BY DON CLEMMER

FORT WAYNE — One of the largest Catholic grade schools in the diocese celebrated even more growth with the dedication and blessing of the new 14,000 square-foot building addition to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School on Friday, Sept. 5.

Bishop John M. D’Arcy was on hand for the dedication ceremony in the school gymnasium, as was the entire St. Vincent de Paul student body, which included, for the first time, kindergartners. Four of the eight classrooms in the addition are used for kindergarten.

“Kindergarten has become more important in education now,” Father John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent, told Today’s Catholic. He noted that, prior to the addition, the school did not have room for the program, but that “It was the time to do it. I think we were the only Catholic grade school in this diocese without a kindergarten.”

Welcoming the bishop at the dedication ceremony, Father Kuzmich, related how he had visited all four kindergarten classrooms the day before and asked them who was coming to visit their school.

When one student replied, “Bishop D’Arcy,” Father Kuzmich had asked who Bishop D’Arcy was.

“And he turned to me, and he said, ‘your boss,’” Father Kuzmich recounted, adding, over the laughter of the students in the assembly, that the bishop is a “nice boss.”

After being welcomed at the dedication ceremony by second graders with greeting cards and cardboard miters, Bishop D’Arcy cited the strengths of St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

“This is a parish where, every year, many people become Catholics,” he said, then added, “St. Vincent’s also helps poor parishes. We’re not Catholic if we don’t help the poor.” The bishop also cited the parish’s

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — Local organizations that work with those in need found their burdens a little lighter thanks to the Annual Bishop’s Appeal.

Bishop John M. D’Arcy recognized the impact workers have had on each charity and honored each of them with a donation to help with their ministries. The checks were distributed Sunday at St. Augustine Church in South Bend during the installation Mass of Holy Cross Father Leonard J. Collins.

Thanks to the funds from the Annual Bishop’s Appeal, needy residents in the South Bend area and throughout the diocese receive some much-needed help as the tireless advocates continue in the struggles to help the poor.

Jo Fisher, the West Regional administrator of Catholic Charities said, “We serve anyone in need with the food pantry. We’re open three days a week, and we are always in need of food.

“Thank you Bishop D’Arcy for the donation,” she continued. “It will be put to good use, and it was a honor and privilege to be here. Again, thanks for the donation, and I would like to encourage the (Catholic community) to keep giving to the (Annual) Bishop’s Appeal.”

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal funds the work of the diocese beyond the parishes. Contributions to the appeal provide the churches with an opportunity to participate in the ministry and mission of the diocese — a community of faith that extends beyond the boundaries of any one parish. Contributions to the Annual Bishop’s Appeal are used for education, family and pastoral assistance, evangelization and charities.

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Bishop D’Arcy also pointed out that, thanks to the youth program at the parish, the diocese has more seminarians who “saw where you did,” that is, from St. Vincent de Paul, than any other parish in the diocese. The assembly applauded loudly. This, the bishop concluded, was not supposed to make the parish proud.

“It is supposed to make us humb- because that's the work of Jesus Christ,” he said. “When we bless the kindergarten and other classrooms today, what we are saying is that Jesus Christ loves to be with children.”

He also said to the students, “I hope that you grow every day in learning and every day in prayer.”

The bishop then processed with Father Kuzmich, associate pastor Father Jason Freiburger and superintendent of diocesan schools, Holy Cross Father Stephen Kempinger, through the new addition, blessing classrooms and the students.

Stopping in the classrooms, Bishop D’Arcy spoke with kindergartners, second- and fifth-grade students about what and whom they pray for, as well as the importance of praying every day. He also visited the school’s library, which, thanks to a walkway in the addition, is now handicap accessible.

“We put on the last addition,” Father Kuzmich said, “we anticipated the building growing.”

This made it easier to incorporate the expansion into the existing structure. As a result, along with the new kindergarten, the Spanish, French and health teachers have their own classrooms, as does the school’s director of development. With kindergarten, this year’s enrollment at St. Vincent de Paul is 774 students.

“This new addition is a commitment to keep the school strong, to allow it to continue to grow, at least to meet the needs of this parish,” Father Kuzmich said of this growth. “It’s a lot of work, but it’s well worth it, because we believe in Catholic education.”

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were down to our last few boxes of macaroni and cheese,” said Janet Lentz, of Little Flower Parish Food Pantry. “We thank you so much, Bishop D’Arcy. This will go a long ways to help the people. Our numbers have been really up this year.”

Holy Cross Father Richard Warner, chairman of the board of directors for The Center for the Homeless, noted, “The Center for the Homeless celebrated 20 years of help and service to those most in need of our help.” Father Warner is also the director of campus ministry at the University of Notre Dame.

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**San Francisco archbishop wants talk with Pelosi on Catholic teaching**

BY DAN MORRIS-JOYNG

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — Calling recent nationally broadcast comments by U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi “in serious conflict with the teachings of the Catholic Church,” Archbishop George H. Niederauer of San Francisco invited the Catholic lawmaker “into a conversation with me” about church teaching on abortion, the beginning of human life and the formation of conscience.

Archbishop Niederauer said in a Sept. 5 statement that he regretted addressing the issue so publicly, because Pelosi, a Democrat who represents the San Francisco area — has been a dedicated public servant who has promoted some legislation that is in line with the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

“But the widespread construe- nation among Catholics made it unavoidable,” he added.

The statement, which was carried in the Sept. 5 issue of Catholic San Francisco, arch- diocesan newspaper, was Archbishop Niederauer’s first public comment on the matter since Pelosi’s Aug. 24 remarks drew national criticism.

The house speaker said on NBC’s “Meet the Press” that day that church leaders for centuries had not been able to agree on when life begins.

Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia and Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., chairmen of the U.S. bishops’ doctrine committees, respectively, criticized Pelosi the next day, saying she “misrepres- ented the history and nature of the church’s teaching of the Catholic Church on abortion.”

Since the first century, the church has condemned the moral evil of every abortion, the two chairmen said.

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**Superior prays at special service for Mother Teresa**

Sister Nirmala Joshi, superior of the Missionaries of Charity, right, prays during a special prayer service for Blessed Mother Teresa in Calcutta, India, Sept. 5, the 11th anniversary of Mother Teresa’s death.

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In talk, John McCain invokes themes of ‘Faithful Citizenship’ document

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Positioning himself as a Republican outsider, Sen. John McCain pledged to reform politics as usual in the nation’s capital while upholding a culture of life as he began the final two months of the long presidential campaign.

Accepting his party’s nomination for president Sept. 4 in St. Paul, Minn., the 72-year-old Arizonan set out to distinguish himself from Democratic opponent, Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, as the candidate better positioned to achieve prosperity for the country and rebuild America’s faltering status as the world’s leading economic power.

McCain also framed his life as one devoted to serving his country. Describing his career in the U.S. Navy, how he was shot down over North Vietnam and his five and a half years as a prisoner of war, McCain explained how he came to realize how much his country meant to him during his captivity as he struggled to recover from the serious injuries suffered in the jet crash.

The senator’s 46-minute speech invoked in broad terms a few themes expressed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ 2007 “Faithful Citizenship” document, which calls on Catholic voters to form their consciences around a variety of social concerns based on Catholic social teaching.

Most notable was his call for the widening of educational options for parents and children. Calling education “the civil rights issue of this century,” McCain said parents should be able to send their children to charter schools or private schools of their choice.

While stopping short of calling for the institution of a nationwide voucher program — under which parents would be allocated funds to be used to send their children to a school of their choice — McCain said parents should not be required to send their children to a failing public school.

Like the bishops, he urged the country to set aside first concerns and to step up to serve others, volunteer for worthwhile causes or enter politics, much as he did, to build a stronger, more caring society.

But he offered few specifics in the way of policy, instead embracing the mantel of maverick given to him by critics and supporters alike and depicting himself as someone who will fight for the concerns of average Americans.

“[He didn’t talk a lot about economic issues that Catholics traditionally think of as justice/fairness issues],” said Martin Shaffer, dean of the School of Liberal Arts at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. “He talked more about the economy in terms of those being tough times for people. He hasn’t been known as a person as interested in those policy areas,” he said.

On the other hand, the fact that the candidate spoke more specifically about the threats posed by al-Qaida, Iran and the Russian intervention in Georgia and its former satellite states reflects his strong desire to protect the country, Shaffer said.

McCain’s approach to foreign affairs, as expressed in his speech, concerns June-Ann Greeley, director of the Center of Catholic Thought, Ethics and Culture at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. She said his seeming willingness to flex American military muscle around the world runs contrary to his views of embracing a culture of life.

