color to correct the sentence and everyone is able to see what changes they made.”

The students’ wow factor

And the students seem to respond with what many teachers called the “wow” factor.

“The students in my classroom liked that you could ‘write’ on it and it showed up,” Jurczak said. “It is different than the chalkboard because the Smart Board would allow you to move items around and play with different shapes (in math) and show the fractions on the shapes. When I had to give up the Smart Board to one of my co-teachers, my students were very upset. They miss it and are counting down the days until we get it again.”

“It is just like the overhead projector only more. It captures the student’s interest through its visual impact. Now lessons have a ‘wow’ factor,” said Erin Rahrig, computer teacher at St. Vincent de Paul. “Lessons can easily be created with a wow factor.”

And St. Aloysius fifth-grade teacher Nicki Thompson noted, “It took (the students) a day to get over the wow factor, but now they regard it as another learning tool. They love it when they can interact on it.” And Harless added, “The students are more attentive and are much more eager to volunteer.”

Sarah Hall, a first-grade teacher



TIM JOHNSON

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton science teacher Jodi Jump demonstrates a biology project, dissection of a frog on one of the St. Joseph School campus Smart Boards. Jump also added an airliner which allows her to walk around the classroom, write on the Smart Board and monitor her class. “I really enjoy having the accessibility of the Smart Board” she said.

at St. Vincent de Paul recently received a Smart Board and said, “I think it helps my students to be better students. That little boy who used to be in the back of the room every day is right there in front waiting to be the first to volunteer.”

“At our Back to School Night last fall, four of our teachers gave demonstrations so that parents could see the versatility of the Smart Boards” added Sandor. “(The parents) were very impressed and excited.”

And Sandor said, “It has been encouraging this year as we rotate the boards from class to class to see the students anxiously await their ‘turn’ to have a Smart Board in their room.”

Opportunities for stewardship

Smart Boards have offered an opportunity for stewardship. And the schools are eager to get these boards in every classroom.

At St. Aloysius the Knights of Columbus at the parish purchased the first boards. To show their appreciation to the Knights, the students in Thompson’s and Harless’s classes presented stories they had written and illustrated on the Smart Board to the Knights and their families.

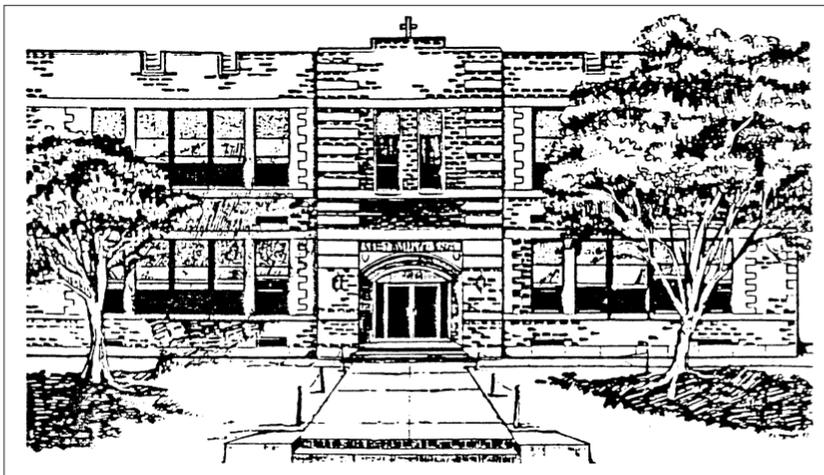
At St. John the Baptist, Principal Jane Sandor reported the parents purchased the school’s first Smart Boards with the help of some title money.

At St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, HASA and donation money helped with the purchases. “What a wonderful tool in reaching all sorts of learners,” St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Principal Lois Widner told *Today’s Catholic*.

“The parents from my classroom love the Smart Board,” St. John’s Jurczak said. “I had a couple parents come in to see the Smart Board when I had it in my room because their child told them about it. I have a set of parents that want to start a fundraiser in order to get another Smart Board for our school.”

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Catholic Schools Summer School Program engage and inspire students to learn

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

SOUTH BEND-MISHAWAKA — “I was so impressed. I had a lot of trouble getting her to read. The teachers were just so creative in how they interested them in reading and writing. They go to any means they could, even with creating a newspaper. I just saw Annie at home reading things. She wanted to get up every morning. She loved the diversity of the place and loved there were so many girls of so many races. And there were at least three teachers in each room,” said May Lee Johnson, parent of Annie, 11, in praise of the Catholic Summer School program her daughter attended last year at St. Adalbert Parish, which is held in partnership with ACE of Notre Dame.

In fact, Johnson said she will send her daughter to summer school again this coming summer, happily noting that her daughter passed the English ISTEP test this year. She believes the curriculum, teachers and the children are the reasons her daughter eagerly attended last summer.

“They really have worked out a wonderful curriculum that is age appropriate and the kids do really neat things.”

JOHN STAUD

“(The teachers) have the energy and are new and creative. And they are just wonderful teachers dealing with the kids,” added Johnson.

Catholic Schools Summer School Program in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is not a typical summer school, usually less than the cost of hiring babysitters and

is designed to engage and inspire students to learn no matter what their learning ability.

This year will be the 12th summer for the Catholic Schools

Summer School Program. It is held six weeks in the summer — generally mid-June to late-July — with two three-week segments that offer summer school learning experiences at a number of different Catholic schools in the South Bend and Mishawaka.

Class offerings for grades 2-8 include language arts and math, which are held at four to six different sites yet to be named. As part of the initiative, a middle school summer science seminar is also offered at Christ the King School for rising middle school students.

The classes are held from 8-11 a.m. each day. Costs are around \$75 for each three-week session, “but we let local schools determine if the student should have a discounted cost,” noted John Staud, the ACE director of pastoral formation and administration.

Staud said the teacher to student ratio is low — one to three teachers for every 10 to 15 children per classroom — “so there is



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ACE teacher Patrick Lopez works with a student in the Catholic Schools Summer School Program at St. Adalbert School in South Bend.



Two students from last year's ACE Summer School program enjoy each others company.

a lot of individual attention. Typically there are two teachers with one local teacher and a former ACE teacher working, though sometimes they work alongside a beginning ACE teacher.”

“So (teaching) is very student centered,” noted Tom Doyle, director for the master's of education program, ACE Notre Dame.

“They really have worked out a wonderful curriculum that is age appropriate and the kids do really neat things. The great thing also about the program is that the teachers are ACE graduates who come back for the summer to work,” added Staud.

Doyle noted that just three years ago, a pilot summer program was developed, which works on a two-year cycle. If a child attends two years in a row, they will not repeat the same curriculum. Each year, ISTEP test scores are looked at and then analyzed for significant weaknesses in math and language arts.

Those who are in fourth through eighth grades have two three-week programs, each focusing separately on either math or language arts.

