SAINTS MARCH IN

More than 600 third- and fourth-grade area students, teachers, principals and others gathered at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne to celebrate an All Saints Day Mass on Nov. 4, with Bishop John M. D’Arcy as main celebrant. Shown are third- and fourth-grade students from St. Joseph School, Monroeville. From left are Jared Brinkman as St. Stephen, Sierra Small as St. Agatha, Sam Beauchot as St. Joseph, Sofia Love as St. Rose and Monica Scott as St. Monica.

Pope reminds that death brings eternal life for loved ones

BY CINDY WOODDEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The death of a loved one brings pain and sadness, but Christians believe their loved ones will have eternal life in Jesus Christ and that they will be united again with them in heaven, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“Celebrating Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica Nov. 3 in memory of the 10 cardinals and 103 bishops who died in the past year, Pope Benedict ended three days of commemorations of “those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.”

Marking the Nov. 1 feast of All Saints, the pope said just as God has created thousands of different kinds of beautiful plants and flowers, so has he given the world male and female saints, young and old, from every race and culture.

The beauty of the saints, he said during his noon Angelus address, should lead to a desire in every Christian heart to be like them and to spend eternity in their company.

Reciting the Angelus publicly again Nov. 2, the feast of All Souls, Pope Benedict said, “It is very important that we Christians live our relationship with the deceased in the truth of faith and see death and the beyond in the light of revelation.”

The subjects of death and eternal life are “realities particularly subject to superstitious beliefs,” he said without providing examples.

Repeating questions he raised in his 2007 encyclical, “Spe Salvi” (on Christian hope), the pope asked if Christian faith still gives people hope and if they still desire eternal life or think that earthly life is all there is.

While no one knows exactly “what it is or how it will be,” eternal life will be like “immersing yourself in the ocean of infinite love where time — a before and an after — no longer exist. Fullness of life and joy: This is what we hope for and expect from our being with Christ,” he said.

Celebrating the memorial Mass Nov. 3 for the cardinals and bishops who died in the last year, Pope Benedict said the hope that they will enjoy eternal life in heaven is not based on their age or wisdom or achievements, but on the fact that they dedicated themselves to Christ and to serving others.

“The world gives credit to the ‘wise’ and ‘talented,’ while God shows special favor to the little ones,” he said.

The eternal life of each person is not something that begins with death, but begins with the choices they make in this world, especially the choice to “open ourselves to the mystery of God and welcome him into our midst.”

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Blue Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica

Notre Dame honors police, firefighters, rescue workers

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — Area police officers, firefighters and rescue workers were honored for their service to the public at a special Blue Mass at the University of Notre Dame on Oct. 28. Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, president of Notre Dame, was the principal celebrant of the Mass, and several other priests affiliated with the university concelebrated.

The Blue Mass — named for the blue uniforms worn by most police and fire departments — has been celebrated every year at Notre Dame since 2001 to honor public safety officers now serving, as well as those who have died.

Holy Cross Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, explained in his homily that the first Blue Mass at Notre Dame took place just a few weeks after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The Notre Dame community wanted to express respect, admiration and appreciation for what the police, fire and emergency personnel did to help the Sept. 11 victims out of their sense of honor duty, even at the cost of their own lives, Father Warner said.

Notre Dame also wanted to join with the shock and sorrow felt by the families of the fallen heroes.

“Early on, however, we came to the realization, probably for the first time in so striking a way, that what these men did that fateful morning in New York was the same at the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon and at Shanksville,” he said.

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Entering Sacred Heart Basilica to celebrate the annual Blue Mass, Notre Dame President Father John Jenkins passed some of the public safety officers who were honored at the Mass.

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Catholic Burmese refugees meet with Bishop D’Arcy

**BISHOP JOHN M. D’ARCY**

An important discovery

For several years, many refugees from Burma have come into the Fort Wayne area under the guidance of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities. I have often wondered whether or not there were any Catholics in this group, so that we could respond to their spiritual and sacramental needs, as is the serious obligation of our local church, and especially the bishop. I have been told that all were Buddhist.

Some weeks ago, at a press conference called by Mayor Tom Henry, a young woman approached and was introduced by her employer. She was a Catholic, and told me there were several Catholics among the approximately 5,000 Burmese who have come here after great suffering in refugee camps in Thailand. Remember, all of them are here legally, and are fleeing an oppressive government. They are helped by the U.S. government and are refugees, not migrants.

In order to meet them, I arranged for them to come to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for the noon Mass on the feast of All Saints, and later at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center for a soup and sandwich lunch.

It was a very moving experience. One young boy goes to Queen of Angels School, and his English is perfect. Others are in public schools. Some children need to be baptized. Others need preparation for first holy Communion. Some have been sent to other Christian churches, and have not been helped to return to the Catholic Church. All hungered to live fully their Catholic faith. There were many tears. I am grateful to my assistant, Maureen Schott, and also to Kathy Denice of Catholic Charities, for arranging this event.

They all agreed that they wished to be part of the cathedral parish. I shall be working with Father Schulte, the rector, and parishioners, to see that they are helped spiritually and in every other way. For them, it was a coming home.

Surely, this was a moving experience to see their desire to be fully embraced by their Catholic Church.

We will need places for them. Pope Benedict XVI has pointed out in his encyclical, “Deus Caritas Est,” that while the church’s social agencies have a responsibility to everyone, and must resist any kind of proselytizing, a special obligation of charity must be exercised towards those whom the Scripture calls “the household of the faithful.”

Anyone wishing to provide transportation for them to Sunday Mass should call my office at (260) 422-4611. Their needs are for food, jobs and religious instruction.

**40 Days of Prayer and Fasting**

I was leaving South Bend after two intense days, and I turned down Ironwood, and found my way to the place where every week the lives of children not yet born are mercilessly destroyed. As you know, it is adjacent to the Women’s Care Center, where lives of babies are saved, and women are helped to choose life.

I have been told by my Pro-Life Office, that there was a 24-hour vigil for 40 days. True enough. I found two women praying and I sat with them for awhile. One of them asked me to lead the rosary, which I did. In all, there were three women there during my time. One told me she came every day night for a few hours. Others spent an hour there, deep into the night. Earlier, another woman told me that she came at 2 a.m. with her son, a student at Notre Dame.

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And also Fort Wayne

The following Sunday after a demanding day, including two Masses at St. Patrick’s, Ligonier, one in Spanish and one in English, I drove to the site in Fort Wayne. Here I found a well-lighted tent next to the Baptist Church. I met the Baptist pastor and his wife and mother, and also a Lutheran pastor. I met several Catholics there, mostly from St. Vincent Parish. There were signs everywhere about fasting and praying for 40 days. The tent was well lighted and was a very welcoming place. I was told that those present were convinced that there had been two “savings,” and this was also recorded in the evening paper. How could one not support this endeavor? Does it not stop and leaves you to face the fall alone. How could one not support this endeavor? Does it not stop and leaves you to face the fall alone. It involves prayer and fasting as requested in the Scriptures. It is a witness, also, of our common hope in Christ the Prince of Peace.

You count on it, rely on it to buffer the passages of time, to keep the memory of sunshine and high skies alive, and then just when the days are all twilight, when you need it the most, it stops.”

See you all next week.

North to Ligonier

I celebrated two Masses at Ligonier, installing Father Wilson Corzo as new pastor, first in English and then in Spanish. The Mass in English was well attended, but the Spanish Mass was standing room only. A packed church, five or six rows deep in the rear and down the side aisles. Remember — another Mass, equally full, was to follow.

As with Albinon, it was painful for me as bishop to speak during the break between the two Masses about the many pastoral changes in this parish; and how for one year there was no full religious education program, except for first Communion and confirmation.

Much joy about Deacon Jacob. Jake Runyon, who has served them through the summer, and also joy and satisfaction about Father Corzo’s presence. He is going home to visit his mother, but he will be a strong and steady influence on these two parishes.

I have received an excellent pastoral analysis from Deacon Runyon and another from Stan LeMieux, who is a candidate for the diocesan and has been a strong presence at St. Patrick Parish, With God’s help, and hard work, we will strengthen this important parish; we will ask the intercession and prayer of the great missionary, Patrick, who is the parish patron.

It was a joy this week to dedicate a new building at Saint Mary’s College, and then hustle over to St. Anthony’s Parish to close a parish mission. There was a very fine crowd, and it was a privilege to celebrate Mass and preach on the holy Eucharist.

The last word

Following our tradition, we give the last word of the baseball season to the late distinguished Professor Bart Giamatti, president of Yale, commissioner of baseball and Red Sox fan. “It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins again, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and then as soon as the chill rains come, it stops and leaves you to face the fall alone. You count on it, rely on it to buffer the passages of time, to keep the memory of sunshine and high skies alive, and then after the days are all twilight, when you need it the most, it stops.”

See you all next week.
Homily from October 25 ordination

BY BISHOP JOHN M. D’ARCY

FORT WAYNE — This moment of faith and love which we are living together is one of sharing of this gift to God which only he can give; the gift by which through the ancient sacramental rite of the laying-on of hands, these two young men are consecrated forever so that they may, by the power of Jesus Christ, make present in the world the Good Shepherd, who offered himself for our salvation. They are to give themselves for the sanctification of the souls committed to them by the parish and of the diocese.

The two candidates show their readiness to give their whole selves to God, and to the work of Jesus Christ, by the gesture in which they prostrate themselves on the floor of the sanctuary. A gesture, which Pope John Paul II called “evocative”: in the sense that it evokes the deepest sentiments, the readiness to give their whole selves to God, and to the work of Jesus Christ.

Those who are in attendance must be open to the words of this ancient rite, so you may grasp more fully how great is God’s love for you, that he is providing two priests so that you will have the Eucharist, and the word of God, and the Good Shepherd is made sacramentally present through these two new priests.

“We are called to be priests, through the love and action of God, must accept the life of sacrifice and love to which they are consecrated in the rite of the Good Shepherd, especially with these words, which have reference to the holy Eucharist, “United to each other in the people of God by the love of Christ — and then finally model your life on the Lord’s cross.” These words are twice addressed to the ordained.

Always remember that a fruit of such a life is gladness and joy. When any of us allow ourselves to be filled up with the love of Jesus Christ for the world and for us, the result is gladness, and the purest joy that can be experienced in this world.

Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, has said this about office of priest or bishop: “Spiritual office in the church rests on the existential posture of the servant who has learned how to allot second place to his own will in favor of the will of the persons to whom he belongs.”

May it be so for these two new priests — and through their life and ministry for all of us as well.

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Youtube messages in English, Spanish offer church’s view on marriage

BY CAROL GLATZ

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As U.S. voters from coast to coast prepared to decide ballot questions related to same-sex marriage Nov. 2, the U.S. bishops took their campaign to keep the traditional definition of marriage as the union of a man and woman before video-sharing Web site, YouTube.