“You can tell he was formed by his experience in the military,” Greeley said. “I think he identifies his place as part of the warrior culture and that he’s going to protect this country. As a Catholic I can certainly identify with the importance of being ready to take up arms for the right kind of cause. Speaking as a Catholic, I do think we are asked by the Holy Father and the (U.S.) bishops to seek other paths.”

Mark Gray, research associate and director of Catholic polls at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, said McCain seems to be reaching to capture independent and undecided voters in the political center by not being more specific on domestic policy.

“I think he’s pretty confident in the base now,” Gray said. “I think he’s left a lot of the conservative issues to the vice-presidential candidate (Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin). From here on out, the traditional conservative issues he’s going to have to address and he’s going to try to appeal more to the voters in the center.”

Even as McCain spoke of his belief in the culture of life, a term often used by Pope John Paul II throughout his long papacy to call for an end to abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia and embryonic stem-cell research, the senator failed to mention any of the procedures individually.

Scott Paeth, who studies religion in public life as an assistant professor of religious studies at DePaul University in Chicago, said McCain’s use of the term culture of life serves as shorthand to supporters to express a belief in many of the life issues the Republican Party has championed.

“That’s very standard from a Republican perspective ... for talking about a whole raft of issues on Catholic teaching, anti-abortion, anti-stem-cell research, anti-cloning,” Paeth said. “But it doesn’t include anti-death penalty and it doesn’t include a strong anti-war perspective.”

Marist veterinarian John Putka, a political science lecturer at the University of Dayton in Ohio, suggested that even though the senator has considered a “code” to like believers, McCain was able to differentiate himself from Obama on a key issue.

Putka called McCain’s reliance on his POW experience “very powerful.”

“He framed it in terms of his war and what it did for his faith: find God and find yourself through your suffering,” Father Putka added. “The average American has got to feel it in his gut for him.”

Editor’s Note: Analysis of the Democratic convention speech was featured in the Sept. 7 issue of Today’s Catholic.

Pope prays for Haitians as they battle to survive series of storms

CAGLIARI, Sardinia (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI offered prayers and requested international aid for the people of Haiti, battered by four hurricanes in the space of three weeks.

Speaking during a visit to the Italian island of Sardinia, the pope said he was following events in Haiti, where the storms have left at least 500 people dead and hundreds of thousands without basic necessities. One million people have been affected by the storms.

“[I am] praying for the victims, unfortunately numerous, and for those without homes. I am close to the entire nation of Haiti and I hope that the necessary aid will reach the country as soon as possible,” he said.

The pope, who had just finished celebrating Mass at a Marian sanctuary, entrusted the protection of the Haitian people to Mary Sept. 7.

After being struck by Hurricanes Fay, Gustav and Hanna, Haiti was hit Sept. 7 with downpours from Hurricane Ike. Swollen rivers caused new flooding that sent residents to their rooftops, and 61 more people were reported dead Sept. 8.

The flooding and mudslides have isolated many towns, and relief supplies have not always been able to get through. The storms have destroyed crops and threatened to create a long-term food supply problem in Haiti.

Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops’ international aid agency, has been providing emergency supplies, including water purification kits and food rations, to those in need. CRS, one of the largest humanitarian agencies in Haiti, has been working with other agencies in Haiti to provide relief.

Caritas Haiti also has been assisting in relief efforts on the ground. Caritas said it plans to build shelters and will rebuild 500 homes.

Caritas Haiti and CRS are affiliates of the international umbrella group of Catholic aid agencies, Caritas Internationalis.
GOP platform decries abortion, calls for human life amendment

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Upholding its long-standing view that life begins at conception, the Republican Party decried the practice of abortion and repeated its call for a human life amendment to the U.S. Constitution in its 2008 political platform.

Adopted Sept. 1 at the start of the GOP's national convention in St. Paul, Minn., the platform affirms that “the unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed.” It echoes language in the party’s 2004 platform.

The abortion plank drew praise from several pro-life organizations, including a spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“According to their 2008 platform, the Republican Party stands courageously for the protection of innocent life from its earliest stages onward, both in the womb and in the lab, laying the necessary foundation for promoting other basic human rights,” said Deirdre McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications in the USCCB's Office of Pro-Life Activities.

She praised the party for opposing “the status quo of abortion law” under the U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision.

“The National Right to Life Committee called the plank the ‘strongest and most explicit support of human life ever expressed by a major political party.’”

The plank reads: “Faithful to our evangelical social justice community, speakers asked Republican legislation and the language that had been dropped.

“Americans are tired of the acclamation of abortion,” said Chris Korzen, director of Catholics United.

Alivia Kelley, director of Catholics in Alliance, cited a study released by her organization the previous week showing links between socioeconomic factors and rates of abortion.

The study by Joseph Wright, visiting political science fellow at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, and Michael Bailey, assistant professor of American government at Georgetown University in Washington, found that improving poor people’s economic situations can reduce abortion rates by 20 percent to 30 percent.

“Speaking at the teleconference, Wright said factors such as increased funding for the Women, Infants and Children nutrition program and low unemployment among young women contribute dramatically to lowering rates of abortion. He said strategies aimed at reducing abortions through socioeconomic means might logically have a more substantial effect than making abortion illegal in some states. He also noted that if Roe v. Wade were overturned, laws in 25 states would allow abortion to remain legal. Those states where abortion would become illegal are less densely populated, limiting the impact such a court decision would have, he said.

Kelley and Korzen were among those in August lauding the Democratic National Committee for including language in its platform that they said was an effort to reach common ground. They also criticized the Democratic platform’s unequivocal support for Roe v. Wade.

 BJP D’Arcy said Father Collins will do a great job at St. Augustine.

“I know the great potential of what has been done here at St. Augustine’s, and we have no doubt that things will go well,” Bishop D’Arcy said.

In the installation rite, marked with a reading exchange between the bishop and Father Collins, the pastor promised his faithfulness to church teachings. He also vowed to call on his fellow priests, two of whom were present, as well as on the pastoral and financial councils, for assistance in caring for the parish and its people.

Father Collins received an ovation and cheers from the packed audience when he accepted his new role as pastor of the church.

Father Collins, entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1961 and was ordained in April of 1969. He served as a deacon at St. Augustine Parish in 1968. Father Collins began his ministry in the Southern Provinces at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, the oldest parish in Holy Cross in New Orleans. The parish never recovered after Hurricane Katrina and was closed.

Father Collins was elected provincial in 1988 and served for nine years. He has spent the last years working in a parish in Mexico until being asked by the Congregation of Holy Cross to become pastor of St. Augustine.

After Mass, many St. Augustine parishioners waited in line to congratulate the priest. Later Father Collins and Bishop D’Arcy were treated to a dinner and fellowship in the church hall.

“I was a very smooth transition, and although I haven’t had much contact with him from what I have seen he is a good listener,” said Linwood Bailey, president of the parish council. “I think it going to be a great experience for us and for Father Collins. He seems to be sensitive to the church, and I think he’ll be a great person to work with.”

The installation Mass also included distribution of checks through the Annual Bishop’s Appeal to local organizations who help the poor and needy of South Bend.
Pope names more women than ever to Synod of Bishops on Bible

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Choosing men and women from every part of the world and from a wide variety of professional spheres, Pope Benedict XVI nominated 32 voting members, 41 experts and 37 observers for the upcoming world Synod of Bishops. The nomination of six female scholars as experts and of 19 women as observers will give the Oct. 5-26 Synod of Bishops on the Bible the largest bloc of women ever participating in a Catholic synod. The list of papal appointments to the synod was published Sept. 6 by the Vatican. The 32 clerics, seven bishops, two of whom are women, were elected by their national bishops’ conferences, 10 priests elected by the Union of Superiors General and about two dozen cardinals and archbishops, heads of Vatican congregations and councils, who automatically are members of the synod.

Iraq’s Chaldean refugees fleeing to Lebanon seek help from church

BEIRUT, Lebanon (CNS) — Chaldean Catholic refugees who fled Iraq face an uncertain status in Lebanon and often seek help from the Catholic Church. “We are Chaldean Catholic Iraqi refugees arrive in Lebanon, the first place they come to is the bishop’s house asking for help,” said Chaldean Bishop Michel Kassarji of Beirut. Each week, up to 100 Chaldeans as many as 20 newly arrived Chaldean families come to St. Raphael the Archangel Chaldean Cathedral, across from the bishop’s residence, in a Beirut suburb. The numbers have increased in recent months, as the persecution of Christians in Iraq continues to escalate. The parish has a team of volunteers helping with the humanitarian crisis of the Iraqi Chaldean population in Lebanon. To meet the demand and coordinate the needs of these refugees, the Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center in Beirut set up a satellite office in St. Raphael’s staffed with three Caritas social workers. Of its 35 social workers in Lebanon, Caritas has assigned at least 15 to work with Iraqi refugees.