Meanwhile, in grades 2-3, the students each day focus on both math and language arts. Students are given a pre-test at the begin-

ning of the summer to assess their prior knowledge and to allow the teachers to deliver effective instruction for the session's duration. At the end of the summer, students are given a post-test to measure their progress on these fundamental skills and concepts in math and language arts.

Each year, bidding for curriculum ideas is open — starting just before Christmas with 12 to 15 bids for six positions. “We try to give (students) programming that would engage them differently than during the school year. We wanted to take a different approach in learning,” said Staud.

“Two years, we had fourth and fifth graders in language arts that focused on doing biographies,” said Staud. He explained that the students chose an older person in their parish and were taught interviewing skills. Students were then divided into pairs, with each pair selected according to the years of the person being interviewed. Pictures were taken of the group and assembled for the children to take home.

Last year, Doyle noted that some of the students in a math class did work that involved them designing houses using geometry and math calculations as well as determining square feet for the painting walls of the houses they designed.

While the curriculum and locations have yet to be determined, parents should take note that information will be sent home from school in late March or early April in a packet for their review. Johnson urged the parents to look it over and to register their children.

“The interaction, the curriculum and the diversity of the children can't be beat,” said Johnson adding that parents should check out the summer school program whether their children are in need of extra help or not.

“I think it (curriculum) is going to be wonderful and it is a great summer experience for all students,” added Doyle.



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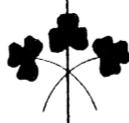
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PowerSchool links students, teachers, parents

BY DON CLEMMER

For Catholic schools of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the ongoing move into the 21st century is also about another move, the move by almost all of the diocesan elementary schools, and even a couple of the high schools into a common computer program, PowerSchool.

PowerSchool is a student information system that currently holds the information of about 11,000 students across the diocese. This includes academic records, such as attendance and grades and, for some schools, even schedules and lunch accounts.

"It's the first time I can sit at my desk and find out if a child is in one of our schools," Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger, superintendent of diocesan Catholic schools, happily notes.

Getting a system this extensive in place has required a lot of work behind the scenes by the director of technology for Catholic schools, Lorenzo Lopez. Bringing every school online has involved meeting with over 800 teachers individually and teaching them how to use the grade book, as well as teaching secretaries and principals how to use the administrative software for attendance.

The end result will hopefully be a comprehensive and convenient record, one that can be referenced, updated and transferred with ease. Father Kempinger notes that this efficiency is one way PowerSchool really helps the diocese.

And this is only the beginning of the features offered by PowerSchool. The database calculates GPAs, honor rolls and even report cards.

"It does a lot of calculations that no longer have to be done by hand anymore," says Lopez.

Stephen Donndelinger, principal of St. Jude School in South Bend, says that the switch to PowerSchool provides the school with a safer way of keeping students' records than paper files in an office. It also allows him to access records even when he is at home.

Administratively, he says, the program promotes communication, not only via its e-mails and posted bulletins, but among teachers, who range from technologically savvy to technologically fearful.

"They help each other. That's the neatest thing," Donndelinger says. "The more capable ones will help the ones who have a little bit larger learning curve. They will ask me for help. They will ask each other. Really, it's worked out well."

Donndelinger has been a vocal proponent of PowerSchool, and St. Jude, South Bend, embraces use of the program to a degree that other schools have not, really exploring its features.

"We even used the honor roll to create an extracurricular eligi-

bility search, which tells us which students are not eligible to be in extracurricular activities," Donndelinger lists as an example of a function of the program that isn't required, but is something a school can add in "if and when they're ready."

One next step all schools are expected to make with PowerSchool when they're ready is to open up their online database for parental access. This brings a completely different dynamic to the program, allowing parents, with the use of usernames and passwords, to follow their children's progress online. According to Father Kempinger, this sort of access is in keeping with the mission of Catholic schools.

"As the Catholic Church, parents are the primary educators of their children, and they are entrusting them to the Catholic schools in their parish and the community."

With PowerSchool, then, parents are drawn more closely into the process, able to follow their children's every grade, if necessary.

"It's pretty much real time," Lorenzo Lopez adds. "So the moment a teacher enters a grade and enters an assignment, and they save that information, within just a couple seconds, it's there for the parents to see."

While most diocesan schools have PowerSchool, only a few, like St. Matthew in South Bend and St. Jude in Fort Wayne, have gone to the next step of parental access.

St. Jude, Fort Wayne, had already been in the practice of issuing an electronic report card before the school implemented PowerSchool.

According to Sister Kathleen Marie Knueven, principal of St. Jude, the new system has yielded greater interaction and positive feedback from parents.

"I have found it very successful, especially those who look at it on a regular basis," Sister Kathleen says, noting that with regular daily access to their children's grades, parents can affirm a good academic performance or ask questions and work with a child if a problem arises.

Corrective measures of this sort can play out on a much broader level with PowerSchool too. Father Kempinger notes that if, for instance, a particular school were having difficulty with writing, the Catholic Schools Office would become aware of the problem much more quickly thanks to PowerSchool and work with the school to rectify the issue.

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Catholic Schools celebration set for last week of January

WASHINGTON — Catholic Schools Week, the annual celebration of Catholic schools and their contribution to their communities and the nation, is set for Jan. 27 through Feb. 2. For more than three decades, the nation's Catholic schools have spent the last week of January recalling what makes Catholic education special.

The 2008 theme is "Catholic Schools Light the Way," which highlights the mission of Catholic schools to provide a faith-based education that supports the whole child academically and spiritually and prepares students for future success.

"As a result of the excellent, multifaceted education they are receiving today, our students will 'light the way' to a brighter future through their leadership in our communities, government, businesses and families," said Dr. Karen M. Ristau, president of the National Catholic Educational Association.

Across the country, schools will observe the week with special Masses, community service projects, academic and artistic showcases, and athletic and family events. Many schools will hold open houses so that community members can learn more about the value of Catholic education.

On National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools on Jan. 30, delegations of students, faculty and parents will visit Washington, D.C., and many state capitals to promote awareness among government leaders of the contributions of Catholic education. Nearly 2.4 million students attend the nation's 7,800 elementary, middle and secondary Catholic schools.

"With their emphasis on academic excellence and moral values, Catholic schools enjoy high satisfaction among students and parents and high achievement rates, including high school graduation rates of more than 99 percent," said Marie Powell, executive director of Catholic Education at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. "This is a message we want to share with our nation's leaders."

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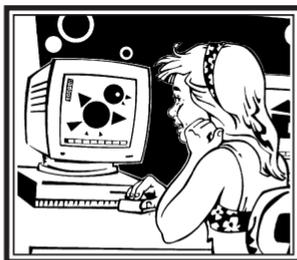
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Diocesan teacher, farming family attend agricultural program in China

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — Never underestimate the power of corn to unite two cultures.

