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## Vatican releases encyclical

Pope says moral values must be part of economic recovery, development

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Ethical values are needed to overcome the current global economic crisis as well as to eradicate hunger and promote the real development of all the world's peoples, Pope Benedict XVI said in his new encyclical.

The document, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth") was dated June 29 and released at the Vatican July 7.

The truth that God is the creator of human life, that every life is sacred, that the earth was given to humanity to use and protect and that God has a plan for each person must be respected in development programs and in economic recovery efforts if they are to have real and lasting benefits, the pope said.

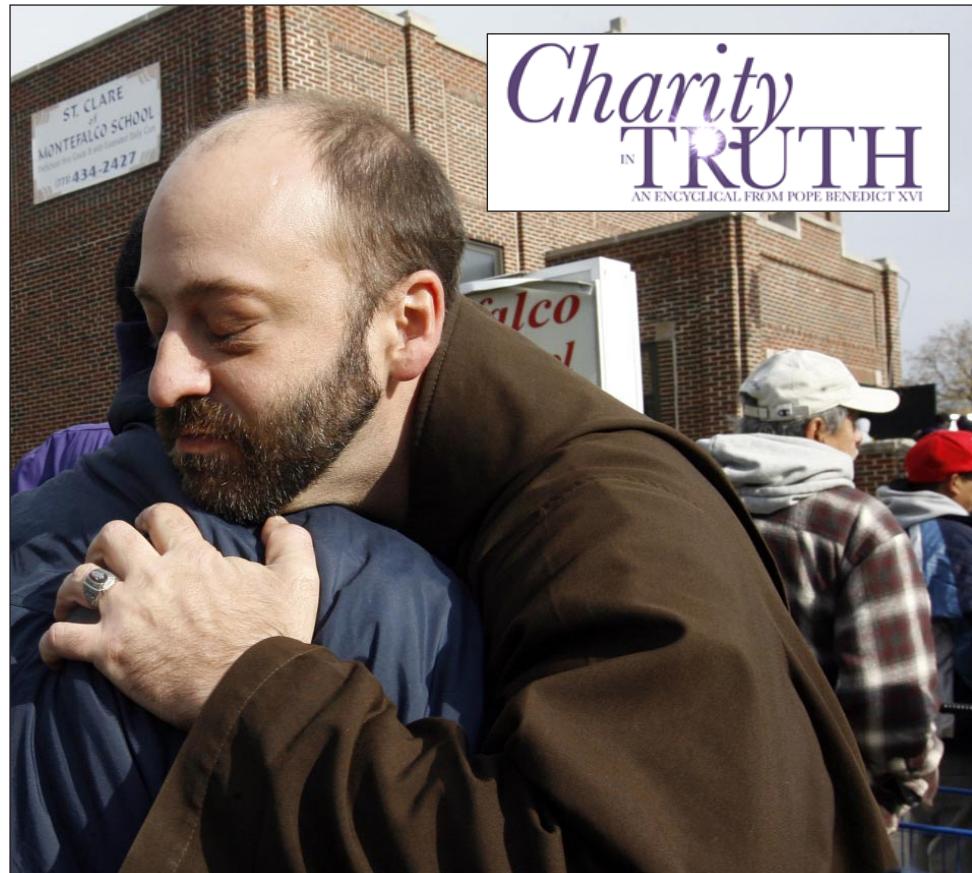
Charity, or love, is not an option for Christians, he said, and "practicing charity in truth helps people understand that adhering to the values of Christianity is not merely useful, but essential for building a good society and for true integral development," he wrote.

In addressing the global economic crisis and the enduring poverty of the world's poorest countries, he said, "the primary capital to be safeguarded and valued is man, the human person in his or her integrity."

The global dimension of the financial crisis is an expression of the moral failure of greedy financiers and investors, of the lack of oversight by national governments and of a lack of understanding that the global economy required internationally recognized global control, Pope Benedict said.

"In the face of the unrelenting growth of global interdependence, there is a strongly felt need, even in

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Capuchin Brother Todd Wieschowski hugs a person waiting in line to receive donations of food at St. Clare of Montefalco Church in Chicago last November. In his latest encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), Pope Benedict XVI said charity is not an option for Christians.

## YEAR of PRIESTS

### FATHER MICHAEL HEINTZ



On Sunday morning, you may see him behind the altar, vested for Mass; on Sunday afternoon, you may see him behind home plate, calling balls and strikes. Forty-two-year-old Father Michael Heintz, has a great range of interests and achievements.