A version of the video in English appeared at www.youtube.com, features Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., chairman of the USCCB director of media relations, said the donation came at the request of the California bishops from a USCCB “contingency fund that had been used before for issues like this,” such as assisted suicide.

“It’s a very important issue in California and in our country,” she said of same-sex marriage.

“Like all other pro-life organizations, we have the right to be treated with respect and to live in peace with the support of their loved ones,” the bishops said. “It is indeed a time of meaning and significance for all of us to show love and support to all those who are affected by the denial of the gifts of marriage and family life.”

“The USCCB did not donate to the campaigns for traditional marriage in Florida and Arizona this year.”

With a $1.14 million contribution, the USCCB ranked among the major donors in support of Proposition 8. Various Knights of Columbus chapters in California and across the country also donated small amounts, according to campaign finance records.

In all, Proposition 8 supporters had raised nearly $31 million — about $24 million of it from California — as of Oct. 30, while opponents of the proposal raised more than $33 million, $22 million of which came from within the state.

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Withdrawal of Holy Cross priests from Little Flower Parish, South Bend, in 2010

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D’ARCY

October 26, 2008

My Dear Parishioners of Little Flower Parish,

It was with pain and sadness that I learned from Father David Tyson, CSP, provincial of Holy Cross, of the decision made by the Holy Cross Congregation to withdraw from Little Flower Parish, South Bend on July 1, 2010.

This parish, under the patronage of St. Therese, a modern saint and a doctor of the church, was founded by Holy Cross over 70 years ago. It has been a vital parish, noted especially for devotion to the poor, and the implementation of Catholic social teaching. Its food pantry is known far and wide; I have grown close to the present pastor, Father Neil Ryan, CSP. Father Ryan has strengthened the parish and brought it closer to the bishop, which is a central task of any pastor; and has worked hard with the parishioners to see that the parish debt was addressed and eliminated. He is serving with great devotion.

Even while this brings sadness, it is also a time of gratitude — gratitude to the Congregation of Holy Cross for their service here in this parish for 70 years, and their devoted service to so many of our parishes.

I am also grateful to Father Tyson and his council that they have given us considerable time before their departure, thus making possible consultation and discussion.

This decision, surely not easy for Holy Cross, reminds us of the call to pray that more young men of good quality will come forward to serve the Church.

“arrest is that, the laborers are few. Pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers for the harvest.” — Lk 10:2.

I want to thank the few Little Flower parishioners and the diocesan will take up the responsibility of giving strong and exemplary pastoral leadership to this parish. I commend the parish to our beloved St. Therese, the parish patron, and to her intercession.

Working together with the parishioners and parish staff, we will do our best to build on what the Holy Cross Fathers and the parishioners have done, and try to strengthen this parish in every way.

Sincerely yours in our Lord.

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Most Reverend John M. D’Arcy

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“If, therefore, we are saddened by having them taken from us and missing them still causes pain, faith fills us with a deep comfort knowing that, just as it was for the Lord Jesus and always thanks to him, death no longer has power over them.”

The 103 bishops remembered at the papal Mass included six from the United States: Bishops James D. Niedergeses of Nashville, Tenn.; Daniel A. Hart of Newark, Conn.; Donald W. Montrose of Stockton, Calif.; Charles A. Buswell of Pueblo, Colo.; and Auxiliary Bishops Juan A. Azuribe of Los Angeles and Walter Paska of the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

In preparation for the memorial Mass, Mgr. Guido Marini, the pope’s master of liturgical ceremonies, finished the office in the apse of St. Peter’s Basilica replaced. The memorial Mass traditionally is celebrated at the Altar of the Chair in the apse and not at the main altar above the tomb of St. Peter.

Maria Cristina Stella, spokeswoman for St. Peter’s Basilica, said Mgr. Marini had asked that the 1973 bronze altar be removed and that the 1907 marble and gold altar that had been there previously be returned.

The chair “is a more traditional form and its iconography blends better with the gold of Bernini’s sculpture of the Chair of St. Peter,” she said. The older altar is expected to remain in the basilica permanently.
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Meeting less than a week after the election of a new U.S. president, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will discuss “the practical and pastoral implications of political support for abortion.”

But the agenda for the Nov. 10-13 USCCB fall general assembly at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel also will focus on a wide range of other issues, including such frequent topics as liturgical translations and priorities for the work of the bishops’ conference itself.

The agenda item on politics and abortion was added after comments on abortion by two Catholic politicians — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California and Democratic vice-presidential nominee Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware — during separate appearances on “Meet the Press” drew responses from the chairman of the bishops’ doctrine and pro-life committees.

It is unclear whether the bishops’ discussion was expected to focus on the abortion ban in the U.S. health care reform package. Some of the discussion also could take place behind closed doors, since only parts of the meeting’s first two days are open to the media. The rest of the meeting will be breakout sessions, executive sessions and time for prayer and reflection.

Consideration of several sections of the English translation of the third edition of the Roman Missal also will take up much of the meeting. First to come before the bishops is the translation of the proper prayers for Masses with children also had been slated to come before the bishops, but Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the committee on Divine Worship, said in a Sept. 29 letter to his fellow bishops that the Vatican “intends to remove” that section from the Roman Missal and to “publish a separate text at a later time.”

“I am withdrawing the action item … from the agenda of the November 2008 meeting,” Bishop Serratelli said, adding that “the text will be addressed at a later time to be determined” by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments.

Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., USCCB vice president, will present a report in November on the work of five task forces focusing on conference priorities — strengthening marriage, faith formation and sacramental practice, the life and dignity of the human person, cultural diversity in the church and promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Also scheduled for the November meeting are presentations on the “Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services” and on “Reflections on Covenant and Mission,” a 2007 statement of the National Council of Synagogues and the USCCB Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

The documents include a 2004 address on the vegetative state by Pope John Paul II to an international congress and a 2007 response by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on questions raised by the USCCB on artificial nutrition and hydration.

“The ‘Reflections on Covenant and Mission’ statement, which repudiates ‘campaigns that target Jews for conversion to Christianity,' has drawn criticism from Cardinal Avery Dulles as ‘ambiguous, if not erroneous, in its treatment’ of evangelization, mission and other topics. Others have joined in that criticism in recent months.

Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, who is beginning the second year of his three-year term as USCCB president, will deliver his presidential address at the gathering and a new USCCB secretary will be elected to succeed Bishop George V. Murry of Youngstown, Ohio.

Bishop Murry was elected last year to complete the three-year term of Bishop Kicanas when the Tucson bishop was chosen as vice president.

Also to be elected are chairmen-elect of the committees on National Collections, Cultural Diversity in the Church, Doctrine, Pro-Life Activities and Communications.

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Politics, liturgy, priorities focus of bishops’ fall meeting

In June the bishops directed their Committee on Doctrine to begin revising the ethical guidelines for Catholic health care institutions to reflect recent church documents on medically assisted nutrition and hydration.

U.S. bishops pray at the opening of their fall meeting in Baltimore in 2007. Politics and liturgy will be topics discussed at the bishops’ fall meeting in Baltimore Nov. 10-13.

They met at Catholic and Islamic institutions to engage in interreligious dialogue because, as its mission statement declares, the dialogue “is part of our core identity as people of faith.”

Representatives from several states and the District of Columbia attended sessions of scholarly sessions and public sessions dealing with such issues as religious freedom, religion in the public square and immigration, as well as an analysis of the American legal structure as it relates to Islamic law.

Joan Crist, director of the Gary diocesan Office of Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs, said the purpose of the dialogue, started in 1996, is to “create understanding between our two religions.”

Sessions were held at the Northwest Indiana Islamic Center in Crown Point, Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting and the Gary Diocese’s pastoral center in Merrillville. The schedule allowed time for the five daily prayers of Islam and for Masses and Catholic prayer services.

Gary Bishop Dale J. Melczek, offering a welcome Oct. 26 at the Islamic center, said that in the past year leaders from both faiths have made public efforts toward making peace between the two groups.

Noting that Christians and Muslims comprise 55 percent of the world’s population, the bishop quoted from a Muslim letter that stated: “If Muslims and Christians are not at peace, the world cannot be at peace.”

Quoting from the Quran, the sacred book of Islam, the bishop noted that “without giving the neighbor what we ourselves love, we do not truly love God or the neighbor.” He likened that to the apostle James, who wrote: “My brothers, what good is it to profess faith without practicing it?”

The bishop also quoted from Catholic bishops in Africa who said that although Catholics and Muslims hold some similar fundamental religious values — the need for prayer, the uniqueness of God and the importance of almsgiving, fasting and pilgrimages — bigotry, intolerance, militarism and fundamentalism by a tiny minority are the main sources of conflict.

While these bishops acknowledged these challenges, Bishop Melczek said, “they urged that we place the difficulties in the hands of God and move forward with a spirit of hope.”

In his welcome, Imam Mongy el Quesny, the Islamic center’s spiritual leader, listed some of the religious figures both faiths hold in common, including Noah, Moses, Joseph, Benjamin, Aaron and John the Baptist.

“At least come together for a common word,” the imam said, and that word is justice. He added that Christians and Muslims both have lived in this country for a long time, but he said it was not until he spent some time in New York that he experienced tension between the two groups. He prayed the dialogue would help the two groups “bring all the issues that can bring us together.”

He also prayed that God would give dialogue participants knowledge and compassion to “lead to a straight path to God ... and forgive any mistakes we made in this life.”

Mgr. Patrick Halfpenny of the Detroit Archdiocese, who is archdiocesan ecumenical and interfaith adviser, said the challenge of dialogue sessions is to see “how our dialogue advances the mission of peace” and how these sessions can bear fruit — “truth that will last.”

Muslims in the U.S. can learn from the history of American Catholics, said Sayyid M. Syeed, the Washington-based national director of the Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances of the Islamic Society of North America.

Catholics who immigrated to America faced hardships, but in time they became accepted and now are recognized for their schools and hospitals.

Just as Catholics have contributed to American society, said Syeed, so too do Muslims, not through isolation “but by building bridges of understanding.”

CATHOLICS, Muslims gather in Indiana for annual Midwest dialogue

BY STEVE COVINO

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The world did not emerge out of chaos; rather it was created intentionally by “the first being,” Pope Benedict XVI said.

The Creator also is involved not only with the origins of the universe, but continually sustains the development of life and the world, said the pope during an Oct. 31 audience with 80 participants of a Vatican-sponsored conference on evolution.

Scientists, philosophers and theologians from around the world were attending the Oct. 31-Nov. 4 plenary session on “Scientific Insights Into the Evolution of the Universe and of Life” at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

The pope said the topic was timely and has elicited interest worldwide.

