



TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Becoming a friend of God

Catholic Schools in South Bend celebrate annual All School Mass

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — Last week's snowstorms didn't hinder nearly 5,000 Catholic School students from gathering at the University of Notre Dame Joyce Center Jan. 24 to celebrate the 17th annual All School Mass.

"Thank you for being here on such a snowy morning," began Bishop John M. D'Arcy, the celebrant of the Mass kicking off Catholic Schools Week, which is slated Jan. 27 through Feb. 2.

The bishop exhorted the children, "Pray for your parents. Open your heart to God. Ask what you are to do with your life, what is your vocation?"

In his homily, Bishop D'Arcy recalled how Jesus no longer called his disciples — and us — servants, but friends. In what has become a traditional and lively question-answer time with the students, the bishop asked when did you become a friend of God?

Corpus Christi eighth-grader Brady Ruffing quickly answered, "At baptism."

Bishop D'Arcy continued his line of questioning, pointing out that a friend is someone who loves us. He then asked the students how we can increase that friendship with God.

"You go through the sacraments," replied a sixth grader from St. John the Baptist in South Bend.

Kyle, a fourth grader from St. Monica's in Mishawaka, added, "Do good deeds. Do God's will. Pray."

When further pressed, Kyle explained that this includes "spreading the word of God by telling people Jesus died for our sins."

Pointing out the many baskets of donated food that the children brought up and lined the base of the altar with, Bishop D'Arcy explained how helping the poor also helps each of us.

"The same Jesus Christ we meet in the Eucharist, we meet in the poor," said the bishop.

Bishop D'Arcy then went on to talk about hearing

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Corpus Christi fifth graders Peter Czewski and Faith Spiteri sing in the choir for the All School Mass.

LIGHT THE WAY



PROVIDED BY ST. BAVO SCHOOL

This mural was painted by Alexander Horvath, a third-grade student, and Sophia Olsen, a fourth-grade student at St. Bavo School in Mishawaka. The halls were then lined with paper candles made by each student pre-kindergarten through eighth grade carrying out the theme "Catholic Schools Light the Way."

Fast and abstinence during Lent

Catholics in the United States are obliged to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during the season of Lent. They are also obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended. (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' pastoral statement of Nov. 18, 1966)

Persons between the ages of 18 and 58 are bound by the law of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; persons 59 years of age and older are not bound to the law of fasting on these days. All persons 14 years of age and older are bound to observe the law of abstinence during the Fridays of Lent.

The law of fasting, which obliges on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and is recommended on other weekdays of Lent, allows only one full meal a day, but does not for-

bid taking some food at the other two mealtimes. — "Apostolic Constitution of Poenitemini" 111, 1 and 2.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy has urged that, according to a long-standing tradition, people try to attend daily Mass during Lent. Other traditional practices, such as Stations of the Cross, personal prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament are highly encouraged. Concrete sacrifices, however

small, for those in need are strongly encouraged. All are asked to pray for those among us who are preparing for baptism or reception into the church at Easter time. All are also asked to pray for more young men and women to respond to the call of the priesthood and religious life.

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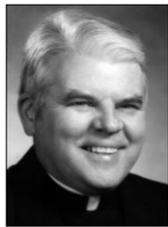
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Catholic Schools Week includes activities with bishop



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Catholic Schools Week

It began for us last week when we had our annual All Schools Mass in South Bend. Michiana is a community that withstands snow pretty well. It is nothing to have 12 to 15 inches of lake effect snow in a day while the sun is shining in surrounding areas. With that in mind, I determined not to go up until an early morning phone call with our hardworking superintendent of schools, Holy Cross Father Steve Kempinger. Touching base with him at 6:45 a.m. indicated all schools were "go." So I set out on the journey, and sure enough, arriving in South Bend snow was intense. But all schools showed up, and we had a beautiful Mass with several thousand young people from all around the South Bend area. It was a joy to offer Mass with our school community.

This was followed by a lunch with the priests in the area, and then my annual visit with Mike Brey, the excellent coach of the Notre Dame basketball team. I do not know if this had any affect with their first league road win over Villanova, but perhaps it did not hurt.

You Can Lend a Hand

This Mass also launched the annual You Can Lend a Hand effort. Children from our elementary schools sell booklets in collaboration with Quality Dining, which brings in great funds for individual schools. Unlike the public schools, we do not have taxation, and this particular effort has brought in over \$7 million to our elementary schools over the years

Diocesan School Board

I met this week with the Diocesan School Board and was pleased to share with them that we have given out our first grants to parish schools from the Legacy of Faith. It was our intention not to give these grants until our income from pledges reached \$20 million as an endowment for the elementary schools. However, we moved it up by one year. This year, \$828,000 will be distributed to all our elementary schools. Next year, when we go over our goal, this will rise significantly. Every parish with a school received a grant this week, and those parishes with greater economic needs, determined by how many students were on the Federal Lunch Program, received more.

In the near future, I will give a fuller report on the Legacy of Faith: How much has come in, and how much has been distributed, etc. In addition to the grants for the endowments, almost \$6 million has been returned directly to parishes. The parishes are the heart of the diocese, and

when they are strong, the diocese is strong. More on all this later.

Religious education

I was especially pleased to share with the Diocesan School Board a report on many areas, but one, of great importance to the bishop and I am sure to our people, was a brief report from Sister Jane Carew of our Office of Catechesis.

Every year students in various grades are given an annual test. Our schools rank 10 to 20 percent above the national average in their response to a national test prepared by the National Catholic Education Association. The test is given in grades 5, 8, 9 and 12.

Andy Oross, who has taught for many years, first at Bishop Dwenger and more recently at Saint Joseph's High School and now is chair of the theology department at Saint Joe, tells us that he is very struck by how much the young people know about their faith when they come to Saint Joe High.

This is essential. How can people think of following Christ when they do not even know what he has taught? How could one think of being a priest or a consecrated religious unless they learn about his love?

There are 28 teachers of theology in our four high schools, and all have or are studying for a masters degree in theology. This would not be possible except for grants from Our Sunday Visitor.

More on schools

I was off early on a Monday morning to Holy Cross Parish on the west side of South Bend. This is very much an urban school with a diverse population, and it receives

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great leadership under Angie Budzinski and Holy Cross Father Mike Mathews. For many years, they had talked about expanding this school with a new library, a gym and an art center. Alas, with the help of a loan from the diocese and extraordinary fund-raising efforts, it has been completed. I went to bless the new facility and was most impressed. The floor was donated by the women's basketball team of Notre Dame and is the same floor on which they won their national championship in St. Louis.

The bishop of the diocese engaged in a free-throw contest. Alas, I was 0 for 5. The once nimble seminary player has lost his timing.

A word of appreciation

This week, an extraordinary gift was announced. Our Sunday Visitor has donated

\$1 million to each of our four high schools in honor of my golden jubilee as a priest. This money is given for an endowment in each school for grants to those students who otherwise could not attend our schools. Each year, according to the guidelines laid down by Our Sunday Visitor, \$50,000 or 5 percent, whichever is greater, will be set aside at each school for tuition grants.

I am grateful to the Our Sunday Visitor board for this grant, especially to Greg Erlandson, our president; Bill Newell, our vice-chairman; and Thomas Blee, our executive director of the Our Sunday Visitor Institute and secretary of the board.

The money, which Our Sunday Visitor realizes, is gained from the sale of the Sunday envelopes that all of you use each week. It is invested, and then the grants are given to Catholic institutions all over the country. Our Sunday Visitor, as you know, was founded by Archbishop Noll and is a great institution in this diocese. I thank them for this great generosity to our schools.

Another grant

In addition, Quality Dining has donated \$50,000, also in honor of my jubilee for the same purpose. I told people at the time of the jubilee that they could give money, if they chose, to the Catholic Education Fund. With the money from the Quality Dining grant, this fund will be well over \$100,000. This will also be in an endowment so we can give grants to all our schools, elementary and secondary, beginning in the coming academic year.

Now comes Lent

The earliest Lent ever, I am told. It is a blessed time. There are so many graces for every parish and for each individual in these weeks. It is a moment to open our hearts to Christ through prayer and fasting and the giving of alms. I really think my vocation was born or certainly nourished in the Lents of Our Lady of Presentation Parish so many years ago.

Struggling up that steep hill for morning Mass during the elementary grades, half-asleep and later, in the high school years attending early Lenten Mass at B.C. High. Most of all I remember the Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoon in my parish church. I found them hard and difficult with the standing and kneeling, but I was so impressed with the one carrying the cross and so sorry for my sins.

Lent and Easter is a great time for priests. Demanding, but beautiful and a chance to preach to our people about the saving action of Jesus Christ, and how close he is to us in the sacraments and his word.

Also, it should be noted that the pitchers and catchers report to spring training in about 10 days, I am awaiting a call to come and throw batting practice for the Red Sox. See you all next week.

Confirmation schedule, spring 2008

Date	Time	Parish	Bishop	Date	Time	Parish	Bishop
Jan. 20	1:30 p.m.	Holy Cross, South Bend St. Hedwig, South Bend St. Stanislaus, South Bend St. Patrick, South Bend (at Holy Cross)	D'Arcy	April 27	11:45 a.m.	Campus Ministeries of University of Notre Dame Holy Cross College (at Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame)	D'Arcy
Feb. 2	5 p.m.	St. Therese, Fort Wayne	D'Arcy	April 29	7:30 p.m.	St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne	D'Arcy
March 3	7 p.m.	St. Mary, Bristol	D'Arcy	May 1	7 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne	D'Arcy
March 30	2:30 p.m.	St. Pius X, Granger	D'Arcy	May 4	1:30 p.m.	St. John the Baptist, New Haven	D'Arcy
April 2	7 p.m.	Holy Family, South Bend Corpus Christi, South Bend St. Stanislaus, New Carlisle St. John the Baptist, South Bend (at Holy Family)	D'Arcy	May 9	7 p.m.	St. Joseph, La Grange St. Gaspar Del Bufalo, Rome City (at St. Joseph)	D'Arcy
April 3	7 p.m.	St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend	D'Arcy	May 10	5 p.m.	St. Paul/Cross, Columbia City	D'Arcy
April 4	7 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Auburn	D'Arcy	May 10	7 p.m.	St. Mary/Assumption, Avilla Immaculate Conception, Kendallville (at St. Mary of the Assumption)	Houck
April 7	7 p.m.	St. Mary/Assumption, Decatur	D'Arcy	May 11	11:30 a.m.	Adult confirmation Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne	D'Arcy
April 9	7 p.m.	Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne (at Precious Blood)	D'Arcy	May 11	6 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart	Houck
April 11	7 p.m.	St. Jude, Fort Wayne	D'Arcy	May 12	7 p.m.	St. Joseph, Fort Wayne	D'Arcy
April 12	5:30 p.m.	St. Anthony of Padua, Angola	D'Arcy	May 12	7 p.m.	St. Adalbert, South Bend St. Casimir, South Bend (at St. Adalbert)	Houck
April 13	2 p.m.	Combined confirmation for: Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception St. Robert Bellarmine, North Manchester St. Joseph, Garrett St. John Bosco, Churubusco St. Joseph, Bluffton St. Joseph, Roanoke St. Catharine, Nix Settlement (at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne)	D'Arcy	May 13	7 p.m.	Christ the King, South Bend	Houck
April 20	2:30 p.m.	St. Michael, Plymouth St. Patrick, Walkerton (at St. Michael)	D'Arcy	May 13	6:30 p.m.	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne	D'Arcy
April 22	7 p.m.	Ss. Peter and Paul, Huntington St. Mary, Huntington (at Ss. Peter and Paul)	D'Arcy	May 14	7 p.m.	St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart	Houck
April 23	7 p.m.	St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne	D'Arcy	May 15	7 p.m.	St. Jude, South Bend Sacred Heart, Lakeville (at St. Jude)	Houck
April 25	7 p.m.	St. Joseph, South Bend Sacred Heart, Notre Dame (at St. Joseph)	D'Arcy	May 20	7 p.m.	Sacred Heart, Warsaw St. Francis Xavier, Piercetown (at Sacred Heart)	D'Arcy
April 26	10 a.m.	St. Mary of the Lake, Culver	D'Arcy	May 22	7 p.m.	St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel	D'Arcy
				May 24	5:30 p.m.	Little Flower, South Bend	D'Arcy
				May 25	11 a.m.	Adult confirmation St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend	D'Arcy
				May 28	7 p.m.	St. Monica, Mishawaka	D'Arcy
				June 7	5 p.m.	St. Dominic, Bremen	D'Arcy
				June 8	5:30 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Goshen	D'Arcy
				June 15	2 p.m.	St. Patrick, Ligonier	D'Arcy

Lenten Message

Lent is about Jesus Christ. If it is not centered on Christ and his sacrifice and the deliverance which he accomplished through his suffering, through the offering of himself in love, then we miss the point of this holy season.

That is why prayer is so central for us if we are to embrace this season and be open to many graces that are offered to us as we pass through Lent.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews helps us to understand the cross as the source of our sanctification.

It is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. — Heb 10:10.

This is why in previous generations people found the Way of the Cross such an instrument of holiness, and Pope Benedict XVI picks up this theme when he tells us that by contemplating the pierced side of Christ, one begins to find the way of love.

"It is from such contemplation that the definition of love begins. In its contemplation, the Christian discovers the path along which his life and love must move." — Benedict XVI, "Deus Caritas Est"

This is why many great saints, like St. Francis of Assisi prayed before the crucifix.

May this loving contemplation mark our lives this Lent.

+ John M. D'Arcy

Indianapolis archbishop discloses he has Hodgkin's lymphoma

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis told Catholics in his archdiocese he has been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the lymph nodes also known as Hodgkin's disease.

In a Jan. 22 letter to Catholics, Archbishop Buechlein said he received the diagnosis Jan. 18 after having undergone a series of tests the week of Jan. 13 following "a lot of fatigue" and after he noticed a swelling under his right arm.

"I am meeting this week with my oncologist to determine where I go from here concerning a course of treatment," the archbishop said. "I already know that chemotherapy is required. ... Chemotherapy has proven to be a highly effective method for treating this disease."

Archbishop Buechlein, who will turn 70 in April, added he would undergo a complete-body CT scan "to determine more precisely the extent of the problem."

"I've been told that the side effects of the chemotherapy will be further fatigue. I regret the interruption this may cause in my normal obligations," he said.

"I do not expect the day-to-day operations of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to be greatly affected. We are blessed to have so many dedicated and hardworking clergy, religious and parish life coordinators as well as an excellent administrative staff. Our many ministries will continue as usual."

Archbishop Buechlein added, "I would appreciate your prayers and please know that I will continue to pray for all of you."

The archbishop, a Benedictine, has headed the archdiocese since 1992.

Hodgkin's disease accounts for less than 1 percent of all cases of cancer in the United States, the National Cancer Institute says.



Most Rev. Daniel M. Buechlein, OSB
Archbishop of Indianapolis

According to the institute, in Hodgkin's disease, cells in the lymphatic system become abnormal. They divide too rapidly and grow without any order or control. Because lymphatic tissue is present in many parts of the body, Hodgkin's disease can start almost anywhere. Hodgkin's disease may occur in a single lymph node, a group of lymph nodes or sometimes in other parts of the lymphatic system such as the bone marrow or spleen.

This type of cancer tends to spread in a fairly orderly way from one group of lymph nodes to the next group. For example, Hodgkin's disease that arises in the lymph nodes in the neck spreads first to the nodes above the collarbones, and then to other nodes under the arms and within the chest. Eventually, if left untreated, it can spread to almost any other part of the body.

For more information about Hodgkin's disease, visit the National Cancer Institute's Web site, www.cancer.gov/cancer-topics/types/hodgkin

Bishop Warfel installed as seventh bishop of Great Falls-Billings

BY FATHER JAY H. PETERSON

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (CNS) — More than 1,000 Catholics from eastern Montana welcomed Bishop Michael W. Warfel as the new bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings during a Jan. 16 installation Mass at the newly constructed Holy Spirit Church in Great Falls.

