

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Class of '83 deacons observe 25 years

BY DON CLEMMER

Twenty-five years ago, 23 men of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend embraced ordained ministry in the form of the permanent diaconate. Following three years of educational, spiritual and pastoral formation, they committed themselves to working in parishes, visiting the sick and administering the sacraments.

"They did such great work when they were first ordained, especially with the sick," recalls Father Bill Kummer, who did formation work with the deacons and later oversaw their program.

Father Bob Schulte, now vicar general and chancellor of the diocese, remembers clearly his work as program director of the 1983 permanent diaconate class, noting that the candidates came from diverse walks of life, educational backgrounds and ages, with "people in their 30s all the way up to their 60s."

Father Schulte recalls that, as both the deacon candidates and their wives went through the formation process, some friendships developed. "There was a real strong bond that was created when you get together for 11 weekends a year for three years," he notes.

In the 25 years since the class was ordained on June 11, 1983, its numbers have dropped, due largely to death. In only the last year, Deacons Art Bleau, Joe Zickgraf, Francis "Pat" Walsh and Dean Tucker have died. Another deacon pursued taking his vocation a step further, entering the priesthood in 1988. That deacon, now Father Tim Wrozek, is pastor of St. Joseph Church in Fort Wayne. Remaining in the diaconate are 11, five in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, another six scattered across the country.

In South Bend, Deacon Ronald Moser is currently president of the South Bend Serra Club, an organization he joined a little over three years ago. At 69, Deacon Moser remains active and has worked in RCIA for over 15 years at his home parish,

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PROVIDED BY DEACON GUY GIZZI

Deacon Guy Gizzi ministers to an individual at South Field Village, a nursing home in South Bend. Deacon Gizzi, celebrating 25 years with the 1983 class of permanent deacons serves in nursing homes and hospitals in the South Bend area as well as St. Matthew Cathedral.

NEW VINCENT VILLAGE PARK



PROVIDED BY CYNTHIA ROSEBERRY

A new park in Fort Wayne will be maintained by Vincent Village for area and Vincent Village residents. The area will be called The Vincent Village Park of Renaissance Pointe. The ribbon-cutting took place May 20 with Ann Helmke, director of Vincent Village, and Al Moll, parks and recreation director for the City of Fort Wayne.

Today's Catholic, diocesan media campaign receive awards

BY VINCE LABARBERA

TORONTO — *Today's Catholic* and the diocesan Office of Communications received national recognition with accolades at the Catholic Media Convention in Toronto, Canada, and the American Advertising Federation competition, also known as the "Addy" Awards.

Today's Catholic received two awards at the May 28-30 Catholic Media Convention. It won second place in general excellence for newspapers with subscriptions up to 17,000. Judges based their decision on three consecutive issues of the paper submitted from 2007.

Today's Catholic Assistant Editor Don Clemmer received an honorable mention for "best personality profile" for an article from his Real Lent series.

A diocesan mixed-media campaign inviting inactive or under-active Catholics to "come home" to the Catholic Church

won two Silver "Addy" Awards at the recent Sixth District American Advertising Federation competition for the Flint (Michigan) area.

The two awards — one for an individual ad and the other for the complete campaign — automatically will be entered into national "Addy" competition.

The television ads were submitted by Crossroads Marketing & Consulting, Inc., Davison, Mich., who in conjunction with NewGroup Media, South Bend, produced the four 30-second TV spots for the diocesan Catholic Communications Office. The ads aired last February and March as part of the jubilee year in observance of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

In the reconciliation ads, Bishop John D'Arcy invites people "to restart a relationship with God, draw strength from Jesus Christ and come home to a more joyful

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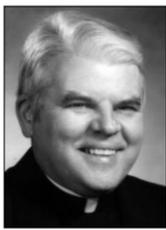
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It is not enough to pray for vocations; young people need to develop a habit of prayer



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A retreat with our priests

After I prepare these notes, I will be heading north to Oakwood Inn, my first visit there since the retreat for young adults held shortly after Easter. This time as well will be a retreat, but it will be with our priests. Our retreat master is Msgr. William Cleves, who is a spiritual director at the Josephinum Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. I believe there will be 58 priests present. It is a beautiful location on Lake Wawasee, and we are hoping for good weather.

For many years our retreats were at Notre Dame; and we may, in time, return there because Oakwood Inn is being sold. We go to Oakwood because the facilities are better for our senior priests, which include, by the way, the bishop.

We will set aside a chapel for the Blessed Sacrament and have there a statue of Our Lady. I will keep all of you in prayer this week and will especially be praying for more young people to come forward for the priesthood and the consecrated life.

One of our seminarians, Matt Coonan, is in Mexico where he is studying Spanish. Last year, Jacob Runyon spent a summer in the same country studying that beautiful language. Recently, he told me about how much it meant to him to learn the culture and the language and especially about his trips in prayer to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I am encouraged as I go about the diocese on my pastoral rounds to see the openness of our young people and their willingness to give their lives to Christ. I see this as part of the fulfillment of the prediction and hope made in faith by Pope John Paul II that across the new millennium there would be: "a new springtime for the Christian faith — a new springtime for the church."

He did not mean that there would not be evil. There will always be the presence of evil in this world until the Lord comes at

the end. But it will not triumph.

I have just completed preaching the baccalaureate Mass at each of the four Catholic high schools, and I have recounted the four pillars that Pope Benedict XVI made when he spoke to the young people at St. Joseph's Seminary in the great Archdiocese of New York. They are as follows: prayer and silence; the liturgy; charity, especially for those in need; and vocation. If you analyze these, all of them call for unselfishness. I tried to present them as a "game plan for salvation and a game plan for life."

I said to the young people that just as a football coach has to have a game plan, which takes into account the strengths and weaknesses of his team and of the opposition, so the young person should have a game plan for holiness. I find the young people open to this. It was the greatness of Pope John Paul II and his relationship to them that he called them for something great and would not let them be satisfied with mediocrity. Our young seminarians, willing to go down to Mexico for the summer and planning to give their lives to Christ without reservation, are certainly an example of this to all of us.

Speaking of vocations

Pope Benedict in his graciousness and gentlemanly way said some challenging things about vocations. Here are a few of them.

It is more important to have good priests than many priests.

Secondly, in answer to the question from one of the bishops concerning the growing numbers of the Catholic population, the shortage of priests but the thirst for holiness which characterizes the candidates that do come forward, this is part of what the pope said:

Let us be quite frank: the ability to cultivate vocations to the priesthood and the religious life is a sure sign of the health of a local church. There is no room for complacency in this regard. God continues to call young people; it is up to all of us to encourage a generous and free response to that call. On the other hand, none of us can take this grace for granted.

But the pope shifted the focus. While speaking about the fact that prayer "is the one aspect of vocations work which we tend to forget or to undervalue," he went on to say that we need to do more in helping young people to pray:

To the extent that we teach young people to pray, and to pray well, we will be cooperating with God's call. Programs, plans and projects have their place; but the discernment of a vocation is above all the fruit of an intimate dialogue between the Lord and his disciples. Young people, if they know how to pray, can be trusted to know what to do with God's call.

It is not enough to pray for vocations; young people need to develop a habit of prayer.

The documentary service *Origins* has published the entire talks of Pope Benedict. I hope to send it to our priests; and if anyone else would like to receive a copy, please send me a note.

I am hopeful that we can send a copy of the pope's talks to Catholic educators and all of our school principals. This is the obligation of the bishop. The pope, successor of Peter, like Peter of old, has the vocation to confirm the brothers; that is, the apostles in Peter's case and the bishops in the case of Pope Benedict, while the bishop, in turn, must confirm and strengthen his flock. A privilege.

Congratulation to the Bishop Luers' Knights who won a sectional championship

I picked up Msgr. Bill Lester on a cloudy afternoon, and we drove out to Woodlan High School to see the sectional final; but the rains came and in the midst of a 5-5 tie, we had to leave. I know that a home run in extra innings won it for the Knights the next day. They are currently 25-3, and now they are on to the regionals. Congratulations also to the Marian High baseball team, sectional champions also — going for the regional title.

Word has just arrived about a second place in general excellence for this wonderful newspaper at the convention of the Catholic Press Association plus an award for assistant editor and writer Don Clemmer. Congratulations.

I shall pray for all of you on retreat and will see you next week.

Parishes permitted to mark feast of conversion of St. Paul

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As part of the 2008-2009 celebration of the special year devoted to St. Paul, Catholic parishes may mark the traditional Jan. 25 feast of the Conversion of St. Paul even though it falls on a Sunday in 2009.

The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments issued a decree saying Pope Benedict XVI, "in an extraordinary manner," has given permission for parishes and churches to use the prayers and readings for the feast

day instead of those for the third Sunday of ordinary time.

The decree was released May 30 at the Vatican.

Generally, the Mass texts for feasts such as the Conversion of St. Paul are not used when the feast day falls on a Sunday.

"The apostle St. Paul, who proclaimed the truth of Christ to the whole world," and who converted after having persecuted followers of Christ, "always was and still is venerated by the faithful, especially in this particular year," which marks the 2,000th anniversary of his birth, the decree said.

For that reason, "only for the year 2009," Pope Benedict has decided that parishes may use the prayers and readings for the feast day Jan. 25.

Because the feast day Mass does not include a second reading, the second reading from the third Sunday of ordinary time should be used and the Creed, often not recited at Mass during the week, should be recited, the decree said.

The decree was signed by Cardinal Francis Arinze, prefect of the congregation, and by Archbishop Albert Malcolm Ranjith Patabendige Don, congregation secretary.

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life." He encourages people to return to the celebration of the Mass "to ease the pressures of daily living" and "to rediscover the power of prayer."

The "You Can Always Come Home" television ads and an illustration used on billboards and other promotional materials were

filmed by NewGroup Media in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, since it serves as the "chair" of the bishop in his pastoral ministry and is regarded as the center of the liturgical life of the diocese. The cathedral ceiling illustration was photographed by Francie Hogan, communications associate *Today's Catholic* page designer and diocesan Web site coordinator. Funding for the media campaign was made possible by a grant from Our Sunday Visitor, Inc.

Pope calls for prayers for disaster victims in China, Myanmar

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI called for prayers for all those who have been hit by natural disasters in China and Myanmar.

Before praying his noonday Angelus June 1, he asked for the "maternal intercession" of Mary to help those suffering in the aftermath of China's earthquake and Cyclone Nargis that struck Myanmar.

He called on Mary to help those affected by these "natural calamities and for those dealing with the many situations of suffering, illness, and material and spiritual misery that mark humanity's journey."

The Chinese government said June 1 that the official death toll from the May 12 quake had risen to more than 69,000; it also said more than 360,000 people were

injured and some 19,000 people were still missing. More than 15 million had been evacuated from areas affected by the quake, government officials said.

The May 3 cyclone that devastated parts of Myanmar left 78,000 dead and another 56,000 people missing, according to aid agencies. According to the United Nations, at least 2.4 million people are in need of food, clean water, shelter and clothing.

Myanmar's military government has come under fire by the international community for not adequately responding to the emergency and limiting foreign workers' access to the hardest hit areas.

The pope told visiting bishops from Myanmar May 30 he hoped access would be granted "to the places where it is needed most" and that cyclone victims would receive urgently needed humanitarian relief.

Cardinal George expresses regret at priest's 'partisan' remarks

CHICAGO (CNS) — Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago expressed deep regret at Father Michael Pflieger's "partisan" remarks about Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton and said the priest had assured him he would "not enter into campaigning" or "publicly mention any candidate by name."

"Words can be differently interpreted, but Father Pflieger's remarks about Sen. Clinton are both partisan and amount to a personal attack," the cardinal said in a May 30 statement.

Speaking May 25 at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, the church to which Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama belonged for nearly 20 years, Father Pflieger said Clinton saw Obama as "a black man stealing my show" when he entered the race for the Democratic nomination.

"She wasn't the only one crying," the priest added. "There was a whole lot of white people crying."

Trinity United Church of Christ formerly was headed by the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, whose racially divisive views have been denounced by Obama.

Father Pflieger, who is white, is pastor of St. Sabina Catholic Church in a predominantly African-American section of Chicago.

Cardinal George said that



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Father Michael Pflieger speaks to the media during a press conference on gun-control issues at St. Sabina Church in Chicago in this March 11, 2007, file photo. Father Pflieger mocked U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York during a May 25 sermon at Chicago's Trinity United Church of Christ.

"while a priest must speak to political issues that are also moral, he may not endorse candidates nor engage in partisan campaigning."

"To avoid months of turmoil in the church, Father Pflieger has promised me that he will not enter into campaigning, will not publicly mention any candidate by name and will abide by the

discipline common to all Catholic priests," the statement added.

The Associated Press quoted Father Pflieger as saying he regretted his choice of words, which he said were "inconsistent with Sen. Obama's life and message."

"I am deeply sorry if they offended Sen. Clinton or anyone else who saw them," he added.

Putting the focus on God, family and love

Second annual Indiana Holy Family Catholic Conference hosted in Kokomo

BY CAROLINE B. MOONEY

KOKOMO — More than 650 people from 30 parishes and five states attended the second annual Indiana Holy Family Catholic Conference, held May 17-18 at Kokomo High School.

They came from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Minnesota and Kentucky. The theme was "Building the Domestic Church: Through God, Family, & Love." The weekend featured speakers for different age groups, catechesis for children and teens, Mass, reconciliation, eucharistic adoration, rosary, benediction and entertainment. Bishop William L. Higi was principal celebrant of the closing Mass.

"People were really excited," said Jan Marrah, director of parish life at St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo, and conference co-coordinator. "The weekend went very well. All the parishioners of St. Joan of Arc Church and St. Patrick Church were invited for Sunday morning Mass with Bishop Higi. It was great to see the families pouring in. I hope that those who came just for the Mass had their interest piqued to come next year."

"It was a well-balanced lineup from all different angles," said Ann Moore, St. Patrick parishioner. She and her husband, Tyler, served as

conference emcees and three of their five children attended. "I thought the most incredible part was seeing families come together in front of the Blessed Sacrament."

The Moores' children said their favorite part was listening to Father Antoine Thomas play the guitar, singing with friends, and making friends. "The speakers were phenomenal," Moore said. "They were teaching good things and their inspiration and passion and love for the Lord were just phenomenal. With society today, morals can be confusing and misleading. Parents need to be firm in their faith to bring kids up as Christians. I just pray the conference continues and grows."

Father Thomas, a regular guest on EWTN who has formed a children's eucharistic adoration program, was homilist during the opening Mass.

"Looking at society today, there is no hope," he said. "We are sure to despair. ... Where is the treasure we need to hunt for — the secret of our Father? ... Jesus is the hidden secret of the Father. Mary was the first person to discover the secret when it was disclosed at the Annunciation. We have to prepare our hearts for the secret that God wants to give us."

"... Whose family has never been tired?" Father Thomas asked. "Every single family on earth suf-



CAROLINE B. MOONEY

Children attending the conference follow Father Antoine Thomas to participate in eucharistic adoration.

fers one way or another — psychologically, physically. ... We want to go through life with the faith and hope of Mary. We aren't here on earth just to enjoy life, to buy things, to vacation. ... No, it's about our vocation — what do we want to do with our lives? We want to see God."

Ray Guarendi, a nationally known author, psychologist, radio show host, speaker and father of 10 children, gave a humorous and insightful talk about findings in his book, "Back to the Family."

Guarendi spoke to 107 families with 387 kids who had been nominated by national state teachers of the year in all 50 states.

"The most reassuring finding in

this book," he said, "... was that 25 percent of the families had parents from ugly, chaotic, nasty, abusive childhoods. But, they went on to become the best parents that somebody had ever seen. Talk about the resiliency of the Holy Spirit!"

He talked about "the old psychological nonsense that personality is established by age 5 or 6. 'You are what you are because of what you were then.' Can you imagine the Holy Spirit trying to hurt somebody? ... Those of you laboring under the shadow of your own past — let it go. You are not drenched in what you were."

"You may have to take a long time to throw off some of those tendencies and habits. It's like one

person said when we asked her, 'How are you any different now?' ... She said, 'There's a big difference. Before, I was running toward sin; now, I am running away from it.'"

He found the most frustrating problem to be "sibling quibbling."

"I called it that deliberately," Guarendi said. "The experts ... call it sibling rivalry. But you put two or more partially socialized, partially moralized people together — sometimes living in the same room — and they're going to clash."

Other speakers included Father Peter Laird, vice rector of St. Paul Seminary and an assistant professor of moral theology at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.; and Patty Schneider, a nationally known speaker on marriage and Natural Family Planning.

Talk topics for youth included "Power of Purity," "Christian Friendship," "Why Be Catholic" and "Heroic Holiness at Home."