Wyss Farms Enterprise, WFE, was originally founded in 1948 by Donald A. Wyss I as a family farm business specializing in grain and livestock production. Now in its third generation, WFE is engaged in the core business of commercial grain farming and has expanded to include custom farming, straw sales and an executive dealership with Agrigold Seeds.

Today, husband and wife Andrew and Pat, along with their four children, run the operation in southwest Fort Wayne. Pat, along with her husband Andrew, is co-owner of the operation and a teacher at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School in Fort Wayne. Their four children assist in run-



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY PAT WYSS

A St. Joseph Hessen Cassel student is shown working on the Chinese cultural project. Teacher Pat Wyss's class held a four-day multicultural unit in correlation with the Chinese New Year.

presented their portion, "Farmer's Forum on Business Startup," three out of the five days. Principles such as technical farming, analytical business, management, and family and business balance were among the discussion topics.

Following the presentations, the family toured the agricultural communities seeing how the farmers live and work.

As many as 500 people live in the small farming communities in rural China, where they farm such crops as corn and wheat, Joe said. The corn husks are quite a sight to see, Joe noted, as the farmers place them on roofs to dry in strings as long as seven feet.

The Chinese view of farming differs a great deal from that of Americans, the Wysses soon learned. According to Andrew, children who do not perform well in standard tests are destined to remain on the family farm. Those who test well, however, attend colleges and leave the family farm. It is uncommon for someone with a college degree to return to the family farm, unlike in the United States when business savvy is desirable. This attitude, according to Andrew, has contributed to the downfall of the traditional Chinese family farm.

The Wysses were able to taste the fruits of the farmers' labor. Pat shared how a farmer invited them to his home for a delicious meal. The Chinese are known to be gracious hosts, Andrew noted.

The Chinese cuisine is not how we know it in the United States, Pat said. Noodles, vegetables and vegetable oils are staples in the midland Chinese diet, and rice is served most often as a side dish. And much to their surprise, fortune cookies common in Chinese American restaurants do not exist in China as we know it; instead the Chinese enjoy thin crusted pastries with a thick filling, called Mooncakes.

According to Pat, the trip exposed them to the rich cultural beauty of the country. Moreover, it provided an opportunity to present a favorable image of the

United States.

"We showed by words and actions that we were ambassadors for the United States," she said.

As Pat said, the learning was a two-way street. "We were willing to share information about our culture and were open to learning from them."

If more Americans adopted this attitude, "maybe people would get a different picture of the U.S.," she added. In the end, she said, "we're all under one God."

Another unifying factor was their Catholic faith. In a country that is 99 percent Buddhist, it was comforting to find a Catholic Church, Joe said.

"I had an appreciation for the universality of the Catholic Church," he said. "We, as a family, learned about people who view our faith from a different language."

"You learn so much about a culture through visiting," Pat said.

Taking the culture to the classroom

Indeed the elementary school teacher has embraced this philosophy in her classroom at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School Jan. 17 when she prepared a special four-day multicultural unit in correlation with the Chinese New Year.

From traditional foods to making paper lanterns, the goal of the day was to introduce the "sights, sounds and smells of China and get the students immersed in the culture."

Each student was responsible for researching and preparing a report on a different aspect of China, Pat explained.

"We had so much fun," the teacher said. "The kids took a lot of ownership because they did it themselves."

For more information about the Wyss family's farming operation, see their Web site, www.wyss-farms.com.



Pat is shown on the Great Wall of China on their recent visit where they presented American farming techniques at the China Agricultural Hi-Tech Fair in Yangling, China.

ning the operation through various roles.

It was through a chance meeting in 2006 at a presentation at Purdue University that the Wysses met a visiting professor from China, Dou Penghui. Impressed by their enterprise, the professor invited the family to his homeland to share the details of their success in the family farming niche.

In November of 2007, four members of the Wyss family embarked on the trip of a lifetime. As part of a Chinese government-sponsored program, Pat, Andrew, and their sons, Don and Joe, visited Yangling, China, to present the American view of agribusiness at the 14th annual China Yangling Agricultural Hi-Tech Fair.

"The Chinese are trying to improve the agricultural sector of their economy," Pat explained.

The purpose of the five-day fair was primarily to share information about state-of-the-art technology and agricultural practices.

According to Joe, the family



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Catholic Schools Week 2008 fact sheet

• What is Catholic Schools Week?

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Catholic schools are proud of their educational network that emphasizes intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical and social values in their students.

• When is Catholic Schools Week 2008?

Catholic Schools Week begins the last Sunday in January. This year it is Jan. 27-Feb. 2.

• What is the theme of CSW?

The theme is: "Catholic Schools Light the Way."

• What is the purpose of the Catholic Schools Week celebration?

The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to build community awareness of, and involvement in, Catholic schools

throughout the country. During this week, many dioceses and schools encourage parents to take full advantage of the benefits of local Catholic schools by enrolling their children in those schools. CSW also is an occasion for schools to interest citizens in volunteering their time and talents to the local Catholic schools.

• Who sponsors Catholic Schools Week?

Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

• How long has Catholic Schools Week been around?

The Catholic Schools Week celebration became an annual event in 1974. The first national Catholic Schools Week slogan was "Different Where It Counts Message, Community, Service."

Top ten ways for parents to observe Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is not just for kids. Here are 10 ways for parents to participate in the annual celebration of Catholic education:

- Write a note of appreciation to your children's teachers. Thank them for the attention and energy they give your children every day, as well as for their dedication to Catholic education.

- Write a letter to your parish priest, thanking him for supporting the Catholic school that is preparing your children for a bright future.

- Write a letter to your representatives in the U.S. Congress and state legislature to let them know why Catholic education is important to you and your community. Send a copy of your letter to your school principal.

- While you're at it, write a thank-you note to that special teacher from your own Catholic school days who had a significant impact on your life.

- Donate books or other learning materials to the school library. If you can, ask the librarian if the school needs books on certain subjects or for particular grade levels.

- Set aside time for family prayer for all those who contribute to the success of your children's school, including students, teachers, staff and volunteers. Add a prayer for vocations to continue the Catholic education tradition in your community and throughout the country.

- Volunteer to help plan and carry out Catholic Schools Week activities. Whether you are able to contribute a little time or a lot, your effort helps

make the week special for all.

- If, through your work or volunteer activities, you learn of a need in the community that students at your children's school can help fill, recommend a Catholic Schools Week or ongoing service project. Better yet, volunteer to organize it.

- Join in the fun! Gather the entire family — from younger siblings to grandparents — and participate in the week's events at your children's school.

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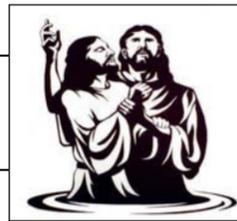


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EDITORIAL

Technology part of Catholic education

From the stories highlighted this week in *Today's Catholic*, Catholic education is right on when it comes to incorporating technological innovations.