Bishop Warfel, who had led the Diocese of Juneau, Alaska, since 1996, took possession of his new diocese in a liturgy filled with song and ceremony. His symbolic chair, known as a cathedra, was transferred for the occasion from St. Ann Cathedral in downtown Great Falls to the new church.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, read the mandate from Pope Benedict XVI appointing Bishop Warfel to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings and Archbishop John G. Vlazny of Portland, Ore., questioned the bishop regarding his willingness to receive the assignment as the seventh bishop of the diocese.

During the installation Mass, Archbishops Sambi and Vlazny escorted Bishop Warfel to the cathedra, where he received his crosier, the staff that represents his pastoral office.

Also attending the installation were Cardinal Roger M. Mahony



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Bishop Michael Warfel gives the homily during his installation Mass as bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, Mont., at the newly constructed Holy Spirit Church in Great Falls on Jan. 16. Bishop Warfel, who is a native of Elkhart and assists with confirmations in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, had led the Diocese of Juneau, Alaska, since 1996, prior to his appointment in Montana.

of Los Angeles, 20 bishops and about 80 priests. The Native American elements of worship included an honor song, incensing at various points of the litur-

gy and drumming for the processional and recessional.

The Great Falls-Billings Diocese had been vacant since June 2006, when Bishop Anthony M. Milone retired at age 73 for health reasons.

In his homily, Bishop Warfel said the first thing he hoped to do as the new bishop was to "spend a lot of time getting around the diocese, listening and observing."

He said he hopes to work with Catholics in the diocese to carry out the mission of the church, which he described as "providing support and encouragement to the active membership of the church" and reaching out to Catholics who are "alienated from or feel disenfranchised from the church." He said the church mission likewise required Catholics to be united with other Christians and to reach out to those without faith.

The bishop also urged Montana Catholics to respond to the poor and vulnerable and address the causes of poverty and injustice.

"May we always remember that together, as a eucharistic people, we are charged with the mission of sharing salvation in Christ," he said.

The diocese covers more than 94,000 square miles and serves about 51,000 Catholics in 66 parishes and 44 missions in the eastern two-thirds of the state.

'It is a major issue of my generation'

Amanda Banks encouraged by youthfulness of pro-life movement

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — The young and old gathered to rally for the pro-life cause at the 34th annual March for Life at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Fort Wayne on Jan. 26.

One could feel the intensity as keynote speaker Amanda Banks addressed the crowd of ardent pro-life supporters in the auditorium. Banks, whose photo is seen on the Allen County Right to Life billboard around town, has been an active participant in the pro-life movement since her college years. Soon after graduation, Banks worked for the evangelical group Focus on the Family in the public policy department, where she lobbied for pro-life legislation. A few years later, the Indiana University graduate returned to northeast Indiana to co-found a public affairs firm in Columbia City.

Banks explained how her generation has grown up in the current climate where abortion is legal. In fact she said from an early age she remembers discussing the controversial issue.

"It is a major issue of my generation," she said.

Although the decision has been the status quo for 35 years, Banks still has hope for the future. The youth, she said, are and will be the agents of change in this fight. Banks lamented the fact that an unknown number of babies, potential neighbors, colleagues, friends, etc. have been victims of abortion. The pro-life advocate said it's appropriate to grieve, and the outcome of the pro-life fight has yet to be determined.

"I believe there's good reason to expect change," she said about the hope in young people.

Banks cited a few landmarks in



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Representatives from the Silent No More Awareness campaign carry a banner in the 34th annual Allen County Right to Life march held in downtown Fort Wayne on Jan. 26. The organization held a brief gathering at the Federal Courthouse after the march.

the pro-life movement as accomplishments. In 2002, the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act was passed, which grants full rights to babies born alive after unsuccessful abortions. Moreover, the 2003 Partial Birth Abortion Ban prohibited late-term abortions. In 2004, the country saw the Unborn Victims of Violence Act enacted. This legislation recognizes unborn children as victims when they are injured or killed during the commission of federal or military crimes of violence.

Scientific advancements, like stem-cell research, have further stirred up the controversy. The pro-life community won more battles in 2006 and again in 2007, when the president vetoed the Embryonic Stem-Cell Research Act.

Banks noted the recent finding that adult stems can be reprogrammed to act as human cells. "It

can not only lead to new therapies but cripple abortion efforts," she said.

"So what will our victory be in 2008?" she posed rhetorically.

Banks said she's excited about the "advances in policy" and technology. Technology like ultrasounds can be used to push the pro-life agenda, she explained. According to Banks, Focus on the Family has provided 290 ultrasound machines statewide to pregnancy care centers as part of a program called "Option Ultrasound."

Countless lives, Banks said, have been saved through the use of this tool. Statistics indicate that 89 percent of women choose to carry their babies to full term after seeing their baby's image, she cited. Lobbyists need to find ways to get more ultrasound machines in pregnancy care centers, she added.

Banks said she has hope in the educational power of the Internet.

Parents have the option of accessing a wealth of information about the developmental progress of their baby. Information is power in the pro-life movement.

There is statistical proof that abortion is losing popularity. "Thank God for new statistics showing great progress in pro-life movement," she said.

Banks cited a recent survey that found a 15-percent increase in the number of Americans who hold a

pro-life view. And in 2005, the abortion rate was at a 30-year low.

"It's clear we're gaining ground in the cause for life," she said concluding her address. "The future is bright for our children."

Following the rally, the pro-lifers marched to the federal courthouse, signs at hand. The crisp January weather did not deter their enthusiasm. Children and adults alike carried signs displaying such slogans as "Abortion makes Jesus sad," and "Don't hurt the babies." Once at the courthouse, the marchers listened to men and women's testimonies about their experience with abortion.

Fort Wayne is a major hub of pro-life activity, as evidenced by the presence of various nonprofits that promote the pro-life movement.

The ArchAngel Institute is appropriately housed in the former Women's Health Clinic at 827 Webster St. According to the organization's Web site, the mission of the organization is to promote the "rebirth of Christian chivalry that advances the culture of life by encouraging, empowering and emboldening Christians to cherish, defend and advance faith, family and freedom."

For more information, see www.archangelinstitute.org.

For more information about the general pro-life movement in Allen County, go to www.ichooselife.org.



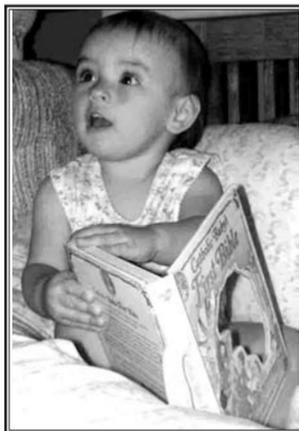
Allen County Right to Life-sponsored rally and march speaker Amanda Banks told the audience, "I believe there's good reason to expect change." She said there is hope in young people. Banks, who formerly worked in Washington, D.C., as a pro-life advocate for Focus on the Family, now resides in Columbia City. Banks was the keynote speaker at the Scottish Rite Auditorium, which was near capacity.

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God's call. Sometimes, he said, we choose not to hear it.

"We need to ask ourselves, 'Lord, what do you want me to do? What is my call?'"

As Bishop D'Arcy went on to talk about different callings, he asked the students what happens when someone receives the sacrament of holy orders? Diego, from St. Monica, spoke up.

"They become priests, bishops ... maybe even the pope," Diego said.

When Bishop D'Arcy asked Diego if he'd like to become pope, Diego thought for a moment, then vigorously shook his head yes.

Holy Cross Deacon Steve Lacroix, from South Bend's Christ the King Parish, spoke about how he heard the call to the priesthood when he was in fifth or sixth grade.

"I prayed a lot about it," said Deacon Lacroix. "I asked other CSCs how to be a man of prayer."

Deacon Lacroix will be ordained to the priesthood this coming March 29.

Sister Margaret Mary is awaiting the day she makes her final vows with the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. Currently a sixth-grade teacher at St. Matthew in South Bend, she spoke about listening for God's call. A graduate from Purdue University, sister worked as an engineer for one year before she heard a different calling.

"I went to eucharistic adoration and prayed," said Sister Margaret Mary. "I asked God what his will was for me. Then I asked him to help me to hear what he was telling me."

When asked exactly how she knew she was doing God's will, Sister Margaret Mary's answer was simple: "I felt joy."

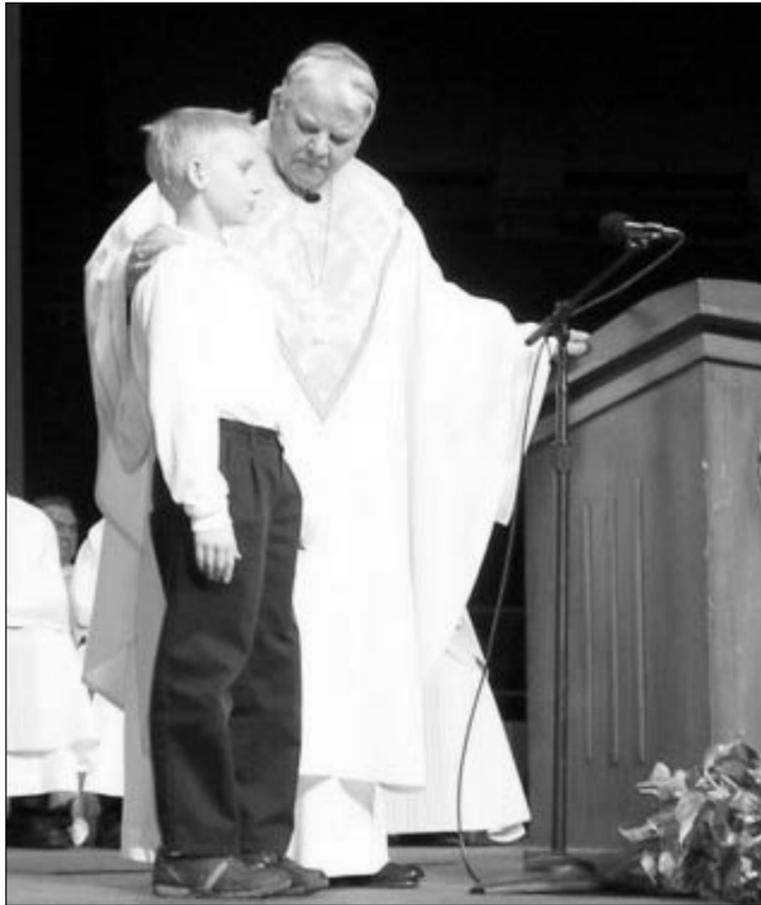
As Bishop D'Arcy invited everyone to take Jesus into the world and to affect our culture, he reminded the students what a blessing it is to attend a Catholic School. He pointed out that Jesus Christ is present every day, in Communion and in the teachers. Bishop encouraged everyone to be not afraid, and to pray this prayer daily: "Lord teach me and show me my vocation in life."

As the choir sang "Amen, El Cuerpo de Cristo," and "Ubi Caritas," 21 concelebrating priests helped Bishop D'Arcy distribute Communion to the thousands gathered throughout the basketball arena.

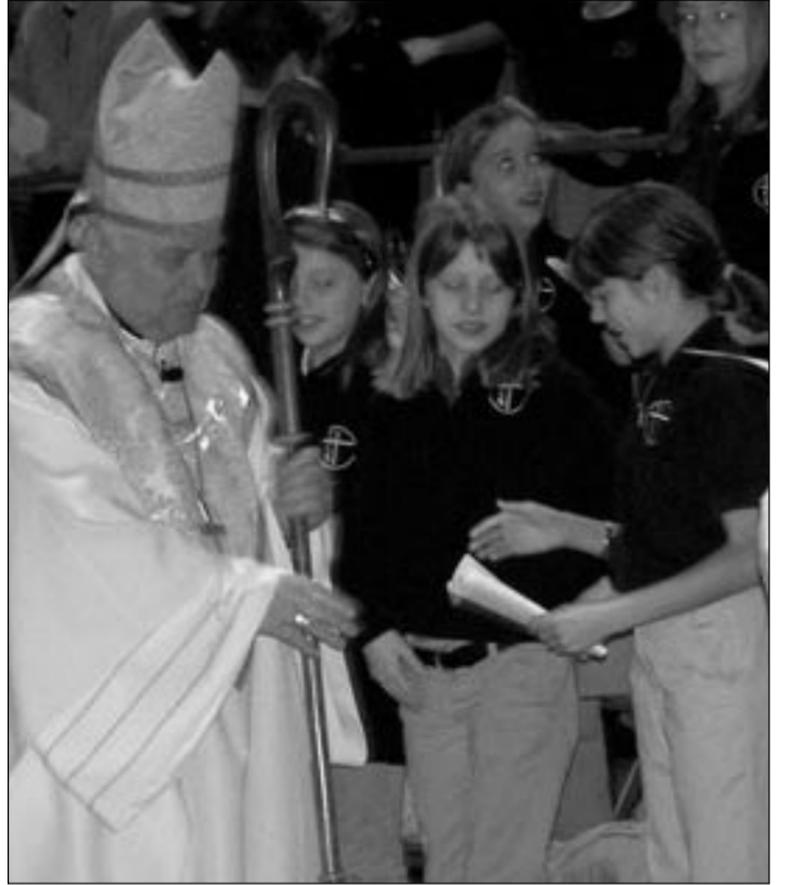
Saint Joseph's High School students James Kasznia, David Osowski, Teddy Pajakowski, Joe Ragukonis and Chris Verhiley assisted Bishop D'Arcy as altar servers.

Grade school students, representing 27 area schools participated throughout the Mass as gift bearers, readers, members of the procession, cantors, choir members and musicians.

The food baskets, donated by the schools, were given to the Northern Indiana Food Bank to help feed the poor.



Kyle, a fourth grader from St. Monica School, Mishawaka, answers Bishop John M. D'Arcy's questions about how to be a friend to Jesus.



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy greets Mary Favio and her fourth-grade classmates during the processional.

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Archbishop Broglio installed as fourth U.S. military archbishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The many worlds of Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio came together at his Jan. 25 installation Mass as the fourth head of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services. There were military chaplains and members of the armed forces, representing his new post. There were bishops, priests and lay Catholics from the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, where he served until recently as the papal representative. There were friends from his days at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and his 11 years working in the Vatican Secretariat of State. There were fellow priests from the Diocese of Cleveland, his home diocese. And from even further back, there were his three brothers, Tony, Larry and John; his sister, Joan; and other friends and relatives. In his homily for the installation Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, Archbishop Broglio pledged to “offer the best that I have to the faithful who have been entrusted to my pastoral care.” “Our thoughts cannot fail to turn this afternoon to the thousands of young men and women who unselfishly serve our nation and many other nations with their faithful vigilance,” he said, mentioning Iraq and Afghanistan in particular. “We offer our prayers for them and beg almighty God to bring them home safely.” The archbishop also prayed for wounded veterans and those who have died in battle. “Men and women who have sacrificed themselves for values in which they believe, they have given their youth and often their health and their lives in the service of our country,” he said.

Vatican official says Christians must recover spiritual inspiration

ROME (CNS) — Divided Christians need to recover the original spiritual inspiration of the ecumenical movement, always ensuring that it is grounded in a desire to proclaim salvation in Jesus Christ more effectively, said Cardinal Walter Kasper. Mergers to form a mega-Christian church are not the goal, said the president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. Precisely because it takes denominational differences seriously, “spiritual ecumenism suffers from the wounds caused by the divisions within the church,” the cardinal said at a Jan. 24 ceremony at Centro Pro Unione, a dialogue and study center operated by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. The friars, whose founder, Father Paul Wattson, began the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 100 years ago, presented their Christian Unity Award to Cardinal Kasper’s council and to the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches. The award recognized the two offices for their 40 years of joint work organizing, planning and promoting the week of prayer worldwide. The Rev. John Gibaut, a Canadian Anglican and director of

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POPE BENEDICT MEETS WITH NEW JESUIT SUPERIOR



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Pope Benedict XVI poses with Jesuit Father Adolfo Nicolas, newly elected superior general of the Society of Jesus, Jan. 26 at the Vatican.

the Faith and Order Commission, said the week of prayer is a concentrated occasion to gather the prayers for the unity of the church that are offered continuously around the world, either implicitly when the Our Father is recited or explicitly in the eucharistic prayer.