Italian Cardinal Innocenti, diplomat and Vatican official, dies

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Italian Cardinal Antonio Innocenti, a Vatican diplomat and one-time head of the Congregation for Clergy, died Sept. 6 at the age of 93. He was the head of the Congregation for Clergy, died Sept. 6 at the age of 93.

Cardinal Francis George presides at Mass at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago Aug. 30. It was the first liturgy celebrated there since the cathedral closed for roof and ceiling repairs in February. More than 23,000 hand-carved wooden points from the ceiling were polished and secured as part of the renovation. The cathedral was dedicated in 1875, four years after its predecessor was destroyed in the Great Chicago Fire.

Peter Tatchell of the homosexual lobby group Outrage said the exhumation of Cardinal Newman’s body would be “an act of grave robbing, sacrilege and desecration.” Tatchell has claimed repeatedly that the cardinal’s 35-year friendship with Father Ambrose St. John, with whom he lived, suggests he was a celibate homosexual.

Newman biographer criticizes gays for objections to moving tomb

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Writing in the Vatican newspaper, a biographer of Cardinal John Henry Newman criticized what he called the “homosexual lobby” for its objections to moving the cardinal’s tomb ahead of his possible beatification. The article argued that Cardinal Newman, who is buried in the same grave but in a separate coffin above his most cherished friend, should not be presumed to have been homosexual. In fact, the article said, Cardinal Newman considered celibacy a necessary sacrifice of a heterosexual point of view. When he wrote about the burden of celibacy, he was “naturally speaking of marriage with a woman,” the article said. The article, written by Father Ian Ker was published Sept. 2 in L’Osservatore Romano, the Vatican daily. Father Ker is the author of the definitive biography of Cardinal Newman as well as more than 20 other books about him. The issue has caused a controversy in England, where the 19th-century cardinal is buried.

Jury awards $5 million, says Belleville Diocese hid abuse information

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (CNS) — The Diocese of Belleville was ordered to pay $5 million in a sex abuse case after a jury determined that it had fraudulently concealed information and thus prevented the plaintiff from filing suit earlier.

“We recognize that all persons have that human dignity protected, but this does not justify the creation of a term whose traditional meaning is of critical importance to the furtherance of a fundamental societal interest,” said the joint statement. “Created in the Divine Image” was released Sept. 3. It was signed by the Catholic co-chairman, Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y.; and the Jewish co-chairman, Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld of Young Israel Synagogue in New York, as well as other members of the Consultation of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Orthodox Union and the Rabbinical Council of America.

Schulerkreis ‘sets up foundation to promote study of pope’s work

ROME (CNS) — Scholars who wrote their doctoral dissertations under the direction of then-Father Joseph Ratzinger-Pope Benedict XVI Foundation during their annual meeting Aug. 29-Sept. 1 released a new definition of a saint. Father Joseph Fessio. Father Fessio, who studied under the future pope, decided to establish the foundation. It will collect video and audio testimonies from the pope’s former students, sponsor conferences on his theological thought, offer scholarships and establish a documentation center. In addition, the foundation’s scholars — known as the “schulerkreis” (students’ circle) — meet every year in Regensburg, Germany, to add to the documentation of different countries whose work focuses on the pope’s writings.

North American College welcomes largest incoming class in 40 years

ROME (CNS) — The Pontifical North American College welcomed its largest incoming class in 40 years Aug. 28 when 61 seminarians arrived. While classes at the pontifical universities in Rome do not begin until mid-October, the new students at the seminary sponsored by the U.S. bishops arrived early for orientation, meeting Italian classes and a retreat. But first, they sang for the pope. Given a place of honor, a group of seminarians at the papal villa at Castel Gandolfo Aug. 31, they serenaded the pope in Latin after joining in the noontime recitation of the Angelus. Msgr. Robert Gruss, vice rector for student life, said that when the new men are joined by the second-, third- and fourth-year students by mid-September, the college will have a booming community of 280 seminarians. On the Janiculum Hill overlooking the Vatican, the college opened in 1954 with room for more than 200 students. Recently some rooms had been put to different uses. “Those rooms have been reclaimed,” Msgr. Gruss said.

Archdiocese reiterates that Emmitsburg visions ‘not supernatural’

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Responding to an apocalyptic posting to a Web site by Gianna Talone-Sullivan claiming that the Blessed Virgin Mary told her of an impending fourth World War, the Archdiocese of Baltimore has reaffirmed its position that Talone-Sullivan’s alleged visions “are not supernatural in origin.” Talone-Sullivan, a pharmacologist, claimed to have received messages from Mary during Thursday evening prayer services at St. Joseph Parish in Emmitsburg from May through August 2007. The archdiocese banned them. Talone-Sullivan claimed that Mary remained “publicly silent” for two years following the end of the prayer services, but continued to appear and speak with her privately. Talone-Sullivan believed that the messages were “public messages to the world,” alleged from Mary, via the Internet on Aug. 3, 2002.
New director and name change for Holy Cross College career center

NOTRE DAME — Daniel Haverty is joining the face of Holy Cross College's career center. Formerly known as the Lilly Career Development Center, the name has been changed to the Lilly Center for Discernment and Preparation. Haverty hopes to shift the focus of the center, from strictly careers, work study and internships to also helping students with post-graduate vocations like graduate school, religious life and service.

Haverty received his associate degree from Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Mich. From there, he attended Eastern Michigan University School of Business where he earned a bachelor’s in business administration and then his MBA. Haverty has worked in banking, insurance and real estate before coming to work at Holy Cross College.

“I felt this was a calling,” says Haverty. “I have always wanted to work for an organization close to my faith and I have always had a desire to train and teach.”

He does not want to simply help students find internships to fulfill their graduation requirement. Instead, Haverty wants to work closely with the students from their freshmen year on, so as to establish suitable post-graduate placement.

“I will help students discern a direction for their careers by using a variety of tools such as the FOCUS assessment, talking with them about their interests and praying with them so they are guided to their ultimate fortune,” says Haverty.

The FOCUS assessment is an online evaluation and career compass tool now utilized by the College. He is supported by his wife of 17 years, Laurie, son Marcus, 11, daughter Shannon Rose, 7, and son Aidan, 4.

Bereavement seminar scheduled in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home’s Fall Bereavement Education Series will host “Lessons to Live After the Death of a Spouse” on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 9-11:30 a.m. The free event will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., offers hope for men and women who have lost their spouses through death, illness or divorce. Facilitator Joan Haverty, RN, will be conducting the program.

The program will include information from the Mayo Clinic, timeline of grief, 10 healing steps, 10 positive actions and 10 ways to help with healing. Snacks will be provided. For more information, call (260) 435-3222.

John XXIII Center offers Act of History: Al-Andalus, an evening for dads will be held at Bishop Dwenger High School, 26045 US 30, Angola, on Wednesday evenings: Sept. 24; Oct. 1, 8 and 15 from 7-9 p.m.

Registration is required, and can be done online at www.diocese-fwsb.org or by calling Janice Martin at (260) 399-1411 or e-mail at jmartin@fw.diocesefwsb.org. To prepare for this informative sessions contact Kara Slocum at the Cathedral Bookstore by calling (260) 422-1411 ext. 3356 or by e-mail at kslocum@fw.dio-

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Bishop Dwenger to hold SAT prep class

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School is offering an SAT prep class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 16, and end on Thursday, Oct. 30. The 14 sessions will include the diagnostic testing, six verbal and six math sessions. The class fee is $170 and includes the text for the course. The class will address all areas of the SAT. The class is open to any high school student in the Fort Wayne/Allen County area. For more information and registration, please call Bishop Dwenger High School at (260) 496-4700.

Bishop Luers offers PSAT/SAT seminar

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The fee for the five-hour workshop is $79. To enroll, please call Bishop Luers Guidance Department at (260) 456-1261.

Christian culture lecture series’ speaker announced

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Praising the Lord with XLT

BY TRISH LINNER

MISHAWAKA — If you haven’t heard of the new XLT youth program sweeping the nation, don’t worry. It’s coming to a parish near you soon. “XLT” is short for Exalt and was created by veteran youth minister Paul George in Atlanta, Ga. He recognized that in today’s fast-paced, technology-driven world, teens and young adults really need a time to come together and simply worship the Lord.

“Young people today especially need time to gather with each other and feel that connection to God. Peer pressure is so strong in our society. This is a great way to see that others feel the way you do,” said George. XLT is known as “an intense night of worship,” according to George.