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Despite the technological advances in the classrooms of our Catholic schools, the heart of learning is still the individual student — and the child's formation not just in reading, writing and arithmetic but also growth in the Catholic faith, realizing one's talents to be all that God wants them to be in life and then eternal happiness with God. Despite the complexities of a technological and a secularized culture, Catholic education is still something you can have faith in.

Working with young people in public schools

The diocese recognizes that, due to a host of reasons, not all Catholic students will attend Catholic schools. In many ways, this is especially prominent with diocesan high school students. A priority of Bishop John M. D'Arcy has been outreach and religious education to not just those in the elementary education years, but also to the high school students.

It is recognized that strong high school programs in our parishes have proven successful for nourishing vocations, whether the young people attend a Catholic high school or a public high school. The leadership of diocesan Youth Ministry and Evangelization is strengthening this by working with individual parishes or cluster parishes to create a youth program that includes instruction in the faith, prayer, celebration of the sacraments and volunteer work. One such program recently introduced throughout the diocese is XLT. This evening of prayer, reflection, adoration and benediction is combined with contemporary Christian music. It has not only attracted youths, but adults as well.

For more information about Youth Ministry, visit the diocesan Web site, www.diocesefwsb.org or contact Cindy Black, director, at (260) 422-4611.

Business stewardship

It's no secret that it costs a lot of money to keep the doors open at our Catholic schools. But there are many businesses willing, literally, to "lend a hand." Heading the list, in fact, is Quality Dining, Inc., parent company of local Burger King and Chili's restaurants and Papa Vito's Italian Kitchen in South Bend. Since 1982, the "You-Can-Lend-A-Hand" program has raised more than \$7.2 million for Catholic schools in our diocese.

Several businesses also support our schools or the parents of Catholic school students through community partnership and rewards programs, including Meijer, Don Hall's Restaurants and Specialty Services in the Fort Wayne area, and many others.

SCRIP

There is another way in which families can get involved in fundraising. Most schools and parishes offer the SCRIP program.

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Many businesses support individual schools through the generic SCRIP certificates program. Please check the list of merchants, restaurants and miscellaneous services at your parish to learn who is participating. Often, it's more inclusive than you might think involving several national or regional businesses such as Sears, Lowe's, Macy's, Menards, J.C. Penney's, Walmart, Applebee's, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Best Buy, Blockbuster Video, Barnes & Noble, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Walgreen's and many others.

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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Feeding our loved ones

Many families are faced with decisions about what to do when their loved ones suffer serious brain injury. When individuals are unlikely to come out of so-called "vegetative states," should we discontinue nourishing them by tube feeding? Is there anything wrong with causing patients in compromised states to die from starvation and dehydration under these circumstances? We all lived through such a decision when Terri Schiavo died in 2005 in Florida. Her death raised disturbing ethical questions, which continue to reverberate in society today.

I remember discussing her situation with somebody who remarked, "Well, I wouldn't want to live the way Terri did, with such poor quality of life." My response was, "Nobody would want to live the way she did — yet we all face deficits and disabilities that we have to live with. The bigger question is whether other people should be taking it upon themselves to remove feeding tubes that are effectively nourishing individuals who are compromised or disabled."

Oftentimes people fail to grasp several of the key factors regarding Terri's condition. First, they may mistakenly assume that she was actively dying from something, that she was hanging onto life by a mere thread. But Terri was not dying of any particular disease; she was living with a disability, surrounded by the love of her parents, siblings and friends. She had been living reasonably well with her disability for nearly 15 years, before her estranged husband made the decision to stop feeding her. Terri was an otherwise healthy young person who suffered under the burden of a serious brain injury, which left her unable to do many things on her own. In many ways, she was like a young, helpless child because of her injury. But she was not actively dying from anything.

A second error that is sometimes made is to imagine that Terri was brain dead. I once did a segment for a national news program where the reporter asked me why Catholics were required to do everything in their power to keep people alive who were basically brain dead, like Terri Schiavo. I had to spend a moment explaining how Terri was not even close to being brain dead, and that she had significant brain function. This was evident from her ability to initiate movement, her ability to breathe on her own (she was not on a ventilator), and her ability to pass

through sleep-wake cycles. Brain-dead individuals can never perform these kinds of activities because the organ of the brain has died, and such individuals are, in fact, dead.

A third error that is made in analyzing Terri's situation is to suppose that tube feeding would be required only if it might improve or cure her vegetative state. Some bioethicists, including sadly some priests, seem to pursue this erroneous line of thought. One of them has written:

"Even though her parents disagreed, her spouse... asked that life support in the form of ANH (artificial nutrition and hydration) be removed. Was it ethical or sound? It seems it was. First of all, he maintained that this was her wish. Moreover, given the history of the case and sound medical opinion, he would be on sound ethical grounds if he requested that ANH be removed because it did not offer her hope of benefit."

Tube feeding, of course, cannot offer hope of benefit or cure for the vegetative state. Tube feeding is not meant to be a therapy for brain damage. Rather it offers a different kind of benefit, namely, the very real benefit of preventing dehydration and starvation, which nobody ought to die from. Generally speaking, we ought to die from a particular pathology or a sickness, not from a state of dehydration or starvation that could easily be prevented by tube feeding. Thus, tube feeding was very effective for Terri, and did offer her benefit. In fact, it enabled her to be nourished for 15 years before being disconnected on March 18, 2005, resulting in her death nearly two weeks later.

A commentary issued by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 2007 describes the benefits of tube feeding in this way:

"It does not involve excessive expense; it is within the capacity of an average healthcare system, does not of itself require hospitalization, and is proportionate to accomplishing its purpose, which is to keep the patient from dying of starvation and dehydration. It is not, nor is it meant to be, a treatment that cures the patient, but is rather ordinary care aimed at the preservation of life."

Sometimes patients suppose that tube feeding can be generically declined, by specifying it beforehand in a living will. It would never be ethical, however, to decline an ordinary or proportionate means that is oriented towards preserving life. We are morally obligated to use all such



MAKING
SENSE OF
BIOETHICS

BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

ordinary means, because we must take care of the life we have received as a gift. It is not ours to dispose of or act against, and we cannot ever ethically engage in suicide or euthanasia, nor specify such actions beforehand in written instruments, like living wills.

On the other hand, we should not draw the conclusion, that tube feeding will always be required. There will be circumstances and situations where tube feeding may become extraordinary or disproportionate, as when it is no longer effective (the food is not absorbed), when it causes extreme discomfort, pain or serious infection, or when it causes other grave difficulties such as repetitive aspiration (vomiting and breathing the vomit into the lungs, often resulting in pneumonia). Normally, however, tube feeding is not unduly burdensome and is not unduly expensive or difficult, and therefore should be presumed necessary for patients who might need it, unless and until it is shown to no longer provide the benefit of nourishment, or to cause significant complications and harmful side-effects.