More than 300 volunteers worked at the conference, which was hosted by St. Patrick Church, St. Joan of Arc Church and the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Sponsors were St. Vincent Health, St. Joseph Hospital and the Knights of Columbus. The third annual Indiana Holy Family Catholic Conference is scheduled to be held Saturday, May 16, through Sunday, May 17, 2009.

Shroud of Turin displayed to public in 2010

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Shroud of Turin, revered by many as the burial cloth of Christ, will be displayed to the public for the first time in a decade in 2010.

Pope Benedict XVI announced during a June 2 audience with pilgrims from Turin that he had approved the shroud's removal from its protective casket for display to the public in the spring of 2010.

He told the 7,000 pilgrims gathered in the Vatican's Paul VI hall, "If the Lord grants me life and health, I, too, hope to come" see the shroud displayed.

According to tradition, the 14-foot by 4-foot linen cloth is the burial shroud of Jesus. The shroud has a full-length photonegative image of a man, front and back, bearing signs of wounds that correspond to the Gospel accounts of the torture Jesus endured in his passion and death.

The church has never officially ruled on the shroud's authenticity, saying judgments about its age and origin belonged to scientific investigation. Scientists have debated its authenticity for decades, and studies have led to conflicting results.

The shroud lies protected behind bulletproof glass in a special chapel of Turin's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The cloth lies flat, unseen inside a casket made of a special space-age alloy that is waterproof and fireproof



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Cardinal Severino Poletto of Turin greets Pope Benedict XVI during an audience with pilgrims from Turin in Paul VI hall at the Vatican June 2. At the audience, the pope that the Shroud of Turin, revered by many as the burial cloth of Christ, will be displayed to the public for the first time in a decade in 2010.

and is hermetically sealed to keep out oxygen.

The shroud is removed only for very special spiritual occasions, and its removal for study or display to the public must be approved by the pope. The last time it was displayed to the public was in 2000 for the jubilee year.

Cardinal Severino Poletto of Turin, papal custodian of the Shroud of Turin, had requested the shroud be displayed in two years.

During the June 2 audience,

the pope said he was happy to grant the archbishop's wish.

Pope Benedict said it would be "a propitious occasion" for the faithful "to contemplate that mysterious face that silently speaks to the heart of humankind, inviting them to recognize the face of God."

At the end of the Vatican audience, the spokesman for the shroud's custodian, Msgr. Giuseppe Ghiberti, presented the pope with a life-size reproduction of the shroud.

Vatican newspaper responds to U.S. journal on human dignity, science

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Protecting human dignity is the only guiding principle that ensures progress in biomedical technology does not harm the weakest humans, the Vatican newspaper said.

Using human dignity as the guiding principle for determining what is medically and scientifically ethical is not simply a Catholic approach and it is not a ruse to stop scientific progress, said the front-page article in *L'Osservatore Romano*.

The newspaper's May 28 article, "In Defense of Human Dignity," was a response to an article dated May 28 in *The New Republic*, a U.S. journal, arguing that members of President George W. Bush's Council on Bioethics were using the concept of dignity, particularly in its Catholic understanding, to obstruct scientific progress and impose conservative Christian values on the nation.

The journal's article, "The Stupidity of Dignity, Conservative Bioethics' Latest, Most Dangerous Ploy," was written by Steven Pinker, a professor of psychology at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Pinker said the bioethics council's March report, "Human Dignity and Bioethics" — a collection of essays by council members and invited contributors — "should alarm anyone concerned with American biomedicine and its promise to improve human welfare."

The general idea of the essays, he said, "is that even if a new technology would improve life and health and decrease suffering and waste, it might have to be rejected, or even outlawed, if it affronted human dignity. Whatever that is."

Pinker said the president's council is packed with "conservative scholars" and "advocates of religious (particularly Catholic) principles in the public sphere," and that many of the articles in the report appeal directly to the Bible or Catholic teaching to support their defense of dignity as

the ultimate ethical measure.

At the same time, he said, "almost every essayist concedes that the concept remains slippery and ambiguous."

Pinker said that is because "dignity is a phenomenon of human perception," a reaction of appreciation, care or concern "that causes one person to respect the rights and interests of another."

Respecting dignity, he said, "amounts to treating people in the way that they wish to be treated."

In that case, he said, the determining factor should be respect for the autonomy of an individual and respect for his or her health care choices.

Responding to Pinker, the Vatican newspaper said: "The elimination of the concept of dignity founded on human nature would mean the elimination of its universalistic perspective. On a rational level, human dignity is the only objective reference that bioethics can recognize to affirm that every human being, without distinction, has dignity."

Using autonomy as the guideline, the paper said, automatically eliminates protection for the unborn, who are not yet autonomous, and for the afflicted and the aged who have lost their autonomy.

"To affirm that all human beings intrinsically have dignity means to deny the pretext of extrinsically distinguishing between the 'worthy' and 'unworthy,'" it said.

The newspaper said it is true that placing the protection of human dignity as a primary value in the field of medical research could limit some freedom of research, but as in most spheres of life some limits must be placed on an individual's freedom in order to protect the freedom of others, particularly the weakest members of society.

The principle of dignity, it said, "does not halt progress, but orients it in the direction of justice, which can be based only on the equality of all human beings," including the unborn, the impaired and the aged.

ASSOCIATE CERTIFIED AS DIACONATE DIRECTOR



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Mary Sczymczak, the associate director of the diocesan Vocation Office, recently completed certification as a director for the diaconate. Studies concentrated on strategies for implementing the formation, ministry and life of permanent deacons in the United States. Sczymczak is shown in front, fourth from the right, with the other graduates who completed their training.

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Attempted ordination of women incurs excommunication

Vatican doctrinal office makes formal pronouncement

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican's doctrinal congregation has decreed formally that a woman who attempts to be ordained a Catholic priest and the person attempting to ordain her are automatically excommunicated.

"Both the one who attempts to confer a sacred order on a woman, and the woman who attempts to receive a sacred order, incur an excommunication

'latae sententiae,' or automatically, said a decree from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The brief "General Decree Regarding the Delict of Attempted Sacred Ordination of a Woman" was published on the front page of the May 30 edition of *L'Osservatore Romano*, the Vatican newspaper. It said it "comes into force immediately."

U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the congregation, who signed the decree, said it was published "in order to protect the nature and validity" of the sacrament of holy orders.

While only a handful of cases of the attempted ordination of women occur each year, the ceremonies themselves are given

widespread publicity as are the decrees of excommunication that have been pronounced by the bishop of the place where the ceremonies are held.

Dominican Father Augustine Di Noia, undersecretary of the doctrinal congregation, told Catholic News Service May 30 that the decree explicitly applies what canon law says about the offense of attempting to enact a sacrament.

"The problem is not that all of a sudden there was a tsunami of attempted ordinations of women," Father Di Noia said, but that the Code of Canon Law and the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches "never anticipated that such a thing would happen."

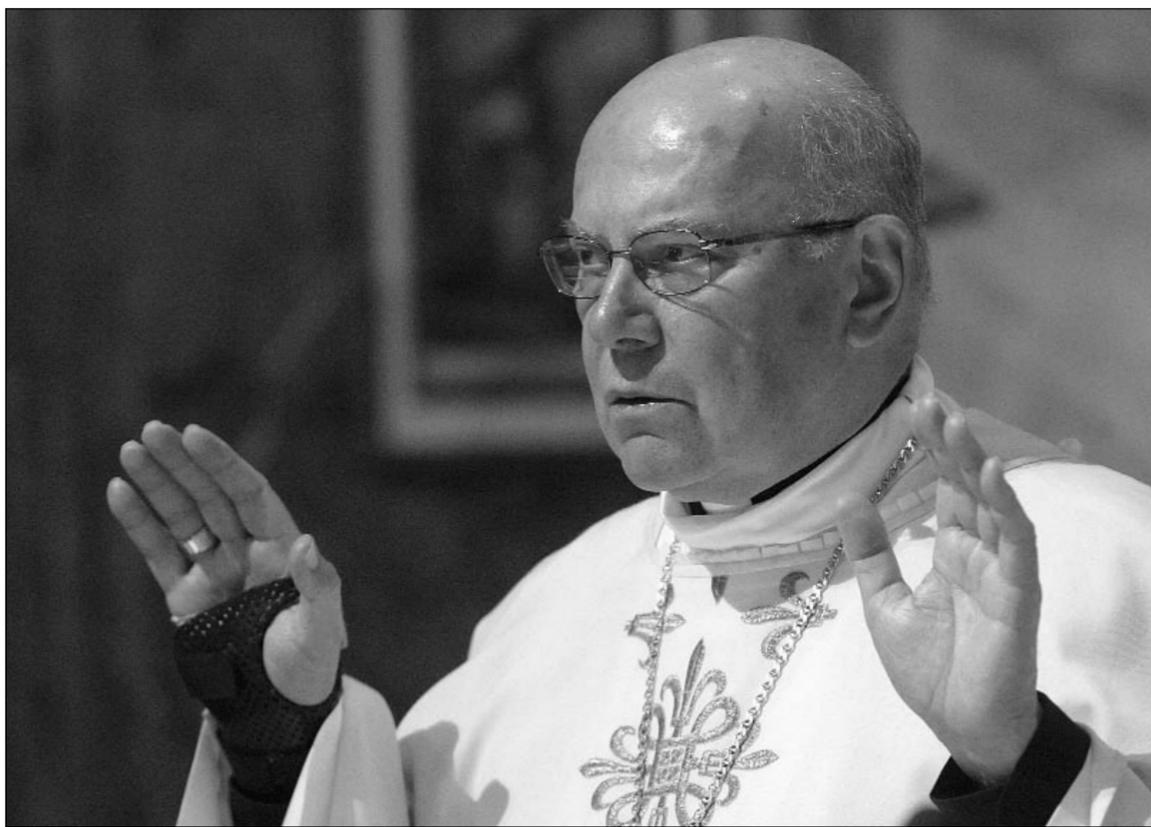
The decree was needed "for the good of the church and to ensure bishops have a common way of responding" when such ceremonies are held in their dioceses, he said.

Father Di Noia said the decree makes clear the fact that the people directly involved in an attempted ordination of a woman excommunicate themselves automatically; it is not a penalty imposed by the local bishop or the universal church.

Since the excommunication is not imposed, there is no possibility of appeal, he said: "The only recourse is repentance."

"Both the one who attempts to confer a sacred order on a woman, and the woman who attempts to receive a sacred order, incur an excommunication 'latae sententiae.'"

GENERAL DECREE REGARDING THE DELICT OF ATTEMPTED SACRED ORDINATION OF A WOMAN



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Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, attends a Mass in Rome May 25. Cardinal Levada signed a decree stating formally that a woman who attempts to be ordained a Catholic priest and the person attempting to ordain her are automatically excommunicated.

"The church has said it is authorized to ordain only baptized men and in that way is following the example of Christ," he said.

In a 1994 apostolic letter, "On Reserving Priestly Ordination to Men Alone," Pope John Paul II said the church's ban on women priests is definitive and not open to debate among Catholics.

The all-male priesthood does not represent discrimination against women, but fidelity to Christ's example and his plan for the church, the pope said.

"I declare that the church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and

that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the church's faithful," he wrote.

A few months later, during one of his weekly general audiences, Pope John Paul said, "one cannot contest the permanent and normative value" of the church's practice of ordaining only men by arguing that Jesus simply acted in accord with "the prevailing mentality of his age and the prejudices which then and later existed to the detriment of women."

"In reality," the pope had said, "Jesus never conformed to a mentality unfavorable to women and, in fact, he reacted against inequalities."

Ordination, like the other sacraments, must be conferred in obedience to the will of Christ, the pope said at the audience. "Jesus entrusted the task of ministerial priesthood only to persons of the male sex."

Less than a year later, the doctrinal congregation — headed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI — issued a declaration saying the church teaching that women cannot be ordained priests belongs "to the deposit of faith" and has been taught "infallibly."

Basilica repairs and renovations underway

NOTRE DAME — Work has begun on the University of Notre Dame campus to renovate the exterior of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and to repair damage caused to the church when high, straight-line winds hit the South Bend area last year.

During the May 2007 storm, one of the basilica's four large spires came crashing to the ground and two stained-glass windows at the back of the structure were broken when a four-story pine tree snapped near the top and crashed into the side of the building.

As part of the repair work, crews will replace all four pieces and fix slate that also was knocked loose from the roof in the storm.

The repair work happens at a time when the basilica already was scheduled for renovations, including regilding the cross atop the main steeple, repainting the tower and tuckpointing bricks on the building.

A scaffolding will remain until the completion of the \$1.8 million project, which is expected to be completed in October.

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Vatican upholds excommunications; priest, parish board to appeal

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Vatican's doctrinal congregation has backed St. Louis Archbishop Raymond L. Burke's excommunication of members of a parish board of directors and the priest they hired, but the excommunicated Catholics vowed June 2 to appeal that decision. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said the six-member St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish lay board of directors is schismatic and that its pastor, Father Marek B. Bozek, has performed invalid sacramental acts while in the parish. The congregation said it would ask Pope Benedict XVI to laicize Father Bozek unless he is reconciled with the bishop of his home diocese, Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Mo., within 30 days. The congregation made the statements in letters sent to Archbishop Burke May 15. The letters deny the parish board's appeal of the excommunications. U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, the congregation's prefect, and Archbishop Angelo Amato, its secretary, signed both letters. St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish was suppressed by the archdiocese over the governing board's refusal to bring parish structures into conformity with canon law. The corporation that runs it is considered to be functioning outside the communion of the church.

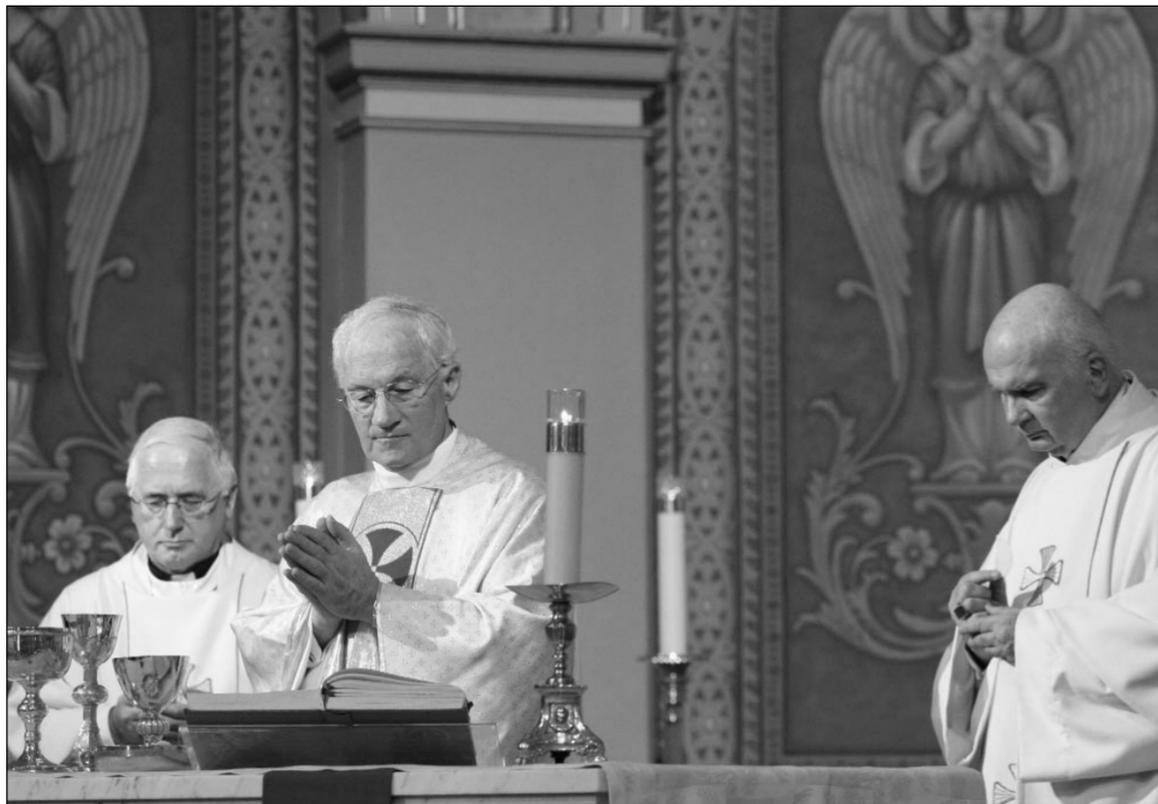
Everyone has right to food, unborn have right to life, says pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Everyone, especially the youngest and poorest of the world, has a right to food, and the unborn have a right to life, Pope Benedict XVI said. The protection of human life is the "rock solid and inviolable" foundation upon which all other human rights are based, the pope said in a May 31 audience with Guatemala's new ambassador to the Vatican. There will always be more work to do in helping guarantee pregnant women, even those who are in "severe difficulty," will be able to raise their children "with dignity, that way avoiding the unjustifiable recourse to abortion," the pope said. The pope made his comments in a ceremony in which Acisclo Valladares Molina presented his credentials. The pope said protecting all human life, especially the life of the unborn, is an ever pressing task. Pope Benedict lamented the ongoing problems of poverty and emigration in Guatemala. He said another challenge the country faces is finding a solution to the malnutrition suffered by "numerous children."