Bishops offer condolences to Greek Orthodox mourning leader's death

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic bishops of Greece offered their condolences to the country's Orthodox majority as they mourned the death of Archbishop Christodoulos of Athens. The primate of the Greek Orthodox Church, 69, died Jan. 28 in Athens after a long struggle with intestinal and liver cancer. Under the leadership of Archbishop Christodoulos, who was elected in 1998 to lead the Greek Orthodox Church, relations between Catholics and Greek Orthodox improved remarkably. The country's Catholic bishops called his death “a great loss for the Greek Orthodox Church and for the ecumenical movement,” reported *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper. The statement issued by the Catholic bishops' conference of Greece called Archbishop Christodoulos a “great pastor” and an ardent supporter of Christian unity. “We pray that the Holy Spirit will raise up a guide who is just as strong and profound,” they said.

Bishop Leibrecht retires; Knoxville diocesan chancellor is successor

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the res-

ignation of Bishop John J. Leibrecht, 77, of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Mo., and has named the chancellor of the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn., Father J. Vann Johnston Jr., as his successor. The resignation and appointment were announced in Washington Jan. 24 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop-designate Johnston's episcopal ordination will be March 31. In a statement released in Springfield, he pledged “to serve in generosity and charity all of the priests, deacons, consecrated religious, seminarians and lay faithful of southern Missouri with the help of God's grace and wisdom. I will strive to serve you as a shepherd after the heart of Christ,” he said. “Likewise, I will seek out those who have fallen away from the practice of their Catholic faith, reach out to the unchurched, and seek to meet brothers and sisters of other faith communities and churches on areas of common belief and shared concerns.”

People's anti-immigrant bias comes from not knowing them, says priest

LAREDO, Texas (CNS) — People are biased against immigrants because they don't know them, said the director of a migrant shelter in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. “If you know them, it changes you. It touches your heart,” said Father Francisco Pellizari, a Scalabrinian priest, who directs Casa del Migrante Nazareth in the border city. He made his comments in an interview with the *South Texas Catholic*, newspaper of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, after the Jan. 13 Day of the Migrant (“Dia del Migrante”) Mass celebrated by Mexican and Texan bishops who

lead border dioceses. Casa del Migrante workers and volunteers helped coordinate the liturgy, held on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande and attended by about 400 Catholics from both sides of the border. “The church is a family without borders,” Bishop Ricardo Watty Urquidi of Nuevo Laredo said in his homily during the Mass. He said that by virtue of baptism “we have a gift to serve the needy, the poorest. Unfortunately there are more today than at any other time.” Bishop Watty and the other border bishops met the previous day to discuss common concerns, and immigration issues topped their list.

New episcopal vestments for St. John Neumann mark his feast day

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — St. John Neumann, Philadelphia's fourth bishop who is enshrined in a glass casket under an altar at St. Peter the Apostle Church, was clad in a new set of vestments, just in time for his Jan. 5 feast day. “It is the bicentennial of our archdiocese and we want to celebrate the holiness of the church in Philadelphia,” said Cardinal Justin Rigali, who oversaw the reverential opening of the saint's casket and the exchange of the episcopal garb. “We have a great model of holiness in St. John Neumann and it was thought it would be good if we could put him in new vestments, also vestments that could reflect the period during which he was actually a bishop and in which he lived and died,” the cardinal said. In addition to the new vestments, a new pectoral cross modeled from the cross Bishop Neumann wore in life was placed on the body, as was a new episcopal ring. A new face mask,

expertly crafted by forensic sculptor Frank Bender, was placed on the body.

Archbishop criticizes bills removing time limits on sex abuse suits

MADISON, Wis. (CNS) — Two bills before the Wisconsin Legislature that would expand or remove the statute of limitations for child abuse cases “will kneecap or even eliminate” church ministries to the needy and punish innocent Catholics for years to come, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of Milwaukee told a state Senate committee Jan. 16. The archbishop was among several witnesses speaking out against the proposed legislation at a public hearing in Madison by the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections and Housing. The Senate bill, SB 356, and its counterpart in the Assembly, AB 651, would repeal the statute of limitations for all future civil suits filed by childhood sexual abuse victims and open a three-year grace period for filing lawsuits now barred by current statute of limitations. Wisconsin increased the statute of limitations for child abuse crimes in 2004, allowing a victim to bring suit against his or her abusers or other guilty parties until his or her 35th birthday. The Catholic Church had backed that legislation. In his Jan. 16 testimony, Archbishop Dolan said he represented “a church that is ashamed” of past actions by a minority of priests but also “a church that, with the help of its people, has risen to leadership on this issue.” “In the past, the church was, at times, an example of what not to do; now we are looked to as a model of what to do,” he said.

Pope says science can't help people discover their true identity

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While the sciences may help people live better in many ways, there is no way they can ever help people discover who they really are, Pope Benedict XVI said. “No science can say who man is, where he came from or where he is going,” the pope said Jan. 28 in a speech to participants in a conference sponsored by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the French Academy of Sciences. The academies were discussing changing notions of human identity, a subject the pope said is inextricably tied to the question of human dignity “from the embryonic stage to natural death.” Human identity cannot be defined simply by looking at a person, studying his physical and intellectual abilities or by summarizing his experiences, the pope said. The human person, he said, is a mystery “marked by otherness: a being created by God, a being in the image of God, a being that is loved and was made to love.” The ability to distinguish right from wrong and the freedom to act on those decisions makes the human person different from any other being, the pope said.

Cardinal George to speak at theological conference

NOTRE DAME — A theological conference specifically designed for undergraduate students will bring Cardinal Francis George of Chicago and other speakers to the University of Notre Dame March 31.

The conference, "Christ is Risen! So Now What?" has been organized by the Center for Liturgy and the Notre Dame Vocation Initiative (NDVision), which held a similar conference on vocations for undergraduates last year.

"We thought it important to assist and encourage theological discussion of issues of personal concern to undergraduates," said David W. Fagerberg, director of the Center for Liturgy and one of the conference organizers. "In this conference, which will take place a few days after Easter, we want to address what appears to be a false dichotomy between those who pray and those who act — that is, between the student drawn to a contemplative retreat and the student more inclined toward service and pursuing justice. We wish to show that both these demands of Christian discipleship have their source in the empty tomb."

The conference will consist of three presentations, all in the ballroom of the LaFortune Student Center.

Joan Neal, executive vice president of U.S. operations for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), will speak on "A Life of Service" at 4 p.m. A graduate of Loyola University in Chicago, Neal holds a master's degree in pastoral studies and a certificate in biblical spirituality from Catholic Theological Union. She directs CRS domestic programs and advocacy, overseeing six regional offices across the country and working in partnership with dioceses, parishes, colleges, universities and other Catholic organizations. Before joining CRS in 2002, she was president of her own management consulting firm whose clients included Catholic agencies, dioceses, organizations and parishes in the Midwest.

Father Cyprian Consiglio will speak on "A Life of Prayer" at 7:30 p.m. Father Consiglio is a musician, composer, author, teacher and monk of the Camaldolese Congregation. For 10 years, he lived at New Camaldoli Hermitage near Big Sur, Calif., serving as liturgist, choir director and teacher. Deeply interested in comparative religion, he frequently visits India to study and teach. He divides his time evenly between his home in Santa Cruz, Calif., and travel for performing, teaching and leading retreats.

Cardinal George will speak on "Easter: The Font of Prayer and Service" at 9:30 p.m. A native of Chicago, he oversees the second largest Catholic archdiocese, after Los Angeles, in the nation. Recently elected president of the American bishops conference, Cardinal George has taught in several seminaries and served as vicar general of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, the religious order to which he belongs. He holds master's degrees in philosophy and theology from Catholic University

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Many Catholics from South Bend and Mishawaka carried signs and marched in front of the Federal Building to take a stand for life on Tuesday, Jan. 22. Shown in the photo is Marian High School Principal Carl Loesch.

of America and the University of Ottawa, respectively, a doctorate in American philosophy from Tulane University and a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome.

Course in Judaism offered at Noll Catholic Center

FORT WAYNE — The Archbishop Noll Catholic Center will be the host for a Lenten adult course, Our roots in Judaism: from Old Testament Covenant to Christ.

Marilyn Fech will present on five Wednesday evenings: Feb. 13, 20, 27 and March 5 and 12. The session will take place from 7-9 p.m. Registration is required: online at www.diocesefwsb.org/OC under Adult Faith Formation, or call Janice Martin at (260) 399-1411 or e-mail at jmartin@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

Adult faith formation offered at St. Mary

FORT WAYNE — St. Mary, Fort Wayne, will be the host parish for a Lenten adult course, Franciscan Spirituality — the Lives of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi

Franciscan Sister Anita Holzmer will present three Tuesday evenings: Feb. 12, 19 and 26. The session will take place from 7-9 p.m.

Registration is required: online at www.diocesefwsb.org/OC under Adult Faith Formation; or call Janice Martin at (260) 399-1411; or

e-mail at jmartin@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

Lindenwood offers Lenten retreat for men

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being accepted for the men's Lenten retreat titled "Conversations with the Lord Jesus in the Gospel of John." Experience the conversation of Jesus in the community of John and how the men and women of the early faith community gave a living example of the Lord's presence. Men of faith today are called to recognize within faith communities the power of God's word and the ability to carry out his work within today's culture.

Father Jerry Schweitzer, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Wanatah, St. Mary, Otis, and St. Martin in LaCrosse, will facilitate the retreat. He is a teacher of sacred Scripture.

The program begins Friday, Feb. 22, at 5:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m. The fee is \$165 for single occupancy, or \$135 per person, double occupancy and includes meals. Registration deadline is Feb. 18.

For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1780 or visit the Web site at www.lindenwood.org.

Lindenwood offers women's retreat

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being accepted for the women's retreat titled, "Do all for

the Glory of God." Holy Cross Father Steve Gibson, who worked in East Africa for eight years and at the Fatima Retreat center for 27 years, will facilitate the weekend retreat. He is currently director of Holy Cross Media Ministry.

The program begins Friday, Feb. 29, with check-in at 4:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday, March 2, with lunch. The fee is \$165 for single occupancy or \$135 per person, for double occupancy and includes all meals.

Registration deadline is Feb. 25.

For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1780, or visit the Web site at www.lindenwood.org.

Vocation discernment retreat offered by Missionaries of the Precious Blood

CARTHAGENA, Ohio — The Missionaries of the Precious Blood will hold a vocation discernment retreat at St. Charles Center in Carthagen, Ohio, on March 7-9.

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood is a religious society of priests, brothers and lay associates who work in parishes in the U.S. and abroad in education and in a wide range of apostolates, promoting the cause of God's reconciliation worldwide, and proclaiming the word of God. Missionaries of the Precious Blood are in ministry in this diocese.

The vocation discernment weekend is for men completing high

school, of college age and older who are discerning a vocation to religious life as a priest or brother. Discernment is an ongoing, prayerful reflection about the circumstances in our daily lives by which we seek to discover God's unique call. Retreatants will spend the weekend in prayer and conversation with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. The theme of this year's retreat is To Be Called Forth.

For more information, contact Missionaries of the Precious Blood Father Ken Schnipke, office of vocation ministry, Missionaries of the Precious Blood, at (937) 228-6224, or e-mail him at vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org

Mendoza series to explore trends in next decade

NOTRE DAME — From terrorism to immigration to what it means to be "green," national experts will present their views of the next decade of change in vital areas impacting American lives during the 2008 Ten Years Hence speaker series, an annual event sponsored by the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame.

The spring series of seven lectures will run from Feb. 1 to April 25, with the talks to be held on Fridays at 10:40 a.m. in Mendoza's Jordan Auditorium. The schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 1: Erik Peterson, senior vice president of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, "Seven Revolutions"

- Feb. 22: Karen Hunt Ahmed, professor of finance, DePaul University, "Globalization and Finance: The Future of Islamic Finance"

- March 14: George Borjas, Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, "The Economics of Immigration and Immigration Policy"

- March 28: James B. Quilligan, managing director of the Centre for Global Negotiations, "Convention on the Global Commons"

- April 4: Gen. James L. Jones, president and chief executive officer of the U.S. Chamber Institute for 21st Century Energy

- April 11: Anne Thompson, NBC News chief environmental correspondent, "Green is the 'New Black,' but Will it Stay in Style?"

- April 25: Holy Cross Father Edward A. Malloy, president emeritus of Notre Dame, "Terrorism: Looking Ahead Through Patterns of the Past"

Ten Years Hence has been offered since 2005 as a signature series of the Mendoza College. The speakers are invited to forecast the major national and global trends in their areas of expertise, with each lecture followed by a question-and-answer period.

The intention of the series is to develop a sense of a "knowable future" in a dynamic world, so that trends can be anticipated and positively influenced. The lectures are free and open to the public.

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Pharmacists conscience clause bill defeated in Senate

INDIANAPOLIS — Pharmacists could follow their conscience and refuse to dispense drugs that result in abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide or mercy killing under a bill defeated in a dead-lock vote (24-24) in the Indiana Senate Jan. 24.

Nearly a dozen senators, one by one, approached the microphone to voice concerns or explain why they supported or opposed the bill in a floor debate that lasted over an hour. The bill failed for lack of a constitutional majority. To pass, the conscience clause bill, Senate Bill 3, needed at least 26 "yes" votes.

Glenn Tebbe, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, said that even though the bill's primary focus was to give pharmacists the same professional courtesy as other medical professionals in exercising their professional judgment and conscience, the debate on the Senate floor focused on a fear expressed by some senators that pharmacists would be given too much discretionary power and that some might refuse to fill oral contraceptives due to their potential abortifacient nature or they would arbitrarily refuse to fill other drugs they deemed harmful to or possibly misused by the patient.

Sen. Jeff Drozda (R-Westfield) author of SB 3 said he authored the bill because several pharmacists had come to him who have been reprimanded or fired because in following their conscience they would not dispense drugs, which could cause a chemical abortion. "I find it very

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troubling that people who are following their conscience are being punished, reprimanded or even fired because of their moral convictions.

"I was disappointed that some of my colleagues, who normally support life bills, voted against Senate Bill 3."

Sen. Marvin Riegsecker (R-Goshen), a pharmacist since 1967, who voted for the bill, said he supported SB 3 for two reasons. "First it allows the pharmacist to follow his or her conscience in dispensing drugs and secondly it protects the pharmacist from being fired for following his or her conscience.

"My philosophy is we need to be respectful of life," said Riegsecker. "Pharmacists are one of the most respected and trusted groups of medical professionals." Riegsecker said he thought some of the comments voiced on the Senate floor during the debate and the concerns raised by those opposing the bill were "overstated" and were "somewhat disrespectful of the pharmacists' professional judgment."

Earlier in the day, Senators Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville), Sue Errington (D-Muncie), Earline Rogers (D-Gary), Connie Sipes

(D-New Albany) and Karen Tallian (D-Portage) held a media event to bring attention to the conscience clause bill and their concern over an attempt to restrict access to healthcare.

"First they limited access to information on reproductive health, and now they want to limit access to reproductive healthcare," said Tallian. "This could have been a dangerous step back from 40 years of progress."

Following the floor debate and tie vote, Sen. Simpson said, "I hope that this debate brings about a renewed awareness of how tentative women's reproductive rights can be."

Tebbe, who serves as the official representative of the Catholic Church on matters of public policy, testified in support of SB 3, at a Jan. 9 hearing before Senate Health and Providers Services Committee.

Tebbe told lawmakers, "The church believes that pharmacists should be treated in the same manner as other healthcare professionals, be able to follow their conscience, and have the right to reject participating in a moral evil." The Senate panel approved SB 3 in a (6-5) vote.

Drozda said that representatives from St. Vincent Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and the Hospital Association had expressed concerns from a hospice perspective that SB 3 might prevent some patients from receiving pain medication.

Sen. Drozda amended the bill to require pharmacists to contact the prescribing physician to clarify the clinical condition of the patient before refusing to fill a prescription or dispense a medical device. This provision would protect hospice patients and patients needing high doses of pain medication. The amendment also provides that the pharmacy, where the pharmacist is employed have a policy in place to dispense or sell the drug.

Referring to a publication of Americans United for Life called *Defending Life 2007: Proven Strategies for a Pro-life America*, Drozda said five states have enacted a pharmacist conscience clause law including Arkansas, California, Kansas, Maine and South Dakota. Thirty four states have general provisions allowing medical professionals and medical institutions to refuse treatment or procedures that would violate ethical standards of the individual or institution.

