Bishop D’Arcy ordains Holy Cross deacons

NOTRE DAME — “We are all invited to offer our lives to God.”

Bishop John M. D’Arcy offered these words during his homily at the ordination Mass for three young men entering the diaconate, on their way to the priesthood. Bishop D’Arcy went on to detail the special invitation given to Vincent Kuna, Charles McCoy and Aaron Michka as they entered into the diaconate Sunday at Notre Dame’s Moreau Seminary Chapel.

“The deacon ... the priest ... the bishop has chosen to live close to Jesus Christ and share his word with others,” said Bishop D’Arcy, emphasizing the day’s theme of sharing the Gospel. “What a joy that three young men are joining his company, and his gift will continue to be spread in the church.”

The three men who became deacons will head their separate ways to share their gifts with parishes in Mexico, Colorado and South Bend before returning to Notre Dame for their ordination to the priesthood April 18, 2009.

“The chance to serve as a deacon is an honor that’s really infinite,” said Deacon McCoy, who is affectionately known as “Deacon Charlie” at South Bend’s Christ the King Parish.

Deacon McCoy expects to be happily busy with his new duties. In addition to serving at Christ the King, he is also working at Notre Dame on the math faculty.

“The word deacon means servant,” continued Deacon McCoy. “Serving not just at the altar, but reaching out to the poor and afflicted. Just as Christ is the servant of us all, I look forward to serving his people.”

Deacon McCoy, who is originally from Deerfield, Ill., received his bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Baylor University in May 1995 and a doctorate in...
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A golden day

We began the celebration of the 50th year of Bishop Luers High School this past week. It was a joyful event with members of the original graduating class of 1962. We celebrated along with many other alumni from this wonderful institution. Bishop Luers raised close to $3 million in pledges for the restoration of the school, the new infrastructure, which included a new boiler, and a much needed air conditioning system, as well as an improvement in its external appearance. It is only the beginning, as alumni, and the board and parents, have other ideas in mind.

Along with three state championships, Bishop Luers has been declared an exemplary school, which means all of our Catholic high schools now have this lofty state recognition.

In the last two years, I have ordained three young men to the priesthood, and two are graduates of Bishop Luers.

This year, three entered the seminary, one from Bishop Dwenger, and two from Bishop Luers.

Also, we will ordain two priests in October, and both are graduates of Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend. We see how important our high schools are for the future of the diocese.

A joyful morning at Bishop Luers, and made especially so by the fact that there were 15 priests concelebrating. These were local pastors, and also two Franciscans: Father Carl Hawver, OFM, and Father John Stein, OFM, Father John Stein, OFM.

The Franciscan priests and Franciscan sisters of Perpetual Adoration staffed Bishop Luers for many years.

The sacred order of deacon

It was a joy to ordain three Holy Cross religious to the Holy Order of Deaconate this past Saturday. This took place at the Chapel of Moreau Seminary. The previous day, all three had taken their final vows as members of the Congregation of Holy Cross. I think they are the first in this province to be ordained deacons, since the beatification of their founder, Basil Anthony Moreau. I arrived early to have a light breakfast with them and Father Patrick Neary, CSC, seminary rector, and other members of the formation faculty.

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More about deacons

After a brief rest at my not-so-fancy apartment at the former St. Patrick’s corner, and the chance to check the Red Sox box score, I went to St. Matthew’s, the co-cathedral parish, for the beatification of their founder, Basil Anthony Moreau.

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As Pope Paul VI pointed out when he restored this beautiful and ancient office, the deacon is meant to be a stimulant, so that all of us take on the spirit of Jesus Christ, the servant.

BISHOP JOHN M. DARCY

A simpler time and a good time and a different anniversary

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A challenge for Pope Benedict: Leading more people to read the Bible

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Pope Benedict XVI chose the Bible as the topic for this fall’s Synod of Bishops, he turned the church’s attention to an area he has long considered crucial and in need of revitalization.

The pope’s concern touches several levels. For one thing, despite an upsurge in biblical interest after the Second Vatican Council, only a minority of Catholics read the Bible regularly. The problem is particularly acute among young people, he said.

Another concern is that, in an age of modern biblical interpretation, the pope seems to see a danger in modern biblical interpretation that he believes diminishes the meaning of Scripture and erodes the bond between Bible and church.

In particular, he has warned that various approaches to interpreting the Bible are too limiting, among them the “deconstructionist” reading, which strips the biblical text of meaning.

Instead, Pope Benedict believes the Bible must be seen as a whole and as the word of God, in which everything relates to everything else and holds the mystery of a spiritual journey, rather than being seen as a textbook on divine matters.

So in convoking some 250 bishops for the Oct. 5-26 synod, the pope did not intend to host a forum on biblical studies. His primary interest is pastoral, and a main challenge is to lead more Catholics to the Bible.

As he told synod planners earlier this year, reading, interpreting and living the words of Scripture are fundamental to the faith life of Christians. Without that, the church’s great works in the modern age — including evangelization and ecumenism — are bound to fail, he said.

Nor does the pope believe that scriptural expertise comes before the simple experience of reading the Bible. As a cardinal, he once said that he shares the view of liberation theology that the Bible belongs to the people, not the scholars.

And while specialists are needed, he said, “the real and essential meaning of the Bible is something the simple believer can grasp just as easily.”

That’s something the pope has been promoting as universal pastor since his election in 2005. The very first words of his pontificate were a quote from Scripture — a greeting from the First Letter of Peter — and his talks and sermons over the last three years and a half year have included some 3,000 references to scriptural passages.

The pope once said the Bible would be one of two books he would take with him if marooned on an island (the other was St. Augustine’s “Confessions.”) His own familiarity with Scripture is evident in the way he cites passages even in off-the-cuff remarks.

His written works seem to breathe Scripture. His first encyclical, “Deus Caritas Est” (“God Is Love”), was typical. It began with a citation from the First Letter of John and on practically every page drew from the Old and New Testaments, often making connections between the two. In his discussion of unjustified suffering, for example, he cited a passage from the Book of Job, then weaves in several Gospel passages.

One of Pope Benedict’s primary concerns is that the New Testament offers the key to understanding the Old Testament and that, as a whole, the Bible necessarily leads to Christ.

But he believes this traditional Christological approach has been threatened by modern schools of interpretation that would limit the meaning of any biblical book to the author’s historical context.

In a 2001 essay, he described in dramatic terms how such interpretation exploits “the ‘internal harmony’ of the Bible as understood by Christians through the centuries.

By presuming that Old Testament writers could not have intended to refer in advance to Christ and the New Testament faith, he warned, this new line of biblical study would “sound the death knell” for Christians understanding of Old Testament—New Testament unity.

As early as in the Second Vatican Council, the pope — then Father Joseph Ratzinger — was involved deeply in a debate over the relationship among Scripture, tradition and the church’s magisterium, or teaching authority. Here, too, the pope deplored the “modernist trend in biblical interpretation that saw Scripture as the entire deposit of the faith.

As a council expert, Father Ratzinger wrote that this approach was not balanced and that “revelation — is given through the words of Scripture.”

Much later, he expanded on this point in the book, “God and the World,” saying that when it came to the authorship of the Bible it was clear that “God did not just dictate these words.” Instead, the words were the outcome of a history guided by God, a history that directly involves the church, he said.

Pope Benedict always has emphasized that this history continues, and that the Bible, far from a preserved text, is a living document.

What he attempted to do in his book on Jesus, he explained, was to use historical insights to help reveal the figure of Jesus, but to go beyond purely historical interpretation.

Instead, he said, his method takes the view that faith truly is God — as a starting point for reading Scripture. This approach allows for a proper theological interpretation of the Bible, yet does not sacrifice the church’s “serious engagement with modernity.”

The pope has noted the Bible’s ability to inspire individuals and impact daily-life decisions. But he has also cautioned against reading the Bible for easy answers, which would “turn Scripture into a manual.”

What’s important, once said, is to “read the Bible regularly, to let it keep us company and guide us.”

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mathematics from the University of Notre Dame in May 2000. He entered Moreau Seminary and received a master of divinity degree from the university in May.

Deacon Vince Kuna also hailas from Illinois, attending Naperville High School before going on to earn a business degree at the Notre Dame. He worked as an account- ant consultant for about three years before entering Moreau Seminary in the fall of 2002. After receiving his master’s of divinity degree this May, Deacon Kuna was assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in Colorado Springs, Colo.

“It is actually a tri-a-area parish where I will see as deacon,” explained Kuna. “I am looking forward to also working with people in need of Perpetual Help and Holy Rosary parishes.”

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“I am looking forward to the two jobs I’ll have there,” said Deacon Michka. “As director of the program, I’ll be working with first-year seminari- ans from Mexico. La Luz is an urban parish, so I’ll get to serve as deacon for the people there.”

Mariana, from Monterrey, has completed the ordination Mass. Holy Cross Father David Tyson, provincial, was the presenter and family mem- bers of the soon-to-be ordained deacons served as lectors and gift bearers. The chapel at Moreau Seminary was packed for the 10:30 a.m. Mass, including several fami- lies from area parishes.

“We wanted our children to see what the ordination mass was like,” said Christ the King parishioner Elizabeth Appleton, as her husband, Frank, watched the ordination Mass. “We also wanted to support Charlie.”

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Court OKs Mexico City Assembly’s power to pass abortion law

BY DAVID AGREY

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — The Mexican Supreme Court has ruled that the city of Mexico has the authority to pass legislation legalizing abortion, but has not ruled on the constitutionality of the current law.

In a 10-1 vote, the court decided Aug. 26 that the capital city’s government can establish its own health regulations — and thus pass a law concerning abortion. The decision went against arguments by the federal attorney general’s office and the National Human Rights Commission.

Despite the setback for the groups challenging the constitu- tionality of the Mexico City law, which had been in place since the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, Armando Martinez Gomez, president of the Mexican Lawyers of Mexico, told Catholic News Service, “The debate has barely begun” since the high court has yet to rule on whether or not the fetus has legal rights.

At least eight justices must vote against the law passed by the Mexico City Assembly in April 2007 for it to be annulled. In the rest of the country, abortion is a state-level matter. Most of the country’s 31 states allow abortion under limited circumstances such as rape, incest or risk to the mother’s life.

“It’s not very clear how they (the justices) are going to vote,” said Ivan Serno German, a political historian at the Jesuit-run Iberoamerican University in Mexico City. However, he added, “the majority of the court is conserva- tive.”

Two days before the court rul- ing, the Mexican bishops’ confer- ence aired a prime-time message showing Bishop Carlos Aguiar Retes of Tepozco, president of the conference.