Bishop Pates installed as new bishop of Des Moines

DES MOINES, Iowa (CNS) — In front of more than 2,200 people at his May 29 installation Mass, Bishop Richard E. Pates sat in the bishop's chair and symbolically accepted his duties as the Diocese of Des Moines' ninth shepherd.

MASS CELEBRATED IN TORONTO FOR CATHOLIC MEDIA



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Mass is celebrated in St. Paul's Basilica May 29 during the 2008 Catholic Media Convention in Toronto. Cardinal Marc Ouellet of Quebec, center, celebrated the liturgy with Archbishop Terrence Prendergast of Ottawa, left, and U.S. Cardinal John P. Foley, a longtime supporter of Catholic media.

Applause echoed throughout the hall as the crowd cheered the successor of Bishop Joseph L. Charron, who retired in 2007 for health reasons. In Des Moines for the event were more than 30 bishops, including Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, who read an official letter from Rome appointing Bishop Pates to the diocese. Bishop Pates, 65, had been an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis since 2000. The bishop said he envisioned his installation ceremony as a celebration of the diocesan church as one body of Christ. "Because the Eucharist celebrates most profoundly our identity as 'one body' animated by God's love, it was my heartfelt desire to join with as many as possible from this wonderful community of southwest Iowa from Day One," he said.

Pope praises Russian patriarch for commitment to dialogue

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI praised the patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church for his commitment to dialogue and fostering relations between Catholics and Orthodox. "It is with joy that I reflect on the experience of growing closeness between us, accompanied by the shared desire to promote authentic Christian values and to witness to Our Lord in ever deeper communion," he told Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow. The pope's comments came in a letter

delivered to the patriarch May 29 by Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. The cardinal was in Russia May 21-30 at the invitation of Metropolitan Kirill of Smolensk and Kaliningrad, president of the Russian Orthodox Church's office for ecumenical relations. A copy of the pope's letter, dated May 19, was released by the Vatican May 30.

Miracle beneficiary says she always called on Blessed Damien for help

HONOLULU (CNS) — In 1936, when Father Damien de Veuster's remains were put on a ship in Honolulu to be sent back to his birthplace in Belgium, 8-year-old Audrey Horner lined up with fellow Catholic school students along the walkway to the wharf to bid aloha to the holy man. Seventy-two years later, on April 29, Audrey Horner Toguchi received news that her healing in 1999 from cancer was officially attributed to the intercession of Blessed Damien. Honolulu Bishop Larry Silva released Toguchi's name for the first time when he announced that the theological consultants of the Vatican Congregation for Saints' Causes had determined Blessed Damien was responsible for the unexplained healing. The 19th-century Belgian missionary, a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, spent the final 16 years of his life caring for patients with Hansen's

disease, or leprosy, on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. He was beatified in 1995 in Belgium by Pope John Paul II. The action by the theological consultants is a major step toward his canonization.

Australian prisoners venerate World Youth Day cross, icon

PERTH, Australia (CNS) — Australian prisoners got the chance to venerate the World Youth Day cross and icon during a Mass at Hakea Prison in Canning Vale, Western Australia. Oblate Father David Shelton, a Perth prison chaplain, concelebrated a Mass for the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ May 25 inside the prison's gymnasium with Perth Archbishop Barry Hickey. One of the 40 prisoners who attended the Mass said he asked for forgiveness as he approached the cross. The young man in his early 20s, who cannot be named for security reasons, said he returned to his Catholic faith when he entered the prison months ago. Father Shelton, a prison chaplain for 11 years, said the World Youth Day cross and icon had previously only been allowed to go as far as a prison's perimeter, but Ian Clark, the prison's superintendent, said he could "see no reason why the cross should not enter a prison." "It could provide an avenue for rehabilitation," said Clark, who also told *The Record*, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Perth, that 42 percent of the prison's inmates are Aborigines.

Second column clarifies archbishop's stand on Communion for governor

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kan., has reiterated his request that Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius not receive Communion until she publicly repudiates her support for abortion, but said he will not ask eucharistic ministers to refuse to give her Communion. The archbishop answered questions about his stand in the May 23 issue of *The Leaven*, archdiocesan newspaper, saying he had received "a significant number of pro and con communications" about his column in the newspaper two weeks earlier. "In my request to Gov. Sebelius, I have made clear that it is her responsibility not to present herself for reception of holy Communion," he wrote. "I am hopeful that she will comply with this request." But Archbishop Naumann also said that "pastorally, it is certainly preferable not to burden ministers of the Eucharist with the responsibility to refuse Communion to someone," although such ministers "do have an obligation to protect the sacrament from misuse or abuse." "I have, at this moment, not asked the ministers of the Eucharist not to give holy Communion to the governor," he added. He said he made his initial request to the governor before she vetoed the Comprehensive Abortion Reform Act, which would have placed new requirements on abortion providers. An attempt to override the veto failed by two votes in the Kansas Senate.

Vatican completes restoration of mausoleum under St. Peter's

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican has completed the restoration of the largest and most luxurious mausoleum in the vast necropolis under St. Peter's Basilica. The Mausoleum of the Valerii displays some of the most ornate decoration among the 22 family mausoleums in the ancient underground cemetery. "We had wanted to restore it for a long time, but we didn't have the money. Now we're extremely happy" the funding came through and the yearlong restoration has been completed, said Maria Cristina Stella, an official at the Fabbrica di San Pietro, the office responsible for the basilica's upkeep. The \$300,000 project was funded by the Rome-based Foundation for Music and Sacred Art, the Italian branch of Mercedes-Benz, and other sponsors. Stella and other Vatican officials spoke at a May 27 press conference at the Fabbrica's headquarters near the basilica. The Vatican necropolis includes the burial grounds where St. Peter's tomb has been venerated since early Christian times.

Beginning Experience to hold international convention

PHOENIX — Members of over 100 Beginning Experience peer grief ministry teams serving the widowed, divorced and separated, and children of these losses will gather in Phoenix, Ariz., July 25-27 for their ministry's biennial international convention.

The convention will be preceded by two midweek events open to the public. A Beginning Experience for Teens and Young Adults July 22-24 will help young people sort out and begin working through feelings of loss and pain resulting from the death of a parent or from changed family relationships due to separation and divorce. To be held at Mt. Claret Retreat Center, Phoenix, the cost of the residential youth experience is \$95 before July 5; \$125 July 6 and later.

A second pre-convention event, Beyond Beginning Experience, is for adults who have reached some level of closure on the loss of their marriage. The July 22-24 program focuses on issues related to life as a single again person and choices for the future. The cost of this program is \$300 before June 15; \$325 June 16 and later.

To register for either program, call (866) 610-8877 or go to www.beginningexperience.org.

The Beginning Experience Convention, open to team members past and present, as well as the ministry's program participants, begins Friday, July 25, with an all-day session devoted to ministry training and development.

Tom Blee receives advertising award

FORT WAYNE — Tom Blee recently received the 2008 Silver Medal Award from the Advertising Federation of Fort Wayne. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to advertising and who have been active in furthering the industry's standards, creative excellence and responsibility in areas of social concern.

Blee is a longtime member and secretary of the *Our Sunday Visitor* board of directors and is also executive director of the Our Sunday Visitor Institute. He also is a member of the *Today's Catholic* advisory board.

After beginning his advertising career with the *Indiana Daily Student* in Bloomington, Blee served as president of Bonsib Advertising during the late 1960s and early 1970s. He later left advertising to earn a law degree at Indiana University but continues to serve others in the advertising profession. Blee was a founding partner of the Fort Wayne law firm Burt, Blee, Dixon, Sutton & Bloom, where he is now of counsel, and is a longtime member of St. Vincent Parish in Fort Wayne.

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Lydia Baumgartner of South Bend, left, is shown next to her mother, Shelley; her sister, Rachel; her father, Kevin; and Mary Filbert; after Lydia's return from the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France, where she attended as a handicapped selectee of the Santa Maria Council 553 of the Knights of Columbus in South Bend. Lydia was the 65th person selected in a program instituted by the council more than 50 years ago. The program's co-chairpersons this year were Stephen and Mary Filbert. The Lourdes Charity Dance is held every year by the council as part of its Catholic action program.

Alexander speaks to Serrans about conversion to Catholicism

SOUTH BEND — Just sitting in the church pew and watching his daughter Elizabeth making her first holy Communion was the inspiration that led Rick Alexander to become a convert to the Catholic Church.

He told of his inspired experiences to members of the Serra Club of South Bend and also added that attending the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) at the parish in Fort Wayne was another big help.

Since becoming a convert to Catholicism, Alexander has also become a Knight of Columbus and a member of the Santa Maria Council in South Bend as well as a Fourth Degree Knight in the Father Julius Nieuwland Assembly. Alexander is a 37-year veteran of U.S. government service.

Formal installation of new officers of the Serra Club will take place June 6.

Two additional major programs will be a fund-raising spaghetti dinner on Thursday, July 10 at the Archbishop John Carroll Council on Linden Avenue with all proceeds toward the seminarian program.

The other will be the annual summer outing for all priests, associates, deacons and religious

women set for Sunday, July 27, at the Ave Maria Council of the Knights of Columbus, South Ironwood Road. — EJD

St. Jude Catholic School announces Distinguished Alumni Award

SOUTH BEND — The Board of St. Jude Catholic School has named Mary Kay Dance as its inaugural recipient of the National Catholic Educational Association Distinguished Graduate Award.

"We wanted to find a way to highlight the contributions of people who are raised in our local Catholic schools and highlight the talent that exists in this diocese," said principal Stephen Donndelinger. "St. Jude is blessed that its history is still within the living memory of our parishioners, employees and alumni. These people have both helped to build the school and been built up by it."

Mary Kay Dance began her career as a student at St. Jude. She recalls her largest class of 44 students (16 girls and 28 boys), attending morning Mass twice a week — just like students do today, eating Tuesday hot dog lunches and in those days, riding to school with South Bend Community School Corporation busses.

Mary Kay's parents were very involved in the parish and close to the school's first pastor, Father Sztot, who presented her with one of

two \$100 scholarships to Marian High School, which was a significant part of the \$120 annual tuition at that time.

Following her graduation with a teaching degree from Indiana University-South Bend, Dance returned to St. Jude as a third grade, and later, science teacher.

A bit later on, Dance became a St. Jude parent as well. During the time that her son Ben attended the school from kindergarten through eighth grade, she also served on the St. Jude School Board for four years.

After Dance's 11 years at St. Jude, she moved into a religion position at Marian High School, where she has now served 18 years, the last decade as the director of admissions and public relations.

Her statement about the role of a Catholic education in her life speaks for itself:

"I am the product of Catholic education, K-12, and I have taught in Catholic schools for 31 years. I am convinced that Catholic education is high quality and continues to grow and improve. Catholic schools and their teachers are successful because they teach gospel values, not just subjects. Only these values fill the desire for God that is written on the human heart and lead to a strong sense of community or family atmosphere in the Catholic schools. Everyone — parents, administrators, teachers, support staff and students — works together to achieve common goals, which

creates a climate conducive to student learning and success."

The award was presented during the St. Jude eighth-grade graduation ceremony, the evening of Tuesday, June 3.

Mary Kay addressed the graduating eighth-grade students on the subject of faith in God: "Prayer needs to be an important part of your daily experience. You offer all your day's joys, works and sufferings to God," she said.

Dance encouraged the graduates to build strong, positive relationships with people and "make sure you look for the positive in situations and in people, and you will find God there."

For information about St. Jude School, visit www.stjudeschool.net.

Father Malloy elected to SMC Board of Trustees

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Father Edward A. Malloy, president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, has been elected to the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees for a three-year term.

Notre Dame's president from 1987 to 2005, Father Malloy also serves on the boards of the University of Portland, University of St. Thomas, Vanderbilt University, Notre Dame and the University of Notre Dame Australia.

Father Malloy was appointed to the Notre Dame faculty in 1974 and is a professor of theology. Ordained to the priesthood in 1970, he holds three degrees from Notre Dame and a doctorate in Christian ethics from Vanderbilt University. He is the recipient of 24 honorary degrees, and a chaired professorship in Catholic studies at Vanderbilt is named in his honor.

During Father Malloy's 18 years as president, Notre Dame experienced rapid growth in its reputation due to substantive improvements in the size and scholarly credentials of its faculty, the academic quality and diversity of the student body, and its financial resources and physical infrastructure.

Father Malloy's academic concentration on the interplay of personal morality with public policy and professional ethics informs his own active public life. He is a leading advocate of volunteerism and has served on numerous boards dedicated to community service, including Campus Compact, Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Points of Light Foundation. He also has worked to combat substance abuse through service to the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the National Center of Addiction and Substance Abuse and other organizations.

Brother John Lavelle, CSC, scholarship awarded

SOUTH BEND — Lucy Rzeszutek, a University of Notre Dame graduate now working toward a master's degree in liberal studies at Indiana University-South Bend, was honored by the Saint Joseph County Right to Life for launching a pro-life program, which now has 25 members at IUSB. For her devoted efforts, she received the second Brother John Lavelle, CSC, scholarship award from Thomas Gill, president of Saint Joseph County Right to Life.

Sisters of Providence celebrate anniversaries

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Several Sisters of Providence with ties to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will be celebrating anniversaries in 2008. They include the following:

50th anniversary

Nine Sisters of Providence will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year. They are Sisters Brigid Ann Bonner, Donna Butler, William Eyke, Patricia Fillenwarth, Linda Kaliker, Katherine Manley, S. Gloria Memering, Rosemary Schmalz and Rosemary Ward.

Sister Donna Butler is a native of Fort Wayne. She currently ministers as an administrative assistant in the Office of Liturgy at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Donna Rose, the former Sister Donna Rose, entered the congregation Jan. 6, 1958, from St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1965.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education. She received a master's degree in education from Indiana University.

Sister Linda Kaliker is a native of Fort Wayne. She currently ministers as a volunteer in Health Care Services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Linda,



SISTER DONNA BUTLER



SISTER LINDA KALIKER

the former Sister Marie Theodore, entered the congregation Jan. 6, 1958, from St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1965.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education. She received a master's degree in elementary education from Indiana University.

In Fort Wayne, Sister Linda was a residential supervisor at Riverview Care Center from 1987-1989, and a consultant for Sears Telecatalog Services from 1989-1993.

60th anniversaries

Nineteen Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will celebrate their 60th anniversary. They are Sisters Laurette Bellamy, Ann Marie Boyce, Helen Therese Conway, Luke Crawford, Eileen Dede, Jane Michael Dwyer, Dorothy Gartland, Terese Marie Havlik, James Michael Kesterson, Ann Michele Kiefer, Marilyn Therese Lipps, Regina Ann Lynch, Ann Renee Maxwell, Regis McNulty, Grace Marie Meehan, Mary Jane Newman, Donna O'Neill, Joan Mary Schaefer and Rita Ann Wade.

Sister Mary Jane Newman is a native of Fort Wayne. She currently ministers as a volunteer at Woods Day Care/preschool at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Mary Jane, the former Sister Patrick Ann, entered the congregation July 21, 1948, from St. Patrick Parish



SISTER MARY JANE NEWMAN

in Fort Wayne. She professed perpetual vows Jan. 23, 1956.

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in education. She received a master's degree in education from Ball State University.

In Fort Wayne, Sister Mary Jane ministered as a teacher at St. Jude School from 1966-1969; at St. Patrick School, 1969-1972; and at Sacred Heart School from 1982-1994.

Sister Luke Crawford was a teacher at Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, 1960-1962.



SISTER LUKE CRAWFORD



SISTER EILEEN DEDE

Sister Terese Marie Havlik was a teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, 1959-1965.



SISTER TERESE MARIE HAVLIK



SISTER ANN RENEE MAXWELL

Sister Ann Renee Maxwell was a teacher at St. Jude School, Fort Wayne, from 1959-1964.



SISTER JOAN MARY SCHAEFER

Sister Joan Mary Schaefer was a teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, from 1953-1954.



SISTER RITA ANN WADE

Sister Rita Ann Wade was a teacher at Cathedral School, Fort Wayne, from 1966-1969.

70th anniversary

Three sisters will celebrate their 70th anniversary at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods this year. They are Sisters Rita Lerner, Conrad Monrad and Alexa Suelzer.