“Questions concerning the relationship between science’s reading of the world and the reading offered by Christian revelation naturally arise,” he said. Popes Pius XII and John Paul II had found there was “no opposition between faith’s understanding of creation and the evidence of the empirical sciences,” he said.

“In order to develop and evolve, the world must first be, and thus have come from nothing into being. It must be created,” the pope said.

But God’s work in creating matter and life out of nothing did not end there, he said. The Creator founded the cosmos and its developments and “supports them, underpins them and sustains them continually,” he said.

St. Thomas Aquinas taught that people’s conception of creation must transcend not just the origin of the universe and its history, he said.

Creation is not just the starting point of life; it is “the foundational and continuing relationship that links the creature to the Creator, for he is the cause of every being and all becoming,” the pope said.

The church teaches “every spiritual soul is created immediately by God — it is not produced by the parents — and also that it is immortal,” the pope said, quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

In fact, science has helped deepen the church’s understanding that humanity has a unique and distinctive place in the cosmos, he said. Only the person, a spiritual being, has a hunger and capacity for God, he said.

The pope said the evolution of life and the world “resembles an ordered book.” Looking at nature as a book that can be read is an image the pope has used in Christianity, he said, adding that “Galileo saw nature as a book whose author is God.”

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Religion seen as having different role in '08 than previous elections

WASHINGTON (CNS) — However the post-election analysis interprets the actual influence of the religion-based aspects of this year's presidential campaign, the rules of that part of the political playbook may have changed for good. Without even seeing exit-poll numbers, it was clear that several assumptions about the role of religion in presidential politics from the last few elections got turned on their head this time. “Precedents are being set,” said Burns Strider, who served as religious outreach director for Sen. Hillary Clinton's campaign for the Democratic nomination for president. For instance, typical of faith-based outreach in the 2004 campaign was an e-mail letter sent to tens of thousands of parishioners by a group of ministers who led Protestant megachurches. Strider said at an Oct. 30 forum in Washington, co-sponsored by Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the PBS show “Religion and Ethics Newsweekly.” The letter focused on what it called core principles for Christian voters, principally opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage. “We haven’t seen that this time,” Strider said.

Financial crisis is reminder to help poor, says Vatican’s U.N. nuncio

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — Public reaction to the financial crisis should not be limited to criticisms of what went wrong or expressions of sympathy to those most affected, said Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Vatican’s apostolic nuncio to the United Nations. Instead, world leaders need to “come up with the ways and means to avoid similar crises from happening again,” he said. In an Oct. 30 address to the U.N. General Assembly as part of a panel discussion on the global financial crisis, the archbishop urged delegates not to forget those “at the edges of the financial system” such as small farmers, small businesses, cottage industries and those who rely on their savings as an essential means of support. “Above all,” he said, “there is a need to invest in people. Once the inevitable financial salvage operations are over, governments and the international community should invest their money in aid to the poorest populations.”

Unaccompanied migrant and refugee children a U.S. and global issue

FAIRFAX, Va. (CNS) — David Siegel takes a highly personal view of his job as director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement in the Department of Health and Human Services. Siegel said that means he knows the names and personal stories of all 2,300 children he cares under the programs for unaccompanied minor aliens and minor refugees. “If you ask me, I can tell you their names, where they came from, their ages and gender, their histories,” he told an audience at the 2008 conference on Protection of Unaccompanied and Separated Children Oct. 22. “It’s an awesome responsibility.” The three-day conference at George Mason University in Virginia dealt with topics such as returning immigrants and refugees to their home countries and their families, tracking family members and meeting international criteria for determining the best interests of a child.

CRS evacuates workers from eastern Congo amid increased conflict

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although two Catholic Relief Services workers in eastern Congo have been evacuated to neighboring Rwanda amid the escalating conflict, they are planning to return to another part of the country as soon as possible to help with relief efforts, said a CRS official. “This was not a formal evacuation,” said Paul Miller, Africa policy adviser for CRS, the U.S. bishops’ aid and development agency. He said the two workers, who were evacuated Oct. 30, happened to be in the violence-torn region after working on a nearby water-assessment project. CRS officials decided Oct. 29 that the workers should leave the area when the “situation became quite tense,” said Miller, referring to incidents of government soldiers shooting civilians that night in Goma. The next morning, the workers walked across the border into Rwanda, where they were picked up by a CRS vehicle. Eastern Congo’s proximity to Rwanda and the region’s mineral wealth have contributed to the ongoing violence in the region. The 1994 ethnic genocide of Hutus in Rwanda spilled over into Congo, and since then Rwandan rebels and Tutsi militiants have been fighting the Congolese army, despite a cease-fire signed in January.

Iraqi refugees share snack of grapes in Lebanon

IRAQI REFUGEES SHARE SNACK OF GRAPES IN LEBANON

Hussein and Samina Khafagi share a snack of grapes with their four children in their small apartment in Beirut, Lebanon, Oct. 3. They are refugees from Iraq and receive assistance from the Caritas Lebanon Migrant Center, which is funded by Catholic Relief Services.

Bishop Morin establishes task force to review CHD funding of ACORN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishop Roger P. Morin of New Orleans, who chairs the U.S. bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee on Community Development, has established a committee to review how funds from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development have been used by local affiliates of the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, commonly known as ACORN. Auxiliary Bishop Dale Rathke, the brother of ACORN founder Wade Rathke, has embezzled nearly $1 million from the organization and its affiliates in 1999 and 2000.

Ten years after Mitch, Central Americans remain vulnerable

SANTA MARIA MANICERA, Nicaragua (CNS) — Ines Vanegas is a survivor. Whether it was good fortune or an accident, she escaped death when Hurricane Mitch sent a wall of mud and water racing down the slopes of the Costa volano Oct. 30, 1998, burying two villages and killing more than 2,000 of her neighbors in about five minutes. Badly injured, she survived, as did her husband and three children, although all bear physical and emotional scars from the event. Ten years later, she and her family live in a cramped dirt-floor house on a small lot far from the small field they still farm on the volcano's fertile slopes. Rising costs for everything from fertilizer to school notebooks leaves her at the mercy of a local loan shark; she worries about the next payment she will due. Her husband went to Costa Rica as a migrant worker but was so hoiliated by his treatment there that he came home penniless. “If we’re going to suffer, it’s better to do it at home,” Vanegas told Catholic News Service. Vanegas and her neighbors became the poster victims for the devastation of Hurricane Mitch, which left more than 10,000 people dead throughout Central America.

Group hopes to make Catholic high school attainable for more

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When Father Peter Stravinskas went to Catholic high school in the 1960s, tuition was initially $150 a year. By the time he graduated it had doubled. Now the school’s annual tuition, of about $8,000 not only gives him pause but also keeps him extremely busy. The priest, a noted scholar, author and apologist, is also the executive director of the Catholic Education Foundation, a group based in Rochester, N.Y., that provides scholarships nationwide to Catholic high-school students. Several years back, the same name provide Catholic school scholarships to students within their own diocese or archdiocese. For example, there is a Catholic Education Foundation in Los Angeles, Kansas City, Kan., Johnstown, Pa., and Louisville, Ky., to name a few. But the Rochester group is the only one that provides scholarships across the country. It also only focuses on high schools, something Father Stravinskulas said is unique.

Russian church official welcomes quick response to Jesuits’ murders

OXFORD, England (CNS) — An attack on a small Catholic church in Moscow in which two Jesuit priests were killed and a third was injured by unknown assailants has received “news of any previous attack,” Father Igor Kovalevsky, conference secretary-general. As investigations were underway, the leaders of Fathers Otto Messmer and Victor Betancourt, whose bodies were found early Oct. 30, were in their Moscow apartment, Father Kovalevsky told Catholic News Service, “It’s clear the authorities are fully engaged in inquiries and determined to apprehend the perpetrators immediately and do everything possible to ensure appropriate punishments.” He said the conference had not received “news of any previous threats or possible motives for the killings.”
Local Catholic Campaign for Human Development awards grants in South Bend, Fort Wayne

The local Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the Catholic Church’s domestic anti-poverty program, has awarded grants totaling $16,000 to four local and area institutions who demonstrated an ability to attack the causes of poverty by empowering the poor.

Founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States in 1970, the campaign is the nation’s largest private-funding source of projects that empower the poor, and works to eliminate poverty and injustice in the United States. An estimated 37 million Americans live in poverty more than the population of California.

Those receiving grants and the amount of the awards are:

In South Bend
• St. Adalbert and St. Casimir parishes — a $5,000 community organizing grant for its Extended Care Management Services for Refugees program
• Bishop Dwenger High School — a $5,000 community organizing grant for its Basic Financial Literacy Project for homeless families with children
• Bishop Dwenger High School — a $1,000 education grant for its tutoring and summer program at the Easel Wilson Center

The annual CCHD collection will be taken-up on the Nov. 23 weekend in all parishes of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. A total of 25 percent of the donations stayed in the diocese for local/area distribution through selected grant applications, approved by the Bishop and Diocesan CCHD. Grants are awarded based on need, not religious affiliation.

According to Ann Helmke, director of the CCHD program for the diocese, two types of CCHD funds are available in the diocese: organizing grants — those engaged in empowering the poor and working to bring changes to policies, institutions and laws; and education grants — those which build solidarity between poor and non-poor, and educate Americans about the root causes of poverty.

For 38 years, CCHD has distributed more than $300 million in grants to self-help projects nationwide. This year, CCHD is supporting approximately 315 local projects in 43 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Knights of Columbus give blood

During the months of December 2008 and January 2009, members of the Indiana Knights of Columbus throughout the state of Indiana, will be participating in blood drives in as many councils as possible. This is the first year that a concerted effort will be made in this life giving activity.

Indiana Knights have been responding to the needs of the Indianapolis Colts many times in recent years and found another opportunity to serve the community. All Indiana Knights are urged to participate in this life giving effort.

Write a will at the University of Saint Francis

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host a Write a Will event on Wednesday, Nov. 12, from 4-6 p.m. in the Bass Mansion as part of the “Leave a Legacy” initiative by the Planned Giving Council of Northeast Indiana (PGCI).

“Leave a Legacy” is a national campaign in partnership with the PGCI and is partnering with several sites in Fort Wayne for events during the week of Nov. 10-14. A complete list of sites can be found at www.pgcni.org/waw.html. The purposes of “Leave a Legacy” are to promote awareness of the need to have a will or estate plan and to encourage charitable giving from estates.

To make an appointment call (260) 486-6016. For more information visit www.pgcgi.org.

Ancilla hosts book fair

DONALDSON — Ancilla College announces that it will host Books Are Fun, Ltd.’s Book Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Book Fair will be located at Ancilla College in the hallway outside the business office.

Take this opportunity to purchase unique books and gifts at 40-70 percent off of retail prices. Buy a book for that special occasion, birthday or holiday. Included in this book fair are children’s books, general interest, best sellers, CD’s and much more. A portion of all proceeds benefit Ancilla College’s Annual Fund, so come check out the huge selection.