Often what lies at the heart of these debates is the view that a life must have a certain amount of "quality" or else it need not be continued. But every life has imperfect qualities, and some have more than others. It is never our place to judge whether another's life is "worth living." Our duty is to provide loving care and strong support to those whose "quality of life" may be less than perfect, including those who are sick or those who may be struggling with serious disabilities like those in Terri Schiavo's situation, rather than targeting them for an early demise through the withholding of food and water.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See www.ncbcenter.org

Easter's date calculated on lunar calendar

Why isn't the celebration of Easter the same every year? MW, Fort Wayne

Easter, like the Jewish celebration of Passover, is a movable feast, calculated on the basis of the lunar, not the solar calendar. It is established yearly on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21); this year, Easter is about as early as it can be, falling on March 23. There was some talk a number of years ago about fixing the celebration of Easter on a particular Sunday in April (and the pope certainly has the authority, should he choose, to do so), but I suspect we'll never see this done. Frankly, its very mobility as a feast is a wonderful counterbalance to the secularization of time and season that we all experience.

After hearing reports in the news about UFO sightings in Texas, I was wondering, does the church have an official stance on UFOs and life on other planets? Anonymous

The church has never taken a formal position about life on other planets, etc. However, the church

would insist that the entire cosmos is the product of the one God and Father of Jesus Christ; thus, should there exist life elsewhere in the universe (and this is mere supposition), then it, too, has no other source than the one true God.

We know the church condemns cloning of humans. What does the church say about cloning animals and putting them into the food supply? Also, many nations are reluctant to accept genetically modified food. Does the church have a voice on this issue? Anonymous

To the best of my knowledge, there has been no formal teaching on the cloning of plants or animals. However, I suspect the church would see this as a precarious step on a slippery slope, so to speak, and is clear in its opposition to human cloning.

The popular "Pieta" prayer booklet has many prayers whose origins are from St. Bridget of Sweden. Does the church approve these prayers and promises? Anonymous.

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

The church might grant an Imprimatur (a formal approbation indicating a prayer or book is free of doctrinal or moral error) to a prayer book like the "Pieta," but that does not mean that it is thereby mandated for Catholic belief or practice. Whatever the content of the revelations (prayers or promises) granted to St. Bridget, they remain a matter of private revelation and thus not binding upon any Catholic. What the church might say is that such revelations are worthy of belief, but that is not the same as indicating that Catholics must accept them.

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

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for January 27, 2008

Matthew 4:12-23

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: Jesus moves from Nazareth to Capernaum. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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Have you ever noticed that as you grow older, your circle of friends grows smaller and smaller?

I had a large group of friends as a teenager and heading into my early 20s. There were my childhood friends, my high school friends, my baseball-playing friends and, eventually, my college friends, followed by my work-related friends.

For a while there, I juggled these friendships simultaneously. I can remember planning how I would spend my time with each group, trying not to bypass one segment for too long.

Each group represented a different part of my life — in some respects, a different part of my personality — and those friendships meant a lot to me. I didn't want to relinquish any of them.

But as we grow older, many of those friendships fade, or are replaced by other relationships. Marriage and children relegate many of those friendships to the past while career paths carry us away as well.

There also isn't nearly as much time to simply "have fun," which is what those early-year relationships were predicated upon in the first place. After all, that is a young person's job, isn't it? To have fun?

Being young is about being with your buddies, your pals, those who make you laugh. I had a couple of friends who made me laugh just anticipating what they were going to say.

My wife and I have been married for 23 years. She is my best friend, and I am hers. We prefer it that way. But it's important to occasionally tap back into some of those old relationships that meant so much to us decades ago.

I'm not talking about annual retreats with childhood friends. Those are fine for some people, especially for younger, unattached

adults. But any lengthy time away from work these days is going to be spent with my wife and/or my son, not a drinking buddy from the '70s. Maybe an evening with one of my old pals, but not a week-long hiatus in Vegas. For me, that would be living in the past at the expense of my family.

I'm talking about simply picking up the phone and calling an old friend. We hesitate to initiate these conversations because there may be a period of discomfort. What do I say? Do we still have anything in common? Does he really care what's going on in my life?

When I was a junior in high school, I had a group of friends — five seniors — who played on the baseball team together. We were inseparable, which of course quickly changed in college. Two of us went to Notre Dame and the other four each went to a different college. Other than my friend also at Notre Dame, there was very little communication.

A couple of years ago, I bumped into one of the four that had gone to college out of town, and we started to periodically call one another. We laughed at some "remember when ..." stories, and he and another one from our group got together for a meal during the recent Christmas holidays.

It was 90 minutes, at least that many laughs, and a warm feeling when we all drove away.

I have had five class reunions since high school, with a sixth one — my 30th coming up. I've attended each one. We've all gained a little weight or lost a bit of hair or haven't quite achieved as much as the next person.

But as God's plan would have it, he thrust us all together for a small segment of our lives way back when. Why not take a couple of hours away from our work and worries and share a laugh or two with old friends?



FROM THE SIDELINES

BY TIM PRISTER

I recently had business in San Antonio, where my college roommate now lives. We talk a half-dozen times a year or less. He brings his kids into town for Notre Dame football games once a year, and I dined with him and his fiancé while I was in Texas.

A couple of years ago, we started concluding our conversations with, "Love you, bro" or "Love you, man." (Men, of course, don't put the I in front of it because that would be much too personal.)

We never would have considered saying something like that 25 years ago. But we say it now because we're secure enough in our manhood and because it simply feels good to let someone know that you care about him and that your friendship is something that you'll carry with you for the rest of your life.

Do yourself a favor. Pick up the phone, call a friend from the past, and simply tell him or her that you were thinking of them. You'll shock them, share a few laughs, and brighten your day.

For a fleeting moment, your job, how much money you make and how busy you are won't matter. All that will matter is that you and that person are connected as friends once again-forever.

Tim Prister is a 1978 graduate of Marian High School and a 1982 graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

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insisted that its mission had nothing to do with abortion. But having found that contraceptives are not always effective, and having assured their clients that their sexual activity would be pregnancy-free, Planned Parenthood became committed to providing a "back-up" to contraceptive failure, thus becoming the largest network of abortion providers in the world. That many people do use abortion as a back-up to failed contraception is shown by studies which have found that among women who have abortions, over 80 percent are experienced contraceptive users, and over half say they were using a contraceptive in the month they conceived.

In addition, the Alan Guttmacher Institute published data in 2000, which clearly showed that states (such as New York and California) that ranked highest in access to contraception also had the highest abortion rates in the country.

But the most significant problem with promoting contraception among teens is that it ignores the emotional and spiritual dimensions of sex. Recent research in the field of biochemistry has shown clearly that chemicals released during sexual activity, such as oxytocin and vasopressin, permanently alter body chemistry and promote

strong emotional bonding between the partners. Once these bonds are established, disrupting them causes terrible distress.