The night is typically divided into three parts: praise and worship music, preaching and prayer, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The format engages each person in attendance and has developed a strong following among those who have attended XLT.

Locally, Cindy Black, youth director with the diocesan Office of Youth Ministry and Spiritual Formation has been instrumental in bringing the XLT program to the South Bend area.

“We have hosted our young people twice a year on retreats. The XLT program seemed like a perfect way to bring our youth together on a more regular basis. Father Bob Lengerich and Father Dan Scheidt, our pastor and associate pastor respectively, were very enthusiastic about bringing XLT to our parish and church,” said Black.

“Many of our students to come together. It’s been a wonderful way for our students to come together. It’s really a great opportunity for all young people, teens and young adults really need a time to come together and simply worship our Lord. By combining prayer, contemporary music and adoration, together we are able help them really connect with their faith.”

Both Black and Father Scheidt noted that XLT is not simply for teens.

“One family that worshipes at the XLT program in Fort Wayne has told me how moved their toddler and young kids were at the service,” said Black. “They believe XLT has planted the seed of worship in them by witnessing teens who are devoted to their faith.”

The older generation is not left out either according to Father Scheidt. “I have been told by older members of our parish after witnessing the XLT program that it has answered their prayers for our youth. They can see the response that the young people have it and it has given them hope for the future of our parish and church.”

Queen of Peace is not the only parish hosting the XLT program. St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart also hosts the event once a month, normally on the second Sunday of the month. Father Bob Lengerich and Deacon Kevin Bauman often participate in the event.

“XLT has been a great way to bring everyone together,” said Bielski.

Want to attend an XLT program and learn more? The next dates planned for XLT are Sunday, Sept. 14, 3-6 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 27, at Queen of Peace in Mishawaka. Also, at Faithfest, the annual high school rally that is held on campus. “It’s a wonderful way for our students to come together. It’s really a great opportunity for all young people,” said Black.

Black is excited about the future of the XLT program in the diocese.

“We are hoping to continue the expansion of the XLT program so that all parishes can be involved. While it was originally designed at a diocesan level, the beauty of XLT is that everyone can enjoy and be a part of. Small children, teens, young adults, families, you name it. It is a moving service that brings us closer to God,” said Black.

On Aug. 25, Dempsey personally delivered all equipment to set up 10 workstations for the residence of Polly’s Place to use.

“It’s nice to know that these computers will go to very good use and they will make a tremendous difference to help some people,” Dempsey said.

Writer Mary Tabor to speak at the USF

FORT WAYNE — The School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Saint Francis will host a lecture by award-winning writer Mary Tabor Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the Doerner Center room 156.

From high school teacher to corporate executive to an award-winning fiction writer, Tabor will speak about how to begin writing about one’s own family and personal history as well as her own story. After the lecture, attendees will have the chance to meet the writer.

Tabor published her first book of fiction at age 60 after a 16-year career in corporate America as a senior executive and chief operating officer of public affairs writing for the oil industry’s trade association. Her book, “Women Who Never Cooked” won Mid-List Press’s First Series Award. Her experience spans the worlds of journalism, education, and fiction writing.

For more information, please contact Mary Tabor at (260) 399-7700 ext. 8105.

Ethics series kicks off with climate change discussion

NOTRE DAME — In the post-Enron age, the topic of business ethics often is considered in a narrow sense as an antedote to corporate malfeasance. But in today’s complicated business environment, ethics includes an even broader range of topics far more encompassing than avoiding wrongdoing, issues such as climate change, employee rights, social justice, and corporate responsibility.

The University of Notre Dame’s Berges Lecture Series in Business Ethics began Sept. 9 with a panel discussion about climate change from a business perspective.

The annual fall lecture series, hosted by Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business is held at 7 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The schedule for the balance of the 2008 Berges series includes:

• Sept. 15: Robert Nyhuis, senior program manager for Herman Miller, “Values and Decision Making.” Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

• Oct. 2: Cathleen Black, president and chief executive officer of Notre Dame trustee and author of “Basic Black: The Essential Guide for Getting Ahead at Work” (and in Life) will speak at the Doerner Center room 156.

• Nov. 11: Joe Loughrey, president and chief operating officer of Cummins Inc., “Ethical Leadership in Business.” Room 141, DeBartolo Hall.

For more information, visit www.nd.edu/~cba/BergesLectureS on the Web.
Odyssey: Checking out colleges with your college-bound high school student

BY JOE KOZINSKI

Parents and prospective college students, the following is a “clip and save” from a father and a mother that have first hand knowledge of the college visits, selections, applications and acceptance during the last year.

I hope that the story of our sons, Kenneth and Tyrus loaded for college visits starts in the year our eldest son Kenneth’s senior grades in challenging curriculum, high school. Without good solid rule for college visits starts in the year I will kill you.”

Odyssey one more time during this one, Tyrus said, “Dad, if you say youngest son, Tyrus. (After day ing tropical storm Eduard with my state, 4,011 mile odyssey travers-

The first and most important step to planning college visits is to use your high school guidance counselors’ knowledge and the Internet to your advantage.

I found that listening to our sons’ interests, knowing our financial abilities, having an established grade point average and SAT or ACT scores in hand, that when searching the Web you can focus in on schools that are a fit.


Once the search was narrowed we looked into the individual college Web sites for more detail. Remember the first rule, grades. The ability to get automatic scholarships depends on grades and SAT/ACT scores.

Pay close attention to application deadlines.

As all 18-year-olds, our son Kenneth knew what college he was going to attend. He didn’t think that difficult acceptance guidelines pertained to him. We could not get him to visit schools or, for that matter, to apply to them. Long story short, Easter weekend he was still on the wait list for his college of choice and he received a scholarship in the mail. Kenneth said, “Dad I have some good news. I just received a full ride NROTC Scholarship to Notre Dame. I have some bad news; I never applied to Notre Dame.”

Another quick story about the 18-year-old that knew everything: Kenneth did apply to Indiana University after the deadline and was accepted. When visiting IU in late April of his senior year the bursar’s office informed us that his grades and SAT scores automatically qualified him for a $20,000 scholarship.

The bursar then looked back at the screen and back at us and said, “I’m sorry, he applied too late and he is not eligible for the scholarship.”

Clip and save note: You can apply to more than one college and make your decision after you have been accepted. Apply early.

The third rule to live by is to visit early, a visit during your junior year or the summer before your senior year is important. December of your senior year may be too late.

Tyrus and I knew that we would not be placed in the same predilection that his older brother had gone through. The wait lasted until June 25 after graduation, so we studied colleges, map quested locations, made tour appointments, filled the tank up, packed our bags and headed out on our odyssey.

College road trip begins in Memphis

Tyrus had one major request that I have to share. He wanted to go to a major public school that did not use snow shovels during the academic year. This would mean 100 degree temperatures in early August and plenty of wind-shield time.

The first college stop on our trip was to the University of Memphis, only a 10-hour trip from our home in Granger, Ty and my game plan was to get to all of the universities the day before the tour and check out the campus and town on our own.

After the tour, we made our way right on campus to a quaint white building that looked much like a neighborhood house with a garden hose watering the small front lawn. Across the front of the building there was a sign that read, “Catholic Campus Ministry.” After a ring of the door bell, a man in gym clothes answered the door and invited us in.

The man was Father Paul Watkins, OP, and after a brief tour, we found that the house held his office, a library, kitchen, recreational room and chapel. Father Paul then had us sit down, offered us a beverage and began discussing all of the activities the Memphis University Catholic Ministry provided.

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Friday, April 17, 2009

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Father Paul had an itinerary that included parties, service projects, movie nights, dances, an alternative spring break, 5 p.m. Sunday night Mass followed by a meal and, of course, in Memphis, a kick off barbecue.

The more Father Paul spoke of the activities the more comfortable Tyrus and I got with the university. Tyrus now had a place at the University of Memphis that he could feel at home at and still not shovel the driveway.

The Catholic population in Memphis is about 6 percent, but the campus ministry is important in bringing students together and supplying spiritual guidance during sometimes difficult times in college.

As we left the humble building, I said to Tyrus, “If you like the University of Memphis, we can send you here.” With that Tyrus had a pleasant smile on his face and said, “I really like the University of Memphis.”

University of Houston

Into the car we hopped headed to our next destination, the University of Houston, just a short 10 hour drive from Memphis.

The tour and presentation at the University of Houston was fantast-

ic, the sausage we ate at Minute Maid Park, home of the Astros, was great and the people were extremely friendly. On the corner of the campus, right across from the visitor’s center and bursars office, was a well kept large building standing in a prominent location, one might say the most prominent location. The sign big and bold called out, “Catholic Newman Center.”