Contact Tom Sibul of Ancilla College at (574) 936-8809, ext. 355 for more information.

Schools celebrate saints

SOUTH BEND — For the past several weeks, fourth-grade students at Holy Cross School have been studying the lives of their favorite saint. Each student has chosen their favorite saint and has completed a detailed study of the saint. They have researched why the individual became a saint, printed a picture of their flag and country of origin, have developed a prayer card and symbol for the saint and completed a three paragraph story about their saint.

The students culminated their study on Oct. 31, and processed at 8:15 a.m. Mass at Holy Cross Church, South Bend, where they shared facts about their saint, after Mass, the children shared their knowledge with the first- and second-grade students.

The Saint Anthony De Pudua School, students also celebrated All Saint’s Day on Oct. 31 with all school and community Mass beginning at 8:15 a.m. The morning began in the church foyer with a procession by the fourth-grade students who have all selected a saint to profile in class and come to church dressed as that saint.

This year’s fourth-grade class highlighted 31 saints, both male and female. Many of the children researched to find a saint that fits their interests or who is the patron saint of something they find important.

St. Vincent welcomes Marilyn Fech to Catholicism Revealed

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, will once again offer its Monday night series, Catholicism Revealed from 7:830 p.m. An optional rosary begins each night at 6:30 p.m.

On Nov. 17, Bishop Luer High School theology teacher Marilyn Fech will be the speaker on the topic, “Satan, Do You Recognize Him?” Fech will explore the role of Satan in today’s world as well as challenged theology. She is active in adult catechesis especially in RCIA.

Another upcoming session includes Father Gary Sigler and Rabbi Mitch Kornspan, speakers on “A Priest, A Rabbi and You,” on Nov. 24.

40 Days for Life celebrates with end rally

SOUTH BEND — During the 40 Days for Life in South Bend, the community rallied around prayer and fasting at the abortion facilities in South Bend and Fort Wayne.

In South Bend, 500 people were involved in the 24/7 vigil at the abortion clinic. The total number of persons involved was 5,000. At least three babies’ lives were saved according to organizer Mary Akre.

A woman arrived at the clinic and approached Luke Bruner, who was nearby praying, and asked him if he worked at the clinic. He said no, but she proceeded to ask his advice for her dilemma. She had eight children and was considering aborting the one she was carrying.


The woman is getting help from the Women’s Care Center and has made the right decision.
Refugee admissions increase, but still far below pre-9/11 numbers

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The number of refugees admitted to the United States in the fiscal year ending in September increased substantially over the previous two years, though it still falls far short of resettlement requirements before the 2001 terrorist attacks brought changes to admissions requirements.

Of the more than 60,000 refugees admitted between October 2007 and September 2008, nearly 30 percent — 17,283 people — were resettled throughMigration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In 2007, the U.S. admitted just 48,281 refugees, compared with 94,222 who arrived in the 2000 fiscal year, before post-9/11 security concerns changed the vetting system for refugees. Since then, the annual admissions number has dipped as low as 39,201 in 2003.

By comparison, MRS on its own processed tens of thousands of refugees each year in the 1970s and 1980s. In 1980 alone, MRS handled the entry of 132,000 of the 207,000 admitted nationwide. Most of them came from Vietnam.

The U.S. figures for 2008 include 13,823 Iraqi refugees. Of those, 4,234 — 31 percent — came in through the MRS network, according to Mark Sloan, associate director of processing operations for MRS.

As of June, with a quarter of the fiscal year to go, the U.S. had admitted only about a third of its target of 120,000 Iraqi refugees, so more than 8,000 came in the last three months.

Sloan said three currently are between 1.5 million and 2 million Iraqi refugees in Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and other parts of the region.

A target admissions quota set by the White House in September would allow 80,000 refugees this fiscal year. That includes 37,000 from the Near East region that includes Iraq. Sloan said the majority of those will be Iraqis, followed by Bhutanese and Afghans.

Another 5,000 visas are available for Iraqis who are classified as “special immigrants.” That includes people who worked for the U.S. gov-

ment or U.S. contractors in the region and are considered to be at risk because of that association.

Sloan said so far MRS sees no reason the U.S. would not meet next year’s target for Iraqi refugee admissions. He cautioned that in a volatile region, refugee resettlement could be hampered by changes in political climate brought on by events such as a recent U.S. military raid into Syria targeting an arms-smuggling network.

In an Oct. 22 press release with the MRS data, Johnny Young, executive director of MRS, said diocesan agencies, parishes and other community entities “went above and beyond the call of duty to help refugees build new lives.”

The “bulge” in admissions in the last quarter of the fiscal year created strains on the dioceses that received the refugees, the release said.

It also noted that the “unaccompanied minor” program in 10 dioceses found foster care for 190 children who were in the United States without an adult guardian and for another 43 unaccompanied child refugees whose arrival is anticipated. Only about 50 unaccompanied minors are typically expected in one year, it said.

Sloan said the majority of refugees expected to arrive this year are from Bhutan, Burma and Iraq.

“However, we may see the first arrivals of a new group of Eritreans from Shumelba camp in Ethiopia toward the end of the fiscal year,” he said in an e-mail to diocesan offices of Catholic News Service.

Refugees are admitted to a third country such as the United States after processing that includes extensive background screening in whatever country they are currently living in. The office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees oversees that processing worldwide.

The UNHCR reported 11.4 million refugees in its care in 2007.

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The church’s refugee resettlement is handled by Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and its diocesan affiliates. The drastic drop in refugee admissions in 2002 and 2003 was a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

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Ornate Noll house has place in Fort Wayne history

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — Nestled in the quaint West Central neighborhood, the house at 1415 Washington Blvd. is an unassuming gem of religious and historical significance.

The former residence of Archbishop John Francis Noll, the 100-year-old house was designed by Toledo, Ohio, architect Harry Wachter as a Craftsman style home, according to the West Central Neighborhood Association of Fort Wayne’s Web site, www.westcentralneighborhood.org. It was originally built for Robert Millard, a partner in Moeller & Millard Wholesale Grocers and involved in the Fort Wayne Rolling Mill. From 1923 to 1925, the house was occupied by Bishop Herman J. Alerding.

But perhaps its most famous resident, Archbishop John Francis Noll, lived there from 1925 to 1956. Currently the house is occupied by Fred and Karen Allina.

Sprawling at nearly 9,000-square feet in size, the house was originally designed to take in the view of the landscaped entrance to nearby Swaney Park.

Architecturally, the house has a rough, stucco exterior and clay tile roof. The trademark enclosed porch with exposed rafters was originally an open pergola. Inside, the colonial style prevails, including a living room with a tiled fireplace, original plaster ceiling moldings, and two sets of leaded-glass French doors open to the side yard.

Perhaps the house’s hidden jewel is the chapel designed by architect Alvin M. Strauss, known for the design of Fort Wayne landmarks such as the Lincoln Bank Tower and the Embassy Theatre.

“In 1935 a wing was added that included a chapel where the architect’s biographers say he said daily Mass,” local historian Tom Castaldi said. “In its day, the home featured rose marble pillars, ornately carved plaster ceiling, stained-glass windows imported from Germany and Italian murals ... not your ordinary home.”

The Allinas’ love affair with the historic house began in 1988. It was through the recommenda- tion of a real estate friend that they discovered the house. But first impressions aren’t always what they seem, the Allinas soon found out. The house seemed uninviting, with its unlyly woods and unhinged door.

But Karen especially felt drawn to the house and knew it was “meant to be ... I couldn’t get over it,” she said. “It was the most amazing house.”

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From here on, the house was a do-it-yourself project, Karen said.

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Karen said that through this can-do attitude, the girls, now grown women, were empowered and learned not to fear failure.

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Throughout the years, the Allinas have embraced the house’s rich history. But the historical element was not always apparent to the family, she said.

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Castaldi said the Noll house should be revered as a testimony to the greatness of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

“The house stands today as a reminder to Catholics of home to the man who spoke up for the truth and beauty of Catholicism,” he said. “To the community-at-large, (it stands) as the home of a notable man of faith and of national acclaim.”

This private chapel of Archbishop John F. Noll was designed by Alvin M. Strauss who also designed the Lincoln Bank Tower and the Embassy Theatre.

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Judy Throm retires as cathedral organist

**BY MARK WEBER**

FORT WAYNE — Could a young girl, an only child, daughter of the organist for the Presbyterian church in Rushville, Ind., ever imagine that the future would find her as a Roman Catholic organist and director in the choir loft of a majestic cathedral conducting a mixed choir, a brass ensemble, and tympani for the ordination rite in the Catholic faith?

Impossible, says Judy Throm, who on the last day of this year will retire as director of music and liturgy and choir director for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Judy’s entire life has been filled with background music beginning at age 4 with piano lessons from her mother. Two years later, she began piano lessons outside the home, and in high school, found a band and music teacher who gave her serious encouragement about a career in church music. At this point in her life, Judy was studying organ and filling in as church organist in various Protestant churches in Rushville.

Music then led to romance. As a music major at Butler University in Indianapolis, Judy met her future husband, Ed Throm, who was also pursuing a career in church music and at the same time, had a deepening interest in the Catholic faith, and as a college student, entered the church.

In Indianapolis, Judy too, took instruction at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, but at the time, could not take the final step toward conversion. Regardless, Ed and Judy married in the church and began a family that included one son and one daughter. It was after their second child was born that Judy reconsidered becoming Catholic. “I wanted all of us to be together,” she recalls, and requested instructions for a second time and then embraced the faith, completely unaware that this act was a mystical self-appointment as a musical evangelist leading to years of worship at an ethereal level. She would, in the years to come, through faith and her faith, touch thousands of lives anonymously as they worshipped all seasons.

In 1966, Judy and Ed, with Ed Jr. and Katie moved from Indianapolis to Fort Wayne, where Ed, at the request of Msgr. Charles Gerardot, became organist at St. Jude Parish, a position he would hold for 14 years.

The next career move for the Thomses came when Father John Kutzniuch, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, hired Ed full-time and Judy, part-time as organists.

Judy continued to freelance, playing for one year at St. Charles and five years at the Jewish Temple. These years also found Ed and Judy having lots of fun performing as a duo piano-vocalist team providing sing-along entertainment for Rotary, The Serra Club and the Fort Wayne Chancery holiday parties.

The music in their lives stopped with a crash with Ed’s death in 1991 and Judy’s immediate takeover at full-time organist and music director at the cathedral.