Surely we want to protect our teens from the kind of heartbreak that even many adults find devastating. And as William Bennett, former U.S. Secretary of Education, once wrote with his customary candor: "Sex education is about character and the formation of character. A sex-education course in which issues of right and wrong do not occupy center stage is an evasion and an irresponsibility."

Abstinence-only advocates are often criticized as not living in the "real world." But in the real world, teens tend to live up to our expectations if we raise the bar high, and they tend to live down to our expectations if we lower that bar.

Recent studies have found that the number of teens delaying sexual activity is responsible for a large part of the reduced abortion rate in recent years in our country. Surely in this most important area of education in sexuality, our teens deserve parents and teachers who raise the bar high and help them to reach it.

Lisa Everett is the co-director of the Office of Family Life for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Sports

USF FOOTBALL AWARDS BANQUET TICKETS NOW ON SALE Tickets are now on sale for the University of Saint Francis Football Awards banquet on Sunday, Feb. 17. The public is invited as well as all USF students, staff and faculty. Tickets are \$25 for the banquet that begins at 1 p.m. at the Landmark Conference & Reception Centre, 6222 Ellison Rd. Reservations can be made by calling Juanita McMeeking at (260) 434-7772 or e-mail jmcmeeking@sf.edu to reserve your seat.

Three CYO teams on top in Gold League battle

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The St. Jude Eagles boys' basketball team is having a great season with nine eighth graders on their roster for 2007-2008. Cameron Abel, Dakota Becker, Trevor Ecclestone, Andrew Eckrich, Cody Haxton, Seth Henline, Michael Kindler, Ben Rorick and Tristan Young are working hard this year for coaches Pat Henline, Scott Ecclestone and York Young. After their first five Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) games, the Eagles are 4-1 in the Gold League, which includes a five-point loss to St. Vincent and an exciting triple overtime victory over St. Joseph, Decatur.

In a non-conference pickup game, the Eagles lost a well-played match-up to Blue League powerhouse, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, on Wednesday night, Jan. 16, by a score of 45-56. James Knapke pumped in 25 points for the visiting Squires, while Kindler led the offensive attack for St. Jude with 20. Last weekend, the Eagles faced St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 44-29, in a Gold League conference battle and won by a score of 44-29. Andrew Yaney and Drew Morken led the Panthers in scoring while Kindler and Henline paced the Eagles.

One of St. Jude's strengths this year includes a tough defensive game. In his fourth season with the Eagles, Coach Henline reports, "We hope to have a strong showing at the CYO tournament." At midseason, the Eagles are 14-9 overall with a few big games left including St. Charles this weekend. With a win over St. John, New Haven last weekend, the Cardinals are also 4-1 in league play.



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

St. Jude and St. Joe Decatur benches look on during the crucial, final minutes of their triple overtime game back on Sunday, Jan. 13. St. Jude won the contest 53-51.

The Commodores from St. Joe, Decatur, are a combined grade 7-8 team this season made up of Nick Fuelling, Peyton Selking, Nick Faurote, Brian Gross, Jared Beer, Jordan Jauregui and Mason Selking. Steve Jauregui is assisting Eric Fuelling, a seasoned veteran in the CYO league. Fuelling feels his team can play well together and he hopes they can "go as far as they can go" in the CYO tournament.

At the midpoint of January, Decatur is 2-3 in the Gold League and 9-6 overall after a 32-23 loss to St. Vincent on Saturday, Jan. 19. The Panthers were paced by Evan Feichter with 17 points while Peyton Selking led St. Joe with 7. St. Vincent also has a 4-1 record in Gold League play thus far in the season. Their 4-point loss came at the hands of the St. Charles Cardinals on Sunday, Jan. 13.

Dwenger wrestling team takes SAC tournament

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Dwenger High School wrestling team won the SAC tournament Jan. 19, providing the third consecutive SAC championship title.

- Individual champions were:
- 103 pounds — Austin Vore, Bishop Dwenger
 - 119 pounds — Tony Lovejoy, Bishop Luers
 - 135 pounds — Ben Porter, Bishop Dwenger
 - 145 pounds — Dan Nix, Bishop Dwenger
 - 285 pounds — Scott Campbell, Bishop Dwenger

The wrestling sectionals are Saturday, Jan. 26. Dwenger will be at Carroll and Luers will be at New Haven.

Dwenger's gymnastics team receives accolades

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Dwenger High School gymnastics team participated in the Concordia Classic gymnastics meet on Jan. 19.

The Saints lost a tight meet to Valparaiso, 113.0 to 112.4. Individual winners for the Saints were: Alicia Roche was the all-around champion with a career high of 38.575; Jeanna Van Hoey was the beam champion with a 9.65; Olivia Lee placed fourth on beam with a 9.2; and Katharine Nix placed ninth on floor with a 9.175.

The team also won the Team Sportsmanship Award.

Consistent teamwork keeps ICCL Panthers on winning streak

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony's basketball Panthers flashed consistent teamwork style and as a result maintained their unblemished record in the Inter-City Catholic League.

The Panthers extended their winning streak to eight games in the John Bosco East division, after beating the St. Thomas 58-50, in a tight defensive struggle. Robert Mischler tossed in 25 for the victors and Alex Brewers netted 14 for the Spartans.

St. Joseph of Mishawaka also maintained its leadership lead in the Martin de Porres East with an easy defeat of St. Monica, a city rival, 41-11. Coley Schultheis and Thomas Stachowiak combined their efforts for 26 points.

Corpus Christi's Cougars also kept their steady winning pace by defeating Christ the King, 41-26, with Tate Bellegrante

looping in 28 points to share top individual scoring honors.

St. Jude rolled over St. Pius X, 48-10, with Drew Hasler and Kyle Luczkowski combining their efforts for 22 points.

St. Bavo of Mishawaka topped its city rival, Queen of Peace, 44-26, with Zach Gill burning the nets for 26 points in another outstanding individual performance.



In other games, St. Joseph of South Bend defeated St. Matthew, 24-21, and St. John the Baptist edged St. Michael of Plymouth, 19-15.

In the Colors Division, St. Joseph Green of Mishawaka defeated St. Thomas Gold with Zach Taylor of St. Thomas as high point man with 10 points.

Christ the King White whipped St. Matthew Black, 37-16, and Connor Edmonds tossed in 14 points to lead the victors.