This is the fourth time the Indiana General Assembly has considered a conscience clause bill for pharmacists, but Drozda said it is the first year the bill has passed out of committee and been voted on by the full Senate. Under Senate rules as author of the bill he can call the bill down for another vote with no debate. He said he just needs to get two more "yes" votes.

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OSV Board grants \$4 million to Catholic high schools in honor of Bishop D'Arcy

HUNTINGTON — In honor of Bishop John M. D'Arcy's Golden Jubilee as a priest, The Our Sunday Visitor board of directors announced in late January that it was endowing \$1 million to each of the four Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. To be known as the Bishop John M. D'Arcy Golden Jubilee Fund, the endowments will be used to grant tuition assistance to qualified students seeking financial aid.

"This gift is a sign of the great appreciation the board of directors has for Bishop D'Arcy, who has presided over the board for the past 22 years," said Thomas Blee. The secretary of the Our Sunday Visitor board of directors and the executive director of the Our Sunday Visitor Institute that is providing the funds, Blee also said the gift "was a sign of support for, and confidence in, the strong Catholic school system in the diocese."

The funds have been placed in the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana. According to the terms of the gift, the money will be distributed at 5 percent or \$50,000, whichever is larger, each year for each high school beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Blee announced the gift at the annual "You Can Lend-A-Hand" luncheons "In Celebration of Excellence in Catholic Education," hosted by Quality Dining, Inc. in South Bend Jan. 28, and hosted by James K. Fitzpatrick, representing local Burger King and Chili's restaurants, in Fort Wayne Jan. 29 in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 27 through Feb. 2. Blee presented a facsimile of the endowment checks to Bishop D'Arcy and Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger, superintendent, who, in turn, presented them to Susan Richter, principal, Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend; Carl Loesch, principal, Marian High School, Mishawaka;

and in Fort Wayne, J. Fred Tone, principal, Bishop Dwenger High School; and Mary Keefer, principal, Bishop Luers High School.

"I am most grateful to Our Sunday Visitor for this extraordinary gesture of trust in our high schools," said Bishop D'Arcy. "This is a most fitting commemoration of my 50 years as a priest, namely, that, so many will receive help in our four schools beginning in the next academic year. It is to be hoped that these funds will increase steadily through investment over the years."

Bishop D'Arcy was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church on Feb. 2, 1957, in Boston.

Based in Huntington, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc., is one of the largest Catholic publishing companies and the largest producer of Catholic offering envelopes in the nation. The company is a leader in producing

Catholic periodicals, books, religious education resources and stewardship related materials. The Our Sunday Visitor Institute financially supports worthwhile Catholic organizations and institutions around the country.

The president of Our Sunday Visitor Publishing is Gregory R. Erlandson. The president of Our Sunday Visitor Offering Envelopes is Kyle Hamilton. Other local members of the Our Sunday Visitor board of directors are William Newell, vice chairman, and Richard Doermer.

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TOM BLEE

Jesus helps those who are willing to help themselves

Mamiella Brown holds a mission to educate the undereducated

SOUTH BEND — Mamiella Brown continues to live a life of service to others — not only to the church but to children in the school system.

The children of St. Augustine Parish in South Bend affectionately call her Mrs. Brown.

A retired teacher from the South Bend Community School Corp., Brown has a mission of trying to educate the undereducated.

Brown is a Catholic in every sense of her being. She is a sister in Christ who is not afraid to take up the mantle of Catholics, blacks and women.

Today, she runs the after-school program at St. Augustine Parish. She is a eucharistic minister there and sits on many boards around the city.

She uses her experience as a teacher and counselor to advise both adults and children. She also tries to instill Christ in all who are open to receive him.

Brown has received many awards and recently was honored with the Rosa Parks Award for service to the community. She received the award at this year's celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Brown's dedication to local causes was one of the reasons she was selected for the award.

"We picked Mamiella because of her service to the young people of the community," said Gladys Muhammad, of the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation.

"Not only has she served the children in her church, the neighborhood and the schools, she continues to do so through her program based at St. Augustine

Catholic Church in South Bend," Muhammad said. "I don't think there is anyone more deserving of this award than Mamiella."

After receiving the award, Brown shared with St. Augustine Parish a bit of what touched her about Rosa Parks' life: "Rosa Parks' husband really worried about her work with the Civil Rights movement. In fact, he had a few nervous breakdowns, but she persevered and continued working for the movement."

Brown is also known for her attendance at every Black Catholic Congress that has been held.

"Mamiella is serious about her faith," said Charlotte Huddleston. "I know for a fact she has attended all 10 of the congresses because I have been her roommate on occasion."

Huddleston added, "She is a wonderful person who cares for people and would do anything she could to help others. More than anything, she is an example of devotion and love for the Catholic Church. Mamiella is authentically black and truly Catholic as proven by her witness in faith and her



BLACK FAITHFUL

MAY LEE JOHNSON

encouragement."

Brown challenged the black Catholics of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to get involved in the National Black Catholic Congress. She and the late Thelma Schulte were the fuel that propelled local participation in the National Black Catholic congresses.

Brown has taken part in many of the gatherings of black Catholic women around South Bend and the country. She has been a part of many women's groups gathered in prayer and praise.

Brown has been an evangelist carrying the message that helps those in need. Her message is that Jesus helps those who are willing to help themselves.



MAY LEE JOHNSON

Mamiella Brown speaks to members of St. Augustine Parish about the life of Rosa Park. Brown was awarded the Rosa Park Award at last week's citywide celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. She is also a lifelong Catholic and community leader.

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Visit your local parish for these Lenten activities

Arcola

St. Patrick

Stations of the Cross: 7 p.m. every Friday followed by Mass. Lenten Penance Service: Wednesday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

Bluffton

St. Joseph

Ash Wednesday: Masses 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; noon — ashes only, no Mass. Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent at 7 p.m. except Feb. 29. Teaching Mass: Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m. Penance service: March 3, 7 p.m. Fish fry: Feb. 29, 4-7 p.m.

Decatur

St. Mary of the Assumption

Ash Wednesday: Masses with distribution of ashes 7, 8:15 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross: each Sunday of Lent, including Palm Sunday: 12:30 p.m. Penance service: Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m. Prayer workshops: Tuesdays, Feb. 19, 26, and March 4 at 7 p.m. with Father David W. Voors. Tenebrae Service: Monday, March 17, 8 p.m.

Fort Wayne

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Ash Wednesday: Masses at 7, 8 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5 p.m. Eucharistic adoration: Fridays following 12:05 p.m. Mass until 7 p.m. in chapel. Soup and stations program: Soup from 6-6:45 p.m. in Cathedral Center each Friday except Good Friday. Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. in cathedral. Study Group: Thursday mornings, beginning Feb. 7, at 10 a.m. Scripture — What Does Scripture Say About...? in Cathedral Center with Father Jim Stoyale Thursday evening theology classes beginning Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in Cathedral Center with Father Jim Stoyale

Most Precious Blood

Ash Wednesday: Masses 8:15 a.m., 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7 p.m. Penance Service: March 11 at Queen of Angels at 7 p.m. This will be a joint service with Father Joe Gaughan and the parishioners of Most Precious Blood. Penance service: March 12, 7 p.m.

Queen of Angels

Penance service: March 11 at Queen of Angels at 7 p.m. This will be a joint service with Father Joe Gaughan and the parishioners of Most Precious Blood.

St. Charles

Ash Wednesday: Masses at 6:15, 8:30 a.m.; 12:30 and 7 p.m. Eucharistic devotion: Sunday, Feb. 10, after 11 a.m. Mass with Vespers at 7 p.m. Mass at 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross: Sundays beginning Feb. 17 through March 16 at 2 p.m. in the church. Fish fry: Friday, Feb. 29, 4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Penance service: March 12, 7 p.m. in the church.

Reconciliation: Saturdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. in the chapel. Holy Week reconciliation schedule: March 19-March 21, 2:30-4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 22, 11 a.m.-noon in the chapel.

Morning prayer and rosary: daily before the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the chapel. Rosary: Saturdays before and after the 8 a.m. Mass; Fridays, rosary and Chaplet of Mercy recited at 1 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Lenten series: Bread for the Journey, Nourishment for Mind, Heart, and Soul, March 3-5. March 3: session A — 6:30-7:15 p.m. "What We Believe-Roots of Faith"; session B — 7:30-8:15 p.m. "Jesus and His Church." March 4: session A — 6:30-7:15 p.m. "Living Our Faith"; session B — 7:30-8:15 p.m. Q and A "I'd Like To Know..." March 5: Instructional Mass with Father Jim Shafer 6:30 p.m. "Do This in Memory of Me."

St. Therese

Stations of the Cross: every Friday at 6 p.m. Four Pillars of the Catechism: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Feb. 12: Creed with Meg

Hanlon; Feb. 19: Morality with Father Jason Freiburger; Feb. 26: Prayer with Ginny Kohrman; March 11: Sacraments with Father Dave Ruppert Penance service: Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. Mel Gibson's "The Passion of Jesus Christ" Sunday, March 16, 7 p.m. in the parish hall

Garrett

St. Joseph

In the Footsteps of Our Savior: A night of reflection with Father Jim Shafer, Thursday, March 13, from 7-9 p.m.

Goshen

St. John the Evangelist

Ash Wednesday: Masses 8 a.m. in English; 11 a.m. in Spanish; 5:30 p.m. in English; 7 p.m. in Spanish. Stations of the Cross: Fridays 5:30 p.m. in English, 6:45 p.m. in Spanish.

Penance services: March 9, at 3 p.m. in English, March 14, at 7 p.m. in Spanish

Good Friday: Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 12:30 p.m. in English, celebration of the Lord's Passion and re-enactment of the Lord's Passion 3 p.m. in Spanish. Rosary and meditation in Spanish at 9 p.m.

Plymouth

St. Michael

Mini parish retreat: March 3-5. The topic on March 5 will be conversion. The Lenten service will be combined with that presentation at 7 p.m. Soup and Spirit evenings: Tuesdays of Lent at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, March 4, soup will be served before the retreat begins.

South Bend

Christ the King

Noon Mass on each Wednesday of Lent. Stations of the Cross: Fridays at noon and 7 p.m. Soup Suppers: Fridays of Lent. Proceeds are sent to the Holy Cross Missions.

Little Flower

Psalms Bible study: Monday evenings (6:30-8 p.m.) or Tuesday mornings (9:10 -10:50 a.m.). Jay Freel Landry will offer a talk at

each session followed by discussion. Child care can be available for either session by RSVP to (574) 273-9722. Bring a Bible.

Ash Wednesday Masses: 8:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m. Taize at 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 5:30 p.m. followed by soup supper at 6 p.m. Penance service: March 4 at 7 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Lakeville

Stations of the Cross and benediction: every Friday (except Feb. 22) at 7 p.m.

Fish fry: Friday, Feb. 22, from 4-7 p.m. tickets now available.

Lenten program: Sunday, March 9, through Tuesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the church. Three guest priests present a different topic each evening. Father Robert Nogosek, CSC, on baptism, Father Robert VanKempen on faith, and Father Leonard Chrobot on conversion-reconciliation ending with a penance service after the Tuesday presentation.

St. Adalbert

Ash Wednesday: Masses 6, 8 a.m., 5 p.m. English; 6:30, 8 p.m. Spanish

Lenten Services: Gorzkie Zale (Sorrowful Lamentations in Polish) Wednesdays 5 p.m. except Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays at 2 p.m. with school children except Ash Wednesday in English; Fridays after 8 a.m. Mass in English and at 6 p.m. in Spanish.

St. Casimir

Ash Wednesday: Masses noon, 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross: every Friday at 5:30 p.m.

St. Anthony de Padua

Ash Wednesday: Masses 8:15 a.m., 12:15 and 5:30 p.m. Soup supper follows the evening Mass. Evening Mass: Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. with devotions to St. Anthony following.

Lenten reflections and benediction: Wednesdays: Feb. 13, 20, 27 and March 12 at 7 p.m. Pastoral staff will be the speakers. Soup supper precedes in de Padua hall at 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays after 5:30 p.m. Mass except Friday, March 14, Living Stations of the Cross in the gym.

Reconciliation: Tuesdays, Feb. 12, 19, 26, March 4, 11, 18 from

5-5:20 p.m.; Saturdays Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15 from 3:30-4:15 p.m.; Friday Feb. 29, 9:30 a.m. for the parish grade school children.

Penance service: Wednesday: March 5, at 7 p.m. Soup supper will precede penance service at 5:30 p.m. in de Padua hall.

St. Patrick/St. Hedwig

Ash Wednesday: Masses 12:15 p.m. at St. Patrick and 5:30 p.m. at St. Hedwig.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent after 12:15 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick and 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Hedwig.

Parishes fish dinner: March 7 at St. Hedwig.

Holy Name and Rosary Society Lenten retreat: March 8.

Communal anointing: March 14 at 12:15 p.m. at St. Patrick and 5:30 p.m. at St. Hedwig.

St. Patrick patronal feast: March 15, corned beef and cabbage dinner after city parade.

Ecumenical blessing of palms: March 16 with local churches.

Communal reconciliation: March 16, 3 p.m. at St. Hedwig.

Wabash

St. Bernard

Soup suppers after the Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Mass from Feb. 13 through March 12.

Explanation of the Mass by Father Sextus Don after the soup suppers beginning on Feb. 20.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 5 p.m. followed by Mass.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes anointing of the sick after the 5:30 p.m. Mass Feb. 11.

First Friday adoration: March 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday Mass: March 20 at 7 p.m. Eucharistic adoration following until midnight.

Good Friday morning prayer March 21 at 9 a.m. Afternoon service at 1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Morning Prayers: March 22 at 9 a.m. Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Walkerton

St. Patrick

Penance service: Friday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m.

Yoder

St. Aloysius

Penance service: Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Create a Lenten wreath as a tangible way to stay focused during Lent. Buy a styrofoam ring, some flowers or greenery and eight candles, seven purple and one white. Votives in glass may be used. Press the candles evenly into the ring.

Decorate with the flowers or greenery. Light the first purple candle on Ash Wednesday in a prayer ceremony. Each day that week light the same candle for prayer time. Light two candles on the first Sunday of Lent and for the rest of that week. Light three candles on the second Sunday and so on. Light the white candle on Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and our new life in him.



Legend of the pretzel

The history of the pretzel dates back to A.D. 610 when, as the legend is told, an Italian monk baked scraps of left over dough to serve as a reward for his students. The dough was twisted to resemble the folded arms of the praying children. The three-hole shape represents the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The treats were dubbed, "pretiolas," Latin for "little rewards" and spread through the cities and towns of Europe to become a symbol of luck and prosperity. By the mid-1500s, the tradition of eating pretzels during Good Friday dinner was introduced in Germany, since the pretzels didn't contain eggs, milk, butter or lard, ingredients not used for consumption during the Lenten season.

Easy pretzel recipe

2-16 oz. loaves of frozen bread dough
1 egg white, slightly beaten
1 teaspoon water
Coarse salt

courtesy of www.thatsmyhome.com

Directions: Separate thawed bread into 24- 1 1/2 inch balls. Roll each ball into a rope 14 1/2 inches long. Shape into desired design. Put pretzels one inch apart on a greased cookie sheet. Let stand for 20 minutes and brush with combined egg white and water. Sprinkle with coarse salt. Place a shallow pan containing one inch of boiling water on bottom rack of oven: bake pretzels at 350 degrees on rack above water for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Experience Lent as time for prayer, penance and sacrifice

BY KAY COZAD

Ash Wednesday

Attend Ash Wednesday service and receive ashes. Discuss what the ashes mean.

Make a Lenten wreath with a candle to light for each week. Use it in daily prayer. (See page 10)

Fast from meat today. Use the money saved for charity.

Perform an anonymous good deed for a special person.