Again a ring of a door bell and a young lady named Delores Perez
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Restlessness leads to career change — to the priesthood

BY JUDY BRADFORD

ELKHART — About 10 years ago, Kevin Bauman started feeling a little restless.

“Something was missing from my life,” says the former college professor. “It wasn’t for lack of good students or courses. But I couldn’t quite put my finger on what it was.”

He started having conversations with an old friend.

“Father Dan Jenky, who was then auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at the time, had known me since I was 18 because he’d been rector at St. Matthew Cathedral. I started working with him, and in the course of spiritual direction, he said to me ‘Have you ever thought about being a priest?’”

Bauman thought he might be too old for that, since he was 39. “Father Jenky said ‘No, you’re not.’”

“So, it was kind of an invitation for me,” Bauman added.

On Oct. 25, Bauman will be ordained as a priest at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Currently, he is a transitional deacon working at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Elkhart.

He is 48.

The career change from teaching Spanish Literature at the University of Notre Dame to the priesthood has been a long road, but Bauman feels very good about it.

“I knew it would mean a radical change for my life. I had always worked, and leaving behind the security of the workplace and a regular income, to go back to school, was my greatest fear.”

For others contemplating a career change, he gives this advice: “You have to be receptive to God leading you, not you leading him.”

For him, the career change meant returning to seminary for an undergraduate degree in philosophy. He attended Sacred Heart Major Seminary, in Detroit, and graduated with honors. Then he earned his master’s in divinity at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

But first, he had to ask God, “Is this what you really want me to do?”

He also had to understand the meaning of Christ’s words “Come, follow.”

“God doesn’t give us a roadmap when it comes to our careers,” he says. “There’s no book of instruction.”

To others who are struggling with whether to change careers, he says: “Go for it. When that spirit moves within us, there’s a reason for it. But also, talk to people. Ask people if what you want to go into is a viable field right now. Is there a need for what you will be doing?”

There is definitely a need for what Bauman is currently doing. Since July 2, he has been working with the Hispanic community surrounding St. Vincent de Paul, preaching most of the Masses in Spanish.

He has baptized dozens of children, and one day, he did 16 of them. He also travels to wherever there’s a need for a Spanish-speaking priest.

Bauman’s ability to speak Spanish fluently was called “a special gift” to the diocese by Bishop John M. D’Arcy in the bishop’s Call to Orders letter written to Bauman the end of July.

Speaking Spanish was just a small part of the call to the priesthood, however, and Bauman saw many other signs of encouragement along the way.

To others who are contemplating any kind of new career, he said, there will be signs along the way telling you whether you’ve made the right decision.

“I once had made the decision and started along the path to the priesthood, there was a sense of personal peace, a joy that never disappeared,” said Bauman.

“And, I received affirmation from other seminarians, from priests, and from the community. Those affirmations were my barometers.”
A nation of slobs

Notre Dame offers seminar this fall

BY CAROL C. BRADLEY

NOTRE DAME — Americans don’t know how to dress, says Linda Przybyszewski, associate professor of history at the University of Notre Dame—there’s too little emphasis on clothing in the classroom.

When she came across a 1950s Supreme Court case and the text for Przybyszewski, a legal scholar whose previous books include a biography of Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan, lones发行人 in Plessy vs. Ferguson (1896), which upheld Southern segregation statutes.

But Przybyszewski has sewn since she was a little girl and still makes most of her own outfits. “I don’t make sweaters, and I can’t cobble shoes,” she clarifies. Something resonated in the 1970s, when infor-
mality in dress became the norm, “and everything fell apart.”

There used to be a difference between city and country dress, and between day and evening dress, she notes. People used to dress up for church and for funerals. Employers today have to cope with young employees who can’t distinguish between appropriate attire for the beach and for the office.

In exploring the rules of the dressing and the art of life — sewing, design and color theory, grooming, budgeting. They’re skills girls have missed out on since the disappearance of home economics from school curricu-
lums in the 1970s, Przybyszewski says.

The textbook inspired both her own new book and the uni-
versity seminar she’ll teach this fall, “Fashioning the Self: Identity, Aesthetics, Economics and the Clothing of the Human Form.”

Students today live on the other side of two dress revolu-
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tury, and the 1960s, when informality in dress became the norm, “and everything fell apart.”

Przybyszewski realized that you don’t have to have better-fitting clothes, she adds. “I’ve sewed my whole life and loved it,” she says. “I’ve learned a lot. I never thought I would be using two very different parts of myself — sewing, and history and research.”

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ANCILLA COLLEGE announces six new faculty hires

DONALDSON — Ancilla College has announced the hiring of six new faculty members for the 2008-2009 academic year. The group, described as “talented and imminently qualified” by Dr. Joanna F. Blount, dean of Academic and Student Services, includes Theresa Obias, Kathy Gulliver, Daniel Clampitt, Patricia Bawcum, Joyce Palmateer and Karen Taubert.

Obias holds a master’s of science in chemistry from Western Michigan University, and is currently a candidate for a doctorate in chemistry there. She will teach both Introduction to Chemistry and General Chemistry I at Ancilla.

Gulliver holds a master’s in mathematics from Western Michigan University and has spent the past five years teaching at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Mich. She will instruct Introductory Algebra, Statistics in Math I and Calculus II.

Clampitt is a full-time instructor in biology who holds a master’s in environmental studies from Southern Illinois University. He has been teaching part time at College of DuPage and Lewis University. He will teach Principles of Biology I and Humans and the Environment.

Bawcum, who is being promoted, has been teaching at Ancilla as an adjunct since 2005. She holds her master’s in nursing from Valparaiso University. She has served as the director of nursing at the Catherine Kasper Life Center for over four years. Bawcum will instruct various nursing courses, including Fundamentals of Nursing and Issues, Trends, and Ethics. Palmateer holds an MSN / Family Nurse Practitioner from Rush University in Chicago and currently works at Holm Medical Clinic in Plymouth. She has been an adjunct faculty at IU-South Bend and Purdue University Calumet. Palmateer will instruct Lifespan Nursing II and Lifespan II-Clinical.

Taubert holds a master’s in Advanced Practice Nursing in Adult Health from Valparaiso University and will also serve as a nursing instructor. She has previously taught as an adjunct at Ancilla and Saint Mary’s College (Notre Dame).

University of Saint Francis noted for environmental practices

FORT WAYNE — The National Wildlife Foundation for its outstanding environmental practices has recognized the University of Saint Francis.

The foundation’s Campus Environment 2008 Report Card recognized Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Goshen College and the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne as colleges in Indiana with “exemplary” sustainability programs.

The report, a “comprehensive look at nationwide trends in sustainability among America’s institutions of higher learning,” compares findings with the previous study conducted in 2001, the National Wildlife Foundation said in a statement.

Director of environmental sciences Larry Wiedman explained the significance of the award.

First, he said, the university is “well represented” in both academic and outreach programs in terms of environmentalism.

Wiedman, who is responsible for establishing the undergraduate biology program, detailed the university’s community outreach efforts. Specifically, it noted its efforts to reach out to the local Catholic elementary schools. Its students “adopted” a class of third graders, he said, to teach them basic principles of environmental science.

Wiedman said the students responded well to the program, especially the “hands on” components. But the highlight of the program was an edible wetland model.

Looking to the near future, Wiedman said he intends to plan to continue to broaden the scope of the environmental programs. He has a vision of campuswide initiative involving faculty, staff, and students. The “green campus initiative,” he defines, involves faculty and students to become self sufficient and sustainable.

Heading the initiative is the construction of the Clare Hall dormitory.

“All kinds of things have been done architecturally, he noted, but it’s time to turn it into an eco-friendly facility to save energy,” he said.

Inside the classroom, students in his introduction to environmental sciences course are working on a service-learning project to develop a bicycle loaner program. According to the proposed model, students would be able to rent refurbished bikes in exchange for a $20 deposit, which covers the cost of repair and maintenance.

Wiedman said the concept would minimize the need for more parking spaces with fewer students driving. Furthermore, through an incentive awards program, he noted, students can win prizes for being green.

One thing he stressed is the students’ direct involvement in these green efforts across the board. All these projects are student generated, with the faculty and staff acting as facilitators. In this context, Wiedman calls to mind Habitat for Humanity’s “sweat equity” concept.

“The kids are doing all the groundwork and leg work,” he said.

A large-scale project in the works is the development of the Cougar Connection, a link to the River Greenway through a partnership with the city of Fort Wayne. The city of Fort Wayne’s River Greenway has 20 miles of trails, so it’s just a matter of linking a path to St. Francis.