“The right to life and absolute respect for it should be the base of our democracy,” Bishop Aguiar said.

“As citizens, we’re confident that the judges will fulfill their work responsibly,” he added. “We hope that their decision is oriented toward justice, the law, the truth and the common good.”

The leftist Democratic Revolution Party, which promoted the abortion law in Mexico City, promised to file a complaint against the bishops.

“The Interior Secretariat should now be aware of their own messages ... that clearly violate the principle of separating church and state,” said Marcela Contrelas Jurado, a director of the pro-life organization Party congresswoman. She added that the church should not inject religious arguments into the dis- cussion, “nor try to pressure the Supreme Court judges with tele- vised messages.”

ProVida, a right-to-life group, placed more than 12,000 crosses around the landmark Angel de la Independencia monument to signifi- cate the number of legal abortions in Mexico over the past 14 months.

Mexico City politician Jorge Buendia said coverage of the Supreme Court debate and abor- tion protests would most likely be overshadowed by other big news, including plans for a massive anti- crime march Aug. 30.

“The (abortion opponents) have had very bad luck,” said Buendia, director of the Mexico City polling firm Buendia y Laredo. “All of the major media is concentrated on the subject of security.”

He added that the majority of Mexican oppose abortion, although the rate of acceptance is higher in the national capital.

Margaret Mashini reads the Bible in St. Michael the Archangel Church in Woodstock, Ga., Aug. 22. Pope Benedict XVI will host a Synod of Bishops at the Vatican in October to help draw more Catholics to read the Bible.
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, selected by Sen. John McCain Aug. 28 as his vice-presidential running mate, received another test when the child.

Missed from Obama’s discourse, however, was an extensive discussion of life issues, which the bishops have made a primary focus in their document that is being distributed during the 2008 election cycle. His comments on the issue were limited to two lines near the end of his speech.

Obama said that, while people may disagree on whether abortion should remain legal or not, “surely we can agree on reducing the number of unplanned pregnancies in this country.”

He steered clear of discussing euthanasia, embryonic stem-cell research and cloning, all of which the bishops consider fundamental life issues.

That was a concern of Stephen F. Schneck, director of the Life Cycle Institute at The Catholic University of America in Washington. The institute is a think tank on public policies and Catholic social thought.

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Underlying Obama’s presentation, delivered on the 45th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Have a Dream” speech in Washington, was a theme that has guided his life’s work: that political participation has a moral dimension requiring people to consider the needs of others and that solutions are best developed in cooperation with the people in need.

“For 18 long months you have stood, one by one, and said enough to the politics of the past,” Obama said. “You have shown what history teaches us: that at defining moments like this one, the change we need doesn’t come from Washington. Change comes from Washington.”

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“In keeping with the spirit of the ‘Faithful Citizenship’ document, Catholics should be concerned Obama is not really addressing the abortion issue directly,” Schneck said. “The whole culture of life issues, this was an area in 1994 she was very last night. From the spectrum of ‘Faithful Citizenship’ we should be a little unhappy with what history teaches us: that at defining moments like this one, the change we need doesn’t come from Washington. Change comes from Washington.”

Sister Simone Campbell, a Mercy Sister who is executive director of the National Justice strand — an area studiously avoided last year. It was an area that had not been mentioned in cooperation with the people in need.

Notre Dame in Indiana, said Obama’s belief that change starts in 1987. Her husband is an oil producer who had Down syndrome births.

Although she has pushed for ethics reform and has a reputation for standing up for special-interest groups, Palin also described herself as someone who can make the changes happen.

Not everyone who had Down syndrome births was so thrilled about the arrival of their little offspring. Palin and her husband Todd felt “privileged that God would entrust us with this gift and allow us unbreakable joy as he entered our home.”

The family’s third child, Willow, 14; Piper, 7; and Trig — Willow’s younger sister — were among the children who had Down syndrome.

The former Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge.

Palin, who took office in 2006, came to the governor’s job after a stint in local politics as the mayor and council member of the small town of Wasilla and as chairman of the state Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, which regulates Alaska’s oil and gas resources.
FORT WAYNE — A spirited congregation of students, alumni and dignitaries filled Bishop Luers High School gymnasium Aug. 27 to launch the new school year and to celebrate 50 years of education. The school has nearly completed a $3 million, phase I renovation, which alumni, families and friends from the community have made possible through a capital campaign.

Bishop John M. D’Arcy celebrated Mass and then proceeded to the school chapel where he blessed a new Blessed Mother statue donated by the C. Philip Anderson family in memory of their son Gary Anderson, class of 1976. The procession continued outdoors where the bishop blessed the students and the site of a new facade that will contain a kneeling Knight. The 10x7 foot relief, which is not yet complete, was purchased by the class of 1962.

The ceremony included alumni (each class for the last 50 years was represented with a candle bearer), dignitaries including Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry, whose children attended Bishop Luers High School; staff from the diocesan Catholic Schools Office including Superintendent Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger, Assistant Director of High Schools John Gaughan who taught and coached at Luers; Franciscan Father John Stein, himself a 1975 Luers grad; and later a teacher and Franciscan Father Carl Hawver, who taught at the school for 10 years.

Two recently ordained priests, Father Tony Steinnacker and Father Jason Freiburger, who concelebrated the Mass, are Luers graduates. Bishop D’Arcy noted in his homily that three of those new men accepted into the seminary this year, two are Luers graduates.

Bishop D’Arcy, in his homily, urged students embarking upon a new school year to embrace the truth and the search for the truth and to consider three things: pray to know their vocation; keep sex within in proper place; and to embrace those often left behind or not so popular.

Bishop D’Arcy spoke about truth. “One of the temptations when you are a student,” Bishop D’Arcy said, “is to cheat on an exam, or on a paper, in some ways, and that can become a habit for life — you start cutting corners, saying things that are not truthful.

“That brings (us) away from God,” he said. “Jesus said, ‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.’ If I present something in class that really isn’t me, that I didn’t do myself, I’m false. It’s not real, it’s not my identity. Something I’m present; which is untrue. It is better to do less well in studies and be truthful because that can inspire me to do better.”

The Holy Spirit brings truth, and St. Augustine, whose feast day was the day following the celebration, was a speaker of the truth. Bishop D’Arcy noted the famous line from Augustine, “I believe so I may understand. And I understand so I may believe.”

And Junior Ethan Gregerson was able to answer the bishop’s question as he quizzed Gregerson on the saint and church father. Be devoted to truth, urged the bishop. “Open your mind as the year begins to truth and science and literature and history and all these things.”

Bishop D’Arcy commented on the three state championship titles last year. But it was also a first for the school to be rated an exemplary high school with academics — the highest award by the State of Indiana.

“Don’t just think of state championships,” Bishop D’Arcy said, “think of young men in the seminary. We honor the faculty — the students — an exemplary school being in the very top level that you can achieve in academic recognition in the State of Indiana.

On vocations, the bishop said, “Everybody here has a call from God. It’s very important that you learn what that call is.” He said he hoped there were some students praying about a religious vocation, “because there should be one or two from every class.

“You have to have a habit of prayer,” Bishop D’Arcy encouraged. He developed this habit when he was young and every night he would kneel down and ask God, “Lord, what do you want me to do with my life? Help me to find my vocation.”

Second, “you have to accept, or pray for the grace to accept, the beautiful Catholic teaching on the question on sexuality, that sex is not a play thing, that it’s a capacity to make a gift of myself to another person, one person only for my life after I’ve made a promise,” he said. “And it’s a sacrament there. What a person says when he gives himself in this way is ‘I’m yours forever, and nobody else’s. I have kept nothing back from you. My spirit, myself, my body is given to you for love and for children.’”

“Now everybody is going to tell you that’s not necessary,” Bishop D’Arcy said. “The culture points every day — television, the Internet — in the direction that is harsh and harmful. I want you to tell Jesus Christ today which road you intend to take — one which is the Catholic teaching.”

He added, “If one has failed in this already, that is why the church is so good in repentance and forgiveness, which is celebrated here and in your parish.”

And the third thing, “try to be caring towards one another,” Bishop D’Arcy said. “This is another gift of the Holy Spirit. Care for the one in your class who may go unnoticed. Everyone can care about and follow the football captain or the person who’s the hit in the school play. Care for everybody — especially the person who has difficulty with studies and struggles and is not one of the beautiful people. Care about that person. That means the Eucharist that you received is affecting you, and these are all the gifts of the Holy Spirit.”

Bishop John M. D’Arcy poses with members of the Bishop Luers High School class of 1962, which donated the future 7X10 foot relief that will be placed on the front facade of the school. Bishop D’Arcy blessed the students and the relief at the opening school Mass and inauguration of the 50th anniversary of the school on Aug. 27. In the photo, from left, are Sandy Mathys, Judy Hersburger, Bishop John M. D’Arcy, Mary Jane Milikan and Steve McKedle.

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WASHINGTON (CNS) — In the 2009 list of the nation’s best colleges, according to U.S. News & World Report's ranking, Catholic colleges and universities fared as they usually do: at the top of regional lists for the North and Midwest but with only a few Catholic colleges in the overall national rankings. While many colleges promote their placement in the annual list, some college leaders are registering concern. Three Catholic colleges that typically make the top 50 list of national colleges did so once again. The University of Notre Dame in Indiana placed 18th; Georgetown University in Washington was 23rd and Boston College ranked 34th. Last year Notre Dame was 19th, Georgetown was again 23rd and Boston ranked 35th. Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., took first place this year as the best national university, ousting Princeton University in New Jersey from that spot for the first time in nine years. Princeton placed second and Yale University in New Haven, Conn., came in third. Amherst College in Amherst, Mass., topped the list of national liberal arts schools.

Solar panels on Vatican hall first of several projects, says engineer

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican will begin installing some 2,400 solar panels in late September in the first of several projects aimed at exploiting renewable energy resources in the tiny city-state. The solar modules, which are being donated by a German company, will be fitted atop the roof of the Paul VI audience hall and will provide some 300,000 kilowatt-hours of power each year, said Mauro Villarini, the Vatican engineer coordinating the project. Construction of the solar-energy system will continue through October, while Pope Benedict XVI and some 250 bishops meet inside the audience hall for a synod on the Bible. In an interview Aug. 28 with the Vatican newspaper, L’Osservatore Romano, Villarini said another solar-panel system would be installed this fall above the Vatican’s employee cafeteria, providing 60 percent to 70 percent of the power needed to heat and cool the building. Both solar-energy systems are expected to be operating by the end of the year, Villarini said.