<p>First Sunday in Lent</p> <p>After Mass, discuss the Gospel reading with family.</p>	<p>Compliment a child.</p>	<p>Play cards with a senior or shut-in.</p>	<p>Attend morning Mass.</p>	<p>Fast from dessert today. Give your piece to someone else.</p>	<p>Hold the door for someone.</p>	<p>Cut cross shapes out of construction paper. Write a prayer or good deed on each.</p>
<p>Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Pray for priest and religious. Discuss the need for vocations.</p>	<p>Tell someone "I love you!" today.</p>	<p>Run an errand for someone in need.</p>	<p>Turn the TV off and read or play a game together.</p>	<p>Place a crucifix or picture of Jesus in a prominent place to remind you of the focus of Lent.</p>	<p>Pray for your deceased loved ones and those who grieve.</p>	<p>Do a chore before you are asked.</p>
<p>Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Write a letter of gratitude to Jesus for his sacrifice on the cross.</p>	<p>Say "I'm sorry" to someone you've hurt.</p>	<p>Send a card to someone you haven't seen for a while.</p>	<p>Rest in silence with God for 10 minutes.</p>	<p>Do a job you've been putting off and offer it to God.</p>	<p>Attend the Stations of the Cross at your parish. Reflect on your Lenten journey so far.</p>	<p>Visit someone who is sick or grieving.</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Tell your pastor how much you appreciate him and why.</p>	<p>Write your grandparents a love note.</p>	<p>Plant seeds in a styrofoam cup and watch them grow throughout the season of spring.</p>	<p>Create an original family Lenten prayer and pray it together.</p>	<p>Attend a reconciliation service or go to private reconciliation.</p>	<p>Make pretzels and discuss their origin. (See page 10)</p>	<p>Clean out a closets and toy boxes and donate to local charity.</p>
<p>Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Mom and dad, spend some alone time with each of your children.</p>	<p>Smile at everyone you see today.</p>	<p>Investigate the life of your favorite saint. Tell the story to family or friends.</p>	<p>Hug your children or family members.</p>	<p>Visit a nursing home.</p>	<p>Take a walk and pick up all the litter along the way.</p>	<p>Have a family night where the children plan the activity.</p>
<p>Holy Week, Palm Sunday</p> <p>Read Psalm 100 with family or friends. Discuss.</p>	<p>Holy Week</p> <p>Bake a treat and take it to a neighbor or friend.</p>	<p>Holy Week</p> <p>Go out of your way to be nice to someone you don't like.</p>	<p>Holy Week</p> <p>Research the meaning of "mercy" and forgive someone.</p>	<p>Holy Week</p> <p>Tell someone "thank you" today.</p>	<p>Good Friday</p> <p>Contemplate the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.</p>	<p>Holy Saturday</p> <p>Pray the rosary with family or friends.</p>

Easter Sunday
Praise God at Easter Mass for new life in Christ.

The season of Lent brings with it the much needed time to reflect on life, death and the saving Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and its 40 days are traditionally marked for prayer, penance and sacrifice. It is a season of fasting but can also include the addition of loving service to daily routine. Today's Catholic offers this Lenten calendar to assist in making each day of the six weeks of Lent a personal journey to be experienced from the inside out to a world that thirsts for the love of Jesus.



Vices and Virtues



Opening prayer

O Lord, most loving God, guide us this Lent into a quietness that listens attentively to your Word and a determination that molds our minds, our hearts and our souls into more holy and more wholly human beings so that we will be better able to do, to give and to receive from you and from others. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Reading: Gen 3:1-7

Commentary

I suppose it's somewhat ironic to begin a Lenten faith-sharing series on sin with a confession — but it's one to which many of you will probably relate. Even though I received a good Catholic education, I confess I didn't fully understand some concepts I was taught as a child. One of these is original sin. Continuing my education as an adult has strengthened my understanding of original sin and helped my faith grow.

Original sin

Our Catholic tradition teaches that, even though Adam and Eve were "egged on" by Satan, part of their decision to disobey God was that they believed they would become Godlike. Adam and Eve forgot that they owed their very existence to the one who made them; they forgot about their "right relationship" to God.

Pope John Paul II in "Theology of the Body" explains it this way: "The man who picks the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil makes at the same time a fundamental choice and carries it through against the will of the Creator, God-Yahweh, by accepting the motivation suggested by the tempter, 'You will not die at

all. Rather, God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil.' ... This motivation clearly implies casting doubt on the gift and on love, from which creation takes its origin as gift. By casting doubt in his heart on the deepest meaning of the gift, that is, on love as the specific motive of creation and of the original covenant (see Gen 3:5), man turns his back on God-love, on the 'Father.' He in some sense casts him from his heart." — Theology of the Body, 26-4.

This human inclination towards pride and selfishness — and we all have it to a lesser or greater degree — is what we call original sin. Don't we often forget what our right relationship with God is — or should be? Don't we often find ourselves inclined to be proud of ourselves, our accomplishments, our possessions, our relationships? Isn't our first reaction to most things most of the time centered on how we are impacted?

Capital sins

The seven deadly or capital sins are seven manifestations of original sin at work. The church calls them capital sins because they are the root of all other sins or tendencies towards vice and evil. They are the "worst offenders," the ones that lead us away from God, just as they did for Adam and Eve. Tradition names these seven sins: pride, gluttony, avarice (greed), lust, sloth, envy and anger.

They can be compared to genes that carry a propensity for an illness such as cancer or diabetes. The person with these genes does not automatically have the disease, but the physical inclination can allow cancer to develop if the circumstances are right. Naming and claiming that we have the predisposition puts us on alert for the

presence of the disease.

The first of the capital sins is pride, clearly evident throughout human history. We can become so taken up with our own accomplishments, with our titles and positions that we forget the source of those gifts — God. If we are guilty of the sin of pride, we have made ourselves gods. And if we are gods, then why should we even bother with anyone or anything else? The virtue that helps us overcome pride is humility.

The second capital sin is gluttony or a failure to practice restraint. Its counter virtue is temperance. If we spend all our time and energy trying to satisfy a bottomless need for food and drink or seeking mental gratification, we will not have time to think about a right relationship with God or with others. Food and drink or mental pleasures become our gods. And gluttony certainly seems to be firmly entrenched in today's world.

Avarice or greed is the third of the capital sins. Greedy people are also out of balance. They cannot see how their demand for unnecessary consumer goods affects the poor and marginalized people in our society. If we are consumed by greed, we could care less about issues of justice — as long as we get what we want. Need is not why we shop; shopping itself becomes the need.

The next capital sin is lust, another imbalanced attachment, this time to a physical aspect of our lives. We forget that God's gift of sexuality is intended to express love in a committed relationship and to be open to new life. If we allow our thoughts and minds to be filled constantly with lustful thoughts, then other people become objects for us to satisfy our desires. The counterbalancing virtue is chastity.

Another capital sin is sloth or laziness. Laziness can be just spiri-

tual laziness or an attitude towards just about anything. The sin of sloth is laziness in our relationship with God. If we are lazy, we neglect to pay attention to God in our daily lives. Couch potatoes exist in the spiritual order, too. Sloth lets our creature comforts override what God is asking of us. It takes diligence to see the Spirit in action in our lives and to use the gifts we have been given by God.

Then comes envy, a sin that looks resentfully at who other people are, what they own, or what positions they have achieved — so much so that we cannot recognize our own gifts, our own blessings, our own accomplishments. Instead of putting down others and disliking them for their achievements, we are called to rejoice in and with them, to love them. Love is the counterbalance to envy.

Finally, the last capital sin is anger. And, oh, how well we all know this one. The feeling of anger is just that — a feeling, and as such is neither good nor bad. Feelings simply tell us what's going on. But when we become consumed with anger, then we seek revenge. This can take many forms, all the way from foot-stomping tantrums to "the silent treatment" to violence. The counterbalance to anger is meekness of soul. Meekness is recognition that everything that God has given to us and to others should be a source of joy and satisfaction for everyone, not of resentment and anger.

Lenten examination of conscience

Just as each of us has a unique personality so, too, each of us has our own "brand" of sinfulness. Let's use the weeks of Lent as an examination of conscience where we look at personal habits and attitudes that, while they may not

seem to do us much harm, indicate that capital sins are still active in some way in each of us.

As we journey together through Lent, let's decide how best to remove the stumbling blocks, the detours and the dead ends along the path to a right relationship with our Creator. To counter pride, we need to become humble. For gluttony, we can learn moderation; for avarice, generosity; for lust, chastity; for sloth, diligence; for envy, love and for anger, meekness.

We all must live with the realization that deep within us is a tendency to sin. But we have also been washed clean in the blood of Christ on the cross. God's Spirit dwells within us; and, no matter how difficult the struggle is to overcome vice and to live a virtuous life, with God's help and our own resolve, we will surely win. All we need do is ask God for help and prepare ourselves to receive it.

Reflection and discussion

- What is your understanding of original sin? How has it changed over the years?
- What is society's attitude towards sin in general? Towards the capital sins?
- Who are the virtuous people in your lives? How are they an example to us?

Closing prayer

God of open arms and merciful heart, when we fall, you pick us up. When we turn away, you patiently wait. When we sin, you readily forgive. Give us the compassion and strength to do as you would do and live holy lives with our brothers and sisters, who are the body of Christ. This we ask through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Online Lenten resources ... for those on the road

BY DR. DAN McNAMARA

Our jobs will keep many of us "on the road" more often than not during the Lenten season.

But Lent itself is a journey. And if you'll have your laptop with you, you may find that these Web sites make good traveling companions for you on a very special journey.

• **Lent: Call to Conversion** — www.americancatholic.org/Features/Lent — This site is sponsored by the St. Anthony Messenger Press. It features a reading and reflection that will change daily throughout Lent. You will also find a dozen articles on aspects of the season, a number of audio sections, a radio retreat link and some downloads for your iPod.

• **Lenten resources** — www.catholicmom.com/lent —

This one offers you over 40 links to articles and other Web sites. Many are of special interest to women. Others focus on things both dads and moms can do with the family at home. Teachers will like this one too.

• **The Vatican's Lenten resources** — www.vatican.va — You can enter this site in Spanish, French or English. Then click on "Liturgical Year"/Lent. You will find numerous papal statements on Lenten topics from both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. There is also a fascinating "Music for Lent" section and some "live" video programs.

• **Edmonton-Toronto Redemptorists** — www.redemptorists.ca — At "Quick Links," click on "Daily Meditation." This will take you to Father John Molnar's introductory article on developing your sense of prayer. His daily meditations are based on

the Psalms.

• **Lent — The Road to Easter** — www.osv.com — From this homepage, click on the "OSV4Me" tab, then Church Seasons/Lent. Articles here from Our Sunday Visitor's staff range from the historical to the practical. The Lenten Links section usually targets items others overlook.

• **EWTN** — The holy season of Lent — www.ewtn.com/faith/lent — A daily reflection format is the anchor of this site. Mother Angelica herself offers a Stations of the Cross section. A Lenten Reflections section offers an extensive list of audio files for listening on your PC, Mac or MP3 player.

• **The Irish Jesuits** — www.sacredspace.ie — The "Prayer For Today" can be accessed in 20 different languages. Scroll down the page to find the special Lent section. Other links here focus on developing an

awareness of God in your life (www.other6.com).

• **Diocese of Stockton** — www.stocktondiocese.org/english/liturgy/lent/resources — This features 10 short reflections from parish clergy in California and eight unique links.

• **National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry** — www.nfcym.org/resources/components/prayerworship/lent — Links to 18 Catholic publishers and organizations offering specific resources for high school students. I think all of us will find them thoughtful and personally challenging. Most of these are becoming hard to find individually.

• **For Byzantine Catholics** — www.byzantines.net/feasts/Lent — Eastern Catholics will find here many of the prayers and common traditions they uniquely share. For some fascinating audio and video resources, click on the "Byz.net"

icon at the bottom of this page and then select "Resources"/Real Video.

• **Jesuit Media. London** — www.pray-as-you-go.org — This site offers Daily Prayer downloads for your MP3 player.

• **Congregation of the Passion** — www.cptryon.org/prayer — From the "Prayer Books Online" list, select "Lent and Easter." This is a highly developed site with sections on the Gospel readings, Stations of the Cross, foods and plants of the season, and an extensive section for children. The gem, however, is "Narratives of The Passion from the Gospels," a commentary by biblical scholar Donald Senior, a member of the Passionist order himself and its companion section "In Search of the Passion of Jesus." The latter is a historical and archeological look at the city of Jerusalem.

Lent — A spiritual opportunity



THE CUTTING EDGE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Lent is really early this year. I don't know about you, but it seems like we just took down our Christmas trees and put away the holiday decorations. The season of Lent is a very important time for Christians, especially Catholics. Each year the church, in her wisdom, gives us 40 days to reflect on our relationship with God. Lent is a yearly opportunity to slow down and take stock of how we are living our faith. It is also a good time to examine our actions to determine how well we are doing in our attempts to live the Gospel message of Jesus and where we need to improve. It is a call to conversion.

Our Catholic tradition suggests that during Lent we use the disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to renew our Christian life. It is not so much doing a lot of extra things, but living our lives more deeply in Christ.

Lent is a time to give more attention to the place of prayer in your life. Prayer is communication with God. No relationship grows unless we are willing to listen and share ourselves with the other person. God is no exception.

During Lent set aside, if you don't already, some time daily for regular prayer. Try to find a quiet place where you can just be with God and let God love you. You might want to read and reflect upon some Scripture and get to know the Lord better.

Don't call upon God only when you are in trouble or want something. Spend some time praising and thanking God for all your blessings.

Fasting is the second discipline of Lent. Most people think that fasting is primarily something to do with food, like giving up

candy or ice cream or not eating in between meals. However, there are other ways to fast. Only you know what type of fasting would best help your spiritual life. Maybe it would be more beneficial for you to fast from gossip or negative words rather than chocolate chip cookies. Or perhaps you could try to talk less and become a better listener, especially to people who could use your attention. It can be a real discipline, especially when you have a lot on your mind, to focus on the other person and truly hear what he or she is saying.

Lastly, there is almsgiving, the third discipline of Lent. For many, to give alms means donating money to a charitable cause. That is an important part of it, but it also means to share the precious gifts of our time and talent with people in need. Lent calls us to give of ourselves, not just our financial and material resources. This Lent you might think about people who can use some of your time. Who would most benefit from your gifts and talents?

Reconciliation is also a Lenten practice. Who do you need to forgive or from whom

do you need to ask forgiveness? I think this is a very important way to give alms and is a sacrifice pleasing to our God. It can be difficult, but it brings a lot of peace to those involved and, after all, it is what Jesus tells us to do.

During this Lent let us try to slow down and be more reflective. If we don't already, set aside some regular time for the Lord. Let us also try to raise our awareness of the needs of others and not focus primarily on ourselves. This might be a good time to do some charitable work that you can integrate into your life after Lent is over.

Lent is a yearly opportunity to reflect on our life in Christ. Classes, papers, committees, projects, spring breaks, jobs, etc., will pass away, but our relationship with God is forever. Don't let this be just another forty days in the year. Use it as a time of conversion.

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Grilled Rainbow Trout Quesadillas

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| 12 (4 ounces each) Natural Style Clear-Cuts® Boneless Rainbow Trout Fillets | 12 (10-inch) flour tortillas |
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| 3/4 pound shredded Cheddar cheese | 1-1/2 cups sour cream |
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Season trout fillets with salt and pepper; sauté or grill until just cooked through, about 2 minutes per side. Remove and discard skin; break up trout into bite size pieces. Refrigerate until needed.

Per order: arrange 1/4 cup of each cheese over half of one tortilla. Top cheese with 1/3 cup trout and 1/3 cup salsa; fold tortilla in half. Place tortilla on hot, dry griddle; cook, turning once, until tortilla is lightly browned on both sides and cheese is melted. Cut into quarters and serve with 2 tablespoons sour cream, and 1/3 of a peeled, sliced avocado. Variation: substitute 4 cups flaked, smoked Rainbow Trout for Clear-Cuts® Boneless Rainbow Trout fillets.

Fighting hunger: One rice bowl at a time

Operation Rice Bowl to kick off Feb. 6

BALTIMORE, Md. — Millions of Catholics from more than 14,000 parishes, schools and community groups in the U.S. are ready to launch Operation Rice Bowl (ORB), Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) annual Lenten program, on Ash Wednesday, February 6. In advance of the Lenten season, CRS will send out millions of symbolic rice bowls that are used as the focal point for their prayer, fasting, learning and giving.

Each Lent, participants in ORB put donations into individual cardboard bowls — or rice bowls — which are collected and donated to projects that alleviate hunger in 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and also the United States. By making a small sacrifice and eating less than they normally would each week, people can donate the money they would have spent on food to support CRS' mission to fight global hunger.