In addition to the full load of responsi-

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## Pope discusses bioethics, G-8 summit with Obama at Vatican

BY CAROL GLATZ AND CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The church's position on bioethical issues got marked attention during Pope Benedict XVI's meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama July 10.

In addition to giving Obama a copy of his latest encyclical, which the pope had been presenting to visiting heads of state since its release July 7, the pope also presented a copy of the Vatican document on biomedical ethics, "Dignitas Personae" ("The Dignity of a Person").

When presenting the gifts after their 35-minute closed-door meeting, the pope gave Obama a signed, white leather-bound copy of the encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity

in Truth"), then indicated the light-green soft-cover instruction on bioethics issued last December by the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

"Oh, what we discussed earlier," said Obama, referring to their closed-door discussions. "I will have some reading to do on the plane."

Obama was given the instruction to help him better understand the church's position on bioethics, Msgr. Georg Ganswein, papal secretary, told journalists in the pool covering the visit.

Obama arrived at the Vatican shortly before 4 p.m., and a squad of Swiss Guards saluted him in the St. Damasus Courtyard of

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# TRUTH

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the midst of a global recession, for a reform of the United Nations organization, and likewise of economic institutions and international finance, so that the concept of the family of nations can acquire real teeth," the pope wrote.

"To manage the global economy; to revive economies hit by the crisis; to avoid any deterioration of the present crisis and the greater imbalances that would result; to bring about integral and timely disarmament, food security and peace; to guarantee the protection of the environment and to regulate migration: for all this, there is urgent need of a true world political authority," he said.

Pope Benedict insisted that the idea of the world's richest nations scaling back development aid while focusing on their own economic recovery overlooked the long-term economic benefits of solidarity and not simply the human and Christian moral obligation to help the poor.

"In the search for solutions to the current economic crisis, development aid for poor countries must be considered a valid means of creating wealth for all," the pope said.

The economic growth of poorer countries and their citizens' demands for consumer goods actually benefit producers in the world's wealthier nations, he said.

The pope said that "more economically developed nations should do all they can to allocate larger portions of their gross domestic product to development aid," respecting the obligations they made to the U.N. Millennium Development Goals aimed at significantly reducing poverty by 2015.

Pope Benedict said food and water are the "universal rights of all human beings without distinction or discrimination" and are part of the basic right to life.

He also said that being pro-life means being pro-development, especially given the connection between poverty and infant mortality, and that the only way to promote the true development of people is to promote a culture in which every human life is welcomed and valued.

"The acceptance of life strengthens moral fiber and makes people capable of mutual help," he said.

He said the environment, life, sexuality, marriage and social relations are inextricably united.

If society does not respect human life from its conception to its natural end, "if human conception, gestation and birth are made artificial, if human embryos are sacrificed to research, the conscience of society ends up losing the concept of human ecology and, along with it, that of environmental ecology," he said.

Development programs and offers of aid that encourage coercive population-control methods

## Modern Social Encyclicals

**1891 Rerum Novarum (On Capital and Labor)**  
Leo XIII on the rights and duties of capital and labor

**1931 Quadragesimo Anno (On Reconstructing the Social Order)**  
Pius XI on the 40th anniversary of Rerum Novarum

**1961 Mater et Magistra (Mother and Teacher)**  
John XXIII on Christianity and social progress

**1963 Pacem in Terris (Peace on Earth)**  
John XXIII on universal rights and relations between states

**1967 Populorum Progressio (The Progress of Peoples)**  
Paul VI on human development and social justice

**1981 Laborem Exercens (On Human Work)**  
John Paul II on the dignity and rights of workers

**1987 Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (On Social Concerns)**  
John Paul II on the 20th anniversary of Populorum Progressio

**1991 Centesimus Annus (The Hundredth Year)**  
John Paul II on Rerum Novarum in light of the collapse of communism

**1995 Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)**  
John Paul II on the sacredness of all human life

**2009 Caritas in Veritate (Charity in Truth)**  
Benedict XVI on charity as the heart of the church's social doctrine

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CNS PHOTO/DAVID MAUNG  
**Arturo Caraveo places organic fertilizer around an apple seedling in a small nursery in Bachiniva, Mexico June 20. The nursery was being developed by members of the Frente Democratico Campesino organization, which is partnering with Catholic Relief Services to improve conditions for apple farmers in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. In his latest encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), Pope Benedict XVI said there was a need for a "true world political authority" that would, among other things, ensure food security and guarantee the protection of the environment.**

and the promotion of abortion do not have the good of people at heart and limit the recipients' motivation to become actors in their own development and progress, the pope said.