The university has its hands in smaller scale efforts, too. Visible and user friendly recycling centers have been strategically placed near the dormitories. And resident assistants encourage the recycling of cardboard.

“Everybody wins,” he said. “The little things add up.”

University officials are also becoming environmentally conscious. The university’s advertising agency, HPN Inc. Marketing Services, he noted prints the football programs on recycled paper.

Wiedman said this move sends a positive message out to the community about the university’s values.

As the director of environmental science, it legitimizes things we’ve been doing all along,” he said. “This was something that was an important visibility statement. It’s one more validation that we’re doing the Franciscan thing.”

Respect for the environment, he said, involves putting your money where you mouth is something Saint Francis has done well in his opinion.

Wiedman offered some advice for institutions seeking to establish or enhance environmental programs. First, he said authority figures need to make clear “that it’s not all gloom and doom” when it comes to environmentalism.

Optimism makes a difference, as it inspires you to affect change. Likewise, he encourages group involvement.

“Just put a call out ... talk about things,” he said about gathering like-minded people.

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GET TO KNOW US
Juggling the weeds and the wheat

“Hate the sin; love the sinner.” The Gospel reading we heard not too long ago about the weeds sown amidst the wheat prompts some remarks about an inherent — and healthy — tension in Catholicism. The Catholic tradition gentle and gingerly juggles in a careful balance two facts.

First, there exists an objective moral order which is independent of any individual and the world he or she may construct or concoct for him or herself; thus there is objective truth and objective good and evil, which do not depend simply upon the intentionality of any individual or group.

Second, none of us is in the position to discern the status of another before God. The parable of the weeds sown among the wheat has been taken up — most famously by St. Augustine — to explain the complex area of the human condition and our incapacity to make judgments with any degree of certainty about others’ moral or religious status. In fact, Augustine would contend, the distinction between “weeds” and “wheat” is not simply found between individuals or among groups, but rather cuts down the very center (he would prefer the word heart) of each one of us.

In this gentle balancing act, maintaining objective moral standards while at the same time remaining circumspect about the position of others before God, we are apt to err in one of two ways.

First, in an effort to avoid passing judgment (and the Gospel texts teach us that this danger is many), we can easily water-down or relativize that objective moral order. We can emphasize (to the near exclusion of everything else) the good intentions of the agent; or, perhaps worse, we can allow a seemingly good end to justify a less than morally acceptable means: we can say, “well, the world’s a messy place, and the small evil entailed is proportionately smaller,” or “chalk that up as collateral damage; the good we’ve done more than makes up for the harm done.”

Alternatively, in an effort to maintain the objectivity of the moral order, we slide quickly into judgments about others, easily categorizing and labeling them, subtly securing our own sense of superiority.

The danger of such judgments is obvious. As Augustine would remind us, in this life we cannot be certain even of our own position: we can work for it, we can pray for it, but on this side of the veil, we can never be certain of it. And if we cannot be certain of our own salvation, we are in no position whatsoever to make judgments about others.

Further, naming things is a divine prerogative, shared with Adam by God prior to the Fall. In a fallen world, our capacity to name things, infected by our pride, is reduced to labeling others and becomes a tool to control, master and confine others into a neat little world we more often than not construct for ourselves, at the center of which (if we are honest and look carefully) is our own self-glorification.

What, then, are we left to do? First, simply continue, undaunted by the enormity of the dangers inherent in abandoning the moral order and in judging others, we should be clear about moral good and evil and at the same time be clear about our own inability to see or read the hearts of others.

Second, when we see words, deeds, or omissions which are objectively sinful or clearly unjust (and the world is rife with examples), we should pray for the conversion of their perpetra-

Still accepting witness stories

One form of evangelization is sharing our faith journey with others.

We are inviting readers to send in their “witness” or faith journey stories with us to run in our Sept. 28 issue. In 50 words or less, please answer one of the following questions:

• I love the Catholic faith because...
• I was drawn to the Catholic faith through...
• I came back to the Catholic faith because...
• I stay Catholic because...

Please send your name, parish, city or town, an optional photo and your telephone number to editor@fw.diocesefwsb.org, or mail to Today’s Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne, IN 46856 before Sept. 15.

Today’s Catholic editorial board consists of Ann Carey, Don Clemmer, Fred and Lisa Everett, Father Mark Gurtner, Father Michael Heinitz, Tim Johnson and Vince LaBarbera.

According to Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama’s campaign Web site, if elected president he would double funding for after-school programs, expand the Family Medical Leave Act, provide low-income families with a refundable tax credit to help with child-care expenses and encourage flexible work schedules.

On his campaign Web site, Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain calls for a National Commission on Workplace Flexibility and Choice. This commission would be a bipartisan group of workers, small and large employers, labor representatives and academics that would give the president recommendations on how to modernize the country’s labor laws and training programs to help workers better balance the demands of their jobs with family life.

The current state of the economy also has caused Hughes to limit the time she works and a legitimate concern for voters, Shellabarger said.

“The Catholic Church recognizes the incredible busyness of family life and the demands of work that overwhelm families,” he said. “Many pressing problems confronting family life are due to broad social forces, particularly economic strife. The decision of a man and woman to marry and raise a family is a significant one with many considerations involved. Yet today, without a job that pays a family wage, marriage and starting a family seem impossible.”

Current minimum wage is $6.55 an hour or $13,624 a year, but for a family of two the poverty line is $13,167, and for a parent and two children, the poverty line is $16,079.

The annual income needed to pay for a national fair market rent for a studio apartment is $19,120, while $22,360 is needed for a one-bedroom and $26,520 is needed for a two-bedroom, according to a study conducted by the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

“The study concludes, ‘In no community in the U.S. today can someone who gets a full-time job at the minimum wage reasonably expect to find a modest rental unit that she can afford.’” Shellabarger said.

By Chaz Muth

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At the Vatican, not all voices are created equal

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A provocative article on whether brain death is true death has illustrated once again that the Vatican speaks with many voices, not all of them equal.

The article appeared in early September at the top of the front page of L’Osservatore Romano, the official Vatican newspaper. That’s a prime location in the complex geography of Vatican media.

The author, Lucetta Scaraffia, argued that the generally accepted practice of using brain death as the criterion for declaring a person dead was open to new challenges and debate, both in the church and in the scientific community.

Such a debate could have deep repercussions in health care ethics, particularly on the question of organs harvested from brain-dead patients whose bodies continue to function.

Within a couple of hours, the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, put some distance between the Vatican and the article’s line of reasoning, saying that the content reflected merely the author’s views and not the church’s teaching.

In fact, previous statements by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and leading church officials have made it clear that the church recognizes brain death as “the true criterion for death.”

So why was the Vatican’s own newspaper questioning that? For one thing, it’s become a real newspaper under new editorial leadership and is more willing to tackle issues that were formerly off-limits.

Sometimes these salvos offer an early tip-off of a coming trend. In January, a bishop wrote in its pages that Catholics should show reverence by receiving the Eucharist on the tongue while kneeling.

The article caused a bit of an uproar and some skepticism but, six months later, this form of receiving Communion became the norm at papal liturgies.

Many journalists are in the habit of slapping a “Vatican says” label on everything even faintly associated with Vatican City or the Roman Curia. That’s often led to confusion and illustrates a certain disconnect between church officials and modern media.

The Vatican holds to a fairly detailed hierarchy of information that ranges from papal proclamations on the high end to offhand comments from curial officials on the low end. When translated into news stories, however, such distinctions generally fall by the wayside.

One perennial area of confusion has been the church’s position on the use of condoms to prevent the spread of AIDS. Although there has never been an explicit Vatican pronouncement on this specific issue, some commentators have assumed a position on the basis of reliable, though not always verifiable, outside sources.

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Disciples must take up their crosses

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Exaltation of the Cross
Jn 3:11-17

Whenever a feast is celebrated on a regular Sunday liturgy in the church, Catholics should realize that the church is interrupting the usual sequence of Sunday readings to provide us with a lesson it considers to be especially important. Such is occurring this weekend.

Last weekend, we observed the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next week will be the 25th Sunday.

However, instead of presenting to us the liturgy of the 24th Sunday this week, the church calls us to celebrate the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

This is because it is important for Catholics to think about the crucifixion of Jesus, not just in historical terms, but in terms of the enormous, miraculous effects of the Lord’s willing gift of self, as sacrifice to the Father, achieved through the crucifixion on Calvary, and of their place in the story.

For the first reading, the church offers us a passage from the Book of Numbers. The reading looks back to the Exodus, the Hebrews’ long, and wearying journey across the Sinai Peninsula in search of the Promised Land. This book recalls how disgusted they were with the want and uncertainty of the trip.