Other than preparing for Advent and the Christmas season, the high note of Judy’s last year was planning for the October ordination of Fathers Curry and Bauman. Such ceremonies require weeks of practice and planning. This also calls for calm nerves on Judy’s part, because some of the singers are from out of town, and although they have rehearsed with the music, they do not practice with the other singers until a curtain time rehearsal two hours before Mass; when that begins, Judy plays the organ, directs the ad hoc choir, a brass quartet, tympani and coordinates responses with the cantor.

Considering this, one can understand why Judy Throm must be torn between leaving such exhilarating experiences behind her and looking forward the the tranquil rewards of retirement.

Terry Broberg-Swanger, a cantor who has worked with Judy for 11 years, says, “As a professional musician, I have been impressed with so many aspects of Judy as a musician. She has schooled the Cathedral Choir in a wide repertoire of music, ranging from Latin motets to contemporary pieces. She works the choir hard so that we push ourselves to become better musicians, but more importantly, better ministers since Judy stresses that we pray through our music. Judy has a true zeal for the house of the Lord.”

Dyne L. Pfeffenberger, close friend and fellow musician of 26 years recalls that “her talented organ music is truly an integral part of the congregation’s prayer and sacred ceremonies. And, of course, the wonderful choral concerts she presents at midsummer and Christmas time are eagerly anticipated and enjoyed by all.”

On Judy Throm’s approaching retirement, cathedral rector Father Robert Schulte says, “Judy has been a valued and important member of the staff of the cathedral for 26 years. Her musical talent and abilities have blessed many who visit the cathedral to pray and worship. Judy sets high standards for herself and brings that excellence to others. She has helped others to develop their musical talent and seeks to provide a reflective and participatory involvement for the congregation. I know Judy leaves with regret, as she feels it is time to retire from full-time ministry. We thank her deeply for her faithful contributions to the cathedral parish for so many years.

When Judy’s decision to retire at the end of 2008 was final, a search committee for her replacement was formed and the position was advertised. That the 24 prompt responses speaks to the esteem held for the position of director of music and liturgy and choir director for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Without a doubt, much of the high regard for this particular position is the result of the dedication and devotion of the one who leaves it; Judy Throm.
Andy Krizman shares musical talent

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

“Music, the greatest good that mortals know, and all of heaven we have here below.” — Joseph Addison, “A Song for St. Cecilia’s Day"

GRANGER — Andy Krizman’s love for the organ is apparent in every word he sings, and every note he plays. The year 2008 has provided this young adult and parishioner of St. Pius X Parish several musical venues that showcase his love for God and community.

One of these musical milestones was achieved on May 18, when Krizman was presented with an organist certification by the Rev. Hal Hoy, director of liturgy and music. The Organist Training Program is part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Music Committee and the Office of Worship.

According to the Music Committee and Office of Worship’s brochure, “The program provides current church organists the opportunity to advance their level of service and hymn playing, while also helping to deepen their understanding of liturgy. For those who are interested in becoming church organists, the program offers training in liturgical and organ skills, as well as the opportunity to serve the diocese either as a paid or volunteer musician in the student’s parish or as a substitute organist on an ‘on-call’ basis for the diocese.”

Hoy, who was Krizman’s private organ teacher over the past three years, notes the workload for the program includes playing psalms, alleluias, hymns, wedding marches, repertoire for funerals, and Mass parts such as preludes and postludes. While Krizman was one of St. Pius’ younger students in the program, all age groups are encouraged to participate. Applicants should be at least high school age and are carefully screened.

The “final” of the organist training program is to play a Mass critiqued by members of the diocesan music committee. Because Krizman played at several Masses earlier this year, the committee accepted Hoy’s recommendation of completion and waived their required presence at a Mass.

Krizman’s love of music began at a very early age. One Christmas, Krizman’s older brother Mike received a keyboard and he and a drum set from his parents Mike and Helen Krizman. Because Krizman was intrigued by the keyboards, both boys began piano lessons. Mike moved on to guitar lessons, while Krizman continued with the piano and added voice lessons.

During a conversation with Krizman’s father after Mass, Hoy discovered that Krizman was a piano player.

Krizman recalls, “Jeremy said I should be taking organ lessons and I said that it would be pretty cool.” Hoy soon found that Krizman’s musical talents extended beyond playing the piano and the organ. During the last part of his sophomore year, while playing piano for the gym Mass, Krizman expressed an interest in becoming a cantor.

At that time, Krizman was assuming some of the responsibilities of the departing associate director of Liturgy and music and Hoy was concerned that playing and singing at various Masses might be too heavy a workload. But Krizman persevered and convinced him that he could handle multiple responsibilities.

“Andy easily would do three Masses one weekend, two of them playing and one singing,” says Hoy. “And he was also a great help when I was sick at the last minute, and he was called in to do something for me.”

Krizman’stablet of activities outside of St. Pius kept Krizman’s schedule full this year. During the month of April, he played the part of the pirate king in the musical, “The Pirates of Penzance” at Marian High School. He participated in local rock bands, and composed his own music for the piano. Additionally, Krizman was captain of the varsity tennis team at Marian, and taught tennis at Knollwood Country Club and the Racquet Club.

This fall Krizman began his freshman year at Notre Dame majoring in architecture. Music continues to play an important part in his life on campus. To enhance his vocal abilities, Krizman is taking voice lessons through Notre Dame’s School of Music and is participating in the school’s glee club.

The glee club has as many as five performances a week and members are required to sign up for at least one of all scheduled events. Krizman is looking forward to touring with the Glee Club this year when they perform in the northeast United States. Krizman’s instrumental gifts will continue to be used at Notre Dame as well. On Sundays, he will be playing the piano at Stanford Hall’s dormitory Mass. In addition, St. Pius X parishioners can still look forward to Krizman sharing his musical talents during Christmas and summer vacation.

Escape to pray the Office of the Night with monks


In July, Jade, a division of Milan Records, released a followup release CD to the soundtrack of the film “Into Great Silence.” The two CD-album is a collection of chants, readings, prayers and sounds of silence recorded by the film director Philip Groning during his six-month stay at the monastery in Grande Chartreuse.

“Every night, the monks of the Grande Chartreuse,” as stated in the liner notes by the album’s producer Groning, “leave their cells at 15 minutes past midnight to meet in the church and sing matins and lauds. Two, three, sometimes even three-and-a-half hours of homilies, psalms, reading and a profound silence.”

Many have noted on various Web sites and blogs about the album that they find the chant meditative, others say it relaxes them. This is the first time the Office of the Night has been made available in its entirety to the public.

The faithful servant and the junkyard dog

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — Leroy Brown (the baddest man in town), Beethoven and the beatitudes are all within the piano repertoire of 17-year-old Tom Saul, a junior at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne.

As the youngest of nine, and separated by 21 years from his oldest sibling, one could think that his older brothers and sisters might call him “the kid” or “baby brother,” but the diminutive does not apply when the youngest brother plays classical music for an older brother’s wedding, a reverie by Claude Debussy, and later at the reception sits in with the band to knock out “Bad, Bad Leroy Brown” and “Mustang Sally.” That’s when they all say with pride, “That’s my brother Tom!”

Tom Saul’s musical talent came to the attention of his parents, Jim and Anne Marie, at age 4, when they realized he was picking out tunes on an old upright instead of punishing it and put him in the hands of a professional piano teacher, Donna Noble, at age 6.

At the present stage of his musical education, he takes weekly lessons at Sweetwater Sound and also comes under the guidance of Karlene Krouse, director of music and theater at Luers, who has spent many hours of rehearsal and performance time with Tom when he was the pianist for the Bishop Luers’ musicals, “Fiddler on the Roof” and “Dann Yankee” and when he sang and danced in other shows.

Besides playing for musicals, he plays piano at the Luers’ school Masses on the first Monday of each month. This also calls for planning and rehearsal time with Krouse, and playing liturgical music in particular, reminds him that the combination of senses allowing him to see notes on the page and have them come out through his finger tips is a gift and that it behooves him to be the faithful servant “from whom much is expected.”

He is not shy about stating that such direction comes straight from the shoulder of his life coach — Tom Saul is to be admired for his musical talent, how he shares it liturgically and how it becomes part of the Luers Spirit. Furthermore, such admiration for an individual is enhanced when a 17 year old avows with no reserve that a parent is his life coach.

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Art as bridge to Scripture emerges as a topic at Synod of Bishops

By John Thavis

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The use of art as a bridge to Scripture and faith has emerged as a significant subtheme at the Synod of Bishops on the Bible.

Some Eastern Catholic bishops spoke at the synod about the rich tradition of Oriental iconography, describing the icon as an expression of “visual theology” with specific shapes, colors and symbols that can aid in the contemplation of the word of God, he said.

“Reaching the work of art in the heart “like a prayer.”

• Highlighting the deep religious symbolism in art, recognizing that “the life of art in the world is the sacred history of God’s mercy.”

• Seeing the artist in the light of God’s love. That means accepting that the lives of many artists are crossed by sins, mistakes and temptations, but also by moments of light and the creation of highly spiritual works, she said.

Not every painter lived like Fra Angelico,” she said, referring to the 15th-century Florentine monk who spent much of his life painting in his monastery.

Organizers of the synod tried to highlight artistic works at the daily assemblies of the 233 participants. Illustrating from the St. John’s Bible, a hand-copied and hand-illuminated version of the Scriptures, have been displayed in the atrium of the synod hall and are being reproduced on synod liturgical booklets.

On Oct. 13, Pope Benedict XVI and the entire synod took a break and attended a concert. The Vienna Philharmonic performed the sixth symphony of Anton Bruckner, a 19th-century Austrian composer whose music was strongly influenced by his Christian faith.

“Thank God there was nobody posing because, she said, “if I was so stressed she told God that I don’t do it, I don’t know who else,” Msgr. East said.

Some Protestant writers have criticized the synod for not getting started until a few decades after the Vatican II conciliar reforms that came to be known as gospel music.

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Msgr. East said Catholic gospel music has served to build bridges between African-American Catholics and their Protestant counterparts, as well as serve as a tool for evangelization.

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Expressing appreciation

There are special times during the year when most of us make an extra effort to express our gratitude and appreciation for the people in our lives and the gifts we have been given — Mother’s and Father’s Day, birthdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, to name a few. There is also a day for grandparents, bosses and secretaries. These occasions are the bread and butter of many retailers. For the most part they are marketing tools to get us to spend our money. On the other hand, they serve as reminders to us of the importance to give thanks.

As Christians we know that all we have is a gift, including the people in our lives. And just as it is important to express our love, we are also called show our gratitude, not just on special days, but always.

Gratitude is something we learn. Many parents try to teach their children to be thankful. One often hears a mother or father say to a small child after they have received a gift or was invited to a dinner, etc. Now people send e-mails or virtual cards. In this world it is so easy to get wrapped up in our much too busy lives that we can forget to perform even simple acts of courtesy. Too often we fail to express our appreciation for acts of kindness we receive. Someone says something, “What do you say?” I was also taught to write thank you notes when I received a letter or small gift. It is important part of our culture.