In addition, he said, an anti-life mentality in the world's richest countries is related to the lack of concern for the poor.

"How can we be surprised by the indifference shown toward situations of human degradation when such indifference extends even to our attitude toward what is

## Encyclical breaks new ground on social issues

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI's new encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), breaks new ground on such topics as microfinancing, intellectual property rights, globalization and the concept of putting one's wealth at the service of the poor, according to Catholic scholars and church leaders.

In interviews with Catholic News Service and in statements about the encyclical released July 7 at the Vatican, commentators said the more than 30,000-word document takes on a variety of issues not previously addressed in such a comprehensive way.

"I was surprised ... at how wide-ranging it is," said Kirk Hanson, a business ethics professor at Santa Clara University in California and executive director of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics. "It's not just an updating of 'Populorum Progressio'" ("The Progress of Peoples"), the 1967 social encyclical by Pope Paul VI, he added.

Hanson said he also was struck by Pope Benedict's concept of "gratuitousness" or "giftedness," which reminds people "not to consider wealth ours alone" and asks the wealthy to "be ready to put (their money) in service for the good of others."

The encyclical is "a plea for the wealthiest on the planet to put their wealth toward the development of peoples," he said. "In many ways, (Microsoft founder and philanthropist) Bill Gates would be the poster child for this document."

Terrence W. Tilley, who chairs the theology department at Jesuit-run Fordham University in New York and is immediate past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, said one unique aspect of the encyclical is Pope Benedict's "vision that all flows from the love of God."

"It's unusual as a theological reflection on social justice," he said. "But that's what holds it all together."

"This encyclical offers a powerful warning to the modern world — especially the West," said Steve Schneck, director of the Life Cycle Institute at The Catholic University of America in Washington. "It speaks to the dangers of commerce, popular culture and technology unhinged from a vision for the common good informed by charity."

Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said the encyclical provides helpful guidance for finding answers to the social, economic and moral questions of the contemporary world in a search for truth.

The document offers sound reflections on the vocation of human development as well as on the moral principles on which a global economy must be based, he added.

# OBAMA

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the Apostolic Palace.

U.S. Archbishop James Harvey, prefect of the papal household, was the first to greet the president, and he accompanied Obama to a meeting with Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state.

Pope Benedict and Obama sat at a desk in the papal library and discussed the Group of Eight summit — the meeting of the world's wealthy industrialized countries, which concluded that morning in L'Aquila, Italy. The summit focused on the economic crisis, climate change and global tensions.

After the pope welcomed Obama, the president said: "Thank you so much. It's a great honor for me. Thank you so much."

Pope Benedict told the president, "You must be tired after all these discussions."

Obama responded that the meetings were "very productive" and marked "great progress" and "something concrete," although the precise topic they were discussing at that point was unclear.

The pope and Obama discussed issues that represent "a great challenge for the future of every nation and for the true progress of peoples, such as the defense and promotion of life and the right to abide by one's conscience," according to a Vatican statement released after the audience.

The two men also discussed world issues addressed at the G-8 summit, as well as immigration and the issue of reuniting families, the Vatican statement said.

The meeting with the pope and a separate 20-minute meeting with Cardinal Bertone also touched on international politics, such as the peace process in the Middle East, "on which there was general agreement."

"Dialogue between cultures and religions, the global economic crisis and its ethical implications, food security, development aid — especially for Africa and Latin America — and the problem of drug traf-



**Pope Benedict XVI greets U.S. President Barack Obama in the pontiff's private library at the Vatican July 10.**

ficking" were discussed, the Vatican said.

"Finally, the importance of educating young people everywhere in the value of tolerance was highlighted," it said.

At the end of the meeting, Pope Benedict told the president, "A blessing on all your work and also for you."

The president responded: "Thank you very much. We look forward to building a strong relationship between our countries."

The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told reporters after the audience that "great serenity and great cordiality" characterized the meeting.

Father Lombardi said he spoke with the pope after the meeting and the pope "seemed extremely satisfied with how the meeting went."