"Helping people in need through fasting and giving is a big component of ORB, but we also urge people to help others through prayer and by learning about the factors that cause hunger and poverty," says Beth Martin, director of Operation Rice Bowl for



CRS. "Every year, we highlight the lives of people in five countries who have benefited

from ORB to demonstrate the impact these contributions can have."

Last year, Catholic Relief Services raised \$8 million through Operation Rice Bowl. Seventy-five percent of the money is used to fund food security projects overseas in the areas of agriculture, water and sanitation, education, HIV and AIDS, micro-finance, and maternal and child health. The remaining 25 percent stay in U.S. dioceses to support local projects like food pantries and hunger centers.

Since its beginning in 1975, ORB has raised more than \$167 million to fund CRS' development projects.

For more information visit orb.crs.org.



Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 6

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EDITORIAL

Ready or not, here comes Lent

We just finished celebrating the Christmas season, barely getting the holiday decorations put away, when it's time to begin thinking about the Lenten season. One moment we're celebrating the birth of Jesus, the next we're preparing to celebrate Christ's Passion, death and resurrection.

Lent begins really early this year on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, and concludes quietly in the late afternoon of Holy Thursday, March 20 — the first day of spring — before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Without the Christmas holidays to cheer us, the winter weather can wear our patience thin. Many, in fact, may even grumble that the weather is penance enough, now we've got to deal with Lent.

But in the "Sourcebook for Sundays and Seasons," an almanac for parish liturgy, it refers to the ancient words used to this day in the Christian East:

"The Lenten spring has come: let us receive the announcement of Lent with joy! For if our forefather Adam had kept the fast, we would not have been deprived of paradise. The time of Lent is a time of gladness! Filled with resplendent prayer and all good deeds, let us sing with joy ..."

In our own Western church, Vatican II's liturgy has several new Mass prefaces for Lent. Among them is this exultant and socially conscious text: "Each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our God, and of willing service to our neighbor."

"The Lenten season mirrors nature's mixed weather," the "Sourcebook" continues. "Present indeed is a certain awareness of sin, even at times a harshness of repentance and the sting of discipline. But 'the time is fulfilled' and 'the kingdom of God has come near.' In the springtime of the world and in the garden of the soul life is stirring as the Lord 'makes all things new.'"

Motivation is a key to making the season of Lent a success. An excellent source of motivation occurs on the first day of this season of reform when on Ash Wednesday we are reminded we will die! A sacramental reminder of our own death has the power to cleanse our inner vision to see more clearly the ultimate purpose of life.

How do you want to be remembered?

Here's an exercise to practice for the feast of ashes as well as the season of Lent. Create the epitaph you would like carved on your tombstone. Write a brief sentence or phrase that summarizes your life. In just a few words express your deepest beliefs of how you would like to be remembered. This prayerful perhaps painful exercise can be a powerful reminder during Lent if you place it on your desk or dresser to help motivate you to find time to practice the disciplines of Lent. This daily visual aid can serve as a true expression of who you are or want to become, reminding you to make the right choices about how you live and what to do with the limited time given to you.

The spiritual life and the practical life are one, and the wise person removes the line between them. Spirituality simply is another name for living life according to our beliefs. The vision of reality we project to our world of family, friends, associates and neighbors is that which is illuminated from within, either by the presence of God or the absence of his Holy Spirit.

The purpose of Lenten practices, prayers, fasts, rituals and other religious exercises is to discover what may be hiding in the recesses of our heart. The real purpose of Lent is to "rend our hearts," to rip open and increase the heart's capacity to love, enabling us perhaps to live up to the words of our epitaph.

Following one after the other, the sacred seasons of Advent and Lent both call us to remember our mortality and to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. Since the early Middle Ages, placing ashes on the foreheads of the faithful on Ash Wednesday has been practiced to remind us of death, of the sorrow we should feel for our sins and of the necessity of changing our lives. As you come forward to receive the mark of death upon your forehead, silently recite your tombstone epitaph after you hear the following or similar formula: "Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

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.

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Gratitude for Peter's Pence contribution

With sincere gratitude I wish to acknowledge receipt of the check in the amount of \$56,787.43, representing the Peter's Pence contribution from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for 2007, which you had forwarded this past month to the apostolic nunciature.

As I assure you that this sum will be duly transmitted to the Secretariat of State on your behalf, permit me to offer an initial word of appreciation in the name of the Holy Father for this valuable assistance. In addition to sharing in the material responsibilities facing Pope Benedict XVI, this expression of generosity by your people reveals their deep awareness of the bonds of faith, hope and love, which they

share with the universal church and God's people, especially the poor, throughout the world.

May God, who is infinitely generous, reward you and continue to bless you and the faithful under your pastoral care.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi
Apostolic Nuncio
Washington, D.C.

Gratitude expressed for Retirement Fund

Thank you for your diocesan check for \$187,360.64, which has been deposited in the Retirement Fund for Religious account. This brings your total diocesan contributions for all of the years of the collection to \$2,425,937.29. The money has been recorded as part of Appeal XX for 2007.

Your generosity surely helps

religious address the many challenges religious face as they age. Religious today, as always, continue to make an impact on our society. Even as they age, their commitment to the ministry of their community, their prayer and spiritual life are vibrant testimony to the faithfulness they promised so many years ago. Your commitment to them is a heartfelt testimony to their faithfulness. Each religious, young and old, are grateful for your support.

Your support and the support of your Retirement Fund for Religious coordinator, pastors, parish priests and deacons are essential to the fund's continued success. May God bless you as only he can!

Sister Janice Bader, CPPS
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No committees in heaven

Last week we buried a dear priest and friend, Father William Hodde — someone who was a part of my life and the life of my family.

Father Hodde was my pastor for 16 years at St. Aloysius Parish, Yoder. I was his parish organist those years, less the two years I was away to college at Middle Tennessee State University finishing my bachelor's degree. I left just a few weeks after he arrived in Yoder. But whenever I came home for visits, he always welcomed the prodigal organist back to the bench.

Father Hodde loved history, especially Civil War history, and he was very familiar with the historical sites near Murfreesboro, Tenn., where I lived — especially the Stones River National Battleground.

After college, I was back on the organ bench at St. Aloysius. Father Hodde was there through some major changes in my life.

Immediately after the death of my grandfather, he was with the family at my mom and dad's home. He visited and brought Communion to my dad during the numerous hospital stays, at the nursing home as he recuperated and at home as my dad's health failed.

Father Hodde celebrated the marriages of my sister and her husband, my brother and his wife and my own marriage.

When I wanted to organize a south side Catholic singles group with a buddy, Father Hodde was there offering the grounds and enthusiastically watched the group "marry itself out of existence."

In that group, I met my wife Rose. I remember he suggested that I check into the priesthood, but he made that suggestion the very week after I proposed to Rose.

One day after Mass, Rose and I

were talking with Father Hodde and some friends about how expensive the reception was going to be. He replied, "Have your reception in the school hall. We'll let you use it for free." At that remark, our friends offered to cater the meal. What a bargain!

Rose and I married on my 29th birthday and what would have been the 64th anniversary of my grandparents Herman and Frances Hoffman's marriage in the same church. I remember Father Hodde saying, "I'm sure Frances and Herman are smiling down from heaven today."

Father Hodde would come over for dinner on occasion. When we built our new house in the country, he blessed our home and enthroned it in the Sacred Heart.

I worked with Father Hodde planning weekly Masses, parish missions, funerals, weddings, children's choirs at Christmas and school Masses. I witnessed him bring friends and a sister-in-law into the church. And he was one of my references that I was a Catholic in good standing as I applied for my job at *Today's Catholic*.

Father Hodde's years at St. Aloysius weren't all that easy. He broke his leg one year on vacation, which presented some mobility problems — especially in a building designed for the 1860s.

He coordinated a major capital campaign at St. Aloysius — the first in 50 years — and dealt with a lot of differing opinions and some objections. He always wanted what was best for our parish, and sometimes he took a good bit of ridicule. But he wasn't one to hold a grudge with those who disagreed with him.

He would often quip, "When I die and if they ask me to serve on a committee, I know I didn't make it to heaven."

MANY HATS



BY TIM JOHNSON

Father Hodde stayed on a year after retirement age and saw the completion of the building project. He was looking forward to retirement. Before he retired, he gave me his prayer book he used in seminary.

After retirement to Saint Anne Home, he would visit St. Aloysius, sometimes to fill in when the parish was assigned the TV Mass, sometimes on a rare occasion to fill in if our pastor, Father Dominique Carboneau, needed a weekend off.

Father Hodde would come to the parish fish fries, dinners and enjoyed visiting with the community at these events or at our annual parish festival, Summerfest.

Father Hodde was first and foremost a pastor — a man who embraced the people of St. Aloysius and was eager to jump in the water to help the parish envision its future.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy often says the best thing a bishop can do is send a parish a good priest. Thank you Bishop D'Arcy for sending Father Hodde to St. Aloysius.

Eternal rest to Father Hodde, and I am sure there are no committees or meetings in heaven.

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All ecumenism is local: Christian unity begins at the grass roots

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In Rome, like in any other diocese, the search for Christian unity is fueled by the prayers and friendships of neighbors and their local pastors.

Each year the bishop of the Diocese of Rome — the pope — hosts other Christian leaders at a Jan. 25 prayer service marking the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. But the faithful of his diocese have a full schedule leading up to the final night.

Father Marco Gnani, director of the Rome diocesan office for ecumenical affairs, said, "Rome is a unique diocese ecumenically, first of all because of the presence of the pope, but also because of the variety of Christian communities represented and because of the numbers of centers and movements that focus on unity."

One of those is the Centro Pro Unione, a dialogue and study center operated by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, the group that gave birth to the week of Christian prayer 100 years ago in Garrison, N.Y.

Father James Puglisi, director

of the center and minister general of the order, said the week of prayer began as a local observance, and its celebration naturally depends on local circumstances, including how many different Christian communities are present in a given city and how well their members get along during the year.

The grass roots "is where the unity of the church is being built up through concrete pastoral initiatives that promote collaboration, respect for one another and recognition of one another as brothers and sisters in Christ," he said.

The leadership and guidance of the pope and the Vatican, especially in theological dialogue, are an essential part of ecumenism, he said, "but real work is going on locally where people know each other, help one another and pray with each other."

Speaking at his Jan. 23 general audience about the week of prayer, Pope Benedict XVI said greatly improved relations among divided Christians have been the result of a multifaceted approach "from mutual understanding to

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fraternal contact among members of different churches and ecclesial communities, from increasingly friendlier conversations to collaboration in various fields, from theological dialogue to the search for concrete forms of communion."

Even those responsible for the Catholic Church's ecumenical relations at the highest levels say they would not and could not do what they do without the personal friendships that are built through prayer and dialogue.

Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, said ecumenism requires "spiritual empathy" and a willingness to

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Jesus reveals what's important in life



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 5:1-12a

The Book of Zephaniah provides this weekend's first reading. Only rarely does the liturgy use Zephaniah for a reading. Probably one reason for this that the book is quite short, only three chapters in length. (Isaiah has 66 chapters.)

In addition, little is known about Zephaniah. His father was Cushi, who descended from King Hezekiah, ruler of the southern Hebrew kingdom of Judah from 715 B.C. to 687 B.C.

Descent from royalty suggests for some scholars that Zephaniah had contact with the royal circles of his day and therefore had a good perspective of political developments.

In any case, the kingdom of Judah was on shaky ground, as was its northern, and somewhat estranged, neighboring kingdom, the Hebrew kingdom of Israel. Each was weak and easily the prey for the imperial hungers of mighty surrounding empires. Indeed, as times unfolded, the powerful Babylonians, operating from Babylon in present-day Iraq, literally would extinguish the Hebrew kingdoms.

Zephaniah saw the danger. He also saw at the root of the problem

the fact that the country's people had grown careless and lukewarm in their faithfulness to God. Ignoring God had led the national leaders into making very unwise decisions. These decisions crippled the country and put it at risk of being overtaken by outsiders.

This prophet insisted, as did the others, that if the people obeyed God's law, then they would have nothing to fear.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians gives us the liturgy's next reading. The reading insists upon a paradox that has confounded people since the Gospel first was preached. The weak, at least in earthly eyes, will be exalted. The mighty, by contrast, will be laid low. The overall lesson from Paul's writing in this regard is that judging our lives, or the world, by earthly, human standards, is in the last analysis a waste of time. Only in God, as revealed by Jesus, is there to be found a clear and true vision of what life is all about, and of what is important or unimportant in life.

St. Matthew's Gospel provides the last reading. It is the beautiful presentation of the Beatitudes. In general, the similarity between Jesus and Moses always intrigued Matthew, and this similarity is a theme of his Gospel. For example, there is a coincidence between God giving the Ten Commandments to Moses atop Mount Sinai, in the midst of the flight of the Hebrews from slavery and death, and the pronouncement by Jesus of the Beatitudes on a mountaintop at the edge of the Sea of Galilee as the people yearned to be freed from hopelessness and doom.

Each revelation, that to Moses, and that of Jesus, is a series of statements for virtuous living addressed by God to the faithful. Living by the Beatitudes builds the kingdom of God.

Reflection

Midway in the week to come the church will observe Ash Wednesday and begin the season of Lent. At the conclusion of Lent, we will celebrate the Lord's Resurrection and await our own ultimate victory over sin, despair, and death.

Lent will prepare us for Easter not by planning for a celebration but by calling us to penance and deeper prayer. Lent is a microcosm of life on earth. Just as in Lent we symbolically prepare for Easter by disciplining ourselves, by prayer, self-denial and fasting, in life we must prepare ourselves for genuine peace and for eternal life by disciplining ourselves.

How? The most demanding discipline is to accept in our hearts and minds the fact that judgments based on earthly considerations are hopelessly and essentially flawed. We must accept as our standard the model of Jesus. Only in accepting Jesus, and living in the example of Jesus, will we join Jesus in eternity.

READINGS

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6b, 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6a, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

In February we remember the Presentation, so this quiz presents us with a few questions about the day.

- 1. What or who was presented?**
 - a. the gifts of the Magi
 - b. Jesus
 - c. a sheep
- 2. What was the primary purpose of this visit?**
 - a. to placate the Pharisees
 - b. because the mother had to be "purified" after childbirth
 - c. It was form of Roman taxation
- 3. What is another name for the feast?**
 - a. the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - b. the dedication of the Temple
 - c. Yom Kippur
- 4. In England this feast was often referred to simply as**
 - a. Whitsun
 - b. Boxing Day
 - c. Candlemas
- 5. In which temple did the presentation take place?**
 - a. the Temple in Jerusalem
 - b. the "temple" or synagogue on Nazareth
 - c. We do not know; the text does not say
- 6. What did Mary and Joseph offer as sacrifice in the Temple?**
 - a. a sheep
 - b. a cow
 - c. Two doves or pigeons
- 7. What does this tell us about the couple?**
 - a. They were poor
 - b. they were vegetarian
 - c. they were animal rights activists
- 8. How do we know this?**
 - a. The standard sacrifice for people who could afford it was a lamb and a turtledove.
 - b. Joseph, as a carpenter could have offered more, but clearly refused to eat meat.
 - c. The doves, as unclean, were not considered real animals as camels were.
- 9. If the son being presented was a firstborn, a payment had also to be made to**
 - a. a priest or member of a priestly family
 - b. the Roman Red Cross
 - c. the Temple in Bethel
- 10. What does Luke's Gospel tell us about this payment?**
 - a. Jesus' family refused to pay it, a sign that they would eventually reject the temple caste of priests.
 - b. They paid it from the gold given them by the Magi, thus linking gentiles into salvation.
 - c. Nothing — it is not mentioned.
- 11. The Holy Family met a man called Simeon. He knew he would not die until he**
 - a. collected a million shekels in social security.
 - b. saw the Messiah.
 - c. visited Jerusalem.
- 12. Simeon refers to Jesus as this, later the title of a Vatican II document**
 - a. "Lumen Gentium," ("Light to the Nations")
 - b. Gefilte Fish (Pisces a la vin aigre)
 - c. "Dei Verbum," ("Word (logos) of God")
- 13. Another person in the possibly crowded temple was a widow. We learn she had achieved this (by those days' standard) great age**
 - a. 64
 - b. 74
 - c. 84
- 14. Who and what was she?**
 - a. Anna, the mother of John The Baptist
 - b. Anna, a prophetess
 - c. Anna, mother of Mary (grandmother of Jesus)
- 15. Mary receives some probably unwelcome news. She is told that she will be**
 - a. assumed into heaven.
 - b. pierced by a sword.
 - c. the mother of two sons.