I have heard people say they rarely thank people in the service industries because “that is what they get paid for.” Some children have a similar attitude about their parents. They don’t think about thanking them for what they do because they feel that is what parents are supposed to do. Then there are those, as my father used to say, who think the world owes them a living. We can take a lot of things and people for granted, including God.

As in all meaningful relationshipships, gratitude is also important in our relationship with God. When it comes right down to it, all we are and have come from our gracious God. A good habit to develop in our evening prayer or some other time of the day is to reflect on the past 24 hours and give God thanks for the many blessings, great or small, we have received. Even the fact that we had another day of life is something to thank God for.

I have written many times about my admiration of the people of Uganda, East Africa, before, but it is worth doing it again. The people in that country have a beautiful custom of giving thanks for every thing in their lives. The word they use is “webala.” Any time a person goes to someone’s home, the host thanks that person for visiting. Or if someone has a conversation with another, that person would thank him or her for speaking. They express gratitude for every human action no matter how big or small. It is an important part of their culture.

I don’t think we have to go that far but I do believe our world would be a better place if we regularly expressed our genuine appreciation for life and all we receive from God and one another. St. Paul says it simply in Colossians, “…Always be thank ful.” And I would add, and don’t forget to express it.

Sister Margie Lavonis, CSC

A slice of pumpkin bread: How hospitality heals

I can bring any mood to my grandma’s house, and it will be lifted in a few seconds as the door swings open and her arms spread wide.

I opt for hot cider and pumpkin bread. Grandma serves me the end piece, covered in frost ing.

The cracking fireplace muf fles the ticking clock that usually dictates my day. I can talk and talk, she will listen and listen, leaning alongside each remark and every emotion.

I leave with a lipstick smudge on my cheek and a soreness I am loved.

Lately I have been reflecting on hospitality, a virtue that does n’t get nearly the air time as charity or forgiveness, patience or moderation. It seems especially foreign, even antiquated, to young adults who hop from one small apartment to another, interacting at bars, entertained by Wiis.

“Do not neglect hospitality,” Hebrews 13 tells us, “for through it some have unknow ingly entertained angels.”

This neglected virtue can invite holy exchanges. And we can practice it every hour of the day — no matter the size of our bank accounts or our knowledge of Martha Stewart tips.

Hospitality is not just a virtue we exercise when hosting a party in your home; it’s something you carry wherever you go, whether you serve or are being served by a worried wait ess or exhausted cashier. It’s not just about refilling empty glass es; it’s about refilling confidence and restoring us.


Hospitality takes many shapes and forms. It is a booby pin quickly retrieved from a purse, a Band-Aid, a tissue. Fresh-baked muffins in a French-fry culture.

It is attentive listening, the kind that happens when you remove the iPod earbuds and embrace the moment.

We exercise hospitality when we confess shortcomings and crack dumb jokes to put others at ease.

Hospitality allows for honesty and whispered pleas for help. It lets us be our authentic selves and emboldens others to do the same.

It cultivates talent and calls people forward. My first mentor, Terry, facilitated editorial meet ings for aspiring young writers. Her bright blue eyes, rosy cheeks and generous laughter invited us to toss out story ideas without reservations. Under her guidance, we advanced along an uncharted path, from concept to first draft to publication.

And we kept writing.

Our priest Father Mike embodied Marty Haugen’s hymn “All Are Welcome.” He built us a new church and revived our spirit. New committees formed. New leaders emerged. Our parish grew by nearly 50 per cent.

Hospitality is a mark of affirmation, a signal that someone is special, like the ribbon bow on the baby shower invitation or the gold ink used to announce the retirement party. Little touches, big impact.

This brittle season begs for hospitality. The November chill keeps us inside, numbing us to treatises for mittens and money, tempting to stay in our sweatsuits and live online. Stocks are plummeting and heating costs are surging. It is easy to think only of our own burdens and bills.

But then our hearts would never grow and we could never entertain angels.

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We voted, now what?

Historical ... groundbreaking ... heated — all words to describe an election that now is behind us. It is time to gather the voting signs that blanket lawns and put the voting machines back in storage for two more years.

But one thing that we Catholics cannot put aside after Nov. 4 is the U.S. bishops’ statement, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility.” In summary, it provides the social framework for the American Catholic Church and how the Gospel values are imbedded into the many facets of our faith.

If we Catholics live by the standards set forth by the document, perhaps we could bring about the “change” that candidates and so many Americans were seeking. In other words, it can act as a guide for us as a synopsis of Catholic social teaching with its seven key themes.

We are reminded by the U.S. bishops that human life is sacred from conception to natural death. Violations to this sacredness include abortion, euthanasia, human cloning and destruction of human embryos for research. When we look at the teachings of the church, we are also reminded that Catholics are compelled to oppose genocide, torture, unjust war, use of the death penalty in most situations as well as to pursue peace and help overcome poverty, racism and other conditions that demean human life.

As Catholics, we are called to protect the family, based on marriage between a man and a woman. The family is the fundamental unit of society. And it cannot be redefined, undermined or neglected. The document summarizes, “Supporting families should be a priority for economic and social policies.”

The bishops proclaim that every human being has a right to life, “the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible.” Religious freedom, access to human decency — food, shelter, education, employment, health care and housing.

The bishops also encourage Catholics to embrace the needs of the poor and vulnerable. How does our society treat the weakest among us?

“Faithful Citizenship” also adheres to the dignity of work and the rights of workers. “The economy must serve people, not the other way around,” states the document.

The document goes on, “Our Catholic commitment to solidarity requires that we pursue justice, eliminate racism, end human trafficking, protect human rights, seek peace and avoid the use of force except as a necessary last resort.”

And, “for the earth is a duty of our Catholic faith,” the bishops say in “Faithful Citizenship.”

These are social values that the church proclaims, whether it is an election year, or not. This is what is the Gospel tells us that our lives as Christians entails. These seven key themes of social teaching should hopefully guide our service to fellow Americans.

Whether it is our local community, our state or our town, the Gospel calls us to pursue these themes, they are neither Republican nor Democrat — they are Gospel values.

In a perfect world

In a perfect world, both political parties would embody these values. But as we have heard over the last few months, the political parties vary in degrees in how they adhere to these teachings. As Barbara Budde, director of the parish social ministry office of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Austin, Texas, commented in a Catholic News Service news article on Sept. 29, “Faithful Citizenship” is “uniting Catholics, whatever their passions may be: from ending abortions to greater access to health care or ending poverty. Politicians may split these issues,” she said, “but we don’t.”

When we sing, we pray twice

It has been said that singing is a way of praying twice. Music enhances our liturgies across the nation and each diocese has its own rhythm and style. As faithful parishioners we can appreciate the effort that the music minister in our parish puts forth to enliven and enrich our eucharistic celebrations. Next time you attend Mass raise your voice high in gratitude for your parish music ministers.

Living with the ‘Johnson gene’

My grandpa Johnson had it. So did my dad. I have it. And we recently discovered two of nephews, my brother’s sons, have it. This gene is that itch to play music. It includes the ability to hear a song, sit down at a guitar or keyboard, and play it.

For my grandpa and dad, and now my nephews, the instrument of choice is the resonator guitar, which I picked up while in college, I find the greatest joy playing the organ at my parish, St. Aloysius.

Music has brought me many friends ... from my bluegrass jam sessions, from Uncle Dave Macon Days in Murfreesboro, Tenn., to talented musicians near my neighborhood, some who have gone on to develop their talent and make it their livelihood.

And I could never discount the non-musicians that have blessed my life while serving as a music director at St. Aloysius. It is gratifying to nurture a young cantor or choir group at children’s Masses and then see them go on to Bishop Luers, get involved in their high school’s tremendous music programs, and really develop that talent.

My mom and dad made music available at our house, but they never pushed it on us. My sister took accordion lessons for some time, but I destroyed her accordion career when she became discouraged that I could hear a song on the radio and play it without the music in front of me. Is that a gift? My music friends, who learned to play by ear, tell me I’m not any more special than they are. I’m just a guy from Yoder with a good ear.

When I was a student at Bishop Luers back in the early 1980s, my German class actually had a German umphah band. Guess what I played? But what inspired me to learn to play additional instruments was a comment that my English teacher, Miss Kathy Imler, made one day in class: “A real musician can play more than one musical instrument and different types of musical instruments” such as guitar, keyboards. That was the nudge I needed!

If you have the “Johnson gene,” as my friends call it, and you develop it, you must make a gift of it. That is my encouragement to my nephews, 9, and a soon-to-be 6-year-old, who shows positive signs that he will be a keyboardist— at least on our living room piano.

My ties with the secular music industry pretty much broke off when I accepted responsibilities as editor of Today’s Catholic and became a husband and dad. But after 25 years of playing the organ at St. Aloysius and planning the liturgical music there, scheduling cantors, choirs, etc., that is where I feel most at home with music. To help others praise God with music — what better gift could I extend to the faith community that I love so much? I hope to keep plunking the keyboards and organ pedals until I can’t handle the narrow stairs up to the loft. I guess that “Johnson gene” isn’t so bad.

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The Vatican Letter

John Thavis

For the church, he said, the teachings of previous popes don’t merely have historical meaning, but are still alive.

The period of August-October this year marked the 50th anniversary of the death of Pope Pius XII and the election of Pope John, and the 30th anniversary of the “year of three popes,” with the death of Pope Paul III, the election and death of Pope John Paul I, and the election of Pope John Paul II. But the memorializing really began in July, with the 40th anniversary of Pope Paul’s encyclical, “Humanae Vitae” (“Of Human Life”). Pope Benedict not only strongly defended its teachings against birth control, but also went out of his way to praise Pope Paul’s courage and “far-sightedness” in promulgating a position that would inevitably be criticized by many.

In September a massive campaign began to highlight the holiness of Pope Pius XII and confront him from accusations of failing to do enough to save Jews during World War II.

A committee of Catholic leaders was formed to promote his legacy, several conferences — including one with Jewish participants — were organized, dozens of articles appeared in Vatican publications, and a photo exhibit went on display next to St. Peter’s Square.

Pope Benedict celebrated a 50th anniversary memorial Mass for Pope Pius, commending not only his wartime actions but also his innovative leadership in areas of liturgy, biblical interpretation and ecclesiology. In October, it was Pope John Paul II’s turn, with major celebra-
tions, conferences and papal messages marking the anniversary of his election in 1978, culminating in the premiere screening at the Vatican of a new film about his life.

St. John Lateran is significant for all

This link with the pope reminds us that we all are part of the church.

The dedication of any church is important since by dedication we set a space on earth aside for God, there to hear God’s holy word, and to be with God in Jesus in the Eucharist.