He said the pope found Obama to be "attentive and ready to listen."

"The president explicitly expressed his commitment to reducing the numbers of abortions and to listen to the church's concerns on moral issues," he said.

Denis McDonough, deputy national security adviser for strategic communications and a member of Obama's entourage, later spoke to reporters about many of the points in the Vatican statement, adding that the two men also discussed Cuba, Honduras and out-

reach to Muslim communities.

"I think the president was eager to listen to the Holy Father, was obviously eager to learn more about his views" on issues such as abortion and stem cells, he said.

McDonough said the president asked the pope to pray for his family and expressed his appreciation for the role Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, was playing in trying to resolve the political crisis in his country after the June 28 coup that ousted President Manuel Zelaya.

After their closed-door meeting, Obama introduced the pope to his wife, Michelle, their daughters, Malia and Sasha, and Michelle Obama's mother, Marian Robinson.

There was private exchange of gifts and moment for photographs. The pope gave each of the girls a silver key chain with a bas-relief image of the pope, and Michelle Obama and Robinson each received a papal medal.

Obama's entourage also included Gen. James Jones, national security adviser; Mona Sutphen, White House deputy chief of staff; Robert Gibbs, White House press secretary; and David Axelrod, senior adviser to the president.

In addition to the encyclical and Vatican bioethics document, Pope Benedict gave Obama a mosaic showing St. Peter's Basilica and Square and a medal marking the fifth year of his pontificate.

The president told the pope the mosaic, which was made in the Vatican's mosaic studio, "was very beautiful" and would have "a place of honor" in the White House.

The president gave the pope a liturgical stole that had been on the remains of St. John Neumann, the first U.S. male citizen to be proclaimed a saint.

The pope thanked the president for the gift and looked very pleased, saying the saint had been "a wonderful person."

The saint was a Redemptorist priest, and the Baltimore province of the order gave Obama the stole, which had been removed from the casket in 2008.

Father Lombardi told pool reporters that giving the pope such a relic was "a sign of care, of sensitivity."

## Spokesman says pope wants honest dialogue with Obama on life issues

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Pope Benedict XVI gave President Barack Obama a Vatican document on bioethics, he was trying to be clear with him about church teaching and open a path to further dialogue, the Vatican spokesman said.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the spokesman, told reporters after the meeting between the pope and the president that, in giving Obama the document July 10, "the intention was not to be divisive or political, but for clarity and objectivity; to say that, for us, this is

extremely important."

In discussing issues such as abortion, artificial fertilization and stem-cell research, the document started with two fundamental church teachings: that the human being is to be respected and treated as a person from the moment of conception and that responsible human procreation occurs in an act of love between a man and a woman in marriage.

"There was no intention to be polemical," Father Lombardi said. "I do not agree with the idea that the pope was trying to point out their differences."

"It is important to talk about these things and to find a path to dialogue," he said.

# Bishop promulgates norms for tabernacle placement

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My experience is that our people, with their instinct of faith, have always desired that the tabernacle be central and visible. They find it confusing when the tabernacle in their churches is not visible, and if possible, central.

Because of my responsibility to foster the devotional life of our people, and to keep it sound, I have asked our Office of Worship to prepare norms for the placement and design of the tabernacle in this diocese. These norms were brought before the Presbyteral Council, the Liturgical Commission and the Environment and Arts Committee. Suitable refinements and improvements were prepared.

These norms are promulgated to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on June 14, 2009, the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of the Lord. They will be effective on Aug. 4, 2009, the feast of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of priests, in whose honor the present Year for Priests has been dedicated by the Holy Father Benedict XVI.

I urge all priests to follow these norms carefully and completely, and most importantly — to foster devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

+John M. D'Arcy

Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

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# Nation called 'fortunate' to have Alabama physician as Obama nominee

BY TRISTA TURLEY

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Sister Carol Keehan, president and CEO of the Catholic Health Association, said July 13 she thinks "this nation is so fortunate to have Regina (Benjamin) as surgeon general."

The Daughter of Charity made the comment in reaction to President Barack Obama's announcement earlier that day that he was nominating Dr. Regina Benjamin to be the surgeon general of the United States. The Senate must confirm the nomination.