Sister Alexa Suelzer is a native of Fort Wayne. She currently volunteers in the central business office at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



SISTER ALEXA SUELZER

She entered the congregation Feb. 14, 1938, from St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1946.

Sister Conrad Monrad ministered as a teacher at Central Catholic High School, 1956-1962.



SISTER CONRAD MONRAD

75th anniversary

Five sisters will celebrate their 75th anniversary this year. They are Sisters Mary Esther Lane, Marceline Mattingly, Marian Elizabeth Moriarty, Agnes Eileen O'Brien and Marie Eleanor Shaw.

Sister Mary Esther Lane was a teacher at St. Patrick School, Fort Wayne, from 1946-1950, and Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, 1963-1967 and 1969-1972.



SISTER MARY ESTHER LANE

Sister Marceline Mattingly was a teacher at St. Jude School, Fort Wayne, from 1941-1942 and Central Catholic High School, 1953-1955 and 1956-1960.



SISTER MARCELINE MATTINGLY

Sister Marian Elizabeth Moriarty was a teacher at St. Patrick School, Fort Wayne, from 1944-1951.



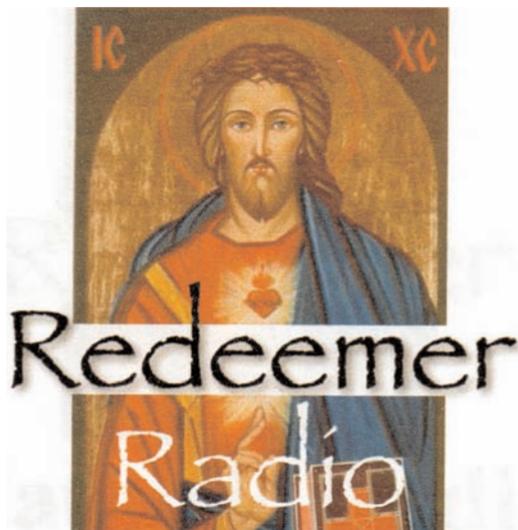
SISTER MARIAN ELIZABETH MORIARTY

Sister Marie Eleanor Shaw was a teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, from 1942-1947.



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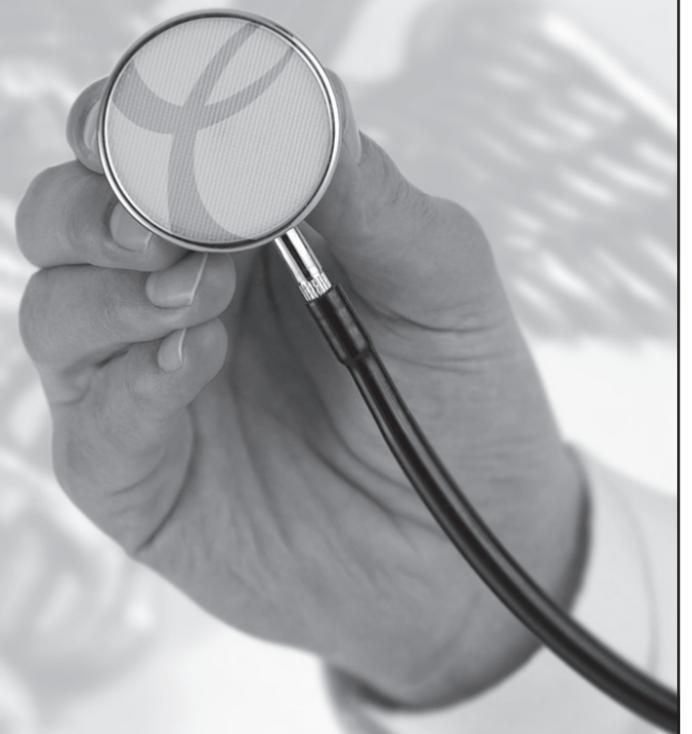
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'Undecided' becomes popular choice for major

BY TRISHA LINNER

SOUTH BEND — Every new freshman at college will be asked this question: what is your major? For many high school seniors, it is the toughest decision they will face. For others, picking a major comes naturally based on the career path they are seeking. Around the country, though, the time-honored question is increasingly drawing the answer: undecided. A growing trend for many freshmen students is not declaring a major until after their freshmen year.

"Many students know which colleges they want to apply to, but many don't know what they want to do when they get there, or they change majors later on. College admissions offices tell us that up to 80 percent of students change their majors at least once," says Marian High School guidance counselor Roman Bonczek.

Students are often unsure what career path they want to pursue, yet certain schools have well-known programs that interest students. Purdue is a popular choice for many Marian High School students who are interested in pre-med or engineering; however, many students attend Purdue for business and economics as well. Traditionally 95 percent of Marian seniors opt to attend a four-year college, so the guidance department is busy helping seniors choose the best school for their interests and the most appropriate major.

"Students are all over the place this year," according to Bonczek. "I can't say that we are seeing any trends to a certain major at all."

At Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend, that is not the case. According to guidance counselor Kathy Utz, students pursuing art as a major is a new trend that she is seeing this year. Another fairly new major that Saint Joseph's students are pursuing is pharmacology, and, like Marian High School, business education and engineer-

ing are always popular choices.

Saint Joseph's has a career day every other year where over 100 community professionals come and talk in the classrooms. This is organized to help students learn more about the careers they are considering. "We also have a WOW day (world of work) where they can spend a full day with a community person in an area they may be interested in. Also, we encourage them to look at their skills and/or take a career assessment inventory to match what they enjoy to a specific field," Utz said. Both events are designed to help students choose their majors wisely.

Nationwide, the most popular majors are ranked in the yearly *Princeton Review's* "Top 10 Most Popular Majors" list. The survey asked colleges across the country to list the majors they offer and report which three had the highest undergrad enrollment. Based on that cumulative response, the 10 most popular majors are:

1. Business administration and management
2. Psychology
3. Elementary education
4. Biology
5. Nursing
6. Education
7. English
8. Communications
9. Computer Science
10. Political Science

Business degrees should continue to increase in value, at least for the next four years, according to a forecast survey conducted by FastCompany.com, which compiled its findings in a Top 25 Jobs for 2005-09. The survey found that engineering and health/medical degrees also are good choices for today's undergraduates.

Whatever major students choose, Utz encourages them to pick based on their interests, not the potential salaries that will come later. "We always tell them to pursue a major that they are passionate about and not worry about how much money they may make," said Utz.

St. Anthony students add spark of life to history in state competition

BY JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

SOUTH BEND — If you're at least as smart as a fifth grader, you know that history repeats itself.

Colleen Denunzio, a fifth grader at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School in South Bend, is convinced that if people don't learn about the past, they're destined to repeat their mistakes.

Perhaps that's one of the reasons she and several of her classmates were state finalists recently at the Indiana History Day State Competition in Indianapolis, which is part of the National History Day Competition.

Denunzio spent the school year researching Rosie the Riveters of World War II and put together an exhibit that won her a state medal for her efforts.

Students created projects and researched topics based on the theme Conflict and Compromise in History, said St. Anthony fifth grade social studies teacher Jeanette McKew.

Fifth and seventh graders at the school are required to participate in the project.

"Students work all year researching a topic, and based on their research they develop a project," McKew said.

Projects can include individual and group exhibits, documentaries, performances or historical 1,500 to 2,500-word research papers. All the students participated in the regional competition at Saint Mary's College and then advanced on to the state competition earlier this month after winning regionals. While seventh grade finalists have the opportunity to progress on to the National History Day contest, competition for fifth graders ends at the state level, McKew explained.

Students have the opportunity to choose and research the topic of their choice, which makes the learning experience more effective and fun since they research something they're interested in. This gives the students the chance to hone their research skills as well as their social skills because they're required to represent themselves and their work, McKew said.

St. Anthony seventh-grader



JENNIFER OCHSTEIN

Top row, from left, fifth-graders Devin Bueche, Nicholas Miller, Samantha Kaczynski, Jackie Zakowski and Laura Dillon; and front row, fifth-graders Michael Sibilla, Elijah Barstis, Colleen Denunzio and seventh-grader Kailyn Wood all performed well during the Indiana History Day Competition earlier this month in Indianapolis.

Kailyn Wood was a state runner up in the competition for her individual performance about Chicago gangster Al Capone and the police officer, Eliot Ness, who relentlessly hunted him.

Kailyn told their story through the eyes of a real-life speakeasy girl, Virginia Hill, and mobster Eddie O'Hare.

And since she's been told she's good at acting, she said she thought performing the roles to tell the story of Capone and Ness would be her best bet, not to mention fun.

Despite that, Kailyn agreed with Colleen that those who don't know their history are doomed to repeat it.

"History always repeats itself," Kailyn said. "If we learn more about history, maybe we'll learn from mistakes from the past and not do them again."

Indeed, fifth-grader Nicholas Miller, another state finalist, chose to perform the part of his grandfather, Ervin Derda, who was a B-17 pilot during the D-Day Invasion of World War II.

Nicholas — who said his grandfather was thrilled when his grandson chose to use him for the

history project — chose to perform his grandfather because he is a good primary source.

Not only that, performing his grandfather gave him an edge to do as well as his brother Sam and sister Meeghan did in the same competition when they participated. Sam was a state finalist, and Meeghan was a national finalist, their brother said.

"I just wanted to do my best so I could show them up," Nicholas said.

Not only was he a state finalist, Nicholas was awarded the Outstanding Youth Division Entry. Thank you, Grandpa.

Other projects included the passage of Title IX in the 1970s, which gave women the same rights as men to pursue academics and sports opportunities, which was completed by fifth-graders Samantha Kaczynski and Jackie Zakowski; research on the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote, completed by fifth-grader Laura Dillon; and a project about the Korean War, completed by fifth-graders Elijah Barstis, Devin Bueche and Michael Sibilla. These projects were also state finalists.



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A CELEBRATION OF 150 YEARS

St. Patrick, South Bend, celebrates its sesquicentennial

BY JUDY BRADFORD

SOUTH BEND — Think of St. Patrick's as "the mother ship."

If its walls could talk, they would speak many languages — German, Polish, Hungarian and Belgian as well as the language of its Irish patron saint. Each ethnic group started worshipping there as it settled in neighborhoods of South Bend and Mishawaka — but eventually built their own churches.

And the mother ship is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

St. Patrick's first congregation began worshipping together in 1858. The Rev. Thomas Carroll, a Holy Cross priest, was sent out to provide spiritual leadership to 50 Irish families plus a small group of Germans, who had settled on the west side of the St. Joseph River.

A year later, the parish's first church building was completed on the southwest corner of Western and Scott. From the start, it was known as a mission church, since the only other Catholic churches in the area were at Notre Dame (Sacred Heart), and on the east side of the St. Joseph River (now St. Joseph's Church).

"Yes, it was Irish and Germans in this area," says John O'Connell, who with his wife Mary Ann is a member of the church's 150th anniversary committee. "But primarily the Irish immigrants who came here to work on the railroads."

Historical records say that Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin of Notre Dame had years earlier encouraged Irish immigrants working on the railroads in the Plymouth area to relocate in South Bend where their spiritual needs could be better met.

The story about how St. Patrick's got its name could be headlined "Executive decision made last night." Church records say that when the original structure was finished, it still lacked a name. But one morning, those walking by the church noticed "St. Patrick's Church" chiseled in the sandstone above the arch.

"No one will admit just as to why it was named St. Patrick's," says John O'Connell. "But since its first pastor was Irish, it is implied that he just ended the discussion and put it up."

The area developed, and soon it was the Polish Catholics who came to worship. They formed their own parish and built St. Hedwig's, in 1877, just one block away.

Not long after, the Hungarians came to St. Patrick's. Then they founded their own church, St. Mary's, in 1882.

In 1887, the first church structure was replaced with the current one.

Around 1900, the Belgians arrived. Many settled in Mishawaka, but those who came to South Bend worshipped at St.

Patrick's until building their own church, Sacred Heart on Thomas Street (now closed).

Mary Ann O'Connell says that if you really want to get a sense of the church's Irish-German beginnings, all you have to do is look at its tall stained-glass windows. "They were donated by the early families," say the O'Connells. "There's the O'Briens and the Murphys, but there's also the Adelspergers and the Konzens."

But the windows also offer a visual history of the city, its prominent people and businesses. The O'Brien window, for example, was paid for by Patrick O'Brien, who owned the O'Brien Paint Company and also played an important part in arranging festivities for the church's 50th anniversary in 1908.

The Adelsperger window was purchased by the family of Thomas Adelsperger, a well-known resident of South Bend until his death in 1913. Adelsperger was employed as a salesman for a Chicago wholesale drug company and lived in a home on West Washington Street. He is buried at Cedar Grove.

Another window in the church's nave is dedicated to L.C. Tong, once a very popular mayor of South Bend. "It is said that he was so popular," says John O'Connell, "that he was liked by both Democrats and Republicans."

The Rose Window, in the back of the sanctuary, was donated by Sophia Coquillard, sister-in-law to Alexis Coquillard, one of the early founders of the city. (Alexis Coquillard had passed through the area in 1823 while working with the American Fur Company and returned a year later to settle down and raise a family.)

"When you come to church and sit there Sunday after Sunday, you see the windows and start asking 'Well, who were all these people?'" says Mary Ann O'Connell. "It's really a history lesson."

She also noted that railroad flagmen, cobblers, shoemakers are among those who supported the church and gave windows.

"One of them was donated by Constance Odon, the housekeeper of the priest who helped build the present church building, Father D. J. Hagerty," she said. "It wasn't all mayors and business owners."

The O'Connells have also researched other features of the church, and say they point to the work of the church's people elsewhere in the world.

The central marble altar, for example, was donated in 1920 by Bernadette Gehring (Sister Rose Bernard), a Holy Cross sister who later went to Bangladesh to do medical mission work. She died there in her 40s.

There is also a long list of priests who have served the church. Currently assigned are the Father Leonard F. Chrobot, pastor, and Father John Klimczyk, associate.

Providing additional occasional help are the Spiritan Father

Paulinus Odozor from Nigeria and on the faculty at the University of Notre Dame; the Holy Cross Father Richard Laurick, Catholic Chaplain at Memorial Hospital; and Franciscan Father Lauren Wegner.

Pastors who served in the recent past are the Holy Cross Father Charles J. Lavelly, 1995-2001; Holy Cross Father Robert M. Hoffman, 1989-1995; Holy

In May of 1920, under Father John F. DeGroot, the church was consecrated, which means it must always be used for worship services of the Roman Catholic Church. If the congregation should ever move to another building, the present structure must be torn down.



A group from St. Patrick Parish contribute to a Habitat for Humanity project.

Cross Father Wilfrid A. Menard, 1983-1989 and now deceased; Holy Cross Father Thomas F. Waldron, 1982-1983 and now deceased; and Holy Cross Father Thomas K. Zurcher, 1977-1982.

Associates and others who assisted, from 1980, include Holy Cross Fathers Donald J. Bielby (in residence); Richard Conyers (in residence); Donald W. Dilg, associate pastor; William Dorwart, associate pastor; Deacon William Thomas Hamilton (permanent deacon assigned to St. Patrick, deceased); Father Michael Hutson (from Scotland) in residence; Holy Cross Father Philip D. Krill, associate pastor; Father Richard A. Laurick (in residence many years until 2001 and still assisting); Father Raymond Likupe (from Malawi) in residence; Holy Cross Father José Martelli, associate pastor; Holy Cross Father Walter Michalik, (deceased) associate pastor; Holy Cross Father Bernard Mullahy (deceased); Holy Cross Brother Dennis Meyers; Holy Cross Father Louis Putz, (in residence, deceased); Holy Cross Father Frank Quinlivan, in residence; Pallottine Father Jaroslaw Rodzik, (from Poland) in residence; Holy Cross Father Thomas Stella, associate pastor; Holy Cross Father Vincent Thilman, (deceased) associate pastor; and Holy Cross Father Henry Zych, (in residence).



ISLANDS OF MULTI-ETHNIC HISTORY

St. Patrick's serves interests and needs of many in South Bend

BY JUDY BRADFORD

SOUTH BEND — The current-day ministries and programs at St. Patrick's Catholic Church serve people of all ages and reflect a variety of interests and needs. A lot of that can be attributed to the diversity of the parish itself.

"There have been changes, due to the demographics," says Father Leonard F. Chrobot, pastor. "We draw most of our people from outside the parish now, some even driving from far away. That means we are better able to host ministries that reach out to the neighborhood and surrounding area — ministries like Teamwork for Tomorrow, for example, which is funded by someone else, or the Christ Child Society. But the other side of that is we have ministries that take care of our own, such as the ministry to the homebound."

Father Chrobot also emphasizes that the parish seems to be "increasingly committed" to making the consolidation with St. Hedwig work. The 2001 consolidation of the two parishes was a result of diocesan meetings to consolidate some parishes due to lack of priests.