ANSWERS:

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

Fasting, abstinence explained as we enter Lenten season

Please explain the difference between fasting and abstinence. K.C. Fort Wayne

Fasting is willingly refraining, either partially or totally, from a legitimate pleasure or need. So, for example, one might fast from food by eating only one full meal during the day or one might fast for a month from eating candy. There are innumerable ways that one might fast. There are two specific days of fasting to which the church calls us during Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days, all those who are 18 years old through 59 years old are required to refrain from food, except for one full meal and one or two small snacks. Also, in general, there has been the traditional practice in the church of fasting from something during the entirety of Lent such as candy, television, radio, etc.

Abstinence is a type of fasting where one is called to refrain from eating meat or some other type of food. Again, the specific abstinence to which the church calls us during Lent involves refraining from eating meat. This is to be done by all Catholics who are at least 14 years old on all the Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Instead of "giving up" something for Lent, I want to do something. Any suggestions? Anonymous

"Giving up" something for Lent has always been seen as a way for us Christians to discipline our wills. In other words, many times we get very comfortable in getting what we want, when we want it, and this can be true especially regarding sinful pleasures. By fasting, we are in a sense exercising the power of our wills over the desires of our bodies. While many times the desires of our bodies are legitimate (food, relaxation, etc.), we all have a tendency to indulge these desires and to take more than we really need. Fasting is a way of tempering ourselves. So I would be careful about quickly abandoning the fruitful practice of "giving up" something. Many times, I think, saying that I want to "do something" for Lent rather than "give up" something for Lent is just an excuse to avoid fasting. The necessity of fasting can be seen in the words of Jesus himself in the Gospels, in the practice of the apostles in the Book of Acts, and in the letters of St. Paul.

However, I think that one might creatively do both. For example, one could give up television during Lent and spend the extra time

visiting the elderly in the nursing home. In this way, one is combining the fruitful practice of fasting with a corporal work of mercy.

Do Sundays count as days of Lent? In other words, if I give up candy for Lent, can I eat candy on the Sundays of Lent or would I be cheating? Anonymous

Technically speaking, all Sundays are celebrations of the Resurrection of the Lord, even during Lent. Thus, the Sundays of Lent do not count as part of the 40 days of Lent. I think that one can legitimately take a "day off" on Sundays during Lent and enjoy in moderation whatever legitimate pleasure they have given up for Lent.

I love fish. It seems on meatless Fridays of Lent, eating fish is by no means a sacrifice. Eating bologna

would be a much greater sacrifice. What do you think? Anonymous

I think that we should all do what the church asks of us. The church asks us together to refrain from eating meat on Fridays of Lent. Not only are we fasting from something particular, but we are also doing it together. There is powerful symbolism in doing this together. We are reminded that not only do we come before God as

individuals, we also stand before God together. We are reminded that we are all sinners in need of God's mercy. So, we all abstain from meat together as a corporate sign of our willingness to repent from our sins.

Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope, answered this week's questions.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for February 3, 2008

Matthew 5:1-12a

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: the Sermon on the Mount. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CROWDS	WENT UP	DISCIPLES
BLESSED	POOR	IN SPIRIT
KINGDOM	MOURN	MEEK
INHERIT	HUNGER	PURE
HEART	SEE GOD	PEACEMAKERS
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Anonymity and remembrance in Berlin

I'd not been in Berlin since 1987 — before the Wall came tumbling down — so I eagerly accepted an invitation to speak at an international conference there this past November. The change is dramatic. Where the dreaded "Vopos" or Volkspolizei once goose-stepped, Starbucks now brews. In 1987, you could walk two blocks to either side of East Berlin's Fifth Avenue, the Unter den Linden, and find buildings pockmarked by World War II artillery shells; today, the only relics of that period are a few buildings in which addicts have claimed squatter's rights.

On my first night in town, I walked through the Brandenburg Gate and into the old Soviet zone to see if my 1987 memories still gave me navigational bearings. They did, but barely. No Man's Land has been replaced by the massive Potsdamerplatz multi-use center; several Christmas Markets were doing a brisk Yuletide business; and the Unter den Linden came to a cheerful end in an amusement park with a colossal ferris wheel, which such headline East German Stalinists as Walter Ulbricht and Erich Honecker would have thought unbearably bourgeois.

During my stroll through the former communist sector, I was happy to rediscover St. Hedwig's, Berlin's Catholic cathedral, which has been considerably restored. It's a curious structure — the Prussian king, Frederick II, insisted that it be modeled on Rome's Pantheon — and the circular nave opens down into a large lower church where the altar of repose is built: and from which the main altar in the upper church "grows." That singular

piece of design notwithstanding, I found the undercroft an easy place to pray, as one of its chapels includes the tomb of Blessed Bernhard Lichtenberg, the heroic cathedral provost who vehemently protested the Nazi persecution of Jews and who died en route to the Dachau concentration camp in 1943. The same chapel houses a striking bronze memorial to some 20 cathedral parishioners who also paid the ultimate price for their anti-Nazi resistance.

When I got back to my hotel, I plotted a course for the following morning, during which I wanted to see the "Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe," dedicated in 2005. It was only on examining the map closely that I realized that I'd walked right past the memorial a few hours earlier, thinking it a construction site. It didn't get better when I returned the next day.

The memorial consists of 2,711 concrete pillars of various sizes, all a dull gray, which cover an entire square block 200 yards or so from the Reichstag. There is no indication what these pillars are, or what this site is meant to commemorate. One critic called it, not inappropriately, "a constructed place, a non-place ... a design that can stand for everything and for nothing." I tried walking through the grid of pillars, an experience that only reconfirmed my initial distaste for this deliberately anonymous "memorial" to those who had died anonymously. The New York Times architecture critic lauded the "quiet abstraction of the memorial"; its "haunting silence and stark physical presence," he claimed, would "physi-



GEORGE WEIGEL

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cally weave the Holocaust into our daily existence." How, pray, does this site do that, when it could just as well be a memorial to the fallen soldiers of the Wehrmacht or the Red Army?

At 6 p.m. Mass in St. Hedwig's on the Second Sunday of Advent, I found a full cathedral in which at least half the congregants were young people. The grave of Blessed Bernhard Lichtenberg and the memorial to the martyred parishioners of the cathedral will, I think, teach those young people far more about radical evil than those 2,711 concrete pillars. In the Lichtenberg chapel, names are named; the dead are not ciphers. Europe's collapse of faith in the God of the Bible may have made evocative public monuments impossible. Whatever the causation, Berlin has been given a "memorial" constructed as if a petulant giant had strewn an erector set over a field. I can't help but think of this as a posthumous victory for Hitler — and that, as the Jewish philosopher Emil Fackenheim taught us, violates the 614th Commandment.

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LETTER

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understand other Christians' prayer and community life "with the heart."

Speaking Jan. 24 at the Centro Pro Unione, he said, that where trust and friendships are not established "everybody is sufficiently intelligent to find objections to the arguments from the other side," and dialogue goes nowhere.

One sign that the friendship is not limited to official events is the fact that throughout the week Fathers Gnani and Puglisi and the entire staff of the pontifical council lead or participate in many of the dozens of prayer services and conferences organized by parishes, centers and movements in Rome.

Msgr. Donald Bolen, the council official who works with Anglicans and Methodists, said that once you begin to recognize the faith and spiritual gifts of your dialogue partner, "the notion of praying together in appropriate ways becomes not an obligation, but something one desires to do."

He and the Rev. Trevor Hoggard, pastor of a Methodist church near the Vatican, organized a Jan. 21 ecumenical prayer service based on the Methodist covenant service, which includes a renewal of baptismal promises.

"Organizing this service wasn't work; it was something I was very happy to be part of, nourishing my own faith and providing Catholics and English-speaking Christians from other communities the opportunity to encounter this gift from Methodism," Msgr. Bolen said.

"We all know that unity is not something you orchestrate from the top. It is the work of the Holy Spirit and is brought about in all sorts of ways, in all aspects and levels of our ecclesial lives," the monsignor said. "If nothing happens on a local level, where people live, then our work really is of questionable value."

Father Gnani said that while the Rome diocesan events do not capture the media attention given to the papal and Vatican events, "what happens all year on a local level is essential. It weaves a fabric that supports the more visible events and involves thousands of people."

Sports

BISHOP LUERS HIGH SCHOOL INVITES JUNIOR HIGH FEEDER SCHOOLS Bishop Luers invited all fifth through eighth grade students from area schools to their Jan. 18 boys varsity basketball game. The first 200 students received a Bishop Luers lanyard with a lucky number attached. The lucky numbers were announced during the game. Winning students enjoyed Luers spirit wear, key chains with Rave tickets and Luers license plates served with Hungry Howies pizza.

ICCL crowns champions in three of four divisions

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — The Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) crowned three division basketball champions and will have to wait another week before crowning the fourth division leader while the circuit winds up its 63rd regular season. After that will come the post season tournament.

Three division champions — the St. Anthony Panthers of John Bosco East, St. Joseph, Mishawaka, Wildcats of the Martin De Porres East, and St. Jude of the Martin De Porres West — all have perfect league records of 5-0 entering the last

week of play. St. Anthony and St. Joseph, Mishawaka, also have unblemished overall marks, while St. Jude had only one defeat on its overall mark.

Corpus Christi and Holy Family share the leadership of the John Bosco West with 4-1 league records and will settle their differences later.

The top individual performance of the day was racked up by Coley Schultheis, who drained the nets for 23 points in leading his St. Joseph, Mishawaka, teammates to a 67-25 win over an out-manned Queen of Peace.

St. Anthony edged St. Joseph of South Bend in a tight defensive struggle, 32-26, with Robert

Mischler leading the way with 13 points.

St. Jude clinched the title beating St. John the Baptist, 43-19, with Nick Bauer popping in 14 points for St. John.

Holy Cross upset Corpus Christi's bid to clinch the division title with a score of 35-27, as Dana Johnson tallied 12 points to lead the victors.

Holy Family defeated Christ the King, 46-39. Zach Zehender poured in 20 points for Holy Family, which maintained its

advantage throughout the second half.

In other games, St. Bavo of Mishawaka beat St. Monica of Mishawaka, 50-28, behind the 19-point scoring of Corey Fair. St. Matthew edged St. Thomas of Elkhart, 28-25 in overtime, and St. Pius of Granger defeated St. Michael, Plymouth, 34-27.

In the Colors Division, St. Thomas Maroon defeated St. Thomas Gold, 32-29, as Matt Hammond and Alex Sortich combines their efforts for 22 points. Michael Madden tallied 15

points in pacing his Corpus Christi Red team to a 48-36 win over Christ the King White.

Vince Ravotto scored 10 points in pacing St. Joseph, Mishawaka, Green to a 31-10 win over St. John the Baptist Maroon.

St. Pius Blue nipped St. Joseph, South Bend, Gold, 23-20.

Holy Cross Blue defeated St. Matthew Black, 55-29. Anthony Douglas rolled in 20 points to lead the victorious Crusaders.

St. Joseph, South Bend, Blue beat St. Anthony Gold, 21-17, to wind up the colors action.



Warsaw Knights announce free-throw winners

WARSAW — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511, Warsaw, held their annual free-throw contest on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Sacred Heart School gym. The contest was open to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 years of age.

The contest allowed all the entrants to warm up for a period of time, shooting from anywhere around the basket except from the free throw line. When the contest actually began, each contestant was allowed three warm-up shots from the foul line and then shot 15 free throw shots in a row. In case of a tie, there was an additional five shots allowed until a winner was determined. The winners from this local council competition progressed to a district competition on Feb. 2. District winners will then proceed to the state contest and the

national winner is determined by the best cumulative scores acquired throughout all the levels of the contest.

All contestants were awarded a participation certificate by the Knights and the winner in each category was awarded a winners certificate. Winners at the council level were Curtis Archer, 10-year-old boy; Nicholas Sands, 11-year-old boy; Taylor Myers, 11-year-old girl; Zarek Finley, 12-year-old boy; Kathy Frazzetta, 12-year-old girl; Katie Glenn, 13-year-old girl; Lauren Burrish, 14-year-old girl.

These winners will compete again on Feb. 2 at Sacred Heart for the district competition which can include contestants from Plymouth, Bremen, Syracuse and other surrounding communities.

Hessen Cassel courts week seven CYO basketball action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In week seven of Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) basketball action, six games took place at the St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, gym on Jan. 26.

In the first matchup, the St. Aloysius boys' team defeated Most Precious Blood in a non-conference game by a score of 34-24. Scoring for the Gators came from Thiele with 10 points, Little with 9 and Rider with 8. Chase led the Royal Reds with 9 points.

After that, the Lady Gators downed the Twins from St. Louis-St. Rose-St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, 35-19. Zaremba and Sterrett led St. Aloysius with 11 and 10 points respectively. A. Gerardot paced her team with 10 points in the loss.

Three different teams from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth played St. Joseph, Decatur, next. The eighth-grade girls beat St. Joseph, 32-9. Julia and Zoe each contributed 10 points for the Panthers while Davison and Hain chipped in four a piece for the Commodores.

The seventh-grade boys also took on St. Joseph, Decatur. They came out on top by a score of 38-25. Deiser pumped in 18 points for the victors while Vergara and Kon added seven each for Decatur.

Then it was the seventh grade girls' turn. This time, however, St. Joseph, Decatur, won in a close one, 14-13. Gigli had seven points for the Lady Panthers while Schultz scored all but one point for her team.

Finally, the St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, Squires downed the seventh-grade Cardinals from St.

Charles in a non-conference win, 47-28. James Knapke had seven baskets to lead all scoring. Eighth grader Alex Miller also chipped in a season-high nine points for the Squires. Kosiarek had seven points for St. Charles and Barton rounded out the scoring with six.

In other action, the Gold League title is still on the line with St. Vincent's improving to 5-1 in conference play over the weekend on their home court. The Panthers beat St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 36-22. Evan Feichter scored 21 points for St. Vincent while Andrew Yaney added six for St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth. St. Charles also boasts a 5-1 Gold League record after knocking off a tough Eagles team from St. Jude at Queen of Angels on Saturday. The Eagles lost by just three points and drop to 4-2 in the Gold League.



The Knights of Columbus Council 4511, Warsaw, free-throw winners and their categories for entry include the following: front row, from left, Curtis Archer, 10 years old; Nicholas Sands, 11; and Zarek Finley, 12; and back row, chairman Martin Pfister; Taylor Myers, 11; Kathy Frazzetta, 12; Katie Glenn, 13; Lauren Burish, 14; and Grand Knight Brad Durholz.



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'Juno' has a subtle yet notable pro-life undertone

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

The film "Juno" is truly a breath of fresh air.

Similar to "Bella," this gem of a movie has a subtle yet notable pro-life undertone that will undoubtedly appeal to Generation Y. The film is peppered with tongue-in-cheek humor that makes light of even one of the most sobering and controversial of topics: teenage pregnancy.

First a warning to viewers: The film opens with a heavy moment not necessarily appropriate for young eyes when Juno MacGuff (Ellen Paige), a free-thinking 16-year-old girl, loses her virginity to a high school friend, Paulie Bleeker ("Bleeker") in the heat of the moment. Much to her chagrin, the young Juno must face the consequences of an unplanned pregnancy. Her first instinct is to call (on a cheeseburger phone nonetheless) the local women's clinic and inquire about the details of procuring an abortion.

The young Juno musters up the courage to seek treatment at the local clinic. Viewers will note the pro-life agenda in this scene, as Juno encounters a classmate protesting in front of the clinic. Your baby has a heartbeat and fingernails, she tells Juno. Although Juno offers a witty response, I believe this might be the beginning of her change in heart. Juno enters the clinic and is quickly turned off by an eccentric clinician and nervous patients. Cold feet you could say.

Critics may consider this the turning point because she decides to keep the baby and surrenders to something larger than herself. With support from her friend Leah (Olivia Thirlby), Juno decides to put the baby up for adoption. Their approach — though offbeat and unconventional — proves fruitful; Juno browses a local newsletter and finds a couple seeking an adoption.