Aid workers say Russian-Georgian tensions won’t help refugees

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — Catholic aid workers in Georgia said they expect the continued tension between Russia and Georgia will not help refugees stranded by recent fighting between the two countries. “Over 128,000 have already been displaced inside Georgia by the conflict, and concern is mounting about what will happen to those who can’t go back, who’ll need housing, vocational training and a new start in life,” said Laura Sheahan, an information officer for the U.S. bishops’ Catholic Relief Services who visited Georgia in late August. In an Aug. 28 telephone interview with Catholic News Service, Sheahan said CRS was cooperating with other humanitarian organizations in funding food, hygiene equipment and medicine for refugees from the fighting. She said many people had returned to western Georgia but would face hardships obtaining fuel and repairing their homes during the coming winter. Father Witold Szulczynski, head of Caritas Georgia, said humanitarian aid was reaching the people of Thilissi and that life appeared to be “returning to near-normal” in the war-damaged city of Gori. Caritas Georgia is the local affiliate of the international umbrella group of aid agencies, Caritas Internationals.

Pope condemns anti-Christian violence in India’s Orissa state

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI condemned the assassination of a Hindu leader in India and the anti-Christian violence unleashed after his murder even though Maoist rebels reportedly claimed responsibility for the killing. “While I firmly condemn every attack on human life, whose sacredness must be respected by all, I express spiritual closeness and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the faith who are so harshly tried,” the pope said. At the end of his Aug. 27 weekly general audience in the Vatican audience hall, the pope appealed to “religious leaders and civil authorities to work together to re-establish among members of the different communities the peaceful coexistence and harmony which always have been a distinctive sign of Indian society.” The pope told visitors and pilgrims at his audience that he was saddened deeply by the violence in the eastern state of Orissa, “unleashed following the deplorable assassination of the Hindu leader Swami Laxmananand Saraswati.” After the leader’s Aug. 23 murder, some of his followers attacked local Christians and their churches, institutions and homes, he said.

St. Paul preached to all due to fascination of Gospel, says pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — St. Paul’s missionary travels, his writings and his perseverance despite suffering demonstrate the strength of his conviction that all people need the salvation of Christ, Pope Benedict XVI said. During his Aug. 27 weekly general audience, the pope dedicated his main talk to the biography and travels of St. Paul as part of the celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of the apostle’s birth. Pope Benedict returned to the Vatican by helicopter from his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo to share his reflections with the estimated 8,000 people in the Vatican audience hall before returning to the summer villa south of Rome. The pope told the crowd that the facts that St. Paul was born a Jew, was raised speaking Greek and held Roman citizenship placed him on “the border of three different cultures, and perhaps this is why he was open” to proclaiming the Gospel to pagans as well as fellow Jews. “We see in him a commitment that can be explained only by a soul truly fascinated by the light of the Gospel, in love with Christ and having a deep conviction that it is necessary to give the world the light of Christ, to proclaim the Gospel to all,” Pope Benedict said.

After religious leaders ask for clemency, Missouri execution delayed

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — After the Catholic bishops of Missouri and other religious leaders urged clemency in the case of Dennis Skillicorn, the Missouri Supreme Court granted a 30-day stay of execution for the inmate who had been scheduled to die Aug. 27. In an appeal to Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt, the religious leaders said Skillicorn “has turned his life around, becoming a model of rehabilitation and service to others” and “a model prisoner who is a positive influence on other inmates and the prison environment. Dennis Skillicorn is not the same person who was arrested 14 years ago,” they added. “He is no longer a threat to public safety. His execution would be senseless. Society and public safety would be better served if he were allowed to continue his worthwhile ministry in prison.” The 30-day stay was granted Aug. 20 to allow Skillicorn’s attorneys to gather information from prisoners and prison staff for a clemency petition to the governor. The attorneys are asking for his sentence to be commuted to life in prison without parole.

Percentage changes small, but numbers up for poverty in United States

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Figures released Aug. 26 by the U.S. Census Bureau revealed that, while the number of Americans in poverty last year rose over 2006 levels, the percentage increase was not statistically significant. Try telling that to America’s newly poor, said Candy Hill, senior vice president for social policy and government affairs at Catholic Charities USA. “We have 800,000 more people living in poverty, including 500,000 more children” and “12,000 more seniors,” Hill told Catholic News Service shortly after the figures were released. The Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey and its American Community Survey, both issued Aug. 26, had a margin of error of 0.2 percent. “The percentage changes in either direction from 2006 to 2007 are regarded as being statistically unchanged,” David Johnson, chief of the Census Bureau’s Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, told CNS in an Aug. 26 telephone interview that changes of 0.3 percent or more are recognized and reported in the surveys.

Catholics to explore evangelization in cutting-edge online conference

WASHINGTON (CNS) — More than ever, Catholics are using “cyber tools” as an evangelization tool. More than 500 national, diocesan and parish ministry leaders will gather online Sept. 16-18 to explore the beliefs, values and spiritual longings of active and inactive Catholics in the U.S. today. “Proclaiming Christ 2008: Sharing the Gift of Our Catholic Faith” is the topic of the online pastoral evangelization conference presented by the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association. Sister Susan Wolf, a Sister of Notre Dame, is senior vice president and executive director of the Washington-based association. In an Aug. 20 interview she told Catholic News Service that the conference will take place entirely online and will use “cutting edge Web 2.0 technology, considered the newest horizon for social networking.” More than 200 Catholic leaders from 99 dioceses, said Sister Wolf, adding that with more than three weeks to go “the attendance will be much higher.”
**FOREVER LEARNING INSTITUTE OPENS SEMESTER SEPT. 8**

SOUTH BEND — For the 36th year, Forever Learning Institute, devoted to improving the quality of life for senior adults, will open its fall term Sept. 8 at Little Flower Parish in South Bend.

The institute was established in the diocese by Holy Cross Father Louis J. Putz, a retired priest who envisioned such a voluntary school for seniors that included arts, academic classes, various crafts, language classes along with classes concerning the Roman Catholic faith.

From an original enrollment of 50 students, more than 450 have participated in recent years and some seniors attend to receive a general education degree.

Joan Loranger, executive director, said the mission of the institute has not changed since Father Putz helped establish it.

“Our mission is to improve the quality and dignity of senior adult life, to continue intellectual challenge, spiritual reflection and social interaction,” she said. — EJD.

**USF OFFERS WORKSHOP, ART TRIP TO CHICAGO**

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis is offering a continuing education course. Introduction to Stained Glass, on five Sunday afternoons beginning Sunday, Sept. 28 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Rolland Center off Leesburg Road.

The course includes design principles for basic stained glass, basic cutting and construction techniques, and a final project—a finished 18x24 inch glass panel. All tools and glass will be provided for in-class use.

The cost of the course is $145, which includes supplies and instruction. The instructor, practicing artist Rhonda Freeman, has worked with glass for more than 30 years with expertise in hot glass, blown glass, leaded glass, foiled glass and mosaic. For more information, call (260) 399-7700 ext. 8001.

The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis will host a bus trip to the Art Institute of Chicago for the general public. The bus trip will depart at 7:30 a.m. from the Rolland Center and return at approximately 10 p.m.

The cost for the trip is $30 for students and $40 for the general public. Sign up for the general public will begin on Friday, Sept. 19. Admission to the Art Institute is free.

For more information on the trip or to sign up, contact Amy Schreiber at (260) 399-7700 ext. 8001.

**KNIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN 40 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING**

FORT WAYNE — Members of the Indiana Knights of Columbus will participate in a consecutive 40 days of prayer and fasting, starting Sept. 24 to Nov. 4. Several parishes throughout the state will be taking part in prayer, 24 hours a day, seven days a week outside abortion clinics to decry abortion on demand and to pray for life. This is all part of a national effort that began in 2007. More information is available by contacting Karla DiFilippo at (260) 493-3748.

Queen of Angels teacher receives Notre Dame Club Excellence in Teaching Award

FORT WAYNE — An excellent teacher can inspire students by piquing their curiosity, fueling their imagination and giving life to their dreams. They also daily make a difference in the lives of their students, as well as fellow teachers.

Queen of Angels teacher, Karen Chesterman, was recently honored by the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne with its annual Excellence in Teaching Award for being such an inspiration to others. Chesterman, who has been teaching in Catholic schools for 24 years, and the last 22 years at Queen of Angels, was surprised with the award at an all-school Mass on Aug. 22.

With family and students looking on, Lisa Fabian presented the award on behalf of the club. Calling it truly an honor to do so, Fabian noted the many impressive ways that Chesterman models competency and character to those around her.

Whether teaching map skills or pipetting new projects for the classroom, Chesterman models the patience and optimism to nurture students, coordinating the after school literacy site sponsored by “Project Reads,” or details of the many recycling projects she encourages the students to be involved in, Chesterman tries to connect with each and every child to achieve their greatest potential.

The Bible says that “many are called but few are chosen.” Chesterman is an example of someone who was chosen by a higher calling into the teaching profession to touch the lives of others in a magnificent way. Chesterman will be invited to attend the annual Excellence in Teaching Conference conducted by the Alumni Association’s Continuing Education staff at the University of Notre Dame Oct. 1-19 as a guest of the club.

**VISITING NURSE AND HOUSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

FORT WAYNE — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home needs volunteers.

The Fort Wayne Serra Club sponsored its annual seminarians and priest picnic at Noll Hall on Lake Wawasee on Aug. 12. The day included golf, a luncheon and Mass with Bishop John M. D’Arcy.

New St. Henry Community Center to host fundraiser

FORT WAYNE — St. Henry Parish has recently opened the St. Henry Community Center, which endeavors to bring social capital to all members of the southeast side of Fort Wayne.

The center will hold a barbecue and rummage sale on Friday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., with the rummage sale continuing on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about the fundraiser barbecue will include ribs, chicken, brats, burgers or hot dogs and beverage. The rummage sale will be held in the center.

St. Henry is located at the corner of Paulding and Hessen Cassel roads.

Lindenwood holds retreat with Henri Nouwen’s ‘Life of the Beloved’ for women

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being taken for the women’s weekend retreat titled Henri Nouwen’s “Life of the Beloved.” Nouwen is very much a part of our day and age. He talks about the basic belief in God and how it affects us. Come find out how that basic belief affects you.

The facilitator, Father Keith H. Hembrough, has been involved in retreat and prayer seminars since 1966. He is the former director of John XXIII Center in Hartford City.