"I think the people here are increasingly committed to maintaining that consolidation and expanding the combined parish," says Father Chrobot.

Following are some of the more visible ministries of the parish and the people who make them work so well.

Homebound Ministry

People who are homebound or in nursing homes benefit from the visits, calls or cards of a group of volunteers trained in homebound ministry.

"They know how to reach out to those who are hospitalized, they know how to be nonjudgmental, and they have wonderful prayers to use," says Stue Fezy, church secretary. "All of them are eucharistic ministers to the sick, and they are very faithful and call before they come. They take their ministry very seriously," she adds.

One of the members, Sharon Fisko, specializes in writing and

sending cards to those who feel isolated because of illness. She sends 15 to 30 cards per month.

"I just write that we're praying for them and thinking about them," says Fisko. "They just need to be reassured that the rest of us haven't forgotten about them. When you're isolated, the days get very long."

Sue also goes out on visits and sometimes takes her ShihTzu dogs, Pheobe and Fiona, as part of the Michiana Pet Therapy program.

"They're trained not to lick, and especially not lick any tubes that might be connected to a hospital patient," she says. "And they can go up on the beds too."

The church also sends out personalized Easter and Christmas

cards for all the homebound and nursing home parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Hedwig churches. They are signed by the staff and mailed from the office, but they are personalized by parishioners Mary and John O'Connell.

Youth Group

St. Patrick's Youth Group is rather small, averaging six students. But

they are big on volunteering.

They've worked on Habitat for Humanity houses, have made hats and scarves for people in need as well as fleece blankets for hospitalized children.

Youths have also volunteered individually for Reins of Life, the Botanical Gardens in Niles and ecology groups at their schools.

"One of the things we try to do, once they've started receiving the sacraments, is to take ownership of their faith," says Babette Zielinski, youth group leader. "They're trying to learn what it means to be in the world but not of it — to take a look at things with a Christian eye and listen with a Christian ear."

Celtic Heritage Society

Every Sunday night, from 7-8:30 p.m., a core group of about eight people gather in the parish center to do Irish and Scottish folk dancing.

"Sometimes we call it country or Ceili (pronounced Ki-lee) or party dancing," says Helen Cawley, who has been a teacher of Irish stepdancing at the center.

About eight years ago, the group formed simply to pursue interests in Celtic music and dance "with ambitions to do other things," says Cawley. "Terry and Carol Meehan, owners of Fiddler's Hearth, the Irish restaurant and pub in downtown South Bend, helped get it started.

The big day is St. Patrick's Day, of course, when everyone gathers at the parish center after the big parade downtown, and the float winners of the parade are announced."

On the second Sunday of the month, a Celtic music group called Lorica plays at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. The band plays traditional Irish music found in the



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Parishioners of St. Patrick's who are active in the program that provides fleece blankets for hospitalized children are, from left: Babette Zielinski, Amelia Harrison, Christopher Harrison, Elise Waldschmidt, Helen Waldschmidt, Maggie Thomas and Bob Zielinski.

hymnal and uses lyrics written to the Irish meter.

A gracious host to other groups

St. Patrick's Church is host to many other groups who simply meet there — and would find it difficult to find another inexpensive place as their base of operation. The newest of these is the Christ Child Society, which is now using the parish center for storage and distribution activities. This Catholic inter-parish organization furnishes poor families with clothing and other household items.

The church is also home to the South Bend Lakers, a basketball group for elementary and high

school ages, and other school sports groups who need gymnasium space.

Outreach groups for other churches who serve the needs of inner-city residents also use St. Patrick's facilities.

Parking space is also provided to the South Bend Silver Hawks (overflow) as well as Granger Community Church, a Methodist church with a mission project in the downtown area.

Teamwork for Tomorrow, a tutoring program for children under the umbrella of the South Bend Housing Authority, uses church space during the school year; tutors are students at the University of Notre Dame.

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St. Patrick's Youth Group is rather small, averaging six students. But they are big on volunteering, which includes building the Easter Vigil firepit.

Food for the body fuels food for the soul

BY KAY COZAD

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body."

— 1 Cor. 6:19

In American culture today, with its obesity epidemic and serious health issues, Rhonda Walton, registered dietitian consultant with Nutrition Services, Inc., asks this scriptural question often. Walton, a lifelong member of St. Jude Parish, works with individuals and groups in private, group and nursing homes, and hospitals addressing health risk issues ranging from diabetes and high cholesterol to weight control and eating disorders.

"The body as a temple," says Walton, "requires healthy food and drink, healthy levels of physical activity and behavior modification. ... That's the hardest for most people." Behavior modification is simply changing old habits, she adds.

Many choose to skip meals to save on calorie intake. That, says Walton, may put the body at risk.

"A body can't run on empty. It affects the mind and interaction with others," Walton says. She recommends eating three to five meals spread throughout the day, with three to five hours between meals. This balanced fueling assists with focus and can ward off constant thoughts of food.

"Starving yourself brings down your metabolism. Then you choose the wrong foods and eat too much," says Walton. Skipping meals followed by overeating may have a negative effect on the digestive process as well causing other health issues, including acid reflux, stomach problems and irritable bowel syndrome.

The current American lifestyle with its fast-paced, packed schedule leaves little room for conscious eating habits.

"We're always on the go," says Walton. "We feel our food needs to be on the go too."

Fast food was an infrequent treat just 50 years ago. Now it has become the meal of choice.

Rather than eating out every night, Walton recommends cooking at home as frequently as possible.

"Not only do you know what's in your food, you increase the vitamin and mineral content by buying fresh foods," she says.

Many clients she works with say cooking at home is too old fashion, but she says, perhaps that is the answer to America's weight issues.

Walton's faith is intimately intertwined with her work in nutrition as well. She believes that the act of sitting down for a homemade meal and saying grace to thank God for his bounty, sets the stage for healthy eating.

"Prayer really does set our minds and souls to receive the food," she says.

For her portion, Walton assists her clients with meal planning and weight control. Each plan is unique to meet the needs of the individual. A simple meal plan will include one to two grains or starches, one fruit, one vegetable, a three to four ounce serving of meat or vegetable protein and one dairy product.

And her recommendations for healthy eating begin with fresh food.

"We have convenience foods for when we need them. But 90 percent or greater of the time we should choose fresh food," says Walton, who reports that she eats three meals a day and frequents the grocery store once each week to fill her dietary needs.

"I realize the affect nutrition and eating healthy has on my health. If I don't eat regularly, I'm not as productive or kind. I need fuel to do the work throughout the day to serve God," says this faithful dietitian.

Other recommendations include substituting plenty of water for soft drinks and other caffeinated beverages, and giving up buffets, as reducing portion size plays an important role in healthy eating. Reducing sugar and fat intake is essential as well.

"We live in a land of milk and

honey. Food is everywhere. We have to make better choices," Walton says passionately.

Healthy activity levels are important as well, says Walton, who recommends finding something enjoyable to do in moderation.

"Gardening is physically demanding," she says. "Take a walk. Your dog will love it!"

For those who have not exercised or are overweight, she encourages a slow start with gentle activities such as yoga or pilates.

Changing habits can be challenging for even the strongest of heart, but the benefits far outweigh the hardship.

"Once you establish the foundation, your body becomes healthy, and then your mind and spirit become healthy," she says, adding that as balanced food is her body's fuel, the Eucharist is her spiritual nutrition. "I always feel when I receive it that it strengthens me to do God's will. The more often we receive, the stronger we can become in making healthier choices."

Walton believes that strength starts with the individual but is translated to strength as church, community, city, state and nation and says, "We become a healthier people."

And so she asks, "What habits do you need to address? How can you change them?" It can be as simple, she says, as eating breakfast or taking an evening walk.

"Think about changing your habits, pray and have faith that you can achieve your goals," she encourages. "But don't expect too much too soon. Patience, patience, patience!"

But start now.

For more information on healthy eating visit the USDA Web site at www.mypyramid.gov.

Tips for better health

- Eat three to five meals balanced over each day, beginning with breakfast.
- A human stomach holds amounts the size of a fist. Eat moderate amounts at each meal.
- Cook fresh foods when possible and include three to four different foods with each meal.
- Drink water throughout the day. Limit sugary or caffeinated drinks.
- Limit fat intake. Use low fat milk and creamers, and lean meats.
- Choose healthy levels of enjoyable exercise.
- Pray before meals to heighten awareness of food and its value.

Fort Wayne, South Bend trails offer exercise, reflective time

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND — Being spiritually healthy is good. Being both spiritually and physically healthy is better.

This time of year when we are dragging out our shorts and bathing suits, we often realize that we should at least try to work on the one aspect we may have been neglectful of all winter. While we may not realize it, spiritual health as well as physical health goes hand-in-hand. After all, we are temples of the Holy Spirit.

“Dear friend, I pray that you are doing well in every way and that you are healthy, just as your soul is healthy,” notes John’s Gospel, 3:1-2.

To be spiritually healthy, we work on being right with God, obeying him in every way we can and confessing our sins, finding peace with God. For our physical health, we must take the necessary first steps, ask for help when necessary from professionals

Joshua Gonzales, representative of INShape.

INShape, Indiana is a Web-based program, which was created in 2005, designed to actively inform Hoosiers about the benefits of health and wellness. I

INShape Indiana is not another program; it is an initiative to coordinate the many efforts taking place across the state to combat obesity and smoking. It serves as a clearing house providing Hoosiers with the resources needed to cultivate a healthy lifestyle. INShape Indiana focuses on educating and encouraging Hoosiers to move more, eat better and cease the use of tobacco products. For information on INShape, visit www.in.gov/inshape/2331.htm. (While the seven-week walk program began officially in April of this year, those who wish to begin now can do so and can access valuable tips for their own personalized program at the Web site just by registering online.)

As we all need certain things for our spiritual health including

- Swinney Park to Foster Park — the trail does go through two residential areas, but there are sections of this stretch along the river that offer a quiet and intimate setting.

- St. Joe Pathway is very scenic as it goes along the flood control levee and has great views of the St. Joseph River. It also passes through a small wooded area as the path goes into Johnny Appleseed Park.

Fort Wayne locations to walk for fitness

“One of the hardest things sometimes is keeping up our motivation. At the Rivergreenway Trail, you forget where you are. It’s an awesome experience where you get to exercise, experience nature and experience the greenway,” said Dawn Richie, Greenways manager.

In Fort Wayne, the Rivergreenway Trail is a 20-mile long linear parkway, which travels along the banks of the St. Mary’s, St. Joseph and the Maumee rivers. While it is linked close to everything, the park offers recreation and fitness opportunities for those who wish to not only walk, but bike, jog, hike or rollerblade.

“It’s a great way to reconnect with nature and with other neighbors. It’s awesome how people often just greet each other walking,” added Richie.

Walkers will find several spots along the walkway to reconnect with the Lord and to pray and rest.

In Fort Wayne, parking is available at Johnny Appleseed Park, Lawton Park, Bloomingdale Park, Swinney Park, Foster Park, Tillman Park, Moser Park and Kreager Park.

South Bend locations to walk for fitness

For those who live in the South Bend area, one of the most beautiful walks along the St. Joseph River can be found along the Riverwalk/Riverside Trail that provides nearly nine miles of walking along the river, offering natural wonders from intimate quiet stretches to dramatic white-water. Endpoints on the trail are:

- North/West — Angela Boulevard and on the South/East — Indiana University South Bend campus. Parking is available at Saint Joseph’s High School and at Howard Park.

No matter what location is chosen, keeping yourself motivated and not bored with a fitness program is something that has to be worked on and prayed about everyday.

“Spirituality and fitness are so much tied together. Being at peace with one’s self matters. Finding balance matters,” said Matt Bellina, fitness supervisor with the South Bend Department of Parks and Recreation.

gratitude, forgiveness and peace, which we achieve by such things as regular prayer and Mass attendance, we also need to plan for our physical health program as well, finding a place to regularly exercise and sticking with our goals even when we are signed up for something like INShape but just aren’t feeling motivated. Finding a place with beauty and nature to exercise, which brings peace, contentment and serenity, can often bring us the motivation we need.

The Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation suggests the following places for relaxation and reflection:

- Along the Maumee Pathway from Anthony Boulevard to Moser Park in New Haven, which is about a seven-mile section one way.

- Between Foster Park and Tillman Park, although part of this section is closed (between the 6-mile marker and the 7-mile marker) this year due to a flood control project.



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such as physicians and of course, pray.

One of the less daunting ways to become physically fit can be to walk. It doesn’t take special equipment except a good pair of shoes, and it can actually help us and our families to become closer to God by being outdoors enjoying every aspect of the world that he created for us.

Joining up with INShape, the Indiana governor’s program for physical fitness, can be one of the best ways to help keep even the most unmotivated on track to making a life change that will help us to not only get physically fit, but also mentally fit through our growing happiness and contentment that we are doing good for ourselves.

“Our goal is to get people to do something, just to get them thinking about physical fitness and nutrition. As long as they are part of it in some way, that is good. Any fitness level can walk 10 to 15 minutes a day,” said

BISHOP LUERS HOSTS 5K RUN/WALK



TESS STEFFEN

Bishop Luers High School hosted Run with the Knights, a 5K run/walk, on May 10 at Foster Park. The money from registration went to the needs-based tuition assistance fund.

Life Athletes Club hosts events in South Bend, New York

SOUTH BEND — The Life Athletes Club of Saint Joseph’s High School hosted its second Little Bookstore Basketball Tournament May 24. Students from Marian, Adams and Clay High as well as eighth graders from Corpus Christi, St. Anthony, Christ the King and St. Joseph’s-South Bend grade schools also joined in the fun. St. Joseph chaplain Father Cam Tirabassi opened the evening with a Mass for the participants.

“Life Athletes try to give the best of ourselves, especially in our relationships,” says Chris Godfrey, who is the founder and president of Life Athletes, an organization that has grown to include over 300 professional and Olympic athletes trying to live lives of virtue, abstinence and respect for life. “Our three-on-three basketball tournament provides an opportunity to put our principles into practice and, more importantly, to have some good clean fun after a long, hard school year.”

Ryan Richter, Brian Powers, Neil Story and Nick Simeri, under the name We Won Last Year, defended their title by defeating Brooks Demarais in a hard fought contest. Winning the award for Best Uniform was the team of Jordan Taylor, Elise Jordan, Mike Tomchaney and Tess Godfrey, who were known as The Double-Stuffed Oreos.

Earlier this month, Life Athletes honored the New York Football Giants at a dinner in



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Chris Godfrey, founder of Life Athletes, is shown with New York Giants head coach Tom Coughlin who received the Wellington T. Mara Duke Award.

Greenwich, Conn. Hosted by Frank Gifford, players from its championship teams in the 1950s and Super Bowls XXI, XXV and XLII were in attendance.

Chris Godfrey presented Head Coach Tom Coughlin with the Wellington T. Mara Duke Award for the heart the team showed in pursuing and winning the Super Bowl this year. The late Wellington Mara was the owner of the New York Giants and a good friend of Life Athletes. He was well-respected by the NFL, and his nickname, Duke, was included for many years on all of its game balls.

EDITORIAL

Fitness of body, mind and spirit

Our well-being consists of optimal physical, emotional and spiritual health. No one of these is better or holier than the other; all are desirable, and no one of the three — body, mind or spirit — can live fully when either of the others is cut short of full life and expression. It is not right or noble to live only for the spirit and deny mind or body, and it is wrong to live for the intellect and deny body or spirit. In short, it's simply a question of balance.

The body

It is not realistic, nor is it in the best interests of the body, to assume one mode of exercise is more important than another. The only factor that can stand out on its own is our desire to improve our health and fitness, and, hopefully, to learn a little more about how our body works in the process.

We need to be good to our body: it has worked hard for us for years. Consider eating correctly, staying active, looking your best, developing healthy sleep habits and initiating prevention measures to avoid illness or disease. Perhaps we need to ask ourselves if there are unresolved issues that drain our life of energy or happiness.

If you ask most Americans, many will admit they just don't feel well. Health practitioners say more than seven out of 10 are overweight, 80 percent have back pain, 70 percent report low energy, 60 percent have poor sleeping habits and 92 percent of doctor visits are stress related. As a nation we seem to be getting worse over time.

Most individuals, in fact, lead stressful, fast-paced lifestyles. As health researchers study the connection between stress and well-being, they are finding more evidence that stress contributes to aging and inflammation; in order to be healthy and happy, we need to learn how to decompress after the stressful situations in our lives.

The mind

Part of our health and well-being is relaxing the mind as well as the body. But with the proliferation of modern communication technology are we really relaxing on our holidays or time away from the job? With the advent of the cell phone and other electronic devices, the boundary of office hours has become slightly blurred. The possibility of receiving a work-related telephone call doesn't allow our unconscious mind to truly switch off. When we start feeling relaxed, it only takes a call from the office saying, "XYZ has happened, what do we do?" to disrupt the flow of relaxation. It means we "technically" are working if we constantly are responding, sending e-mails or text messaging. It's not a very good way to relax, even if the constant communication is from family and friends.