For the first reading, the church offers us a beautiful passage from the Book of Ezekiel. The prophet sees water flowing from the temple. The Holy Land then, as now, was always very arid. Water meant life. Life flowed from God’s house, from God’s presence.

St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians is the source of the second reading. It describes us, the people of the church, as “God’s building.” We are the brick and mortar of the structure that makes God visible on earth, in which God dwells. Christ is our foundation stone.

The last reading is from the Gospel of John. It reports the event, so familiar to Christians, when Jesus entered the temple area in Jerusalem and found there a virtual marketplace. He drove the merchants away, insisting that the temple was God’s house, the holiest of places.

He denounces the merchants for making God’s house a place not just of business, but by their cheating and greed, a place of sin.

Reflection

We can be overly literal in reading this passage from St. John’s Gospel. Of course, Jesus ridded the sacred precincts of the temple of merchants and charlatans, preying on the devout. However, John saw more in this event. John recalled that Jesus was the true temple of God. Jesus would be killed and in three days would rise. It was just as Jesus predicted that the temple would fall and in three days be restored.

There is no place for sin in the true temple of God. John further saw a community aspect in the group of believers surrounding Jesus. They were united to the Lord, by the Lord’s own design. He was united with them. The bond was created by none less than God.

We are now in this community, which is the church. There can be no sin among us. We cannot allow our greed or dishonesty to defile the holy temple that is Christ.

St. John Lateran, as any dedicated church, has a pragmatic purpose. It provides us with a setting for prayer, for hearing the word of God, and for the Eucharist.

It also represents us as we are the church. We are the body of Christ, resurrected and living in the world. Christ is in us. We are in Christ.

We are God’s people. In God’s mercy, the pope guides us and ministers to us.

READINGS

Sunday: Lk 2:1-11 Ps 46:1-2, 6-8; 1 Cor 3:8-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

Monday: Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6 Lk 1:17-19

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18-23, 29 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-6 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phm 2:7-10 Ps 46:17-70 Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18 Lk 26:17-36

Saturday: Jn 5:6-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8

ANSWERS:

Where did Jesus teach the apostles the Our Father? Anonymous

St. Matthew’s Gospel includes Jesus teaching the Our Father in the Sermon on the Mount. St. Matthew does not identify the mount, but merely says Jesus “went up on the mountain.” Tradition locates this sermon on the Mount of the Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee in northern Israel.

St. Luke, however, speaks of Jesus visiting Martha and Mary at Bethany. He calls this Mount of Olives by Jerusalem in southern Israel. Then St. Luke says Jesus “was praying in a certain place,” and Jesus teaches his disciples the Our Father. St. Luke does not specifically identify the location, but many believe this is the Mount of Olives.

Father Jerome Murphy-O’Connor explains that the apocryphal “Acts of John” (A.D. 3d century) attributes its existence to a particular cave on the Mount of Olives associated with the teaching of Jesus.

You can visit the Church of the Paternoster or Our Father on the Mount of Olives today. This church commemorates Jesus teaching the Our Father to his disciples.

K. Prag says that originally a cave on this site was venerated as the location where Jesus taught his disciples. Both Eusebius, the father of church history, and the pilgrim from Bordeaux in France (A.D. 333) record that a church was built here by the order of the Roman Emperor Constantine along with the instigation of his mother St. Helena. It was called the Church of Our Disciples and also the “Eleona,” meaning “the church of the olive groves.” The Mount of Olives is famous for its olive groves.

G. Freeman says this cave was also designated as the place where Jesus delivered his last discourses in the Gospel of St. John. The nun Egeria (A.D. 384) mentions liturgical services in the Eleona Church during Holy Week. This cave was then associated with Jesus’ teaching on the end of the world and the last judgment. This church was destroyed by the Persians (or Iranians) in 614.

Later in the 12th century, this cave was part of the Crusader’s activities over a cave were discovered beneath the cloister. In 1915, they tried to rebuild the basilica on the ancient foundations over the cave.

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Finding good role models

A accomplishments are great, but it’s the people who really count.

Football season is over for another year. My sophomore son Matt had the privilege of being able to observe the varsity team. As a fullback he took a lot of hits and had to fight for yardage, but he also experienced some great success. Something I treasure in my heart is the game he ran for a touchdown, holding up posters and ringing an obnoxious bell) when that occurred. It was fun and very gratifying.

But as successful as that game was, as satisfying that run was, and as fulfilling the ultimate win (or help them decide) what activities to pursue or places to go or not go. Many parents thank God on a daily basis for the presence of a Catholic school close to them. I know I do.

Some of us will naturally have great role models within our own family of origin. This is ideal of course. But if you’re hard-pressed to find a fine example in your own family tree, or you live too far for family to be an ongoing positive presence, don’t be discouraged. Ask yourself if perhaps you are being called to be the example for others. Organize the saint party. Call the parents of your children’s friends and invite them all over for an evening of fellowship. Ask your child’s friend to accompany you to a pro-life talk or Catholic event, and take them out for ice cream afterwards. Thank the teacher or coach who takes the time to treat your child well. We can be blessed and bless at the same time, and we must realize that accomplishments are great, but surrounding our kids with the right people is even greater.


THAT’S A GOOD QUESTION

Everyday Catholic

THERESA A. THOMAS

Their piano instructor is a dedicated woman who has worked for our family for 13 years, and who demonstrates patience, kindness and a “can-do” attitude after week. The teachers and principal at my kids’ Catholic high school encourage and motivate my teens to do and be their best.

My teens are lucky to have friends whose parents are fine role models too. I know that each time my son goes to Thomas’ house ... or Hank’s house, or that my daughter goes to Becca’s or Christine’s that their parents look after my kids as they would their own, and hold them to the same standards I would. They love their Catholic faith as we do. I love their kids as I know they love mine.

Right now my children are with their dad at a (belated) All Saints Day party thrown by my sister and her husband. It is an event where cousins can play saint Bingo, do Catholic crafts and pop black “balloons of sin” in an uplifting and faith-enriching atmosphere.

It is so important to surround our children with quality people, who will reinforce the values that our parents are trying to teach. Who we associate with does matter, and care should be given each time we consider an activity for our child. Who is leading it? What are his or her life principles? Do they actually demonstrate virtue? Sometimes hard decisions will have to be made to steer children from places where immoral values aren’t being taught or demonstrated. Other times, it will be easy to decide (or help them decide) what activities to pursue or places to go or not go. Many parents thank God on a daily basis for the presence of a Catholic school close to them. I know I do.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

John 2:13-22
Following is a word search based on a Gospel reading appropriate for a church’s feast day: Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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SHEEP
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US
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MONEY
OVERTURNED
CHALICE
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LETTER

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Later in the month, Pope Benedict led memorial prayers at the tomb of Pope John, whose election in 1958 was marked in countless ways, from film and a popular TV miniseries. Increasingly, the memory of deceased popes has been kept alive through sainthood causes. The cause of Pope Pius is perhaps the most well-known and the most controversial, with its case having been long held during a “period of reflection,” but sainthood causes are in fact active for all of the previous five popes.

John was beatified in 2000. Pope John Paul I’s cause passed a recent milestone, with approval of the diocesan phase of investigation. Pope Paul’s case has also reached the Vatican. And the “santo subito?” — “sainthood now!” — movement is still pushing for the quick beatification of Pope John Paul II. The push to canonize deceased popes is a relatively recent trend. Over the last 700 years, only two popes were declared saints. Yet today, it seems almost a given that sooner or later a pope will be proposed for sainthood after his death. This is according to Italian journalist who has covered the Vatican for decades, wrote after the death of Pope John Paul II that papal canonizations were “pointless” and that the church would better spend its energy focusing on other saints.

He said the starting gun for the papal “race for sainthood” was fired by Pope Paul, when at the end of the Second Vatican Council he simultaneously launched the causes of Popes Pius and John. There’s no doubt recent popes have been holy men, but that sometimes rushing to proclaim sainthood for a pope is simply a way for “the Roman hierarchy to canonize itself,” he said.

Father Richard Hare pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse, New York.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES LIDGE HUGS TEAMMATE AFTER WINNING WORLD SERIES

Philadelphia Phillies’ Brad Lidge, right, hugs Chase Utley Oct. 29 after the Phillies defeated the Tampa Bay Rays in game five to win Major League Baseball’s World Series in Philadelphia. Lidge grew up in St. Thomas More Parish in Denver, where he was an altar boy and where his parents, Ralph and Debbie, are still members. Philadelphia defeated Tampa Bay 4-3 to win their first championship since 1980.

Undefeated Mishawaka Saints claim ICCL football championship victory

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Undefeated for the fifth time in 25 years at the helm of the Mishawaka Catholic Saints, a sense of euphoria should envelop the Coach Tony Juley. Instead his team’s latest championship has been bittersweet.

“Different, it just feels different,” explained Violi. “In the past four weeks we have endured the passing of my mother and the loss a player’s father after a two-year battle with cancer.”

“Emotionally the kids have answered every setback, key injuries, personal losses and grieving,” remarked Violi. “It has been a tough month, but I think these factors have made the team stronger.”

The Saints started the championship game against the St. Anthony-St. Joseph Panthers with a long drive culminating when starting quarterback Vince Ravotto told his coach to go with the fade route and then executed it to perfection by hitting Noah Deitchley on a 15-yard touchdown strike.

The other scoring in the first half came on a patented 62-yard weaving scamper by the Saints’ Michael Whitfield to make the tally 12-0 at the intermission.

The Panthers came out of the locker room ready to compete and narrowed the margin when quarterback Frankie Karzcewski found Tommy Favorite for a 52-yard touchdown pass. This was the first score of the season given up by the Sts. JAT team in the diocesan playoff.

The Panthers continued their aggression in the second half with a 45-yard interception for a touchdown.

The other half of the bracket pitted The Holy Cross-Christ the King Crusaders against the Mishawaka Catholic Saints.

The showdown featured a one-man wrecking crew as Peter Rymsza slammed the door shut on the Saints with touchdown runs of 19 and 77 yards as the Crusaders prevailed, 12-0.

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B-team action

In B-team playoff action, the semifinal game between the St. Anthony-St. Joe Panthers faced off against the Corpus Christi Cougars.

The Panthers started off the scoring and never looked back as they posted a 32-0 dominating victory over the upstart Cougars. The Panther’s Oliver Page again showed that he could do it all when he connected on a TD pass to Justin Kochler, ran for a score of 17 yards and booted a two-point conversion.

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The girls Cardegle Cross-Country team celebrates at the Cardegle Invitational at Shoaf Park.

CYO cross country tallies final results

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Reporting the final results of the 2008 Catholic Youth League (CYO) cross country action, a pleased Coach Dan Kaufman said, “We had a great season and a great bunch of kids.”