In other games, St. Thomas Maroon defeated St. Pius Blue, 32-6; Corpus Christi Red downed Christ the King Blue, 36-19; St. Jude Green beat

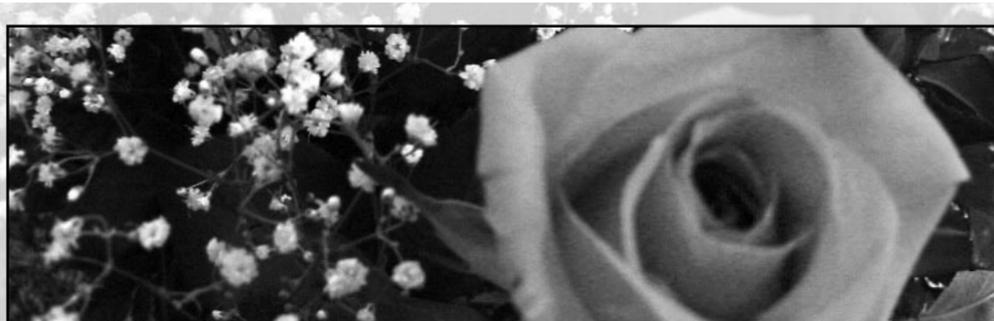
Christ the King Gold, 51-43; and St. Joseph (South Bend) Gold won over St. Joseph (South Bend) Blue, 21-13.

Redeemer Radio announces games

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450 has announced the following sports to air next week:

- Notre Dame basketball — Notre Dame vs. Villanova on Saturday, Jan. 26, at 12 p.m.

- High School Basketball — Bishop Dwenger vs. Homestead, on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 6:15 p.m. with the junior varsity game; and 7:30 p.m. with the varsity game; and Bishop Dwenger vs. East Noble on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 7:30 p.m. with the girls varsity.



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'African-American Lives 2,' to air Feb. 6

BY JOHN MULDERIG

NEW YORK (CNS) — The study of genealogy once again leads to a deeper appreciation of the black experience in America in PBS' revealing four-part series, "African-American Lives 2." A follow-up to the well-received 2006 programs, the new installments will air on PBS stations over two Wednesday evenings, Feb. 6 and 13, 9-11 p.m. EST (check local listings).

Like its predecessor, "African-American Lives 2" is hosted by Henry Louis Gates Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University professor and director of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African-American Research at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Joining Gates to explore their respective family backgrounds are 11 other celebrated black Americans.

In the first two one-hour installments, Gates' guests include actors Morgan Freeman and Don Cheadle, poet Maya Angelou, comedian Chris Rock, theologian Peter Gomes and publisher Linda Johnson Rice, daughter of John Johnson, the founder of *Ebony* and *Jet* magazines.

John Johnson's story illustrates a period of black history known as the Great Migration. As Gates explains, over the first three decades of the 20th century, thousands of African-Americans left their homes in the rural South seeking freedom from segregation and enhanced economic opportunity in Northern cities like New York and Detroit. In Johnson's case, this meant relocating from Arkansas to Chicago, where he was able to establish his highly successful publishing concern by the tender age of 25.

Evidence of just how bad conditions were for blacks in the Jim Crow South is provided by Gates' investigation into the family history of radio broadcaster Tom Joyner. The discovery that Joyner's ancestors once owned 130 acres of land outside Columbia, S.C., only serves to deepen a long-standing family mystery: Why did his grandmother and many of her relatives leave the area sometime between the turn of the century and 1930?

The answer comes from local court records unearthed by Gates. In 1913, two of Joyner's great-uncles were tried, together with three other men, for the murder of a Confederate veteran. Convicted by an all-white jury,

the brothers were executed in 1915.

The second episode, "A Way Out of No Way," reaches further back in time to examine the last years of slavery, the Civil War and the period of Reconstruction. Cheadle learns that his ancestors were enslaved, not by whites, but by Native Americans. As a result, the Emancipation Proclamation did not legally free them. Even after a subsequent treaty with the U.S. government did liberate such slaves, the freedmen were left without either tribal or American citizenship.

The 10 years that followed the defeat of the Confederacy were full of promise for African-Americans. Emblematic of the era was the career of Chris Rock's great-great-grandfather, Julius Caesar Tingman. Having served in the Union Army, Tingman returned to his native South Carolina and was twice elected to the state Legislature.

Political machinations surrounding the election of 1876, however, led to a deal by which Reconstruction came to a close, federal troops were withdrawn from the South and blacks were once again left politically powerless. Though turned out of office, Tingman went on to amass landholdings of more than 65 acres, leaving behind an estate that would have been impressive even for a white Southerner of the time.

Some of Gates' other interviews touch on interracial marriage and the phenomenon of light-skinned black people "passing" for white. Continuing his quest from the first series, Gates also explores his own family background, visiting the West Virginia farm his ancestors first purchased in 1906.

Whether surveying this lush rural landscape or the decaying urban infrastructure of East St. Louis, Ill., where Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey grew up, the photography is excellent. The interviews in which Gates presents information about their ancestors to his guests are often moving, while the series as a whole shows the enduring personal impact of this long-neglected chapter of the nation's past.

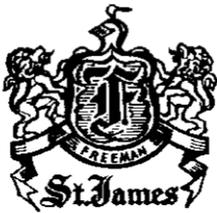
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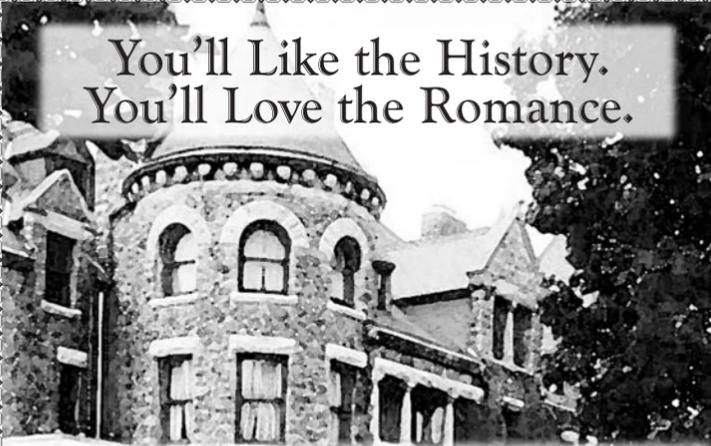
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Open house
Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul School will have an open house on Sunday, Jan. 27, in the parish hall from 1-3 p.m. Open registration and school tours provided. For information call (260) 489-3537, ext. 212.

Open house
Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood School, 1529 Barthold St., will have an open house on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. A pancake breakfast will also be served in the school gym from 9 a.m. to noon.

St. Vincent de Paul men's club plans casino night
Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent de Paul Notre Dame athletics fund raiser and casino night will be Saturday, Jan. 26, from 6-11 p.m. in the parish hall. Texas hold'em, blackjack and more. Admission is \$15 pre-sale or \$20 at the door and includes food by Casa. Contact Todd Martin at toddm@cse-nh.com for tickets.

Family-style Polish dinner and dance
South Bend — St. Adalbert Parish will have a Polish dinner

and dance on Sunday, Feb. 3, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and available at the parish office. Advance sale only by Jan. 28.

Knights plan fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 1, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

Dinner supports tuition assistance
Walkerton — St. Patrick School will have a benefit dinner for tuition assistance on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 4-7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. For tickets call (574) 586-7405.