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Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman and Ellen Page star in a scene from the movie "Juno." The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

A yuppy suburbanite couple, Vanessa (Jennifer Garner) and Marc (Jason Bateman) Loring want a baby more than anything in the world — so much they are willing to offer compensation. The free spirited Juno however, is content with merely just "popping the baby out" and getting on with her life.

"But, uh ah, I'm going to give it up for adoption and I already found the perfect couple, they're going to pay for the medical expenses and everything," she tells her parents. "And in what ah 30 or so odd weeks we can just pretend that this never happened."

But life's just not that easy.

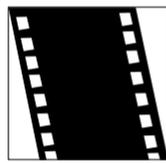
Throughout the film Juno visits Marc and the two share a mutual love for music, dreams for the future — and problems. One day when she stops by to deliver a copy of the ultrasound, Marc confesses that he is going to leave Vanessa. The weight of the world is on her shoulders, as it looks like the adoption is called off ... but not for long. One day Juno makes a surprise visit to the Loring's to

drop off a note of encouragement to Vanessa.

Unfortunately, the father of her baby has a limited role at best in the pregnancy until a few weeks before the baby's arrival. Some fatherly advice, however, inspires Juno to confess her love for Bleeker. She realizes that he truly cares for her, and is "the cheese to her macaroni," as she put it.

The film ends on a positive note, a win-win situation if you will. A young girl's decision blesses one lonely woman with the gift of life and Juno and Bleeker return to the normalcy of teenage life. God really does work in mysterious ways.

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MOVIE CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) — Following are capsule reviews of movies issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting.

"Cloverfield" (Paramount)

Skillful, effective horror exercise in which the amateur videotaping of a going-away party for a young executive (Michael Stahl-David) hosted by his brother (Mike Vogel) and attended by the girl who's awakened his interest (Odette Yustman), as well as a number of other friends (Lizzy Caplan, Jessica Lucas and T.J. Miller), is interrupted by the arrival in Manhattan of a rampaging monster. Director Matt Reeves' film cleverly contrasts the intimate feel of the ubiquitous camcorder with the vast scale of the havoc being unleashed and also benefits from believable characters and a script rich in deadpan humor. Some graphic images of the wounded, pervasive crude and frequent profane language, and sexual references. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

"Mad Money" (Overture)

Clever, fast-paced caper comedy about three cash-strapped women — a middle-class housewife (Diane Keaton) whose husband (Ted Danson) has just lost his job, a single mom (Queen Latifah) with two young boys to support, and a dippy but clever young woman (Katie Holmes) — who join forces to smuggle money out of the Federal Reserve Bank where they work. The time-honored conventions of heist films, and the light-hearted "Ocean's Eleven"-ish tone throughout outweigh elements that would be morally problematic if viewed from a strictly literal point of view. The stars make a surprisingly effective and appealing team, and there's assured direction from

Callie Khouri. Some crude expletives, one use of profanity, mild sexual talk and innuendo, an implied nonmarital encounter and brief drug reference. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

"27 Dresses" (Fox)

Glossy but formulaic romantic comedy about a perennial bridesmaid (the engaging Katherine Heigl) and the wedding reporter (James Marsden) who pursues her incognito, while she silently pines for her boss (Edward Burns) who, in turn, has fallen for her glamorous but superficial kid sister (Malin Akerman). Anne Fletcher's smooth direction, Heigl's self-deprecating charm and the rest of the personable cast compensate somewhat for the predictable script with results never less than pleasant, and there's a satisfying and morally sound plot resolution. Some crude language, a superfluous bathroom scene, an implied nonmarital sexual encounter, and mild sexual banter and innuendo. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.

"Rambo" (Lionsgate)

Toxically violent action flick in which the titular character (Sylvester Stallone), now operating a Thai longboat, reluctantly ferries a group of Christian missionaries, led by a married couple (Julie Benz and Paul Schulze), into Burma, then returns with a band of mercenaries under the direction of a foulmouthed Brit (Graham McTavish) to liberate them from brutal captivity at the hands of Burmese troops. Stallone, who also co-wrote and directed, once again creates barbarous villains simply to justify the vengeful mayhem his character proceeds to wreak on them. Extremely graphic violence, including dismemberment, torture, rape and beatings, rear and upper female nudity, pervasive rough, much crude and some crass language, and four uses of profanity. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is O — morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R.

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Annual Lenten fish fry

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club will have a fish fry Friday, Feb. 15, from 4-8 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 children ages 6-11 and \$1 for children age 5 and under. Carry-out and drive through available at the Paulding Road entrance.

Fish fry and salad bar

South Bend — St. Adalbert Parish will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 8, from 3:30-7 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Adults and carry-out \$7, children 5-12 \$3 and children under 5 free.

Scouts sponsor fish fry

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent Scouts will have fish dinners on Fridays Feb. 8, 22 and March 14 in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$7.50 adults, \$3 children 6-11.

Lenten fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus, Father Solanus Council 11276, will have a fish fry Friday, Feb. 15, from 5-8 p.m. in the parish hall at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. (Northeast corner of Homestead and Aboite Center Road) Adult meals (12 and up) will be \$8, children meals (ages 6-11) will be \$6 and children five or under eat free. Carry-out available, but only at the adult meal price.

Fish fry hosted by Holy Name Society

New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Feb. 8, from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$6.50, children 5-12 \$3.50 and children under 5 free.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7.50 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

Fish and tenderloin dinner

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon Parish will have a fish and tenderloin dinner on Friday, Feb. 1 from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$7, children 6-11 \$4 and children 5 and under free. Carry-out available.

Fish fry announced

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Feb. 8 and 22 from 4-8 p.m. Adults \$7, senior citizens \$6.50, children 6-12 \$5 and children under 5 free. Carry-out available.

Super Bowl party

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council #11043 will have a Super Bowl party, Sunday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m. in the Northside Recreation Center (basement of Most Precious Blood School) Tickets are \$15 and include food beverage and bowling.

Mardi Gras party

South Bend — The Tolton Society of St. Augustine Church, 1501 W. Washington St., will have a Mardi Gras Auction and authentic New Orleans meal of gumbo, dirty rice and King Cake on Saturday, Feb. 2. Silent auction/reception begins at 5:15 p.m., dinner at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$20 at the door. Contact Annie or Mel Tardy at (574) 243 2743 for information.

Tatiana coming to St. Joseph

Fort Wayne — Tatiana's presentation of "I Thirst — The Crucifixion Story" will be Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, 11337 Old U.S. 27 south. A free will offering accepted.

Pancake and sausage breakfast

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 9460 will have a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, Feb. 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Therese Parish Hall, 2220 Lower Huntington Rd. A goodwill donation will be accepted at the door.

All family rosary dates changed

Fort Wayne — The all family rosary has been changed to the

last Sunday of each month with the next rosary being held on Sunday, Feb. 24, from 3:30- 4:30 p.m. at MacDougal Chapel.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

South Bend — The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be Feb. 22-24. Call Greg and Norma Germann at (574) 287-6432 or go to www.wvme-ni.org.

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.

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Rose Leeper, 82, St. Casimir

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Ernest S. Nowostawski, 87, Little Flower

Society will have a day of reflection/recollection on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Sacred Heart Parish Center at 9:30 a.m. The reflection will be by Father Kenneth Grabner, CSC. Cost for the day is \$17 and includes lunch. Call (574) 291-8492 or e-mail marytearl@sbcglobal.net.

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.



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Activists gather on the stage and on the streets at March for Life

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When Cindy Black, diocesan director of youth ministry for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend attended the annual March for Life on Jan. 22, she was struck that the overwhelming majority of the participants in this year's march were 25 or younger.

"It was very encouraging that this young generation is embracing the message of life," she noted.

"I'd say it's only starting," said one of these young people, John Schortgen, 17, of Fort Wayne. Schortgen had attended the Right to Life March in Fort Wayne in years past but had never made the trip to Washington. "It was a lot more inspirational because of the numbers," Schortgen added, recalling how, looking back from the stage at the tens of thousands of people from around the country who gathered on the National Mall before marching up Capitol Hill to the Supreme Court, the crowd was "just endless."

On the stage, March for Life organizer Nellie Gray introduced a long program of politicians, clergy and other anti-abortion activists who helped warm up a crowd shivering in freezing temperatures and light drizzle.

"I was completely blown away," recalled Leo High School senior and St. Vincent de Paul parishioner Jeff Jehl, 18. Of the large number of young people present, Jehl offered, "We're not afraid to step up to have our voice be heard about what we're really passionate about. I think that is probably one of the biggest reasons that all of the sudden this big boom is coming forth, this pro-life boom."

"Look at the youth here," said Father Chad Hatfield, an Orthodox priest from New York, gesturing to the crowds of high school-age and younger people nearby. "The other side has abandoned their future (by having abortions). We're creating ours."

Among the speakers on the stage, Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., headed off a long string of politicians to take to the microphone to make sure participants saw the fight against abortion in political terms.

Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, himself a candidate for president, downplayed those ambitions to emphasize his experience as an obstetrician, helping bring 4,000 babies into the world. Dozens of "Ron Paul for President" banners held high above the crowd made a point of his political ambitions.

In his remarks recorded at a White House breakfast earlier that

morning and replayed at the rally, Bush lauded those who work for "a culture of life where a woman with an unplanned pregnancy knows there are caring people who will support her; where a pregnant teen can carry her child and complete her education; where the dignity of both the mother and child is honored and cherished."

March organizer Gray said the turnout for the annual event underscores the recognition that "it's not going to work trying to change this from the top down. It's not working that way. We're going to unite the grass roots."

Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said the Knights, who help organize anti-abortion events around the country, do so because "abortion hurts everyone," from the unborn child and the parents to doctors and nurses who are compromised by their participation.

"It undermines respect for judges," he said. "It implicates the taxpayer who pays for it. It coarsens the society that tolerates it."

At a Jan. 21 evening Mass that opened the annual National Prayer Vigil for Life, Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia gave the homily.

"Roe v. Wade is incompatible with human dignity," said Cardinal Rigali, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life



MIKE UEBBING

Young people from the University of Notre Dame Right to Life participated in the 35th annual March for Life rally in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22. They were among thousands of people taking part in the annual demonstration marking the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion across the country.

Activities. "It must not stand. It cannot stand. It will not stand."

His declaration drew applause from the packed Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

Cardinal Rigali, echoing the New Testament reading from First Corinthians for the St. Agnes feast day Mass of Jan. 21, told the packed church that, "instead of choosing 'great' or impressive people in the eyes of the world, God uses the humble, the foolish, the weak and 'those who count for nothing' to accomplish his purposes."

Jeff Jehl of Fort Wayne recalled the vigil Mass as one of the highlights of the journey, noting it was the largest Mass he attended.

"I was praying with other people who were just begging God for an end for abortion," said Jehl, noting that he likes to get away to pray and that it was particularly powerful in that setting. "Being around so many other people, it kind of energized me."

Mark Pattison and Don Clemmer contributed to this story.

Today's Catholic

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection: *Immaculée Ilibagiza with Steve Erwin's "Left to Tell"*

This month's book of the month selection is a riveting personal account of the 1994 genocide that took place in Rwanda, Africa. Immaculee Ilibagiza tells her story of spiritual transformation and forgiveness with the help of Steve Erwin in this 210-page narrative. The story unfolds in an easily-read descriptive format that takes the reader from the author's childhood through the genocide to her present life as wife, mother and working member of the United Nations in Manhattan.

Life in Rwanda was near ideal according to Ilibagiza as she paints an early picture of the paradise-like countryside and her strong Catholic upbringing. Both her mother and father were highly respected community members and deeply committed to their Catholic faith. She and her four brothers were taught the importance of faith, prayer and education, and worked diligently in school with the hope of attending university.

Because she was raised with no knowledge of the division between the Hutus and Tutsis, Ilibagiza was shocked to learn of the unrest that grew into a frenzy following the death of Rwanda's Hutu president.

A murderous tribal confrontation near her family home led her to flee into hiding while the slaughter of nearly 1 million Tutsis began. It was then that her transformation took place. Ilibagiza and seven other Tutsi women survived the holocaust for three months in a four by three feet bathroom in the home of a neighboring pastor. The unbelievable horror of the story demands the reader's attention. But this young woman's courage in the face of unbelievable odds as her faith was continually tested and her complete surrender to God makes this an uplifting and inspiring account.

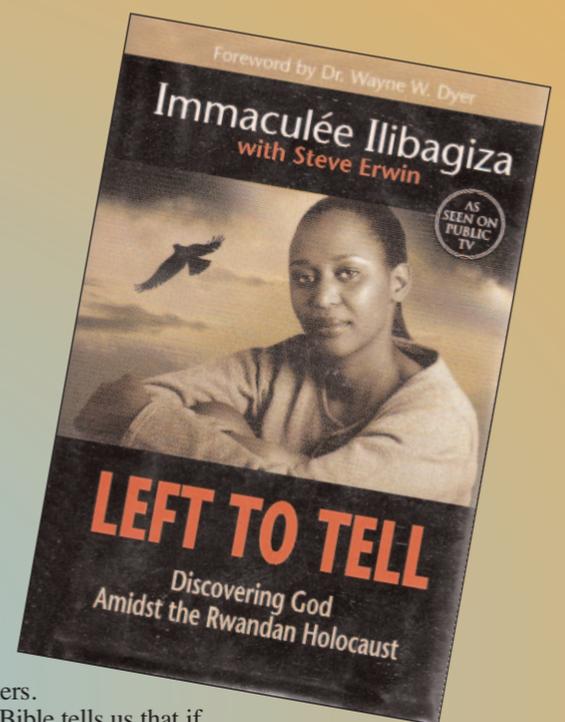
Readers may be reluctant to choose this book for fear of the explicit nature of the unthinkable violence of the genocide. Though there are atrocities described throughout the book, they are critical to Ilibagiza's journey of faith and forgiveness, with details kept to a minimum.

The book holds the message of forgiveness and the journey Ilibagiza makes toward that end. Facing the unforgiveness in her own heart leads her to prayer and eventual-

ly to forgive even the murderers of her own family. But more than forgiveness, the book holds the truth about prayer and faith in God's providence as it follows the authors developing sense of God's presence in every aspect of her life. She continued to stay connected to God through prayer, asking for his protection and grace, and believed it

Questions for meditation and discussion

- Share a time when, like Immaculee, you had to "try to be strong and at least act brave so that the family wouldn't collapse in complete despair." (page 47)
- Have you ever been ashamed of who you are? Been rejected or hurt because of your race or faith? Explain. (page 58-59)
- Immaculee felt momentarily guilty over her family's plight. Have you ever experienced guilt over something that was not in your control? How did your faith help you? (page 63)
- Immaculee fought the voice of the devil when her fear overtook her. Share a situation in which you experienced an internal struggle between faith in God and evil. Who won? (page 79)
- Name a time when you surrendered to God in prayer and were released from fear or anxiety. (page 84)
- Revenge entered the author's mind at one point in her saga. Have you ever experienced an injustice and wanted revenge? Explain your choice and how the presence or absence of faith formed the choice. (page 88)
- Explain your perception of what the author meant by "... and I could no longer pray to a God of love with a heart full of hatred." (page 93)
- Immaculee overcame incredible horror, forgave the murderers of her family and moved on to be of service to other victims of war and genocide. How does that inspire you to "overcome and forgive" in your life?
- The author writes that anyone can forgive anything, great or small. Who can you consider forgiving? (page 209)



was hers.

"The Bible tells us that if we ask, we shall receive, and that's exactly what I did. ..." she writes. It is her unquenchable faith as she overcomes unthinkable odds that lifts this book above the rest.

"Left to Tell" is an account of the good and evil that resides within the human heart, and of the power of faith and forgiveness. Though the unbelievable images of genocide this book depicts brings with them a heavy heart, Immaculee Ilibagiza's courage and faith in the face of death is nothing but inspirational. This book is a must read.

About the author

Immaculee Ilibagiza was born in Rwanda and in 1994 lost her family during the genocide there. In 1998 she emigrated to the United States and began work for the United Nations in Manhattan. She and her husband Bryan Black have two children and she continues to help others heal from the effects of genocide and war.

Steve Erwin is a writer and award-winning journalist working in the print and broadcast media.

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