The overall records compiled were an outstanding 50-10 for the boys and an impressive 38-24 for the girls.

In the last half of their season, the Cardegles ran in the New Haven Classic. With approximately 220 runners in each race, the boys won the school division scoring 25 points by placing all seven runners in the top 13.

Jake Miller was third overall clocking a 13:57. Jacob Malmstrom, Sean McManus, Jacob Kuhlmeier, Tyler Johnson, Mark Bergoff and Scotty Jauch were the other top finishers for the girls.

In the season finale on Oct. 9, the sixth annual Cardegle Invitational, the host boys won for the fifth straight year tallying 25 points. The girls took their meet for the third straight year with 37 points at Shoaf Park. The Lutheran team was second in both competitions. Miller was the overall winner in 10.30 in the boys’ race, and Addie Reimbold of St. Joseph-St Elizabeth was the girls’ champion with a time of 11.59.
Gator Girls, Commodores and Knights all crowned volleyball champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) volleyball tournament action, three new champions were etched in the record books for the 2008 season.

For the small school division, the Gator Girls from St. Aloysius got by St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel in three games (25-23, 14-25, 15-9) to take first place. St. Aloysius finished third place in the league with a 4-2 record. Their losses during the regular season came at the hands of the top two seeds in the tournament, St. Louis-St. Rose and a scrappy Queen of Angels squad while St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel knocked a tough St. Therese team out in a battle at the net.

In her fifth season, Gator Girl Coach April Wysy and sister Sarah, reported that Maria Zarembs had an outstanding tournament with phenomenal hitting. Wysy explained, “Maria’s drive to get a trophy her eighth-grade year propelled her teammates.”

The Gator Girl roster listed 12 seventh- and eighth-grade players this season.

The St. Joseph, Decatur Commodores finished their season in grand style earning the top spot in the all-seventh grade league by beating a strong team from St. Vincent, 25-20, 14-25 and 15-8. Serving leaders for the match were Jordan Rumschlag with seven points and two aces; Emily Smith with six points and three aces; and Madison Cook with six points and two aces. Julia Brewer and Monica Wilder each served for five points. The defensive leaders were Miranda Vogelwede and Rumschlag with six digs and Cook, Smith and Wilder with five digs each.

Running the offense for St. Joseph were Brewer and Cook with four assists each and Smith with three assists. Kill leaders were Smith and Rumschlag with three a piece while Cook and Vogelwede tallied two each. Rising from a fourth-place seed after a 4-3 league finish, the Commodores settled the score with St. John New Haven in the first round of the tournament. The Raiders had beat Decatur in regular season play. The semifinals were equally exciting with a big win over a feisty St. Charles team, 25-23, 20-25, 15-9.

“Our ball control and serving were excellent — that got us through the tournament,” summarized third-year coach Mike Wilder. Wilder is assisted by his sister Deb.

In her seventh and final season, the St. Jude Eagles gave Coach Martha Payton something to cheer about. The Eagles opened their season with a loss to long-time rival, St. Charles, but ended it by beating the Cardinals in the large-school CYO tournament championship.

“It was like somebody shot an electric wave through my body,” explained Payton. Payton and assistant, Megan Urbahn, agreed it was like all four years of coaching this same group of girls paid off in the last five minutes of the final match. The Eagles won the first game, then were down by seven in the second. Payton called a time out trailing 12-19. St. Jude tied things up at 19, with the final points going back and forth, back and forth, finally pulling out the win 25-24.

“I was so proud of our girls when they didn’t give up,” added Payton. St. Charles is coached by long-time friend, Laura Hattery, and the two teams have split the four years of championships since fifth grade. Breaking Cardinal Hannah Hattery’s serves was one of the Eagles’ toughest tasks in the game.

“We really had to come together as a team to get the job done,” explained Payton.

For the victors, Payton pointed out that Elizabeth Chandler, Kelsey Richard and Cierra Feipel really stood out in the championship game and were exceptional at the net while Marissa Jasinski and Ari Jehl were forces in the back row digging up everything sent their way. In the league standings, the Cardinals were the top seed for 2008 while St. Jude finished in second place with a 5-1 record. After being rivals for so long, many members of the two teams are expected to switch gears and become teammates on the 2009 Bishop Dwenger roster.

Girls team results:
1. Cardegles, 37
2. LutheRun, 19
3. Canterbury, 15
4. Huntington Catholic, 15
5. Blackhawk Christian, 14
6. St. Vincent, 13
7. St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, inc.
8. King Chaplin, 12
9. Al Vozicol, 11
10. Tyler Johnson, Cardegles, 11

Top 10 boys:
1. Luke Miller, Cardegles, 10:30
2. Jacob Rienking, LutheRun, 10:42
3. Jake Malmstrom, Cardegles, 11:00
4. Nathan Sataphong, LutheRun, 11:29
5. Zach McLaughlin, LutheRun, 11:29
6. Jacob Kohlmeyer, Cardegles, 11:30
7. Mark Berghoff, Cardegles, 11:37
8. Sean McManus, Cardegles, 11:41
9. Al Vozicol, Canterbury, 11:42
10. Tyler Johnson, Cardegles, 11:43

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Cardegles Invitational, Oct. 9 at Shoaf Park

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1. Cardegles, 25
2. LutheRun, 21
3. Canterbury, 17
4. Blackhawk Christian, 16
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Top 10 girls:
1. Addie Reinbold, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 11:59
2. Courtney Golby, Canterbury, 12:41
3. Sarah Doerrfler, LutheRun, 12:46
4. Gabrielle Acree, Cardegles, 12:57
5. Danielle Moller, LutheRun, 12:04
8. Maddie Obergfell, Cardegles, 13:18
9. Kate White, Canterbury, 13:19

The St. Jude-St. Charles Cardegles team with awards after winning the Cardegle Invitational Oct. 9 at Shoaf Park.

McManus, Tyler Johnson, Mark Berghoff and Tony Giron
• Most Valuable Runner Award — Luke Miller and Danielle Colone
• Most Improved Runner Award — Mark Berghoff and Emily Miller
• Mental Attitude Award — Scotty Jauch and LeeAnn Moeller
• Cardegle Award — John Richter

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FUNDRAISERS

Fish fry
New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Nov. 7, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults, $3.50 for children 5-12. Children under 5 free. Fish fry at St. Aloysius — Yoder — St. Aloysius Knights of Columbus will be available. Doors open at 21. Ten person teams are $100.

Turkey frog
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth HASA will have Turkey frog Sunday, Nov. 23, at St. Elizabeth’s School cafeteria from 1-3 p.m. Food, family and fun includes bingo prizes of Scrip certificates, cash and frozen turkeys. Volunteers and donations welcome by calling Jennie Klinger at (260) 625-5056.

Cookie walk announced
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society will have a cookie walk Saturday, Nov. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish hall.

Tenderloin dinner offered
Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will host a tenderloin dinner offered Saturday, Nov. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish hall.

Authentic Hungarian dinner, South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary will have a Hungarian dinner featuring chicken Paprikas, beef goulash, tarhonya, langaló, kolázh and cucumber salad in the school auditorium, 735 W. Calvert, Saturday, Nov. 15. Cocktails served at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets $22.

High school youth ministry to host Father Glenn Kohman
New Haven — The KLS youth ministry will bring Father Glenn Kohman to speak Sunday, Nov. 16, from 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Louis Besançon Parish. Mass at 6 p.m. will be followed by dinner and speaker on the topic “The Church and Real Love in a Politically Correct World.” Admission is free.

Fifty percent off sale
South Bend — The St. Vincent de Paul Society, 3408 Ardmore Tr., will have a half price sale Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sale does not include large appliances, automobiles and electronics.

Fall extravaganza
South Bend — John the Baptist Church and Real Love in a Politically Correct World.”

N. Main St., will have a craft fair Sunday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booths are still available. For more information, call (574) 232-9849.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Liveshirt series sponsored by University of Saint Francis
Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series continues with “Tai Chat” by Diane Martin, on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Doermer Center, Room 156. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments and healthy snacks provided. Non-perishable food items donations accepted.

Day of Reflection
Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is “Give Thanks and Praise.” Please bring your Bible. The cost of the day is $15 and includes lunch. Register by Nov. 14 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Sanctuary to host breakfast club
South Bend — Sanctuary at St. Paul’s, 3602 S. Ironwood Dr., will offer a Breakfast Club, featuring Southold Dance Theater and segments from the Nutcracker on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m. Breakfast and admission are free. Contact (574) 299-2250 for reservations.

Craft fair/bazaars
Rosary Altar bazaar
South Bend — Holy Cross Parish’s Rosary Altar will have a bazaar Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school gym, 1020 Wilber St.

Craft fair
South Bend — Sanctuary at St. Paul’s will have a craft fair Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 3602 S. Ironwood Dr. Call (574) 299-2250 for information.

Craft bazaar at St. Mary’s
Avilla — St. Mary School, 232 N. Main St., will have a craft bazaar Sunday, Nov. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Booths are still available for $20 by calling (260) 897-4287.

Craft fair helps music department
Fort Wayne — The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters will have a craft bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school’s gymnasium.

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Father Drew Curry celebrates a Mass of thanksgiving at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne, on Nov. 2. He celebrated his first Mass of thanksgiving at his home parish of Holy Family in South Bend on Oct. 26. Father Curry has been assigned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish as associate pastor.

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under extreme circumstances, it is not fundamentally different from what the men and women who serve us and our communities as police officers and firefighters and emergency medical technicians do every day,” Father Warner said.

Local public safety officers are no different from the heroes of Sept. 11, he said, as he addressed the officers who filled the front pews of Sacred Heart Basilica.

“We do not want to fail to thank you and to thank your families for the often selfless ways you carry and handle your responsibilities with commitment and courage that is not commonplace.”

Father Warner observed that most people want to live in peace, with conditions that offer all the possibilities that life offers, but those conditions don’t just happen. Peace, especially peace with justice, is a gift from God, but also and always peace is the fruit of human effort as well.

Referring to the Gospel reading of the day, in which Matthew recounted Jesus teaching the beatitudes, Father Warner said that the public safety officers live the beatitudes “in concrete ways.” Like Jesus, these public safety officers are often the last recourse for people in dire need, he said, and are always ready to be the first responders when people need help.

“We thank you for facing situations that can suddenly become dangerous — and even life-threatening — with courage and resolve. We thank you for handling well the days and times when everything is routine, but always (remaining) vigilant at the same time,” Father Warner said.

Holy cards and medals of St. Florian, patron of firefighters, and St. Michael, patron of police officers, were available for all the officers in the back of the basilica. After the Mass, a reception for the officers and their families took place in Notre Dame’s Coleman Morse Center.

Police, firefighters and rescue personnel from area agencies lined up outside Sacred Heart Basilica before the annual Blue Mass honoring public safety officers.