Their disgust was understandable.

What is the most critical fact is that their survival was at stake. They were on the verge of starving. They could not find their way. But God led them. They survived. They eventually reached the Promised Land.

Moses called them to look upon a serpent that he had mounted on a pole. Many people detest snakes. However, in ancient cultures, snakes symbolized life, since snakes shed their skins.

Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians furnishes the second reading. Scholars believe that this actually was a hymn in early Christianity sung during worship. It is one of the most magnificent pieces of literature in the New Testament, dazzling in its exclamation of Christ.

St. John’s Gospel is the source of the last reading. The reading is not from John’s detailed Passion narrative. Instead, it is from an account of a time when Jesus is explaining salvation to Nicodemus, a prominent Jew. Jesus draws a comparison between the Messiah and the serpent. The Savior will bring eternal life. To acquire this life, the Christian must look to the Lord, the only bond between God and humanity, between heaven and earth.

Reflection

What is so urgent about the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, about the crucifixion itself, that the church sets aside the 24th Sunday to celebrate this feast this weekend rather than observe?

The urgency is in the fact that we must realize the ancient Christian age that disciples must take up their crosses and follow the Lord.

Why? Understanding the story of Calvary helps us to understand our place in the story.

Christ came to reconcile all people to God, and to bring God’s mercy to them. Human sin works against this process. Indeed, human sin can seem to triumph. Christ died. Human sin overtook the situation, but only for a moment. Christ rose. He was victorious. He lives.

We too can live if we resist sin, and if we follow Christ. Following the Lord will require determination, even to the point of seeming to bear a burden as heavy as the cross.

Enabling us to carry our own crosses is the mercy of God. Theologians call it grace. It strengthens us. It enlightens us. We must ask for grace, and we must prepare ourselves for grace, by looking only and always to Jesus. We must resolve never to pause, or desert, our intention to follow Jesus to Calvary, and beyond Calvary to the glory of heavenly life, life eternal.

Jesus faced crucifixion not in despair, but in faith. We too must live in faith.

READEINGS

Sunday: Nm 21:1d-b 9Ps 78:1b-2,3-4b Ps 66:11a-13:17

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26,33Ps 40:7-10a, 17 In 10:25-27

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a Ps 100:1b-5 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:1-13:13 Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2,16-17,28 Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1b-d, 6-7,8a, 15a Lk 8:1-9

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:33-37,42-49 Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 Lk 8:4-15

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominick Campilongo

In September, the church remembers St. John Chrysostom. He is often regarded as an Orthodox saint, but this quiz looks at both Orthodox and Western views of this saint.

1. St. John Chrysostom lived in this century long before the division of Eastern from Western Christianity:
   a. 4th
   b. 6th
   c. 8th

2. That division did not occur until this century:
   a. 9th
   b. 10th
   c. 11th

3. John was patriarch in this city, capital of the Eastern Roman Empire:
   a. Constantinople
   b. Antioch
   c. Jerusalem

4. The term “Orthodox” literally means:
   a. Eastern in orientation
   b. from the source
   c. correct in religious doctrine

5. While “Catholic” literally means:
   a. Roman
   b. universal
   c. Western

6. What is the division between the East and Western versions of Christianity technically know as:
   a. The Babylonian Captivity
   b. The Great Schism
   c. The Reformation

7. Chrysostomos means:
   a. “gold mouthed”
   b. rich in mercy
   c. devout and faithful

8. Because of the differences, John has different titles in East and West. In the East he has two titles. One is:
   a. Archimandrite
   b. Archpriest
   c. Great Hierarch

9. And the other Eastern title is:
   a. Stylistes
   b. Ecumenical Teacher
   c. Heromin

10. In the West he is referred to as bishop and:
    a. Holy Hierarch
    b. Divine Teacher
    c. doctor of the church

11. The Orthodox Church and Eastern Catholic Churches honor John as one of these:
    a. the Three Holy Hierarchs
    b. the Three Wise Men
    c. the Three Archangels

12. Who are the other two?
    a. Cyril and Methodius
    b. Paul the Great and Gregory the Theologian
    c. Martin Luther and John Calvin

13. Perhaps, surprisingly, this saint is also celebrated by some
    a. Muslims
    b. Protestants
    c. Jews

14. Ironically considering the high position he reached, John had originally sought only to be this:
    a. a monk
    b. rich
    c. a good husband to Theophila

15. His defense of the church caused him to suffer this repeatedly:
    a. martyrdom
    b. choler
    c. exile

16. One thing he ended that has (mostly) remained banished from churches was this:
    a. vestments
    b. liturgical music
    c. applause

ANSWERS:
1. a, 2.c, 3.a, 4.c, 5.b, 6.b, 7.a, 8.c, 9.b, 10.c, 11.a, 12.b, 13.b, 14.a, 15.c, 16.c
THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER ROE V. WADE STRUCK DOWN THE ABORTION LAW OF ALL 50 STATES, THE LIFE ISSUES REMAIN THE MOST SHARPLY CONTESTED IN AMERICAN PUBLIC LIFE. THEY ARE ALSO SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF CATHOLIC CONCERN, NOT FOR ANY “SECTARIAN” REASON BUT BECAUSE THE LIFE ISSUES ENGAGE FIRST PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE, PRINCIPLES THAT FORM THE MORAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE FREE AND VIRTUOUS SOCIETY. THAT HAS BEEN THE CASE FOR DECADES. BUT THINGS ARE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR, IN TWO RESPECTS.

FIRST, THE BIOTECH REVOLUTION IS GAINING MOMENTUM. HUMAN-ANIMAL HYBRIDS CREATED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES ARE NOW LEGAL IN BRITAIN: “SAVIOUR-SIBLINGS” ARTIFICIALLY CREATED TO PROVIDE SPARE PARTS FOR A SICK BROTHER OR SISTER ARE OPENLY DISCUSSED IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THE PRESSURE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR SUCH PRACTICES IN THE U.S. WILL ONLY INCREASE. SECOND, THERE IS SOMETHING CONSIDERABLE ABOUT THE OPTICAL SCENE IN THIS ELECTION CYCLE: THE REAL POSSIBILITY THAT THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL TERM COULD PRODUCE A SUPREME COURT MAJORITY WILLING TO RETURN THE ABORTION ISSUE TO THE PEOPLE AND THEIR LEGISLATORS, WHERE THE CONSTITUTION LEAVES IT. THE CHICAGO COALITION WILL WISH TO KEEP TOGETHER TO POSE SERIOUS QUESTIONS TO BOTH THE PRINCIPAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

QUESTIONS FOR BOTH CANDIDATES:


QUESTIONS FOR SEN. BARACK OBAMA:

1) DO YOU REGRET YOUR VOTE AGAINST A PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN WHEN YOU WERE AN ILLINOIS STATE SENATOR?
2) DURING YOUR SERVICE IN SPRINGFIELD, YOU OPPOSED A BILL THAT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED LEGAL PROTECTION TO INFANTS WHO SURVIVED AN ABORTION. WHAT WAS YOUR REASON? 3) WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAID YOU WOULDN’T WANT ONE OF YOUR DAUGHTERS “PUNISHED WITH A BABY,” SHOULD THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN THE DILEMMA OF UNWANTED PREGNANCY?
4) YOU HAVE A 100 PERCENT RATING FROM NARAL, THE NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS ORGANIZATION. IS THERE ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC POLICY ON WHICH YOU AND GEORGE WEIGEL IS A SENIOR FELLOW OF THE ETHICS AND PUBLIC POLICY CENTER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

QUESTIONS FOR SEN. JOHN MCCAIN:

1) YOU HAVE A STRONG PRO-LIFE VOTING RECORD DURING YOUR CONGRESSIONAL SERVICE, YET SOME PRO-LIFERS ARE NERVOUS ABOUT YOU. WHY? WHERE DO THE LIFE ISSUES RANK IN YOUR LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR AMERICA’S FUTURE?
2) YOU AND MRS. MCCAIN ADOPTED AN INFANT AT THE REQUEST OF MOTHER TERESA; HAS THAT EXPERIENCE SHAPED YOUR VIEWS ON THE LIFE ISSUES?
3) WOULD YOU FAVOR SUPREME COURT NOMINEES WHO BELIEVE THAT ROE V. WADE WAS WRONGLY DECIDED?
4) AS YOU KNOW, MANY PRO-LIFE GROUPS OPPOSED THE MCCAIN-Feingold campaign finance reform law, arguing that it unduly burdened issue advocacy organizations. HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR APPROACH TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM IN LIGHT OF THOSE CRITICISMS?