Benjamin, a Catholic, is founder and CEO of Bayou La Batre Rural Health Clinic in Bayou La Batre, Ala. She is renowned for her outreach to the poor, seeing patients regardless of their ability to pay for her services. When her clinic was destroyed by Hurricane George in 1998 and again by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Benjamin personally



financed its reconstruction.

Benjamin belongs to the Shrine of the Holy Cross Parish in Daphne, Ala., a historically African-American parish

that her mother helped found. She holds a medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham and a master's degree in business administration from Tulane University in New Orleans.

She was the first African-American woman and the first person under 40 to be elected to the board of trustees of the American Medical Association.

Pope Benedict XVI awarded Benjamin the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross, a papal honor, in 2006. She also began a three-year term on the CHA board that year.

# St. Mary's Heritage Fund awards 27 grants totaling \$185,755

BY VINCE LABARBERA

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has awarded 27 grants totaling \$185,755 from the St. Mary's Heritage Fund to various organizations from throughout the diocese, including parishes, schools and agencies. Total requests amounted to \$583,512. The following were awarded grants upon the approval of Bishop John M. D'Arcy:

## Parishes: \$34,755

### Fort Wayne:

- St. Henry — \$16,755 to repair roof of Parish Center
- St. Mary — \$4,000 for the Ave Maria House Emergency Assistance Fund
- St. Patrick — \$6,000 subsidy for elementary and high-school parishioners and \$1,500 to purchase refrigerator for food pantry

### South Bend:

- Little Flower — \$2,500 for food for the food pantry
- St. Augustine — \$4,000 for youth ministry program

## Schools: \$127,000

### Fort Wayne:

- Bishop Luers High School — \$25,000 for tuition assistance
- Most Precious Blood — \$6,000 for tuition assistance
- Queen of Angels — \$10,000

for financial aid

- St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton — \$5,000 for tuition assistance
- St. Therese — \$8,000 for tuition assistance

### South Bend:

- Holy Family — \$10,000 for tuition assistance
- Our Lady of Hungary — \$7,000 to retain resource teacher
- St. John the Baptist — \$10,000 for tuition assistance

### Area:

- St. Aloysius, Yoder — \$3,000 for tuition assistance
- St. Bavo, Mishawaka — \$2,000 for tuition for two Vietnamese students
- St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$10,000 for tuition assistance
- St. Joseph, Garrett — \$8,000 for tuition assistance
- St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel — \$8,000 for tuition assistance
- St. Mary, Avilla — \$5,000 for tuition assistance
- St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — \$10,000 for tuition assistance for minority students

## Agencies: \$24,000

### Fort Wayne:

- Vincent Village — \$7,000 for supervised tutoring and educational, recreational activities for homeless children
- Catholic Charities — \$10,000 to assist families in rural parishes with emergency needs

• The Franciscan Center — \$2,000 for Medicine Cabinet Program

- Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinic — \$2,000 for medications for Burmese patients

### South Bend:

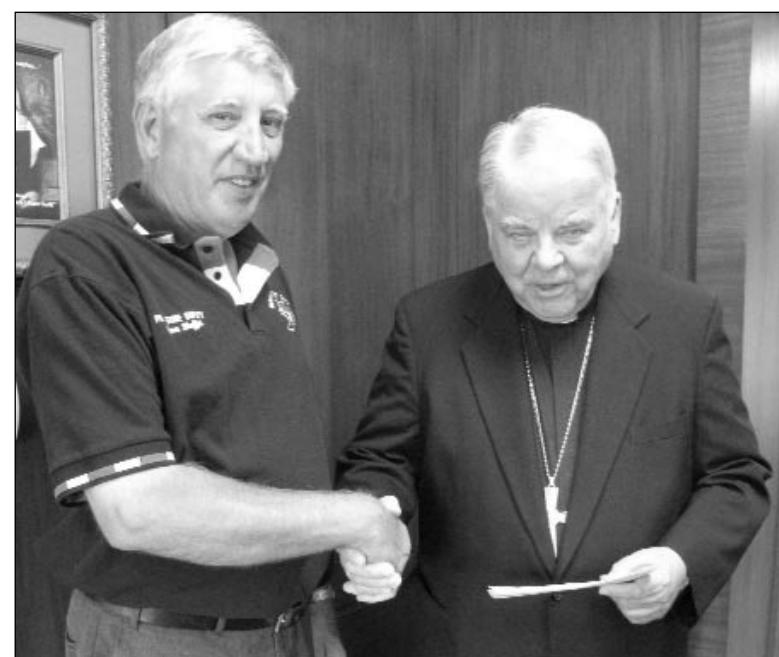
- Sister Maura Brannick Health Center — \$2,000 to expand exercise program, and nutritional and educational counseling