The retreat is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, at 4:30 p.m., and concludes Wednesday, Oct. 8, with lunch at noon. The program fee is $225 per person for single occupancy, or $195 per person for double occupancy, and includes lodging and meals.

Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 26. For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 217-1763 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or e-mail: lw@lindenwood.org or visit their Web site at www.lindenwood.org.

**STUDY OFFERED ON THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**

MISHAWAKA — The Office of Catechesis will sponsor a study on Pope John Paul II’s theology of the body. John and Monica Sikorski, from the diocesan Office of Family Life, will present the five evenings of discussion. Meetings are to be held on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. at Marian High School, Mishawaka, Sept. 15, 22 and 29 and Oct. 6 and 13.

In this course we will discover and become equipped with the compelling truth behind the Catholic Church’s teachings on marriage and family, chastity, contraception, homosexuality, celibacy and much more. Dr. Mary Haley’s brief and informative book, “Men and Women are from Eden,” will guide the study.

For more information or to register, contact the diocesan Office of Family Life at (574) 235-7151 or e-mail: familylife@diocesefw.org.
New principal named at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School

‘I feel so blessed to be able to share the upcoming school year with you’

BY MICHIELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — An avid Notre Dame fan and member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Louise Schultheis has been named principal at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School for the 2008-2009 school year.

With the goal of “eventually becoming a principal,” Schultheis received her master’s degree in educational leadership in 2008.

Looking back at the interview process and recent hiring, Schultheis feels that God’s timing is not always their timing. She explains, “God works in mysterious ways. I believe he puts people where he wants them to be.”

The mother of two was raised in Fort Wayne and went to St. Joseph School (now St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth) for her elementary education. She is a Bishop Luers High School graduate where her daughter, Katie, and son, Michael, now attend.

While raising her family, Schultheis worked in banking and for her husband of 20 years, “The Cookie Man,” who owns a franchise of Pepperidge Farms. Her favorite cookie is the “Chesapeake,” a chocolate, pecan mix.

Reading and traveling are the pastimes she enjoys most, and she hopes to travel to Florida over the Thanksgiving holiday with her family.

Schultheis had been teaching junior high religion the past four years at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth after receiving her bachelor’s degree in sociology with a concentration in family and community studies from IPFW (Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne).

She has recently taken up the game of golf and has three “darling” pooches.

One thing not many people know about Schultheis is that she can juggle.

In her first letter home to the families of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School, Schultheis expressed how honored and excited she felt to be principal and part of the Hessen Cassel community whose school has a reputation for excellence.

The new leader concludes, “I feel so blessed to be able to share the upcoming school year with you.”

SERRA CLUB OF SOUTH BEND PRESENTS MERIT AWARD

Frances Holmes of Saint Pius X Parish, Granger, was honored with a special merit award by the Serra Club of South Bend for her devotional talk on the power of prayers to the Blessed Mother. She has toured famous shrines in Europe and lectured on them to various Catholic groups.

Making the presentation is Richard D. Wasoski, newly-elected president of the Serra Club of South Bend. With them is Emma Szalay, a member of the club.

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Presently, there are about 13,000 men in the United States who minister as permanent deacons in their dioceses, according to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The average age of these permanent deacons is about 60, with most having completed their child-rearing responsibilities.

Interest in the permanent diaconate flourished after Vatican II, but confusion among the faithful about the role of deacons and uneven training programs caused the program to become inactive in some dioceses. After a study of the permanent diaconate, the U.S. bishops issued the “National Directory for the Formation, Life and Ministry of Permanent Deacons in the United States” in 2004.

This comprehensive document revisted interest in the diaconate, and in the spring of 2006, Bishop D’Arcy sent a letter to all pastors, asking for names of men who they considered to be good possibilities for the permanent diaconate. About 40 names were received, and about 30 men were interviewed, according to Mary Szymczak, director/coordinator of the permanent deacon program.

In January of 2007, 13 men entered into a six-month discernment period that consisted of meeting twice a month to go over different aspects of the diaconate and included lectures on spirituality, the life of a deacon, the diaconate and family, etc. At the end of the six months, the men and their wives were interviewed.

“People need to be aware that this is a five-year process from inquiry to ordination, and all through those five years, it’s dis-
RIGHT TO LIFE AND THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

Abortion

Our Founding Fathers who signed the Declaration of Independence said that normally what they were doing — overthrowing a legitimate authority — would be wrong. But when George had declared them their inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given to them from “their Creator,” they had not only the right but the duty to declare their independence from that king. In the preamble of the United States Constitution, the Founding Fathers mention “our Posterity” and it is the first time the word appears in the Constitution. The unborn are therefore included in the protection of this document.

Unfortunately, the Supreme Court declared in Roe v. Wade that “our Posterity” meant only unborn children who were wanted. Isn’t it amazing that a nation that credits its ability to be independent on the inalienable rights given by “their Creator” God would find itself denying those same rights to its own posterity, its own children? How can a nation that kills 4,000 of its own children each day expect to survive, much less to be blessed by God?

fATHER GEOlGE GAILE, FSP
ST. MOTHER THERESA GERMAN COMMUNITY

Euthanasia and health care directives

Consider this true story.

A disabled woman was placed under the care of a court-appointed public guardian when her husband became ill. The guardian then chose to discontinue aiding her in receiving food and water — against the wishes of her husband and her family.

There is a misconception that what is legal is ethical. As health care becomes more legislated, the more likely one could become the victim of euthanasia.

Voters should know if a candidate supports new health care directives that make marriage to be the partnership of the family and thus also is society. God has made marriage to be the partnership of the family, as “shrewd as serpents” and as “guileless as doves” can provide a paradigm for our engagement with the political system in which we live: shrewd enough to recognize the truth of things (calling what is good “good” and what is evil “evil”) and guileless in our not being co-opted into the very games of leverage, power and domination that can darken social life.

fATHER MICHAEL ROVINS
ST. MATTHEW CATHEDRAL
SOUTH BEND

The Death Penalty

As Catholics we are called to uphold a consistent ethic of life — to take a stand against violence in every form. This includes abortion and euthanasia, of course, but it also includes the execution of prisoners. Justice cannot be served by violence. Catholic teaching tells us that the death penalty can be used only in cases of absolute necessity and Pope John Paul II wrote that such situations are “very rare in practice and non-existent.” As a priest who has ministered to prisoners in their last hours and witnessed the deaths of two of them by lethal injection, I agree wholeheartedly that the death penalty is extremely expensive, often unjustly or mistakenly imposed, and does not act as a deterrent to would-be killers.

fATHER TOM MCMILLAN, CSC

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

Why should political life matter to a Catholic?

One of the most basic demands of justice is that we pursue and preserve the common good. The Gospel makes it clear that we do not have the luxury of separating ourselves from the society and culture in which we happen to find ourselves, but are called somehow to “salt” and “light” for the world. One of the principal obligations of the church is to be the voice for the “voiceless” — to speak out and witness on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society. But also the witness we offer by our lives can have a profound impact. And yet while we participate in political life, we must also recognize the limits of political solutions in addressing the deepest problems and needs that face us individually and communally. Jesus’ kingdom is not the product of earthly effort or temporal planning, but rather is more the fruit of our “buying into” the truth of what he reveals about God and about ourselves.

The Gospel injunction (Mt 10:16) that we be as “shrewd as serpents” and as “guileless as doves” can provide a paradigm for our engagement with the political system in which we live: shrewd enough to recognize the truth of things (calling what is good “good” and what is evil “evil”) and guileless in our not being co-opted into the very games of leverage, power and domination that can darken social life.

fATHER JOHN PFISTER
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Supporting the family through policy

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RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Religious freedom

The Second Vatican Council is clear: “... The individual must not be forced to act against conscience nor be prevented from acting according to conscience, especially in religious matters.” (DH 3). In this election we want to look for a candidate who will maintain this understanding in the United States (allowing the church to continue to teach the truth of Jesus Christ and his church’s beliefs without being penalized) and who will promote this concept of religious freedom to the rest of the world.

EDUCATION

Schools play an vital role in the preparation of citizens for our nation. Young people today face some of the same challenges as well as additional challenges that earlier generations did not have to face. At our best, our schools demonstrate and inspire a search for wisdom and truth and help our students integrate their faith with the surrounding culture in which they live. All of this is sustained by the witness of our teachers. The prophetic words of Pope Paul VI ring as true today as they did 30 years ago: “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.”

fATHER JESUS PRINCIPAL
MIAMI SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Health care

What does someone who is uninsured look like? What circumstances brought them to the place where they have no health coverage? There are currently 45.8 million people in this country who are uninsured or underinsured, many of whom are women and children. Nearly 2 million people have filed bankruptcy because of excessive medical costs. In 1994 the National Conference of Bishops (now the USCCB) approved the third revised edition of Ethical and Religious Directives for Health Services. In this document, the bishops articulate five principles that should govern our social responsibility for health care. The second principle is the biblical mandate to care for the poor. This is not, however, simply a principle, but a call to concretely express this care for all in our society. The USCCB firmly states that health care is a “basic human right, an essential safeguard of human life and dignity.” Access to adequate healthcare is foundational to our belief in the dignity of all humankind. This dignity, rooted in the image of God, demands that we safeguard human life, especially for those most in need.

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The ill and disabled

“The world of rights can be a prerequisite of the healthy,” Eucharistically conveyed the Catholic Reporters who were celebrating the disabled at the Int Symposium on the Dignity Mentally Disabled in June defending the rights of the “the starting point for every ability is rooted in the functions of Christian anthropology: disabled persons are members of a nation when their sensory or intellectual damaged, they are fully human. They possess the sacred and inalienable rights to be recognized by every human community.”

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Human cloning and of human embryos

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poverty

as a long growing in this country and around the world, a living wage or never enough. This is a reality can be reached by a national police and military action world, anger at the growing and poor will fuel more violence. Thanks to the new program of official poverty line, America has no position to speak for the peaceful and just, with a voice from widely shared prosperity.

THE FAITHFUL CITIZEN

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATION

Why should political life matter to a Catholic?

One of the most basic demands of justice is that we pursue and preserve the common good. The Gospel makes it clear that we do not have the luxury of separating ourselves from the society and culture in which we happen to find ourselves, but are called somehow to “salt” and “light” for the world. One of the principal obligations of the church is to be the voice for the “voiceless” — to speak out and witness on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society. But also the witness we offer by our lives can have a profound impact. And yet while we participate in political life, we must also recognize the limits of political solutions in addressing the deepest problems and needs that face us individually and communally. Jesus’ kingdom is not the product of earthly effort or temporal planning, but rather is more the fruit of our “buying into” the truth of what he reveals about God and about ourselves.