In popular usage, the mind frequently is synonymous with thought. It is that private conversation with ourselves that we carry on "inside our heads." Thus we "make up our minds," "change our minds" or are "of two minds" about something. One of the key attributes of the mind in this sense is that it is a private sphere to which no one but the owner has access. No one else, except God, of course, can "know our mind." Others can only know what we communicate.

There are many theories of the mind and its functions. Modern theories, based on so-called scientific understanding of the brain, theorize that the mind is a phenomenon of the brain and is synonymous with consciousness. But pre-scientific theories, based in theology, concentrated on the relationship between the mind and the soul — the supernatural, divine or God-given essence of a person.

The spirit

"In Sacred Scripture the term 'soul' often refers to human life or the entire human person. But 'soul' also refers to the innermost aspect of man, that which is of greatest value to him, that by which he is most especially in God's image: 'soul' signifies the spiritual principle in man." — Catechism of the Catholic Church 363.

The catechism continues, "The unity of soul and body is so profound that one has to consider the soul to be the 'form' of the body: i.e., it is because of its spiritual soul that the body made of matter becomes a living, human body; spirit and matter, in man, are not two natures united, but rather their union forms a single nature." — CCC, 365.

Thus the body, mind and spirit all are intricately connected. In order to maintain good physical health we need the right mind set. To achieve a true state of wellness we must transform ourselves from the inside out, including proper nutrition, good physical health and a peaceful state of mind. It's a soul-satisfying process.

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

COMMENTARY

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Congressman moved by papal visit

Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States of America was an amazing experience that helped to strengthen the faith of Catholics and

others throughout our country. As a member of St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church in South Bend, I was especially moved to see Pope Benedict so warmly embraced by all Americans.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the White House welcoming

ceremony on April 16 for Pope Benedict. As the congressman for Indiana's Second District, I wanted to be there to express our affection and respect for the Holy Father.

Rep. Joe Donnelly, U.S. House of Representatives, Indiana's 2nd District Washington, D.C.

Pollsters say immigration not a top issue for voters in '08 election

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With a sour economy, a war in its sixth year, gas prices at record levels and good health care increasingly unattainable, voters have other priorities ahead of worries about illegal immigration, pollsters say. A May voter survey found immigration to be voters' fifth biggest concern behind those other issues, with 7 percent citing it as their top issue.

The Battleground Poll by the Tarrance Group, Lake Research and George Washington University released in late May found the economy and jobs to be the top election priority for 23 percent of voters. That was followed by the Iraq War and gas/energy prices, at 15 percent each, and health care, cited by 9 percent. Falling below illegal immigration as priorities were concerns about terrorism and retirement/Social Security, with each cited by 6 percent.

Brian Nienaber, vice president of the Tarrance Group, a Washington political polling firm, said the heat on immigration as a political issue has been turned down significantly this year, now that the possibility of comprehensive immigration legislation is off the congressional table and the positions of the three leading presidential candidates on the topic aren't far apart from each other.

However, Arturo Vargas, executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, said Latinos will be more influential than ever in November, driven largely by a huge influx of newly registered voters.

Vargas and Nienaber were panelists at the fifth annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference sponsored May 20 by Georgetown University's Law Center, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network and the Migration Policy Institute.

Many of those new voters first have to become citizens, creating a backlog of naturalization applications that Citizenship and Immigration Services is struggling to resolve.

Other speakers at the law and policy conference said the

460,000 naturalization applications received last July alone, shortly before a large increase in the application fee, amounted to more than two-thirds the number of applications submitted in all of 2006.

Vargas said a nationwide campaign to get Latino immigrants to become citizens and register to vote and a current effort to encourage voting are showing results in presidential primaries. More than a million new voters were registered between January and October 2007 through the campaign, which was co-sponsored by Vargas' group, other Latino organizations and Hispanic media companies.

The recent attention to illegal immigration in public debate as well as the sharply increased and often highly visible enforcement in the last few years have driven many longtime U.S. residents to become naturalized citizens.

That's important, he said, because naturalized citizens vote at a greater rate than do native-born citizens.

In seven of nine key primary states, Latino voters turned out in percentages higher than their proportion of the electorate, Vargas said. He gave the example of Florida and Nevada, where the turnout by Latino voters apparently accounted for the primary

victories in those states of Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., respectively.

"We intend to define this race in November," Vargas said.

Another speaker at the conference, Frank Sharry, director of a new immigration policy organization called America's Voice, predicted that a campaign "subplot" this year will be how candidates use Spanish-language media to try to reach those new voters.

Sharry predicted the campaign waged in Spanish will be quite different from what's seen in the mainstream English-language news media.

For example, Sharry said, McCain, who co-wrote the ill-fated comprehensive immigration bill last year, has distanced himself from that bill's approach, apparently as a way of trying to appeal to the GOP base that favors enforcement over broader ways of dealing with immigration problems.

But in Spanish-language media, Sharry predicted McCain will play up his sponsorship of last year's bill instead of his more recent emphasis on enforcement.

The Tarrance/Lake/George Washington survey of 1,018 voters conducted in mid-May had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percent.

William of York

died 1154
feast - June 8

A bitter dispute followed the 1140 election of William Fitzherbert as archbishop of York, England. Local Cistercian monks and others challenged the election, accusing William of simony and incontinence. He was finally consecrated in 1143, but later suspended by the pope. After he was deposed in 1147, he led an exemplary life for six years in Winchester. Once his chief opponents died, another pope reinstated him in York in 1154, but he died within a few months, perhaps of poisoning. William was well liked by the people, and conciliatory toward his enemies.



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Immigration and welfare

Perceived myth: Immigrants come here to take welfare.

Known fact: Immigrants come to work and reunite with family members. Immigrant labor force participation is consistently higher than native-born, and immigrant workers make up a larger share of the U.S. labor force (12.4 percent) than they do of the U.S. population (11.5 percent). — Source: census.

Aren't immigrants taking advantage of social services and costing taxpayers?

Immigrants come to work and to reunite with their family. Most immigrants, except for children, are employed. Because most work, albeit many in lower paying jobs, the ratio between immigrant use of public benefits to amount of taxes they pay is favorable. In one estimate, immigrants pay about \$90 billion in taxes and use about \$5 billion in public benefits. Others estimate that immigrant taxes total \$20 to

\$30 billion more than cost of government services.

The reason for this is that undocumented immigrants are ineligible for the vast majority of state and federal benefits and are only eligible for those that are considered important to public health and safety.

The few public benefits that undocumented immigrants may receive include emergency Medicaid, nutritional assistance to women, infants and children under the WIC program and school lunches and breakfasts. Eligibility for these few programs and services is designed to provide emergency medical care, to reduce the risk that innocent children will be punished or hurt as a result of their parents' immigration status and to serve the fiscal and long-term interests of all Americans.

Even legal permanent resident immigrants are functionally ineligible for most government programs. They are prohibited from receiving most cash assistance during their first three years in the country and are subject to deportation if they become a pub-

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lic charge within five years of entry.

Quote: "The right of the family to a life worthy of human dignity is recognized." — "Rerum Novarum," Pope Leo XII, 1891.

To correspond with materials distributed at parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Indiana Catholic Conference is offering this series of information pieces concerning perceived myth vs. known facts on immigration. For information visit the Indiana Catholic Conference Web site at www.indianacc.org.

Forgive as God forgives



THE
SUNDAY
GOSPEL

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Sunday, 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 9:9-13

Hosea's prophecy provides this weekend's first reading.

Often, little is known about the prophets. However, Hosea is different. It is known that he was the son of Baari, although nothing else is known about his ancestry. His wife, Gomer, was unfaithful to him. He was the father of two sons and a daughter. He was a contemporary of the prophet Amos. He was active as a prophet about 750 years before Christ.

Gomer's unfaithfulness is an important factor to consider in reading the prophecy of Hosea. Her adultery not only rejected Hosea, her husband, but it also was a rejection of God. For Jews, infidelity in marriage was especially horrific. It upset the bond of marriage and of the family. This confounded the integrity, unity and purity of the one people chosen by God.

Hosea saw more than even this very solemn understanding of adultery. He saw in it a reflection of the Chosen People's willful diversion from God. Just as Gomer was unfaithful, the people were unfaithful. Hosea did not feel that he deserved this rejection on the part of Gomer. God hardly deserved the disobedience of the

people. God, after all, repeatedly has rescued the people from peril and death, indeed despite their sins.

In the end, Hosea is reassuring. God does not forsake the Chosen People. He forgives. He redeems. He gives life anew. But the people must be true to God.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans furnishes the second reading. Paul wrote this epistle to the community of Christians in Rome. The population of this community at the time of Paul is unknown. Likely, however, it was not inconsiderable.

The fact that Christians were in Rome is not surprising. Rome was the absolute center of the Mediterranean world. It was by far the largest city. It was the cultural and economic center. It was the capital.

The reading has strong Hebrew overtones, not surprisingly since Paul was a very well-educated Jew. The focus is on Abraham's faith.

God rewarded it, first, by giving Abraham a son and then by stopping Abraham from killing his son as a sacrificial victim. The message is that God gives life.

St. Matthew's Gospel provides the last reading.

Two events are in this reading. The first is the supper in which Jesus literally broke bread with tax collectors and sinners.

Sinners would have been bad enough. Devout Jews spurned those who publicly affronted God. But tax collectors were the most disgusting of sinners. The system of Roman imperial taxation was legalized larceny. Modern American law, for example, would see it as the utmost in corruption.

Also, tax collectors acted with, and upon, Roman authority. They were quislings of the worst sort.

Yet, Jesus dined with them. Eating with someone was almost a sacred gesture in first-century

Jewish Palestine. It implied not tolerance but acceptance, even respect.

The second event was Jesus' call to one of these tax collectors, Matthew, to the exalted position of Apostle.

Pharisees scorned all but the devout. Jesus reached out to gather even sinners, but repentant sinners, into the household of salvation.

Matthew's instant acceptance of the call to be an apostle demonstrates how even sinners yearn for God and for peace of soul.

Reflection

We think of sin as an act of disobedience. This it is. But, essentially, it is idolatry and a repudiation of God. The sinner elevates self over God.

By rejecting God, sinners reject life. They condemn themselves to everlasting death. The wonderfully good news is that there can be a tomorrow. Jesus has paid the price of our sins. He offers life to us by forgiving us. But, we must turn to God, ask forgiveness and reform ourselves so that we are genuine disciples.

READINGS

Sunday: Hos 6:3-6 Ps 50:1,8,12-15 Rom 4:18-25 Mt 9:9-13

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1b-8 Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8 Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3 Ps 98:1-6 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46 Ps 65:10-13 Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16 Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14 Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-10 Mt 5:33-37

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

June 9 is the feast of St. Ephrem the Syrian. One story about him was that he feigned madness to avoid episcopal consecration. Hmm ... but anyway, we know that in Scripture, signs that we might regard as "mad" were often attributed to possession. Hence the need for exorcism.

1. Perhaps surprisingly, references to demonic possession and exorcism in the Old Testament are

- a. in each book, though never more than one per chapter
- b. rare
- c. commonplace, as the Jews ascribed illnesses to demonic forces

2. When Saul was possessed by an evil spirit, David calmed Saul with this:

- a. a balm from Gilead
- b. a massage
- c. music

3. Tobit 6 gives this surefire (if possibly smelly) method of getting rid of a demon:

- a. burn fish liver and heart on embers to create embers
- b. have the sufferer bathe in bear bile
- c. line their house with dead dogs for a month

4. References to exorcism (casting out) in the New Testament are

- a. absent, as all these ills had been cured by the Resurrection
- b. found only in the Acts of the Apostles
- c. much more common than in the Old Testament

5. Jesus exorcized demons this many times

- a. once was enough
- b. at least six
- c. at least 12

6. In Mark 1, an exorcism is recounted on a Sabbath in this town

- a. Nazareth
- b. Capernaum
- c. Antioch

7. Near the home of the Gerasenes, Jesus exorcised the evil spirit from a victim whose possession caused the man to take up this rather morbid abode:

- a. He lived amongst the tombs.
- b. He lived in a cave with bats.
- c. He lived in a pyramid left over by the retreating Egyptians.

8. Matthew 9 recounts how, in Capernaum, Jesus cured another possessed man. Here the evidence was the man's regaining of the ability to

- a. levitate
- b. speak
- c. see

9. Matthew 12 recounts how Jesus went even further, restoring these abilities to a possessed man

- a. to see and speak
- b. to see and hear
- c. to see no evil

10. At this point, the Pharisees came up with this explanation for Jesus' powers:

- a. Maybe all the possessed people are shills.
- b. Jesus must be driving out evil spirits by the power of Beelzebub, the prince of demons.
- c. It must be an early version of prestidigitation.

11. Acts 16 recounts a most peculiar incident; a possessed slave girl with the ability to be an oracle follows Paul about, shouting. He exorcized her for this specific reason:

- a. He realized the evil spirit could block her way to the truth.
- b. He saw this as a chance to impress the skeptical Greeks who had ignored him.
- c. She was becoming annoying.

12. Her owners were equally annoyed because

- a. she was now not much of a prophet (sic) center having lost her gift of being an oracle.
- b. she was no longer able to perform feats of ventriloquism, using sheep as dummies.
- c. she was freed to seek gainful employment as a fog horn.

13. When, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, are exorcisms regularly said over the faithful?

- a. at baptism
- b. during extreme unction
- c. whenever the priest notices a similarity to Linda Blair

14. But there is the casting out type too. How is this differentiated from the simple exorcism of question 13?

- a. It is referred to as Exorcismus Espriti Malum.
- b. It is referred to as (from the Aramaic) Shaduppa YaFaz.
- c. It is referred to as Major Exorcism.

15. To do this, the priest needs certainty that he is dealing with a spirit and

- a. a good shot of whiskey
- b. the permission of the bishop
- c. a state license (in the USA) or provincial writ (in Canada)

ANSWERS:

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

Role of laity and media important to share the NFP message

Why do we need good teachers for natural family planning?

Anonymous

The lion's share of the work in retrieving God's plan for marriage, spousal love and family will be done by the laity and especially by those who are trained teachers of NFP. NFP is more than fertility awareness or a morally good method for responsible parenthood. It is a way of life that endorses all the values of God's plan for marriage and spousal love. There is much for engaged couples and newlywed couples to learn. Couples who prepare engaged couples for marriage and NFP teachers invest many hours of their time and much emotional energy for their student couples. In effect, they are preparing their young charges to become witnesses to God's plan for marriage and, thus, become counter-cultural.

Teachers of NFP should regard their work as a special vocation. They are dealing with a central dimension of a young

couples' relationship. A marriage is consummated by the spousal act, and each spousal act, in a certain way, is a renewal of the marriage covenant. Learning NFP is only one part of learning God's plan for spousal love. It is not uncommon for a relationship of trust to develop between NFP teachers and their students. When problems arise in a new marriage, the newlyweds often appeal to their NFP teachers for help through their difficulties.

If we are to break through the 50 percent divorce rate syndrome, it will happen because many dedicated Catholic couples, who already enjoy a good marriage, are willing to help young couples discover what they have already discovered. This will require a great investment of time, emotional involvement and dedication.

Most dioceses have a shortage of NFP teachers, but this can be rectified when it becomes public knowledge that all the clergy are taking a clear stand

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION

for God's plan for marriage and spousal love. Then, many faithful couples will seriously consider volunteering themselves to help with building up strong marriages and healthy, happy families. This is the lay apostolate in its most obvious expression. The laity is 99.9 percent of the church. There are abundant resources in every diocese to draw upon for additional NFP teachers.

What is the role of the media in implementing NFP? Anonymous

Catholic radio and diocesan newspapers have their own role to perform in the implementation of God's plan. Catholic

radio broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It can bring well-informed resource people to the microphone and make their message accessible to millions. It has multiple opportunities to keep the values and issues related to NFP before the people of God. These values need to be explained and related to real life. There are so many different facets to building a strong marriage and robust relationships. There are so many complications to successful family planning. Raising children and creating a healthy, happy family present thousands of new challenges. All of these are very discussable on the airwaves by competent people.

Catholic newspapers can run regular columns on these issues. NFP Outreach provides a weekly column called NFP Q&As. Some of these questions run in *That's a Good Question* in *Today's Catholic*. Each column approaches a different aspect of the benefits coming from NFP and the harms resulting from

contraception and sterilization.

In today's world, the Christian is surrounded by a highly secularized culture that is promoted relentlessly by the secular media. This must be counteracted by a culture that is permeated with the values of the Gospel. Social communications are instruments that Catholics must employ to get their message out to their own people, as well as to defend their positions against critics and vilifiers. At the same time, social communications can be used for the new evangelization, for bringing the values of the Gospel to the contemporary culture.