### Area:

- Hannah's House, Mishawaka — \$1,000 to provide transportation for health, education and work

The \$3 million endowment fund was established in 1997 at the groundbreaking for the new St. Mary's Catholic Church in downtown Fort Wayne to help provide financial assistance to the poor and needy throughout the diocese. The St. Mary's Parish complex was completed in October 1998 and dedicated on May 2, 1999, after a fire destroyed the church and soup kitchen on Sept. 2, 1993. The St. Mary's Heritage Fund was created through the collaboration and planning of the late St. Mary's pastor, Father Tom O'Connor and parishioners using money received from fire insurance on the historic church. Since its inception, the St. Mary's Heritage fund has awarded annual grants totaling \$2,480,519 from interest gained on the fund's principal.

## A GIFT FROM THE KNIGHTS



MARK WEBER

Norman Stoffel, immediate past state deputy of the Knights of Columbus in Indiana presented a check for \$3,242.80 to Bishop John M. D'Arcy. The money is from the Christopher Fund of the Supreme Knights of Columbus Council and will be used, according to Bishop D'Arcy, for tuition assistance in the diocese. The Knights of Columbus now has more than 1.7 million members in the U.S., Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, The Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.



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## Effort to restore Mexico City policy, amendment to aid bill fails

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A U.S. House committee's refusal to let an amendment on restoring the Mexico City policy go to the floor of the chamber eliminated a chance for debate on "an issue of serious concern to many Americans," said a Republican congressman from Arizona. The policy, which banned federal funding of abortion-providing groups abroad, was rescinded by President Barack Obama Jan. 23. Rep. Trent Franks accused "pro-abortion members" of obstructing an amendment to the 2010 State Foreign Operations Appropriations bill that would have allowed an up or down vote on restoring the policy. The amendment was sponsored by Franks and Reps. Chris Smith, R-N.J., Bart Stupak, D-Mich., James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., and Jim Jordan, R-Ohio. The House Rules Committee July 8 blocked the lawmakers' amendment to the \$48.8 billion spending bill, which passed the House July 9. The Senate Appropriations Committee July 9 voted to permanently reverse the Mexico City policy. The full Senate is expected to take up its version of the foreign appropriations bill later this summer.

## Family recalls newly ordained Archbishop Di Noia's early calling

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It was clear Archbishop J. Augustine Di Noia would become a priest from the age of 11, when he would regularly celebrate Mass for his younger cousins using a box covered in cloth as an altar and sugar wafers as hosts. "They all honored him as a priest at that age," said Alfred Mancuso, Archbishop Di Noia's uncle and confirmation sponsor 53 years ago. "He had that feeling way back." Mancuso was not surprised, then, when Archbishop Di Noia was ordained an archbishop July 11 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. But it was still a big occasion. "It's devastating, in fact," Mancuso said to describe the overwhelming nature of the day. An estimated 2,500 people turned up to witness the ordination of the new secretary of the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, which oversees matters concerning the liturgy and sacraments. The crowd was the biggest William Wooten has seen at an ordination in his 12 years as basilica security director.

## Spiritual needs must be part of solution to global crisis, says pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Solutions to the world's numerous crises must include strategies to meet people's human and spiritual

# NEWS BRIEFS

## POPE ARRIVES AT ALPINE VILLAGE FOR VACATION



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Pope Benedict XVI walks with other church officials in the Italian Alpine village of Les Combes July 13 as he arrives for his annual vacation. The pontiff will stay in a chalet near the French border with a view of Mont Blanc until July 29.

needs and not focus just on providing material support, Pope Benedict XVI said. An overemphasis on technology or giving in to a sort of "supremacy of technology, which finds its highest expression in some practices opposed to life, could in fact spell out disturbing scenarios for the future of humanity," he said before reciting the Angelus July 12 with visitors in St. Peter's Square. "The solutions to the current problems of humanity cannot be merely technical, but must take into account all the needs of the person who is endowed with a soul and body," he said in remarks concerning the Group of Eight summit in L'Aquila, Italy, which wrapped up July 10. Heads of governments from the world's major industrialized nations met in L'Aquila to discuss problems that are "dramatically urgent," the pope said.