The Gospel injunction (Mt 10:16) that we be as “shrewd as serpents” and as “guileless as doves” can provide a paradigm for our engagement with the political system in which we live: shrewd enough to recognize the truth of things (calling what is good “good” and what is evil “evil”) and guileless in our not being co-opted into the very games of leverage, power and domination that can darken social life.

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POOR AND THE DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF WORKERS

Labor

The U.S. wanted cheap labor, and human beings showed up. The economy may well be the leading issue in this year’s election, and the fact that labor and human dignity are fundamental concerns of every political party is evident. The bishops see the need for decent working conditions for all workers, whether wages are equal or not. Despite the challenges, the bishops support the rights of workers to organize and to bargain collectively. Upholding these values in service to the common good.

Immigration

We have had no meaningful debate about this issue recently, and it must change. The U.S. bishops have been consistent in supporting comprehensive immigration reform. Solutions are not “pro” or “anti” immigrant. We must seek the middle ground. Compassion and humanity need to be on equal footing with border enforcement. I am convinced that Congress must not see the hate, hear the rhetoric, or understand the costs, or action already would have been taken. No more inaction. No more rhetoric. Roll up your sleeves, debate it out, make compromises, and get the job done.

Health care right of conscience

A new front in the battle over the life issues concerns freedom of conscience. Can a pro-life pharmacist be forced to fill a prescription for the morning-after pill? Can a Catholic nurse be fired for not assisting with an abortion? The church believes strongly that health care providers must be able to serve the public without violating their convictions on the sanctity of human life. As challenges to conscience clauses multiply, pressure is building for federal legislation to assure freedom of consciences for all health care providers. Legislators at both the state and federal levels must be asked where they stand on such a fundamental right.

SOLIDARITY

Overcoming racism

For anyone one who proclaims to be Christian and follow Jesus, we should look even deeper into what our faith says about racism. In Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, we learn that “there is neither Jew, nor Greek, slave nor free … for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” Paul’s letters often focus on the theme of the mystery of the body of Christ, meaning that all of us together make up the one body. This idea, that we are all connected to each other through the blood of Christ is central to our Christian moral life. We are in solidarity, we are in communion with each other. Because of this we should live in harmony with each other—regardless of race, religion or any other discrimination. Every person should treat every other person as if they were Christ himself.

Human trafficking

Human trafficking is moving people, often women, children and immigrants, from one country to another with the intention of exploiting them. These victims travel with the hope of a better life. However, they soon find themselves at the mercy of traffickers who, through force and fear (often of deportation), transport them in labor arrangements where they have little chance of escape. They are often treated as objects and used for prostitution, pornography, etc. as well. This crime against freedom and human dignity objects the human person as a commodity to be used by others. We must insist that candidates are working for fair labor laws, good education accessible to all, promoting family values and government supervision of trade work environments—all of which help to ensure the dignity of our vulnerable brothers and sisters whom we are called to protect.

Just war, pursuing peace

The Catholic Church teaches that a war may be waged if, and only if, it deters serious and certain damage, other means have proven ineffective in deterring it, it stands a reasonable chance of success, and the resulting damage does not outweigh the damage thwarted. It also teaches that evaluating the moral legitimacy of a war “belongs to the prudential judgment of those who have responsibility for the common good.” (CCC # 2309) Some Catholic opinion-makers have misrepresented this passage to mean that the church delegates the president to determine the moral validity of a war, as if Catholic citizens are obliged only to concur. But this erroneous reading became obvious when the Bush Administration’s decision to invade Iraq was challenged by church leaders in Rome, including Pope John Paul II and then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. As it has turned out, their skepticism was well-founded.

CARING FOR GOD’S CREATION

The environment

Care for the environment flows from grateful appreciation of the interdependence of all of God’s creation. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his 2008 World Day of Peace Message, “...it is essential to ‘sense’ that the earth is ‘our common home’.” (See also the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, paragraphs 466-471, 481-487). Created image Dei, human beings enjoy both the gift and the task of striving toward the fulfillment of the common good of all of God’s creation. The signs of the times, particularly the devastating effects of global climate change together with wanton consumption and waste of the world’s energy resources, remind us that the protection and nurturing of human life and well-being requires contemplative awareness of and intentional care for all of creation as the abundant fruit of God’s love.

Energy

Energy is an issue that is the lynchpin to so many other issues. It deals directly with our stewardship of the earth. It ties us to the collective sin of corporate greed. We are drawn into a web of potential support for unethical governments, dictatorships and possibly terrorism. This is not what the Holy Spirit is calling us to. The Holy Spirit calls us all to move forward into a more loving embrace of God, his creation and his children. Sitting still is not a viable, ethical option.

Genocide

Solidarity teaches that all human beings are part of one family. Our brothers and sisters are not qualified by geographical boundaries, economic status, or any other quality. As Catholics, we need look no further than the Eucharist to see this dynamic in action. If the dignity of one human is compromised, the dignity of all of us is threatened. In situations of genocide, such as the one occurring today in Darfur, our brothers and sisters are being injured, hence and killed senselessly. Who are we as Catholics if we do nothing and therefore tacitly endorse the evil that is killing our brothers and sisters?

the U.S. bishops publish a statement regarding Catholics and their roll in public life. One major goals of this statement, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Educate Catholics on what the church teaches about issues affecting public policy. In this feature, Catholics from around the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, “faithful citizens,” share why these various issues, while not of equal priority to the church, are still important to the church and should at least be a matter of concern. Catholics as they engage public life, be it through voting, a letter to Congress or a letter to the editor. These issues are divided into the seven general areas of concern. For more information, visit www.faircitizenship.org

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A family guide to Faithful Citizenship

In the statement Forming Consciences for Citizenship, the U.S. bishops remind us that, “In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation” (No. 5). The decisions we make as citizens about who leads us and what policies are enacted have important moral and ethical dimensions. The values of our faith should be our guide to public life.

The most important place to share and reflect on this message is in our families. While it’s always a challenge to use a statement like Faithful Citizenship — so obviously written to an adult audience — within a family context, it’s worth the challenge! Civic responsibility starts with the adults in the family.

Some Do’s and Don’ts

Do show your children that you are concerned about the issues and questions raised in the statement. Express your opinions or beliefs about these issues, and share questions you have about issues or candidates. Look for opportunities to state where you stand on a certain issue or why you favor a certain candidate. Don’t push your children to adopt your stance or to support your candidate. Don’t preach or try to convert them.

Do ask for their opinions, questions or concerns. Be genuine with your interest, and really listen to whatever they have to say. Don’t worry if they don’t agree with your position or even with all the positions expressed in Faithful Citizenship. (Most of the issues addressed in the statement are very complex, even for adults.) The most important thing is that your children are aware and concerned and that they are thinking about the issues in moral terms.

Do show that you truly respect different points of view on the issues or candidates — that good people can disagree on specific matters without rancor.

Do get involved yourself. If you believe strongly in an issue or candidate — and hopefully you do — take an active role. It’s a cliche, but actions do speak much louder than words, especially to our children. Do look for activities that your children or your whole family could get involved in with you (e.g., pro-life marches, environmental cleanup projects, the design of posters for a campaign, canvassing or leafleting for a candidate, attendance at rallies, letter writing to elected officials).

Don’t coerce or shame them into involvement, but invite and encourage it, leaving them free to participate or not. Of course, promising a favorite treat to children at the end of an activity is an excellent means of encouragement. Social action and ice cream just seem to go together.

Do vote and let your children know that you see voting as a priority. Bring your children with you to the polls. Watch the election returns together and discuss their implications.

Raising Family Awareness

Using Faithful Citizenship with your family involves thinking creatively, planning interesting family activities, and taking advantage of opportunities that present themselves. Here are some suggestions.

• Use TV as a resource: Look for shows that in some way address one of the issues mentioned in the statement. An example may be a news show or a documentary; it might also be a sitcom that is treating some current political or social topic. The key is to check out the show ahead of time and then to watch the show together. It’s often effective if you just “wander in” and sit down while your children are viewing it. Or it may be necessary to decide ahead of time that you will watch a specific show together. However you do it, the most important thing is to talk about the show’s topic. As mentioned above, share those thoughts and listen to their thoughts without being judgmental. Sometimes the only talking you can do is at the TV, but that’s okay. They’ll hear it.

• Question, question, question: The bishops’ statement lists “Goals for the Campaign.” Rephrase these goals as questions so that young people can relate to them. The following are example questions written to an adult audience — within a family context, it’s worth the challenge! Civic responsibility starts with the adults in the family.

Do the candidates address any of the issues mentioned in the statement? How well?

• Pick out a few short excerpts from the statement, rephrase them for children, and post them on your refrigerator. Here are some possibilities: “The answer to violence is not more violence.” “Every child should have the opportunity to be born and to feel welcomed.” “Every issue of poverty is connected with the life of the person who sows the clothes we buy, earns, or how much the farmer who grows the food we eat receives of the price we pay?” “Why are some people poor when so many people are rich?” “I wonder where we would go for health care if we didn’t have insurance?” If the questions lead to further discussion, you or your children may need to do a little research.

• Look at billboards and television advertisements for various candidates, and critique the advertisements as a family.

Visit www.usccb.org/chd for more information. This article was provided by the USCCB Web material on Faithful Citizenship.
In their ground-breaking document, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the U.S. bishops insist that moral issues are not to be decided by law or policy. The bishops start by reminding us that “the church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. It is a basic part of the mission we have received from Jesus Christ.”

They then teach about the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of all human life. We cannot ignore the reality of abortion and euthanasia. In our nation, abortion and euthanasia have been legalized, and the sanctity of all human life is threatened.

The bishops conclude this series of reflections with a call to vote, the bishops emphasize the importance of voting “according to a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods.” They note that “a Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who holds a position in favor of an intrinsic evil, such as abortion or racism, if the candidate is not willing to vote instead on other important moral issues involving human life and dignity.”

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The document cites Pope Benedict who has stressed that “worship pleasing to God... demands a public witness to our faith... regarding fundamental values, such as respect for human life, its defense from conception to natural death, the family built upon marriage between a man and a woman, the freedom to educate one’s children and the promotion of the common good in all its forms. These values are not negotiable.”

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Tackling Faithful Citizenship

This issue of Today’s Catholic arrives as both major political parties have held their national conventions to nominate their presidential tickets. With this official kick-off to the fall campaign season, Today’s Catholic presents a section on Faithful Citizenship, drawn largely from the U.S. bishops’ document, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.”