Father Matthew Habiger, OSB, of the Kansas Benedictines, answered this week's questions.

Going against the grain

"Political theology" is a controversial term these days. In "The Stillborn God," Columbia professor Mark Lilla argues that political theology is lethal for democracy, because democracy requires a public square scoured of religious reference points. Needless to say, I take exception to Professor Lilla's argument, although those who think they have a direct, specific, divine mandate to order public life often make mischief, and sometimes more-than-mischief. To equate political theology with fanaticism, however, is to equate religious conviction with mindlessness. "Political theology," properly understood, honors the virtue of prudence, as it applies insights drawn from the Christian understanding of the human person and human community to the messy business of politics.

I came to political theology accidentally. During graduate studies in theology, I focused on systematic theology, and especially Christology. Then, in my first job, I was asked to teach the social ethics course at St. Thomas Seminary School of Theology near Seattle. That surprise assignment launched an intellectual journey of more than three decades, as I've tried to apply the social doctrine of the Catholic Church to the most contested issues of American and international public life.

Some of the principal intellectual markers along that journey have now been collected by the Crossroad Publishing Company into a new book, "Against the Grain: Christianity and Democracy, War and Peace," which gathers together between two covers 12 essays on various questions of political theology that I've written over the past decade and a half. Why are these essays "against the

grain"? They're against several grains, actually.

They challenge the notion, often found in our universities today, that political science is a sub-discipline of statistics. On the contrary: political theology is a discipline that continues the great intellectual adventure of political philosophy, which began with the Greeks almost three millennia ago. Political theology, in other words, helps rescue thinking-about-politics from the hegemony of the bean-counters and number-crunchers.

The essays in "Against the Grain" confront another notion rampant in the contemporary American academy: the idea of "proceduralist" or "functional" democracy. According to these learned folk, democracy is simply a matter of getting the procedures of self-governance — the democratic machinery — right. The machinery doesn't require mechanics with certain skills; the machine can run by itself. The late Pope John Paul II disagreed, and so do I. It takes a certain kind of people, possessed of certain virtues, to make the machinery of democracy work so that the net result is human flourishing, not degradation. In "Against the Grain," I explore what that foundation of virtues looks like, and how it makes democracy possible.

The book contains several essays on issues of war and peace, examined through the prism of classic Catholic just-war reasoning. They challenge the pacifist of principle (whom I can respect). They also challenge what I have come to term "functional pacifism," the distortion of just-war thinking that has dominated American Catholic intellectual life and the American bishops' commentary on these issues for the past 25 years. In these essays, I examine



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once again the question of whether the just war way of thinking begins with a "presumption against war," or whether it begins with a presumption-for-justice: for the defense of the peace of order. My answer, not surprisingly, cuts against the grain of a lot of contemporary common wisdom; but that common wisdom, I suggest, is based on a mistaken reading of Catholic intellectual history and a mistaken understanding of moral theology. My good friends at *Commonweal* will doubtless find in this another occasion to deplore my wrong-headedness. I hope others, including those with political and military responsibilities, will find these essays useful in thinking through some of the most urgent questions of the day.

"Against the Grain" demonstrates, I hope, that it is possible to do political theology in a way that engages believers and non-believers alike. For at a moment in history when what Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger once called the "dictatorship of relativism" is a real and present danger, thinking about politics through the prism of religiously informed moral reason is an urgent matter of public mental health.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for June 8, 2008

Matthew 9:9-13

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: the call of the Apostle Matthew. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JESUS	HE SAW	A MAN
SITTING	FOLLOW ME	HOUSE
MANY	TAX	COLLECTORS
DISCIPLES	PHARISEES	SAW THIS
TEACHER	EAT WITH	WHO ARE WELL
PHYSICIAN	LEARN	SACRIFICE
COME	TO CALL	RIGHTEOUS

MATTHEW

C O L L E C T O R S O J
P T K W L R L N E F W P
H O U S E E D A M H S X
Y C M F A H W M O T U D
S A A R F C E A C D S I
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Sports

SCHIPPER SETS RECORD AT TRACK REGIONALS Despite an injured ankle, Bishop Dwenger High School senior Kevin Schipper set a regional pole-vault record at the regional meet, reaching a height of 17 feet. His jump tied a newly broken state record set at the state meet last year, but Schipper will have to break or tie it at the state meet this year in order for it to be recorded.

Sports Illustrated ranks Luers' athletics in top-25

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Earning state-wide recognition after being crowned Indiana Class 2-A champions in both football and boys' basketball, Bishop Luers High School was recently honored on a national level. In a May 2008 issue, *Sports Illustrated* ranked the top 25 high school athletic programs in the United States for the 2007-2008 school year. Based on their successes on the playing field, the Knights claimed the 24th spot on the list.

Principal Mary Keefer was elated with the ranking and credited athletic director Matt Lindsay, Bishop Luers' coaches, parents, fans, Bishop Luers' alumni and most of all, the Bishop Luers' athletes. "They all

share in this honor," she said. "We have a great athletic tradition at Bishop Luers."

And the tradition runs very deep. During just her 13 years at Bishop Luers, Keefer has been gifted with 17 state medals to decorate her office: 10 state championships, five runner-ups and two final-four appearances.

The Knights are currently competing in baseball sectionals and at the regional level in softball. Keefer also reported that Bishop Luers had state representatives this year in wrestling and last weekend in track. Keefer feels the success of the athletic program is especially impressive given the fact that the school has limited facilities and just one gymnasium.

"We have no soccer field, tennis courts or softball diamond

and are basically landlocked. Many of our programs are based off-site," she added.

Extremely proud of the academic success the school received this year improving from a "commendable" to "exemplary" ranking by the Indiana Department of Education, Keefer feels "very, very blessed" that the school is successfully fulfilling all aspects of its three-prong mission statement.

She summarized, "Bishop Luers strives to meet the spiritual, academic and social needs of each student in order to send well-rounded graduates into society. Athletics are part of that. Learning to win and lose gracefully in a competitive world is an important life skill we take very seriously."

Former baseball teammates to share new link as fellow bishops after following parallel courses

BY DOUG WELLER

SALINA, Kan. (CNS) — Playing baseball together that summer of 1968, Paul Coakley and James Conley could never have dreamed that, four decades later, they both would be bishops in the Catholic Church.

That their lives have run such a parallel course since their childhood days continues to amaze Bishop Coakley, who has headed the Salina Diocese since 2004.

Bishop Coakley was a co-consecrator at the episcopal ordination of Bishop-designate Conley, named an auxiliary bishop of Denver April 10, in the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver May 30.

"Our paths have run parallel to one another's for 30 years or more," Bishop Coakley said.

"And now this latest development."

They met that summer of 1968 in Overland Park; Bishop Conley's father was the baseball team's coach. The two boys were good friends through middle school and high school and were roommates for their four years of undergraduate study at the University of Kansas.

Bishop Conley became a Catholic during college, and after earning their degrees, the two of them entered Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. — Bishop Coakley first, then Bishop Conley a couple of years later.

Both were ordained priests for the Diocese of Wichita, and both later studied in Rome.

When Bishop Coakley was ordained as bishop of Salina in late 2004, Bishop Conley traveled to Salina from Rome, where

he was an official in the Vatican Congregation for Bishops. He returned to the Wichita Diocese in 2006 after 10 years in Rome.

"I'm very happy for him," Bishop Coakley said of his friend, "although there is really going to be a deep sense of loss in his parish and the Diocese of Wichita. He is a very effective and beloved priest."

At the same time, he said, the appointment "certainly will be a great blessing for the Archdiocese of Denver and the universal church."

Bishop Conley is the fourth alumnus of Mount St. Mary's Seminary to be named a bishop in the past four years. In addition to Bishop Coakley, the others are Bishops Michael O. Jackels of Wichita and Kevin C. Rhoades of Harrisburg, Pa.

Catholic soccer camps to debut at Franciscan University

STEBENVILLE, Ohio (CNS) — A summer soccer camp that is described as uniquely Catholic in structure and design will debut this summer at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Catholic Soccer Camps is said to be the first of its kind that combines high-level instruction with Catholic ministry.

Camps will run the weeks of July 6-11 and July 13-18 for boys and girls 8 to 17 years old.

In addition to soccer instruction the camp will include daily Mass, worship and praise, and confession.

Top professional players and coaches from Italy, Brazil and the U.S. will join students from the university in teaching soccer skills, camp organizers said.

Among the leading international players and coaches on hand will be Massimo Carli, a coach in the Italian leagues who formerly played with Trento in Italy. Joining him will be Ricardo Perrotta, a former Brazilian national team player; Patrick Doering, the women's varsity

soccer coach at the university; and Antonio Soave, head coach of the men's varsity team at the university and former coach and manager of teams in the U.S. Indoor Soccer League.

The camp is being operated in a university collaboration with Catholic Soccer Camps, the World Youth Soccer Academy and the Soccer Academy television show.

For more information visit: www.CatholicSoccerCamps.com.

Dwenger students chosen for all-SAC teams

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School has announced the following students for the all-SAC teams:

- All-SAC baseball — first team honors: first baseman Steve Seculoff; second team, pitcher Dan Maringer, third baseman Brian Isenbarger and outfielder Cory Sokolowski.

- All-SAC girls softball — first team: Chelsea Sanders and Lauren Rosswurm; second team: Andrea Filler; honorable mention: Ashley Burkhardt and Mareen Denihan.

- All-SAC girls tennis — first team singles: Ashlyn Rang; second team singles: Danielle Rose; first team doubles: Allie Beach and Danielle Maxson; second team doubles: Mariel Lee and Emily Hambel.

- All-SAC boys golf — Alex Budzon, T.J. Mueller and Rob Gallmeyer.

- All-SAC boys track — Kevin Schipper.

Girls tennis wins SAC and sectionals

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Dwenger High School girls tennis team won the SAC championship, held on May 9, after defeating Bishop Luers and fin-

ished their regular season 10-2. The varsity team also placed fourth out of eight teams in the Concordia Invitational the following day and second in the DeKalb Invitational two weeks prior.

The junior varsity won Bishop Dwenger's JV Invitational on May 10 and finished their season 10-1-1 in dual matches.

Ashlyn Rang, the No. 1 singles varsity player, placed first in the DeKalb Invitational and the Concordia Invitational. She was also named first team all SAC singles.

Allie Beach and Danielle Maxson made the first team all-SAC doubles, Danielle Rose made second team all SAC singles, and Mariel Lee and Emily Hambel made second team all-SAC doubles.

The team also won sectionals on May 17 after defeating Carroll 3-2 in the finals but lost to Canterbury in the regional finals.

Boys golf wins SAC tournament

FORT WAYNE — The Bishop Dwenger High School boys golf team captured the SAC tournament title with a score of 315, defeating runner-up Northrop's score of 327. Leading the Saints was Alex Budzon who shot a 72 to take medalist honors.

Marian takes regional championship, two sectionals over weekend

BY ELMER J. DANCH

MISHAWAKA — Marian High School athletes set a precedent by winning two sectionals and a regional championship in Class 3-A Indiana High School Athletic Association competition over the weekend.

The Marian boy's golf team, led by Adam Sumrall who carded a record-breaking 65 at the Erskine Park course, won the 12-team sectional for the sixth time in eight years. Marian's baseball team won the Plymouth sectional with a 11-3 victory over Glenn. And the Marian girl's softball team won the Twin Lakes regional at Monticello with a 12-inning 4-3 victory over Benton Central.

The Knights' golf team earlier this year won the prestigious Kaeppler Memorial, the South Bend Country Club Invitational, and even more recently, the Northern Indiana Conference.

Their 291 team total was five strokes from their nearest competitor and they are headed for the

regional at LaPorte this weekend. Sumrall's spectacular 65 included an eagle on the par 13th, which he holed out with a 150 pitch.

His teammates were also very consistent. Their scores included Bryant Demeter, 73; Stephen Sexton, 78; Danny McShane, 75; and Michael Stratigos, 83.

Saint Joseph's High School of South Bend finished in a tie for fifth with Adams with 324.

The baseball team, after eliminating Saint Joseph's, 9-6, won its first sectional in 10 years with a nine-run outburst that included a bases-loaded home run by Aaron Rogers and heavy hitting by Mike Karason and Stephen Barany, each of whom collected three hits.

The girl's softball team chalked up its 20th win of the season and was led by the spectacular hitting of Erika Shellan, who pounded out three hits to account for three of Marian's four runs.

The Lady Knights will now play in the semi state round where they will play the winner of the Jasper regional at Indianapolis this weekend.

Faith, hope, love and the big 'R word'

BY LINDA FURGE

Opening prayer

O God, through hard times and good, in seasons of confusion and peace, give me hope and awareness of your gracious steadiness. Renew my faith in you, in others and in eternal peace with you forever. Amen.

Scripture: 1 Cor 13: 4-13

Commentary

Okay, there it was — the big 'R word' — retirement. One day you're happily living life, raising kids, holding down a job (and being very good at it, too) ... and then the next — Bam! Time has flown by, and you are face-to-face with another of life's transitions — right now, up close and personal. Whoa, slow down, Sparky, where did the years go?

I didn't cope very well when the "G word" (Grandma) happened so when the "R word" appeared on our horizon, my husband and I actively prepared to cope. But, as many of you know, nothing really prepares you for the reality when it finally arrives.

After all the hoopla, the parties, the good wishes and gifts comes

that "first day of the rest of your life." For us it was a bit unsettling, like something slightly out of sync. For decades, our daily rhythm had revolved around a fixed work schedule. Even vacations and holidays were framed by it. Now my husband's daily routine was a blank slate waiting to be written with a new way of being ... slightly disconcerting with that first cup of coffee on that first day of the rest of your life with nowhere to go anymore at 7:30 a.m.

Transitions 'R Us

However, in the intervening months, we have adjusted nicely. A new daily routine has flourished but not without some humorous anecdotes along the way ... like the time I came in the door from my job to find my hubby cleaning the sink. As soon as I came in, he began chattering about his day, anxious to tell me what all he had accomplished and ending his narrative with "get your clothes changed, we have work to do."

My slightly testy response was, "Can I at least come in the house first and put my stuff down?" As soon as I said it, I started laughing at the role reversal that had just occurred, a throwback to the days when I was a stay-at-home mom and did the same thing to him.



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Or the time he got disgusted with both mops I had used for years and spent an entire morning selecting ones more suitable. Or his new love affair with Swiffers and Endust. God (and I) love him — our house has never been cleaner!

It has been more difficult to adjust to the mental perceptions and stereotypes that surround retirement: from not wanting to hear comments about a "honey-do" list (when before they were simply jobs or projects) to sensing the mental associations when we say he is retired (translation: old, non-productive) to suddenly becoming so much more aware of health and money management issues.

Old is new again

I guess what I realize now more than ever is that our "old" relationship is transitioning into something "new" and that there's still more to come, to live, to enjoy. I feel a bit like when we were first married, and everyone talked about what

life would be like when the honeymoon was over ... and then again what "they" said would happen when I went back to work ... and then what I heard about the empty nest syndrome and how that would affect our marriage. Retirement feels much like any of these did: unsettling, adjusting, realigning and continuing on.

It seems that life, relationships, individuals, communities are always in transition. It is part of our human nature to move forward, to anticipate, to plan and hope. Even now that we are in retirement, essentially being closer to the end of life than to its beginning, we still look forward to what's to come. Perhaps, for me, this innate impulse to always look to the future is one of the strongest arguments for the existence of God and a life-after-this-one with God.

I have complete confidence that my hubby and I will survive this latest transition just as we did all the others. We have faith in each another and in the strength of our

relationship over the years. We have hope for the future and for our children and their children. We have friendship and love to get us through (or over) whatever may lay ahead.

Faith, hope, love

Faith — hope — love ... not just human virtues but also theological virtues. Our faith teaches that these attitudes or ways-of-being, which are a part of all enduring relationships, come from God, are in God and ultimately lead us back to God. I have to say that it is wonderfully reassuring to realize that, in all the nitty-gritty and transitions of our relationship, our faith in the strength of it, our hope and dreams for the future and our love for one another are rooted firmly in the Source and Summit of all creation, the Holy Trinity.

Really, who could ask for anything more? (Unless, of course, Swiffer comes out with a new and improved anything!)

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration celebrate jubilees

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration are honoring 12 of their sisters who are celebrating jubilees.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy will celebrate Mass for the jubilarians on June 21 at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

85th anniversary

Sister M. Arilda Kampa was born in Chicago, Ill., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on June 29, 1923. For 60 years, Sister Arilda served as a teacher in various educational institutions staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis. Twenty-three years were given to students at St. Francis College/University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. Sister Arilda has resided at Our Lady of Angels Convent for 12 years.