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

By Patricia Kasten

Gospel for September 14, 2008

John 3:13-17

FOLLOWING IS A WORD SEARCH BASED ON THE GOSPEL READING FOR THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS, FOR CYCLE A. THE WORDS CAN BE FOUND IN ALL DIRECTIONS IN THE PUZZLE.

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This is truly an important liturgical issue. When the priest returns to his seat to join the faithful in silence, the entire assembly finally has the opportunity to thank God together for the gift of the Eucharist, and to seek the graces of Christ’s body and blood as a unified faith community. Silent kneeling in this context is particularly appropriate. Sacred silence is an essential part of the liturgy and a necessary contemplative element in our spiritual lives. Moreover, kneeling is our foremost Roman Catholic expression of reverence, and one that facilitates prayer. Since humans have been created as a union of body and soul, it makes sense for our body language to complement our mental and spiritual activities. It is therefore natural that silent kneeling during this moment of contemplation our mental and spiritual activities.

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BISHOP LUERS TO HOST ANNUAL WALK-A-THONE

Bishop Luers High School will conduct its 28th annual Walk-A-Thon on Friday, Oct. 3. Those wishing to sponsor a Bishop Luers students or make a donation are invited to call the school office at (260) 456-1261. Money collected is used for general operating expenses at the high school.

CYO volleyball opens season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) volleyball action got underway on courts across the league on Saturday, Sept. 6. At St. Charles, the very first game of the day featured the Green League (seventh grade) defending champions from St. Jude against the 2-1 running unbeaten, St. Charles, now as eighth graders vying for the 2008 White League (large school) title with the host team, the Lady Cardinals, coming in on top 25-14, 25-20.

“IT was good for our girls to experience a loss. The second match, especially, was some really good volleyball. I was glad to get St. Charles in right off the bat. Now, we can relax and focus on what we need to work on,” Payton decided.

St. Jude lists 11 eighth graders on their team roster for 2008. The assistant coaches are Megan Urbans and Jeff Mickelini. Payton brought Mickelini in for technical assistance to get her team ready for “play at the next level.”

Payton feels very fortunate to have Mickelini as part of the program. “He is such a great guy and brings along so much volleyball experience. He is a phenomenal help teaching our girls versatility and technique and has been a real asset to St. Jude over the years.”

Payton expects her Lady Eagles to be extremely strong this season and feels one team strength is, “We are three-deep in every position.” Goals for the season include: improving each game, digging a little bit more, getting better at blocking, becoming stronger hitters and better passers and working on their timing when blocking and hitting.

“I also intend for the girls to become better at anticipating — following the ball on the other side of the net,” added Payton.

This will be Payton’s last season as head coach. She ends each practice with prayer and wishes her team before and after every game. Payton feels it is very important to continually stress to this age group to believe in themselves. “It has been special for me to watch this group grow mentally, physically and emotionally since the fifth grade. I want them to do their best and hope for fun this season,” she concluded.

In his first season as head coach, Queen of Angels leader, Don Everly, is hoping to finish well in the CYO Blue League (small school). The Royal Reds group of eighth graders last season won the tournament beating the Twins from St. Louis-St. Rose and went undefeated in regular season play. This year’s group of 11 young ladies return eight from the seventh-grade team and add three newcomers.

Noting a team strength this season, Noye said, “Many of our girls have been playing together since the fourth grade and have built up their abilities and gained much experience.

He was very pleased to finish second to a White League powerhouse, St. Charles, in a pre-season tournament. When predicting his odds against conference foes, Noye concluded, “We know Lisa Urbans and Jeff Mickelini. They are three-deep in every position.”

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Junior varsity games

Three games were played at the junior varsity level. Mishawaka Catholic defeated Holy Family, 14-0. The Saints were paced by Ryan Schafer’s 64-yard-touchdown burst, and Michael Voor intercepted a stray Holy Family pass and returned it for 14 yards and a touchdown. Schafer and Nate Thomas each had conversion runs after the touchdowns.

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New Haven, JAT, St. John take CYC wins

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ATS later in the day, St. JAT (Joseph, Aloysius, Therese) came up with a big 20-6 win handing St. Vincent their first loss of the season. The Knights victory was led by the offensive efforts of John Castle, Nick Deiser, Will Nolan and Chad Wysong while the relentless defensive attack was secured by Jack Downey, Alec Wampole, Dan Christian, Aaron Lemaster and Luke Urbahns.

A very satisfied Knight Coach Mike Deiser explained, “It was a huge team effort for us and it has been many years since we have beaten them.”

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Central Catholic 50th class reunion Fort Wayne — The 1958 graduating class of Central Catholic will have a golf outing Friday, Sept. 12, with a casual picnic at Pine Valley Country Club. The reunion will be Saturday evening, Sept. 13, at Pine Valley Country Club. For more information or reservations call Barb Hogan at (260) 854-3270.

Corporate communion and luncheon South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572, will hold a corporate communion on Sunday, Sept. 14, at the 9:45 a.m. Mass at Christ the King Church, State Rd. 933. Breakfast will follow at Perkins Restaurant, 423 S. Decatur Way. On Saturday, Sept. 27, the Daughters of Isabella will meet at noon for the fall luncheon “A Country Western Jamboree” at the Blue Heron at Blackthorn, 5440 W. Nintz Parkway. Admission is $25 and proceeds will benefit Camp Millhouse, Logan Center and Rens of Life. Reservations needed to (574) 287-1487 by Friday, Sept. 19.

Transitus Mishawaka — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration and the Immaculate Conception Secular Franciscan Community invite you to participate in the Transitus of St. Francis at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, in the chapel of St. Francis Convent on Dragonfly Trail.

Beginning Experience Donaldson — A Beginning Experience weekend retreat for widowed, divorced and separated persons will be held at Lindenwood Retreat Center from 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. Register by Sept. 27 to Teresa at (574) 281-0123 or by e-mail at greenlight7113@sbcglobal.net or Marilyn at (269) 684-0882 or Becky at (260) 768-7350.

Youth Mass begins for fall New Haven — St. John the Baptist, St. Louis Besacon and St. Rose of Lima Parishes will collectively celebrate a youth Mass on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 6 p.m. at St. Louis Besacon Church. A free high school program follows in the parish hall with a teen dinner. Time allowed for teens to socialize with peers while learning ways to strengthen their walk with Jesus Christ.

Little Flowers Holy Hour rescheduled Fort Wayne — Father Glenn Kohrman has been rescheduled to celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDowell Chapel Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7:15 p.m. Father Kohrman is pastor at St. Mary of the Lake, Culver.

Parishes combine for mission Fort Wayne — St. Mary and St. Peter Parishes are co-sponsoring a mission Sept. 14-18. Story-teller Father Richard Hart, OFM, will be “Sharing the Good News.” St. Peter’s will have 9 a.m. Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Evening services will be at St. Mary’s at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Reconciliation service at St. Peter’s Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Closing Mass at St. Mary’s Thursday at 6:30 p.m. followed by a reception.

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Isabelle M. Bobay, 95, St. Anne Home
Teresa J. Racine, 84, St. Jude
Albert J. Knight, 90, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
B. Jean Kelly, 86, St. Jude
John F. Fee, 85, St. Jude
Dorothyte Eager McAvride, 91, St. Vincent de Paul

Julia B. Neddeff, 83, St. Charles Borromeo
Juan A. Vasquez, 70, St. Joseph
Alice M. Scheiber, 96, St. Henry
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Louis C. Zabona Sr., 70, St. Pius X
Huntington
Sister Melita Schmitz, 84, Victory Noll Chapel
Mishawaka
Marie Modas, 71, Queen of Peace
Edward N. Jordan, 66, Queen of Peace
Notre Dame
Sister Christine Healey, CSS, Our Lady of Loretto
South Bend
Leonard Jurgowski, 74, St. Casimir

Elizabeth W. Andrysia, 85, St. Adalbert
Delum R. Plonka, 61, St. John the Baptist
Mary M. Kempe, 88, Little Flower
Mary Kowalski, 90, St. Adalbert
Eleanor M. Oudhuis, 83, St. Joseph
Marionne D. Zurbuch, 97, St. Anthony de Padua
Florence R. Jozvialk, 97, St. Casimir
Warsaw
Joseph E. Miller, 62, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sister Christine Healey, CSS, Our Lady of Loretto
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Leonard Jurgowski, 74, St. Casimir

at 10 a.m. and the walk begins at noon. Food, entertainment and prizes. Visit www.michianadownsyndrome.org for information.

St. Joseph mission planned Garrett — St. Joseph Parish will have a parish mission “Bind Us Together Lord” Sept. 14-18 at 7 p.m. each night at the church.

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