In the center spread of this issue, we explore some of the issues raised by the U.S. bishops and allow people from within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to explore them and share why these issues are important to the church.

These people include priests, religion teachers, college professors and other people from our diocesan offices and parishes. The purpose of these local and regional voices is to provide, in effect, a “cloud of witnesses,” voices that area Catholics know and trust, speaking together, to help form consciences by giving their own thoughts of Catholic teaching on social issues.

Presenting such a wide array of issues raises one of the fundamental challenges the church faces in this area, namely, how to advocate fairly on the issues without endorsing a party or candidate. Not endorsing, it seems, might be the easier part of the challenge compared to avoiding “two evils” described by Fred Everett in his article on the U.S. bishops’ document. The first evil is to presume that, since the church advocates on an array of issues, that these issues are of equal importance. The bishops — and Everett — make it abundantly clear that the defense of human life, especially its most vulnerable forms, is the top priority. The second evil is the other extreme, the belief that, since life issues, namely abortion, are so important, other issues can be disregarded. Finding the dynamic balance between these two extremes was one goal of this issue of Today’s Catholic.

Finally, this special section includes a family guide published by the U.S. bishops that goes beyond the issues themselves and addresses proper ways to engage one’s family in the political process. This includes issues such as sharing and discussing one’s views with one’s children, raising family awareness, identifying heroes and planning events and activities for the whole family. Today’s Catholic hopes our diocesan families find this helpful.

That’s the ticket

With the addition of running mates to the Democratic and Republican presidential tickets, the church suddenly finds itself drawn more closely into the issues and debate of this election. Barack Obama’s choice, Delaware Sen. Joe Biden, brings a Catholic to a major party ticket. As reported last week in Today’s Catholic, Biden isn’t shy about his Catholic background and addresses proper ways to engage one’s family in the political process.

So when Palin was pregnant with her youngest child, Trig, she knew that he would “face special challenges,” but opted still to have him. He has Down syndrome. More recently came the announcement that Palin’s oldest daughter, Bristol, is five months pregnant, but intends to keep her baby. Her child, Trig, she knew that he would “face special challenges,” but opted still to have him. He has Down syndrome.

Chinese do not have religious freedom

The front-page piece that ran recently, in Today’s Catholic, on the Beijing Olympics, suggested that Catholics in China enjoy religious freedom. Unfortunately, most do not. Readers of Today’s Catholic should understand that, although there are millions of heroic Chinese Catholics, in China, the religious liberty these Chinese Christians enjoy is more apparent than real. The government continues to persecute, even to imprison, those who stand up for the freedom of the church, and who insist — correctly — that it is a holy religious liberty that exists only in government-run churches.

The recently concluded Olympics showcased hundreds of amazing athletes, but it is too bad that the coverage only rarely reminded viewers that China continues to dis- respect basic human rights, includ- ing the “first freedom,” religious liberty.

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Elusive fifth vote

The Aug. 24 issue of Today’s Catholic includes an article on the Democratic platform working on abortion. The article contains comments by Douglas Kmiec, a Pepperdine University law profes- sor, who indicates he is against abortion, but backs Obama for pres- ident.

Kmiec then states he has “been trying to find the elusive fifth vote on the Supreme Court (to overturn Roe v Wade) for over 30 years.” Obviously, he must realize that vot- ing for Obama guarantees no fifth vote on the court.

It is people like Kmiec, who say one thing but do the opposite, that keep us true pro-lifers from getting the fifth Supreme Court vote.

Paul and the mystery

Paul’s theology has influenced the church’s understanding of liturgy and sacrament immensely. It is for this reason that the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy offers these reflections on St. Paul and the liturgy during this year.

Too many people have an inade- quate idea of liturgy. They associ- ate the word only with the formal structure of the Mass, and nothing more. They think liturgy means strict rules and dry rubrics, and nothing more. Actually, the liturgy concerns more glorious and living things.

One of the pioneers in the litur- gical movement, Victor Michel, said liturgy “is the action of the Trinity in the church.” He saw the liturgy “teaching from God to man, and connecting man to the fullness of the Goodness.” On this view, liturgy is where Christ’s con- tinued presence is met. And Christ, himself, is the mediator between God and humanity.

This is the backdrop for Paul’s teaching about both Christ and the liturgy. It is expressed most clearly in Ephesians where Paul describes the mystery he was commissioned to preach. “To me, the very least of all the holy ones, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the inscrutable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for all what is the plan of the mystery hidden from ages past in God who created all things …”

What is this mystery? What is the plan of the hidden mystery? Simply that God would reconcile us to himself. The hidden plan was that God and man would be unit- ed, and this he did in Jesus Christ. Jesus was the God-Man.

So what does Paul preach? Nothing more than Luke (1 Cor. 1:23), Jesus is the mystery of God in the flesh. He constantly preaches that God became flesh to reconcile us with himself. It is as if a large chasm separated us from God, so God built a bridge by which to restore traffic between himself and us. We can go to God, and God can come to us.

The Year of St. Paul

First God called Abraham, father of a nation. Then God set that nation free from slavery in Egypt. Then God trained and guid- ed the people with the law and the prophets. And, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son. Love is the mainspring that moves the cosmos, and the mystery behind it all is God’s desire to unite all things in his love. According to Paul, Christ is the mystery made flesh.

This is also the backdrop for Paul’s teaching about the liturgy. This mystery is celebrated in each liturgical act. We have said that Christ is the mystery of God’s love in the flesh. When a person in Galilee saw Jesus, they were see- ing the love of God. The incarna- tion made the mystery visible. This same Christ, this same mystery of God’s love, is presented in the sacraments.

Pope Leo wrote, “What was visible in the Lord has passed over into the sacraments.” The sacra- ment make the mystery visible. When the church celebrates her sacraments, it is Christ acting. This is a great mystery, indeed, but it is at our fingertips and on our lips.

Our liturgical life lives in the rhythm of the sacramental myster- ies. They keep us nourished with the Spirit of Christ, who can make us apostles of his good news.

For more information about the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, which is providing this series on St. Paul, visit www.liturgy.nd.edu.
Knights promote World Day of Prayer for peace and the unborn

When will our world find peace? Not a day goes by without reading about, or seeing on television, another part of our world turned upside down by violence and oppression. Iraq, Afghanistan, Georgia, Darfur, North Korea, Israel, West Bank, Syria and Colombia are just a few hot spots that make the news almost every day. If ever there was a time in history where our prayers were needed, now is that time.

Members of the Indiana Knights of Columbus will join their brother Knights for a World Day of Prayer on Sept. 11. During the 122nd Supreme Council annual meeting held Aug. 5, 2004, a resolution was passed to honor the memory of those killed or injured Sept. 11, 2001, from a terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. Members of the Knights of Columbus in Indiana are urged to continue to remember that horrific day in history that underscored how fragile peace in our world really is.

Equally important, Indiana Knights are reminded to also pray for the life of the unborn child in what has become a culture of death in the United States and throughout the world. We Knights are the vanguard Catholic organization, standing on the front lines and doing battle with those forces of evil with a determination to change the world that we know. We Knights have made it clear that abortion will never be accepted as a way of life anywhere, and we must keep praying the U.S. Supreme Court will end abortion on demand and reverse Roe v Wade. We must also continue to pray and stop our opposition to embryonic stem-cell research.

The Indiana Knights of Columbus also strongly supports the notion of patriotism and all that it stands for as defined by our U.S. Constitution. As members of the Knights, we may not endorse a political party or candidate; however, with the coming of September for a leader of our country, its defense and moral values are at stake.

And, though we do not recommend how a brother Knight and his family should vote, we cannot and will not accept a candidate who will not protect our families, “born or unborn.” We cannot and must not say to ourselves he or she is the lesser of two evils. Nor can we say we support a candidate.

Church teaches love with God’s authority

The Sunday Gospel

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

For the first reading this weekend, the church gives us a passage from the ancient Book of Ezekiel.

Ezekiel’s name in Hebrew in effect was a prayer, “May God make (him) strong.” It was fitting since, as the prophet himself said and indeed said in complaint, his calling to be a prophet puts him at odds with so many people.

For God’s people, times were hard. The Babylonian Empire, at the time one of the Middle East’s most powerful states, had destroyed much and had killed many, in the process taking back Babylon many survivors of the invasion.

There in Babylon, these exiles, or their descendants, would languish for four generations.

Ezekiel saw this disaster not as a direct punishment from God, pressing upon the people in a fury of revenge for their sinfulness, but as the result of the people’s own waywardness.

Although the prophet was harsh in this respect, he also consoled the people that a better day would come if they returned to God. If they obeyed God, then God would protect them. Nothing like the people’s disobedience.

Reading

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

Monday: Mt 5:1-12 Ps 34:1-8 Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:23-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 1 Cor 8:1b-3, 7-11 Ps 139:1-3, 13-14b, 23-24 Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3-6 A 12 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 Lk 6:43-49

Catequizem

By Dominic Campilloss

Labor

1. The Book of Genesis tells us labor in both senses of the word was invented when God told Adam he would

a. have to toil for his bread
b. suffer the pains of hunger after eating Chinese food

c. never know if his wife would be faithful

2. And God told Eve she would

a. suffer death as her reward for sin
b. endure pain when bearing children
c. not be able to tell if her husband was faithless

3. Jacob had a rather rough labor agreement with this man, complaining he worked 14 years for his two daughters and six years for his flock

a. Israel b. Moses c. Laban

4. The Hebrews suffered greatly while performing this specific task in Egypt:

a. mercenary fighting
b. mumifying the Egyptian dead
c. making bricks

5. Specifically, they had to assist in the building of these two cities:

a. Pithom and Ramses b. Thebes and Memphis
c. Karnack and Armarna

6. Wisdom 15 specifically criticized this as meaningless toil:

a. a potter molding a meaningless god from clay
b. a baker making leafen bread
c. Jews making pork sausages

7. The Book of Deuteronomy makes it clear that the Jews are to labor six days, but not do any work on

a. Sunday. b. the Sabbath. c. days ending in y.

8. The wife of Phineas, daughter-in-law of El, had he labor brought on by this news:

a. the defeat of the Davidic armies.
b. the capture of the Ark of the Covenant by the Philistines.
c. the burning of the Temple by the Romans.

9. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus chided his listeners asking them

a. why work when you can marry a rich wife... or win the lottery?b. to learn from the wild flowers; they do not work or spin.
c. to not emulate the lilies of the valley, which work and die.