SISTER M. ARILDA KAMPA

75th anniversary

Sister M. Alfreda Bracht was born in Monterey, Neb., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Jan. 6, 1933. Sister Alfreda served many years as an administrator in hospitals run by the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Alfreda has resided at Our Lady of Angels Convent in Mishawaka for several years.



SISTER M. ALFREDA BRACHT

Sister Mary Florence was born in Donora, Pa., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Jan. 6, 1933. Sister served as a patient visitor in St.



SISTER MARY FLORENCE

Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee from 1954 to 1998. Presently, sister is a patient visitor at St. Anthony Hospital and Health Centers, Michigan City.

60th anniversary

Sister Mary Francis Cates was born near Alamo, Tenn., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 12, 1948. Sister ministered in business offices in various hospitals staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis. For many years, sister served as the provincial treasurer and treasurer of the Sisters of St. Francis Health Services. Presently, Sister resides at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.



SISTER MARY FRANCIS CATES

Sister M. Lucille Martinez was born in DeRidder, La., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 12, 1948. For many years, Sister Lucille was a teacher in various schools staffed



SISTER M. LUCILLE MARTINEZ

by the sisters, including St. John the Baptist School, South Bend, and Benoit Academy in Fort Wayne. In recent years, Sister Lucille has ministered in the pastoral care departments in the healthcare institutions of the Sisters of St. Francis and presently is a patient visitor at St. Clare Medical Center, Crawfordsville.

Golden jubilee

Sister M. Helen Minich was born in LaPorte and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 12, 1958. Sister has ministered in several schools staffed by the sisters as a teacher and principal including St. John the Baptist School, South Bend. Sister Helen resides at St. Francis Convent, where she has been superior since 1998.



SISTER M. HELEN MINICH

Sister M. Dorothy Speckhals was born in Berger, Mo., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 12, 1958. Sister served as a teacher in various schools including St. Mary School, Huntington, and Queen of Peace School, Mishawaka. Sister Dorothy also served in the formation program of the congregation. Presently, sister is the provincial vicar and resides at St. Francis Provincialate in Mishawaka.



SISTER M. DOROTHY SPECKHALS

Sister M. Duane Ankenbruck entered the Sisters of St. Francis from St. Vincent Parish in Fort Wayne on Feb. 2, 1958 and received the habit on Aug. 12, 1958. Sister served as a lab technician in various hospitals staffed by the sisters. From 1982 to 1995 she served in the mission in Honduras, Central America. Presently, Sister Duane ministers at St. Anthony Hospital and Health Centers in Michigan City.



SISTER M. DUANE ANKENBRUCK

Sister M. Theresita Strasburger was born in Fowler and entered the Franciscan Community on Feb. 2, 1958 and received the Franciscan habit several months later on Aug. 12. Sister ministered as an organist, teacher and principal in schools staffed by the sisters including St. John the Baptist School, South Bend. Sister also served in the admitting office in the hospitals. Sister Theresita resides at Our Lady of Angels in Mishawaka.



SISTER M. THERESITA STRASBURGER

40th anniversary

Sister M. Suzanne Clark was born in Wolcott and entered the novitiate of the



SISTER M. SUZANNE CLARK

Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 11, 1968. Sister ministered as a teacher and principal in various schools staffed by the sisters. Since 2000, Sister Suzanne has served students in the registrar's office at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne.

Sister M. Felicity Dorsett was born in Oak Park, Ill., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 11, 1968. Sister has taught in several schools staffed by the sisters including St. Therese School, Fort Wayne. Since 1995, Sister Felicity has been an instructor in the theology department at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne. Presently, she is pursuing a doctoral degree at St. Louis University.



SISTER M. FELICITY DORSETT

25th anniversary

Sister M. Angela Mellady was born in Lafayette and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis on Aug. 10, 1983. Sister Angela has taught and been a principal in several elementary schools staffed by the sisters including St. Mary School, Huntington. Sister resides at St. Francis Provincialate, Mishawaka, where she ministered as provincial vicar from 1998 to 2006 and was elected provincial superior in 2006.



SISTER M. ANGELA MELLADY

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WHAT'S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today's Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or e-mail: fhogan@fw.diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

FUNDRAISERS

Spirit of Chicago cruise
SOUTH BEND — St. Casimir Parish is planning a bus trip to Navy Pier with a luncheon cruise on Lake Michigan with dancing and entertainment. Cost is \$90 per person and includes lunch. \$10 from each ticket benefits the replacement of the school roof. Reservation deadline is July 31 to Sylvia Krol at (574) 287-9471.

St. Jude Eaglemania
Fort Wayne — St. Jude Parish will offer Eaglemania on Friday, June 13, from 5 p.m. to midnight. From 5-8:30 p.m., food, kids games and a talent show will be offered. From 9 p.m. to midnight, a beer garden and junior and senior high dance extravaganza will finish the evening.

Christ Child garage sale time
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society will have a garage sale Friday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to noon at Queen of Angels activity center, 1500 W. State Blvd.

Knights plan fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 6, from 5-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

Knights plan fish fry
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, June 6, 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.

Golf outing supports soup kitchen
Fort Wayne — Our Lady of Good Hope and the Knights of Columbus Council 12417 are sponsoring a charity golf outing to be held on Sunday, June 29, at Riverbend Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen. To learn more, register for the event or to become a sponsor, visit the Our Lady of Good Hope Web site: www.home.catholicweb.com/ourladyofgoodhope.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

ND football season ticket raffle
South Bend — The St. Hedwig Holy Name Society will have a raffle for two Notre Dame football season tickets. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Drawing will be Aug. 24. Send check to St. Hedwig Holy Name Society, 1104 B, Elliot St., South Bend, IN 46628.

DEVOTIONS

Fatima group announces breakfast
Fort Wayne — World Apostolate of Fatima will have the annual Mass and breakfast Saturday, June 14, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The 9 a.m. Mass homily will be offered by Bishop John M. D'Arcy preceded by confession, rosary and consecration. Breakfast will follow at St. Mary Parish. Guest speaker will be Michael La Corte on the topic: Fatima, the Path to an Era of Peace. Adults \$6, children 4-10, \$3. Reply to Jim Momper at (260) 625-3281.

Mustard Seed Furniture Bank can use your donations
Fort Wayne — The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank accepts donations of bedroom and living room furniture, tables, chairs, bed linens and towels. Items must be in working order and free of rips, tears, stains, burns and animal hair. Donations may be picked up by calling (260) 471-5802. The Mustard Seed is dedicated to providing household furnishings to those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul Store always in need of donations
Fort Wayne — Donations of cars, trucks and vans are always accepted. Donations are tax deductible. Call (260) 456-3561 for pick up or drop off at the store, 1600 S. Calhoun St.

VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers needed for Hospice Home
Fort Wayne — Volunteers are needed to assist the agency in a variety of roles. Duties include patient support and clerical support. Garden volunteers are also

needed to maintain the Seasons of Life perennial garden. Volunteer training is being planned. Call Ann Blue at (260) 435-3235 or visit www.vnhh.org for information.

Erin's House seeks good listeners
Fort Wayne — Erin's House is seeking volunteers who are good listeners with a caring and compassionate heart for children and young adults ages 3 to 25. Call (260) 423-2466 for information.

Volunteer for St. Mary Soup Kitchen
Fort Wayne — St. Mary Parish is in need of regular volunteers for the soup kitchen on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Additional substitutes are needed for all days and shifts. Interested persons 16 and older should call Carolyn Ransom (260) 750-8373. Some lifting required.

Volunteer opportunities
South Bend — The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. is in need of volunteers and invites mature individuals to register for training by calling the volunteer resource coordinator nearest to them. In the Elkhart area call Kathy at (574) 264-3321. In the Plymouth area call Angie at (574) 935-4511. In the South Bend area call Jackie at (574) 243-3100. The next training dates are: Elkhart - June 9, 12 and 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Plymouth - June 18, 20 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. South Bend - June 17, 19 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers will serve patients in their homes, in nursing homes or may also serve in office or clerical roles. Scheduling for volunteers is flexible.

REST IN PEACE

Elkhart John C. Connelly, 59	Mishawaka John M. Hyska, 65, St. Bavo	Irene E. Jankowski, 96, Holy Cross Care and Rehabilitation Center
Fort Wayne Consuelo Zamudio, 69, St. Joseph	Rosemary Megyese, 96, St. Bavo	Sophia DeBeck, 83, St. Adalbert
Teresa C. Zimmerman, 94, St. John the Baptist	Thomas E. Squibb Sr., 73, St. Monica	Joventino D. Naval Sr., 62, St. Jude
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Geraldine Graham, 91, St. Therese	Regina Golcz, 89, St. Monica	Mary M. Seeger, 94, St. Joseph
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DEACONS

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St. Joseph in Mishawaka. He has worked with youth programs, at times collaborating with his wife and one of his daughters. He sees ministry in terms of sowing seeds and says that, while a deacon may never see the fruits of his work, when he does, it is a blessing.

"When you baptize a child, you're enthused about it," he explains. "But then when you see that baby grow up, go to school, end up graduating from college and then getting married, and you get to do it, that is really something."



Deacon Fred Larson

Joan Lawrence, daughter of Deacon Fred Larson of Fort Wayne, has experienced that end of her father's ministry first hand.

"He baptized my daughter," she says, adding that he has also performed funerals for relatives.

Deacon Larson came to the diaconate in his retirement years, treating his ministry as his job, commuting from New Haven, where he attended St. John the Baptist Parish, to his assigned parishes. In recent years, Deacon Larson has moved to a house adjacent to St. Jude Parish, where the central part of his ministry has been visiting the sick.

Lawrence notes that her father's temperament has served him well in his ministry.

"He didn't know a stranger," she says. "Especially visiting the sick, it didn't matter to him if they were Catholic or not. If he just felt that they needed someone, Dad was there for them to talk to. And in that way, he was fearless."

Deacon Guy Gizzi, 75, who serves from his home parish of St. Matthew Cathedral, came to the diaconate at the personal invitation of Bishop Joseph R. Crowley. His first assignment from Bishop Crowley was to be chaplain of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He next began ministry at funerals. Deacon Gizzi, a registered nurse, also found his ministry meshed well with work in a hospital, as the staff would frequently call on him to pray with the family of a dying person.

Today, his ministry consists predominantly of visiting the sick in hospitals and nursing homes. His wife, Linda, works in a nursing home, sometimes assisting him when he visits and leads services.

"One of the greatest privileges I've ever had is to become a deacon," says Deacon Gizzi of the opportunity to officiate at baptisms, weddings and funerals.

"There is nothing that surpasses it. And my wife agrees."

"That was what got me along

all the way through," Deacon Harris Hoeffel says of his wife's support. He says his family has been supportive of his ministry and that he is very lucky for having a "wonderful wife."

Deacon Hoeffel resides in Garrett, where he has been heavily involved in his community over the years. Along with his work as a deacon, he's served on the local election board and the volunteer fire department, is part of the American Legion and even served as mayor for four years. He and his wife have eight children, 17 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

"So I've been very busy," he quips.

Now 87, Deacon Hoeffel is largely retired and says it doesn't feel like it's been 25 years since his ordination.

Also in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is Deacon James M. Walsh of Elkhart.

While a number of deacons have left the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend since their ordination, they have stayed largely busy in their new surroundings.



Deacon Mike Doehrman

Deacon Mike Doehrman has served for the last 10 years as parish director of St. Patrick's Church in Telluride, Colo. He also oversees a mission, Our Lady of Sorrows in Nucla, which is about 60 miles away.

"I'm functioning fulltime in the Catholic Church, as a minister, as a parish director and as a deacon," notes Deacon Doehrman, whose work as deputy coroner of San Miguel County also allows him to reach out to grieving families.

The town of Telluride resides in a box canyon of 9,000 feet and is about a mile long and a half mile wide.

"It's a unique place to be," Deacon Doehrman notes, but adds that married to his wife Carolyn for 41 years with seven children and 14 grandchildren, "Life is good."

Deacon Joe Messina, now in the Diocese of Erie, is active at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Farrell, Pa. He's been there eight years, assists at four Masses every weekend, visits nursing homes and hospitals, teaches pre-Cana classes and has an active youth group. His parish is the childhood parish of both himself and his wife, Barb.

Deacon Messina has also participated in prison ministry, AIDS ministry and others and says the diaconate has changed his life, noting, "It gave me access to things I never would have had an access to — a shared intimacy with Christ that is so open and so refreshing day by day and gives you the strength and the hope to carry on."

Deacon Al Wesley and his wife Betty may have left Fort Wayne for Florida in 1985, but he still

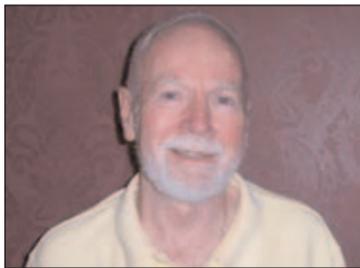


Deacon Al Wesley

remembers the diocese, his priest mentors and his fellow deacons fondly.

"I can't remember a one who didn't have it in the back of his head to help those who needed assistance," he says of his classmates.

At St. Clare Parish in North Palm Beach for the last 14 years, Deacon Wesley helps as many people as he can. He's taught in impoverished areas and served as an advocate on a tribunal, to name only a couple examples of what he means when he says, "Everything that a deacon was allowed to do I did."



Deacon Dick Jackson

Deacon Dick Jackson and his wife Madeline reside in Richmond, Ky., where he became the first permanent deacon ever to serve at St. Mark Parish in 1988. He has since retired from his work as a pastoral assistant but still does some hospital work and the occasional funeral or deacons conference.

"Serving the Lord through the diaconate has been one of the most wonderful things in my life," says Deacon Jackson. "I think that was what the Lord really intended me to do. So I've enjoyed every minute of it."

Deacon Bob Madey found himself the first deacon in an entire diocese when he followed his job at IBM to Raleigh, N.C., the year after his ordination. Through a contact of Father Bob Schulte's, he was able to find a position at St. Raphael Parish in Raleigh, where he has served for 24 years.

While the sudden relocation was frustrating, Madey's wife, Gerry, maintained that God must have some work for them to do there.

"He did. We just didn't know it," Deacon Madey says. "It was missionary country."

Also still active, Deacon Ed Hilger currently serves at St. Bartholomew Parish in Columbus, Ind.

The 1983 permanent diaconate class has the distinction of being the most recent diaconate class ordained by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, as Bishop John M. D'Arcy wished to focus on lay education and ministry.

But as the 1983 class observes a quarter century in ordained ministry, a new class of 12 men in the diocese prepares to be accepted into candidacy on Aug. 31, 2008, with an anticipated ordination in 2011. If their predecessors are any indicator, the diocese can expect the new class of hard working ministers, eager to serve in any way they can in this diocese and beyond.

MAY CROWNING PROCESSION



PROVIDED BY ROBERTA POLOVICK

Students from Holy Cross School in South Bend process a statue of the Blessed Mother to the grotto at St. Stanislaus Church for prayer and to crown Mary.



PROVIDED BY CCHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Morgan Tobias was the Bishop Luers recipient of the Central Catholic High School Alumni Association scholarship. Tobias was recognized May 15 at the Bishop Luers senior awards convocation. In the photo, from left, are the following: Bishop Luers Principal Mary Keefer; Mary Lou (Thieme) Morris, president of CCHS Alumni; Colleen (Gibson) Bubbs, secretary; Tony Martone, treasurer; Morgan Tobias, Bishop Luers senior; Leanne (Oddou) Mensing, and Martin Tierney, CCHS board member.

Central Catholic Alumni Association grants two \$500 scholarships

FORT WAYNE — "The Central Catholic Alumni Association exists not to remember our own good times, but to value, foster, and further what really made our school special and that was our Catholic education that we took away with us," said Mary Lou Morris, the president of the Central Catholic High School (CCHS) Alumni Association, as she spoke about the first annual \$500 award given to a Bishop Luers and a Bishop Dwenger student.

"Since Central Catholic has no building and no new students graduating each year, we have as our main mission to pass our support to both Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger with an award," Morris added.

Recipients of the \$500 scholarships are Morgan Tobias of Bishop Luers High School and

Ryan Myers of Bishop Dwenger High School who was in the June 1, 2008 issue of *Today's Catholic*.

The CCHS Alumni Association has social events as well. The association will be meeting on June 28, from 2-6 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in downtown Fort Wayne, and they will host a tailgating party at Luers Field on Oct. 17 for the Luers vs. Dwenger football game.

Interested Central Catholic alumni can join the Central Catholic High School Alumni Association by joining as an annual member for \$15 or as a lifetime member for \$150. For more information: please call Mary Lou (Thieme) Morris at (260) 485-6164 or Tony Martone at (260) 484-2233.