Mardi Gras dinner planned
Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger music department will have a Fat Tuesday celebration on Feb. 5, in the Bishop Dwenger cafeteria. A dinner featuring jambalaya, salad, roll and King Cake with your choice of beverage for \$12. Seating begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Following

dinner the Bishop Dwenger music department will perform. Tickets are available through any music student or contact Louise Grabner at (260) 627-7547 or Lori Stock at (260) 627-0170.

Trivia night supports school
South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert, will have a trivia night backyard BBQ, sponsored by the home and school association on Saturday, Feb. 9. Cash bar opens at 5 p.m. and trivia contest begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per table (10 person maximum per table). First prize is \$100 cash. Best theme prize. To reserve a table call Andrea Davis (574) 288-2348.

150th anniversary of Lourdes
South Bend — The Santa Maria Knights Council #553 will have the 43rd annual Lourdes charity dinner dance on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 553 E. Washington St. Wine and cheese and silent auction from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner to follow catered by Fiddler's Hearth. Dancing to music of the Mike Vaszari Band. Tickets are \$30 per person. RSVP required by Jan. 28. All proceeds used to send one or more pilgrims with

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Day of reflection
Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at Our Lady of Angels Convent, across from Marian High School, Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Be Not Afraid." Please bring your Bible. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch. Register by Friday, Jan. 25, to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Rosary prayed during march
Fort Wayne — A rosary for life will be recited during the Allen County March for Life, Saturday, Jan. 26. Participants will meet at the Rosary for Life table at 1 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Center after the Rally for Life. They will march from there to the Federal Building led by one of the diocesan priests and escorted by the Knights of Columbus. For information call Annemarie Muth at (260) 402-2901.

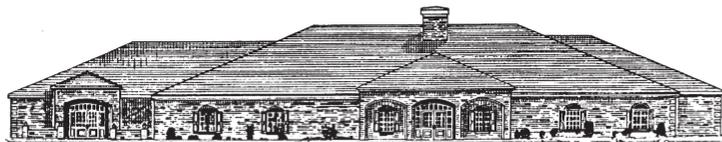
Day of recollection planned
South Bend — The Christ Child Society will have a day of reflection/recollection on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Sacred Heart Parish Center at 9:30 a.m. The reflections will be presented by Father Kenneth Grabner, CSC. Cost for the day is \$17 and includes lunch. Call (574) 291-8492 or e-

Little Flower Holy Hour
Fort Wayne — Father Paul Bueter will celebrate the holy hour at MacDougal Chapel Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7:15 p.m. Father Paul is pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Warsaw.

TV MASS GUIDE FOR FEBRUARY

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Feb. 3	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Bruce Piechocki St. Francis Xavier Pierceton	Father Terry Fisher St. Joseph Mishawaka	
Feb. 10	First Sunday in Lent	Father John Suelzer St. Charles Borromeo Fort Wayne	Father David Scheidler, CSC St. Adalbert South Bend	
Feb. 17	Second Sunday in Lent	Father Mark Gurtner Our Lady of Good Hope Fort Wayne	Father Dan Scheidt Queen of Peace Mishawaka	
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Pro-life officials praise decline in U.S. abortion rate

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A study showing that abortion rates in the United States have fallen to their lowest level in nearly 30 years is good news for pro-life officials who attribute the decrease to changing attitudes.

"I am not surprised that the number and rate of abortions is falling steadily," said Deirdre McQuade, director of planning and information for the bishops' Office of Pro-Life Activities, who credits the shift in part to recent debates about partial-birth abortion, which have increased public awareness about abortions.

She said she was confident abortions would continue to decrease in the United States as more information about abortions was made available to the general public, support networks expanded for expectant parents in crisis, people sought healing from past abortions and adoption was "treated as a courageous choice for birth mothers."

The number of abortions declined to 1.2 million in 2005, a figure that is 25 percent below

the 1.6 million abortions in 1990 and is the lowest level reported since 1.179 million in 1976, according to a study released Jan. 17 by the Guttmacher Institute, a Planned Parenthood affiliate based in New York.

The report shows the abortion rate, the number of abortions per every thousand women ages 15-44, was down to 19.4 for 1,000 women — the lowest it has been since 1974.

The study, "Abortion in the United States: Incidence and Access to Services, 2005," is based on the organization's survey of abortion providers in the United States and analysis of U.S. Census Bureau data. The study will appear in the March 2008 issue of the institute's journal, *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*.

Randall O'Bannon, director of education and research for the National Right to Life Committee, said the data indicate that women are rejecting abortions because they are becoming more informed about the proce-

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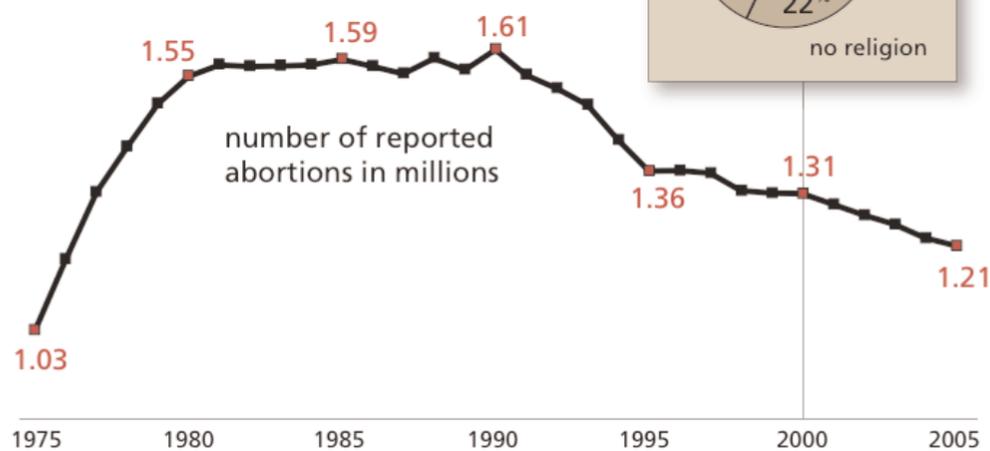
He said information about abortions has become increasingly available, particularly in the 23 states with informed consent laws ensuring that women seeking abortion are provided with detailed information about abortion and its risks, biological information about the development of their unborn child and financial information about the types of governmental and private assistance available to them.

Although the Guttmacher report did not list reasons for the decreased number of abortions, researchers said it could be a combination of factors, including the possible increased use of contraception, restrictions on abortions and the wider availability of the abortion pill RU-486.

The report also noted a decline in the number of U.S. abortion providers since 2000. The number of abortion providers decreased in 26 states, increased in 15 states and stayed the same in nine states.

Abortions Decline

The number of reported abortions began to gradually decline in 1991 and continued to fall.



Source: Guttmacher Institute

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