10. King Herod was upset when he heard that Jesus was doing miracles. One theory shared with Herod was that

a. Herod’s son Antipas had become a follower of Jesus, so would work on his behalf.
b. the capture of the Magi had been slipped into Jesus’ wine, but did not work.
c. Jesus was really John the Baptist raised from the dead; that was why mighty powers were at work in him.

11. In Luke 13 the leader of a synagogue criticized Jesus for doing work

a. for the Romans. b. on the Sabbath. c. “for Greeks” or Gentiles.

12. In John 4, Jesus says that his food is

a. to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work
b. to work to build the church
c. to have his followers work for justice

13. Also in John’s Gospel in the famous bread of life discourse in which Jesus admonishes his followers to not

a. work on the Sabbath
b. work for food that perishes
c. work for riches, but rather work for the poorest of the poor


a. What was the reason Paul did not want to take John Mark with them?
b. Paul believed the John Mark was unwilling to work for his food and so would be a burden to the new church communities.
c. Paul had seen John work miracles and thought him a rival.
d. Paul believed that they should not take him because he had left them at Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work.

15. The Epistle of James was a problem for many of the Reformation Church leaders because it clearly states that faith without works is

a. salutif b. bound to lead to glory c. useless

Answers:

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

No answers provided.
A glimpse into life in Bethsaida, hometown of St. Peter

What was the hometown of St. Peter, the head of the apostles, like? Anonymous

The hometown or native village of St. Peter is said to be Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel. Bethsaida is also the hometown of Peter's brother, the Apostle Andrew, as well as the Apostle St. Philip, according to the Gospels.

Theodosius (A.D. 530) says the apostles James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also born in Bethsaida. Jesus healed a blind man by placing mud on his eyes. Eventually Jesus rebuked the town of Bethsaida for its lack of repentance.

The exact location of Bethsaida on the northern coast of the Sea of Galilee is disputed. Freeman says it may be placed at Khirbet el-Minya (also called Harub Minimah) and then moves north to the town of Magdala where Mary Magdalene lived. Krug says at Khirbet Minyala.


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Augustus, and called it Bethsaida Julias. Since Philip's territory was east of the Sea of Galilee, whereas his brother Herod Antipas' territory was west, Bethsaida could have become a popular place for those who fished near the Jordan River enters the Sea of Galilee and on the east side of the river, and that was the job of the apostles who lived there. The name Bethsaida may also come from a Hebrew word “house of the fisher.”

Another site is et-Tell, a rocky hill northwest of Khirbet el-Araq that is two kilometers from the lake shore. Roman pottery and a large stone wall have been found here.

J. Finegan and J. McKenzie feel that Khirbet el-Araq on the lake is the site of the original fishing village and et-Tell is the site of the new city with its citadel built by Philip.

The traveler St. Wilibald (A.D. 725), the bishop of Eichstatt in Germany and a relative of St. Boniface, the apostle to Germany, says at Bethsaida where the house of Peter and Andrew stood, there is now a church.

J. Finegan says that, since no excavations have been made at Bethsaida, the town is not yet been found. But there is a large unhewn basalt stone at et-Tell that bears Christian symbols, namely a tree branch symbolizing a shoot from the stump of Jesse, a cross with a rainbow symbolizing several divine covenants, and two eyes, one open and one closed, symbolizing the miracle of the healing of the blind man at Bethsaida.

H. Nos mentions that the location of Tabgha, more than a mile southwest of Capernaum on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, had been a traditional site for Bethsaida. Tabgha is the site of Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves and fishes and the feeding of the five thousand people. However, the Gospels require that Bethsaida be located on the northeast shore of the Sea of Galilee. The town of Bethsaida was important because it was in an area for good fishing.

J. Cornyn mentions that the best fishing grounds in the Sea of Galilee were at this northeast end of the lake where the Jordan River deposited its silt. Here the apostles would have to brave the west wind’s sudden squalls that funneled down through the Gulf of Pigeons above the town of Magdala.

Father Richard Hire, is pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse.

A gray with grace

“Oh phooey! There’s another one!” I said to myself, looking in the mirror, as I discovered yet another stray hair poking out from my thin light brown mane. Carefully, I separated the locks from the ugly mutant one and pluck. Out it came... but then I spotted another. I poised the tweezers into position and leapt. At the other one down too, like a sportsman seeking an evasive prize deer. As I pulled back from the roots I could see it was trapped. Puck! Out was the evidence of my 40-some years of living. It’s happened. I’ve hit middle age.

This whole thing snuck up on me. Just yesterday, it seems, David and I were at the roosting our wedding and then welcoming bundle after bundle (nine bundles in all — thank you, God!). Next I knew, we were at the YWCA soccer, tending to sick bed patients (both a happy and frustrating revelation). Then I was teach- ing them to read and spinning them up for YMCA soccer, tending to sick bed as the flu bit every one once, and soon realizing the greatest joys ever in simple things like spending an occasional Sunday afternoon playing in the sand and sun, and sitting regularly at Mass (taking up nearly the whole day). Another blink and the oldest is three. Three! How did that happen? I’ve always had a baby on my hip. I don’t get mis- taken for an older sister of one of my children like I used to. I exer-

SCRIEPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for September 7, 2008
Matthew 18:15-20

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: a lesson on ways to restore harmony to the church.

Words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

GATHERING

THREE

THE CHURCH

COLLECTOR

BOUND

AGREE

GATHERING

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date who doesn’t support the culture of life, but we like everything else about them. This is not being true to our faith as practicing Catholics and members of the Indiana Knights of Columbus. Prayer for a moral political candidate has never been more important.

And so we reflect on the events occurring all around us and the desperate need for all of us to pray for peace in our world, a peace that cannot exist without human rights, and the sanctity of life.

Bob Hartsentein is the director of communications for the Indiana Knights of Columbus.

KNOTHS

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By Patricia Kasten

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god gives me more wisdom and patience and opportunities to grow in virtue as I age.

who am I to feel like they’re 20 again? To me, it seems, David was right where I’m supposed to be. Around the corner. I’m going to try...
FOOTBALL TEAMS HONORED

Bishop Dwenger will honor its 1967, 1968, 1978, and 1983 football teams during halftime of the Dwenger vs. Northrop football game on Friday, Sept. 12. A reception will be held at the school immediately following the game in the Student Activity Center. Call (260) 496-4706 for information.

CYO fires off two weeks of football action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football kicked off “Week 1” action in the scorching sun at Zollner Stadium on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, posting four shutouts. Despite a few changes for the team from a year ago, the St. John Fort Wayne/St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Eagles won their opener over the Holy Cross Crusaders by a tight margin of 6-0.

The Eagle team, which was comprised of three schools for the past several years, now feeds from just two after the merging of Benoit Academy.

“We still hold our practices at the Benoit site, which keeps them close at heart,” reports Coach Jim Carroll. Many of the Benoit students transitioned to St. John Fort Wayne so there was not a significant impact on the overall roster numbers. Coach Carroll lists around 30 for 2008 — typical of prior Eagle units.

Restarting a brand new winning streak for the Eagles, Sam Stronczek hooked up with Brian Volmerding on a 10-yard pass play late in the final quarter to seal the victory for the season opener. The Eagle defense played strong allowing Holy Cross only one visit past the 50-yard line.

In other action, St. JAT quarterback John Casaburo led the scoring assault as the Knights chalked up their first win of the 2008 season over Queen of Angels/ Precious Blood.

Will Nolan, Nick Deiser, Matt Harris, Brandon Thiele all scored touchdowns. Trey Casaburo hit several PAT attempts in the game and threw one of the touchdown passes. Big defensive plays by Aaron LeMaster also contributed to the shutout of the Royal Reds.

In the Redeemer Radio broadcast of the week, St. Vincent downed St. Charles, 14-0. Panther tailback Chris Rama scored in the first half on a run off tackle while Nick German had a quarterback sneak in the second. Defensive coaches Alf Fettl, Greg German and Ken Thompson are credited for pitching the shutout while the offensive line of Blake Bowers, Gummah Dunham, Jeremy Reese, Brandon Evans and Jeremy Gladue did a solid job all day long of opening holes for their backs.

Head coach Cory Kitchen also reported that wide receiver, Ryan Burns, did a fine job for the victors. “I was pleased with our effort, but we certainly have a lot to work on,” summarizes Kitchen.

Although they are small this year with just 13 healthy players listed on their opening day roster, the Raiders from St. John New Haven beat the St. Jude Eagles in the final contest of the day. Adam McCarthy returned the opening kickoff for 80 yards, and it was all Raiders from there. McCarthy went on to carry the pigskin three times for 18 yards and a 3-yard touchdown run. He also had two interceptions, returning one for a 15-yard score. Dillion Carey rushed for 58 yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback Jake Britton added two more touchdown runs and Michael Yagedenski had a big interception. Finally, Weston Painter and Jeffrey Heathon had numerous sacks and anchored the line on both sides of the ball.

Battle of the St. John’s

In the annual Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) football “Battle of the St. John’s,” the St. John, Fort Wayne-Hessen Cassel Eagles squeaked by the Raiders from St. John, New Haven, 14-8, in week 2 gridiron action at Zollner Stadium Saturday, Aug. 30.

The game was a hard-fought battle between the two big hitting teams. In a scoreless gridlock at the half time break, both teams came out determined to take home the “W.”

The Eagles’ workhorse, Jocquel “Big Jake” Cooper, was first to light up the scoreboard on a 10-yard scamper. Sam Stronczek hit the PAT. The Raiders battled back to tie things up 8-8 in the fourth quarter on a 3-yard touchdown run by Dillion Carey with Adam McCarthy kicking the extra points.

With less than four minutes remaining, Cooper once again off a 70-yard run for another touchdown sealing the victory for Jim Carroll’s Eagles in the Labor Day weekend heat.

In the St. Vincent vs. St. Jude matchup, the Panthers improved to 2-0 beating the Eagles 30-8. Nick German had a stellar game for St. Vincent scoring three touchdowns. The first came on a “special teams” 63-yard punt return. He also scored defensively on a 55-yard interception return and offensively on a 13-yard run, which was set up by his own 64-yard punt return. Chris Rama added six points for the victors on an 8-yard run breaking multiple tackles on his way to the end zone.

Stephen Colligan went 3-4 on PAT attempts.

“Our defense once again was up to the challenge as they shutout the St. Jude offense,” said a pleased Panther Coach Cory Kitchen. The Eagles touchdown was scored by their defense late in the game.

In other games at Zollner, Holy Cross downed JAT (St. Joe/St. Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese), 22-0, and St. Charles beat Precious Blood/Queen of Angels, 2-0. Leading the Cardinals in the victory were Ben Kossarik (TD, 2 PAT, 1 FG) and Aaron Esch (2 TD passes, 1 INT). Also scoring for St. Charles were Max Gabet on a 10-yard catch and Tyler Tippmann with a 45-yard run in the final quarter.

Week 3 varsity CYO action will return to Sunday afternoon this week and switch to Bishop Luers field on Sept. 7.

After jamborees, ICCL teams ready for season

BY ELMER J. DANCH

SOUTH BEND — The school- boy football jamborees provided both the varsity and B-team junior varsity an opportunity to check their skills and techniques. This Sunday, both the varsity and junior varsity prep will officially open the 64th year of action in the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL).

The Mishawaka Catholic Saints, who wound up as defending champions and also proved their mettle by snaring the diocesean playoff title, will face a talented Holy Family Trojans in one of the two varsity games on tap.

The game will also bring together two super senior coaches: Tony Violi of the Saints and Jeff Boocher of Holy Family. Violi is in his 25th year of coaching the schoolboy aspirants in the ICCL. Boocher is starting his 20th year of working with players in the ICCL.

The tilt is set for 1 p.m. at Marian High School. The second varsity game will send the St. Matthew Blazers against the St. Anthony-St. Joseph combination at Saint Joseph’s athletic field. The Blazer’s lead by Mike Ernst, and Kevin Sander leads the St. Anthony-St. Joseph consolidation. Both are part of the new younger group of coaches in the ICCL. Both Ernst and Sandor cut their teeth in the ICCL as players when they were students. And now they are both giving their time and experience back to the league.

Also on the schedule are three B-team contests. They are Mishawaka Catholic vs. Holy Family, Holy Cross vs. Granger Catholic — both at Marian; and St. Matthew vs. St. Anthony at Saint Joseph’s.
Catholic sax player blends faith with talent

By Kat Cozad

FORT WAYNE — Ray Herrmann may not be the first name that pops into an everyday conversation, but his world-class music has been heard around the globe for over 20 years. His musical expertise has grown to encompass performing, composing, arranging and directing. As a professional musician living and working out of Los Angeles, Herrmann has performed extensively in various venues and is currently performing with Chicago on an international tour.

But what makes this brilliant and accomplished musician truly unique is his passion for producing music for Catholic families.

Born in Evanston, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, Herrmann was introduced to music early on by his German immigrant parents whose faith and love of music sustained them through the horrors of World War II. He began piano lessons at age six and subsequently studied the clarinet as well.

Herrmann credits his parents for not only instilling in him the value of discipline as he developed his musical talent, but for his deeply rooted Catholic faith as well.

"After the trauma my parents went through during the war, they instilled the Catholic faith in us. We stayed close to the sacraments, prayed that family rosary every day and attended Mass," he recalls, adding that his deep faith is what grounded him during his early years of auditioning to make a name for himself in the music industry.

Ray Herrmann winning musician Ray Herrmann rocks out on his saxophone on stage with Chicago, one of the longest running and most successful rock-and-roll bands in America. He has recently teamed with the Redemptorist Congregation to produce two inspiring Catholic CDs with music from the works of congregation founder St. Alphonsus Liguori.

For more information visit rayherrmann.com. To order or hear excerpts from both Catholic CDs visit www.little-lambmusic.com.

The music of St. Alphonsus Liguori, "the doctor of souls," is "beyond fun," he says. "I love playing all the instruments. I'd always wanted to do a rosary CD for families. And though he says touring with Chicago, the band whose members were heroes in childhood, is "beyond fun," he's the first to admit that his heart belongs to producing Catholic music for the faithful.

"For me that is much more meaningful." Recently, a second outstanding CD featuring the works of the Redemptorists' founding saint, interpreted through Herrmann's music, "Praying the Seven Sorrows of Mary with St. Alphonsus Maria Liguori," was produced by the team. The version is led by Father Pablo Straub of EWTN fame.

All proceeds from the sale of these inspiring CDs goes directly to assist Redemptorist missionars in building schools and clinics for the people of the Amazon Rain Forest and other depressed areas of Brazil, Nigeria and Thailand.

As for Ray Herrmann, his enthusiasm and passion for his music remain life's melody as he quips, "Different situations call for different music. That's part of being a musician. Learning music is unending. That's the beauty of it. I love playing all the instruments. It's fun and beauty and joy!"

Ray Herrmann will perform as saxophonist with one of the longest-running and most successful rock-and-roll bands, Chicago, on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Embassy Theater in Fort Wayne.

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TODAY’S CATHOLIC

September 7, 2008
**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.dioecesefwsb.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.

**MISC. HAPPENINGS**

**Anniversary Mass**

Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger High School will celebrate its 45th anniversary with a Mass on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m. Following Mass, there will be a reception and tours of the school. Guests are asked to enter through Door #5. Reservations can be made to (260) 496-4710 or by e-mail to: ldelaney@bish-opdwenger.com.

**Precious Blood School plans anniversary celebration**

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood School opened its doors on Sept. 12, 1898 to 160 students in grades 1-8. The students and staff will have a 110th birthday party for the school on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 1:30-2:45 p.m. at the school parking lot, 1528 Barthold St.

**Chicago bus trip**

Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Development Office is sponsoring a bus trip to Chicago on Saturday, Nov. 8. The bus will depart the Bishop Dwenger at 7 a.m. and leave Chicago at 5 p.m. Central Time. Cost is $35 per person. Seating is limited so get your reservations early. Checks should be made payable to Bishop Dwenger High School and sent to the Development Office: 1300 E. Washington Center Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Call (260) 496-4710 for more information.

**XLT planned for Elkhart**

Elkhart — XLT (exalt) Center Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Call (260) 496-4710 for your reservations in early.

**Fish fry and salad bar**

South Bend — St. Adalbert Parish will have a fish fry and salad bar on Friday, Sept. 19, from 3:30-7 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Adults and carry-outs $7. Children under $3.

**Rummage sale**

Fort Wayne — St. Henry’s Community Center, 3029 E. Paulding Rd., is collecting items for a rummage sale to be held Sept. 12-13. Proceeds will be used to fit the community center. Call Elaine Bakle at (260) 447-5121 ext. 124 to drop off your items or if your items are too big, we will pick them up. A barbecue rib and chicken dinner will also be held on Friday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Parish festival**

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist Parish, 4500 Fairfield Ave. will have a parish festival Friday, Sept. 12, from noon to 11 p.m. with adult games and silent auction for adults only. Saturday, Sept. 13, is family day with children’s games, food, bingo, raffles, talent show, beer tent and adult games. Music by Fawn Liebowitz.

**Luncheon card party**

South Bend — The Saint Anne Society will have a luncheon card party Sunday, Sept. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Our Lady of Hungry School Auditorium, 735 W. Calvert St. Donation of $5 at the door and bring your own cards.

**Fall festival planned**

Fort Wayne — St. Therese will have a fall festival Saturday, Sept. 6. Children’s games will be from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an auction at 1 p.m. and raffles and entertainment. Live band “Pop ‘N Fresh” will provide evening entertainment starting at 8 p.m. Must be 21. Indiana State License # 115101.

**St. Mary’s and St. Peter’s Parishes (Fort Wayne)**

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9:00 a.m. Masses at St. Peter’s 518 East Delphi Ave. Monday, 9/15, Tuesday, 9/16 and Wednesday 9/17

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6:30 p.m. Services at St. Mary’s 1101 South Lafayette Street Sunday 9/14, Monday 9/15 and Tuesday 9/16

Refreshments following the service.

Closing Mass - St. Mary’s Thursday, Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. Followed by a reception.

**TOPICS:**

Sunday, Sept. 14: “What Is The Treasure We Share?”

Monday, Sept. 15: “Too Good A Secret To Be Kept”

Tuesday, Sept. 16: “Do You Love Me?”

Wednesday, Sept. 17: “Are We A Forgiving Community?”

Thursday, Sept. 18: “A Work That Cannot Fail”

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St. Pius X School opens doors and welcomes first graduating class

Father William Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X in Granger, welcomes sixth-grader Maggie Gillis and her brother, second-grader Joey Gillis on the first day of school. St. Pius X School officially opened its doors Aug. 27. Faculty and staff joined Father Schooler in welcoming the new students as the line of cars and vans made their way through the parking lot.

Because there is no eighth grade this year, the incoming seventh graders will be the first-ever class to graduate from St. Pius X School in 2010. Homeroom teacher Allison Krisch helped gather the history-making group for the first-ever class photo.

Father Schooler, Associate Pastor Father Bob Lengenrich and Principal Elaine Holmes led a prayer to begin the new school year. That was followed by a mini pep-rally, with Father Schooler revving up the troops and unveiling the school mascot, a winged lion. Father Schooler congratulated everyone for being part of a historic and brave new undertaking.

Today’s Catholic

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month’s featured selection:

Gary MacEoin’s “Basil Moreau: Founder of Holy Cross”

Persecution, derision and animosity — such were the crosses that Blessed Basil Moreau embraced at the hands of his tormentors, men whom he had joyously welcomed into his spiritual family. Yet, through it all, the holy priest maintained his generosity of heart and trust in God. In “Basil Moreau Founder of Holy Cross,” Gary MacEoin depicts the struggle that no man could withstand without the intervention of a divine source.

Hence, neither Basil’s faith nor his education was to be taken lightly. Noticed from a young age as one who could become a priest, Basil studied under good teachers and heroesism that concerned even his own parish priests who risked their lives in order to bring the sacraments to their flock.

Though Father Moreau’s life was far from dull, some of the events are unclear in MacEoin’s book, causing the biography to be difficult to follow at times. The reader may first want to become familiar with the chronological listing of events, given toward the end of the book. Since members of Holy Cross came to the U.S. and now serve in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, it is fitting that all should come to know and venerate this holy founder.

About the author

Gary MacEoin — an editor, author of 25 books and speechwriter — was a Catholic writer for 70 years. Playing a strong role in the history of the National Catholic Reporter since its inception, the 94-year-old man died in 2003.

Questions for discussion

• Though it was difficult, Father Moreau obediently accepted the commands of his superiors throughout his life. Are there ways in which you can submit to another’s will in order to gain grace? • Father Moreau was often tormented by his so-called followers, yet he offered those trials to God. In what ways can you offer your sufferings to God? • Father Moreau believed that one must first reach a high level of personal sanctification and wisdom before attempting to teach others. How are you becoming closer to God? What more should you be doing?

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