## Pope prays for Honduras, urges dialogue

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI offered his prayers for the people of Honduras and encouraged the nation's ousted president and current political leaders to engage in dialogue for the good of the country. "In these days I am following with deep concern the events in Honduras," the pope said after reciting the Angelus July 12 with visitors in St. Peter's Square. Honduran President Manuel Zelaya was ousted in the early hours of June

28 when Honduran soldiers — acting on the orders of the National Congress — shot up his house and took him, clad in pajamas, to the airport. Accused of treason and of trying to circumvent the nation's constitution, he was flown on a military plane to Costa Rica. Honduran Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa said the church did not back the coup d'état, but he said Zelaya has been sowing division in the country. The coup has generated condemnation from political leaders around the world and has led the Organization of American States to unanimously suspend Honduras — the first such action since a similar vote against Cuba in 1962.

## Doctrinal congregation says direct abortion can never be justified

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Commenting on the controversial case of a 9-year-old Brazilian rape victim who underwent an abortion, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said the church needs to show the girl does not change the fact that abortion is wrong. In declaring that the doctors and others who were involved in helping the girl procure an abortion automatically incurred excommunication, the church does not intend to deny the girl mercy and understanding, said the statement published in the July 11 edition of the Vatican newspa-

per *L'Osservatore Romano*. The penalty of excommunication "places in evidence the gravity of the crime committed (and) the irreparable damage caused to the innocent who was killed, to the parents and to all of society," the statement said. In early March doctors at a hospital in Recife performed an abortion on the girl, who was pregnant with twins, weighed a little more than 66 pounds and reportedly had been raped repeatedly by her stepfather from the time she was 6 years old. Abortion in Brazil is illegal except in cases of rape or if the mother's life is in danger.

## Doctrinal congregation to oversee relations with traditionalists says pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has placed the commission responsible for relations with traditionalist Catholics under the authority of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. With a brief apostolic letter issued "motu proprio" (on his own initiative), Pope Benedict said he wanted to "demonstrate paternal care toward the Society of St. Pius X," founded by the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, so members could return to full communion with the church. The apostolic letter, dated July 2 and published July 8, was titled "Ecclesiae Unitatem" ("The Unity of the Church"). In a brief note published separately, Pope Benedict

accepted the resignation of 80-year-old Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos as president of the Pontifical Commission "Ecclesia Dei," which since 1988 has been charged with outreach to the Society of St. Pius X and assistance to Catholics attached to the pre-Second Vatican Council liturgy. As president of the commission, the pope named U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the doctrinal congregation.

## U.S. deacon's healing clears way for Cardinal Newman's beatification

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI signed the decree recognizing as miraculous the healing of a U.S. deacon, which clears the way for the beatification of British Cardinal John Henry Newman. While the Vatican announced July 3 that the decree had been signed, it did not provide information about when Cardinal Newman would be beatified or where the ceremony would be held. The decree recognized as a miracle the healing in 2001 of Deacon John Sullivan of Marshfield, Mass., who had a debilitating back injury. Deacon Sullivan had prayed for the intercession of Cardinal Newman, who founded the Oxford movement within the Church of England before becoming a Roman Catholic in 1845. He is the founder of the Oratories of St. Philip Neri.

## Catholic voter views on health care reform reflect national attitude

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic voters are divided when it comes to paying more in taxes for a health care overhaul that would cover the uninsured, according to a poll released July 1. While 43 percent of Catholic respondents to the Quinnipiac University national poll said they would be willing to pay more, 53 percent said they would not. Forty-nine percent of everyone surveyed said they would pay more. "It seems like once again, Catholics reflect society as a whole, and that not everyone understands that the marketplace as a whole has failed in providing adequate health care," said Sister Simone Campbell, a Sister of Social Service who is director of Network, a national Catholic social justice lobby. "We get so focused on our families and our own needs that it's hard to imagine ourselves in the shoes of another." The survey showed 50 percent of Catholics think it is the government's responsibility to make sure everyone in the U.S. has adequate health care. Across the board, 53 percent of respondents answered this way. "Catholics, like the rest of the country, have bought the idea that government doesn't do things right," Sister Simone told Catholic News Service. "They're doing the conditioned reaction."

## St. Michael student wins spelling bee

**PLYMOUTH** — Justin Sitjar is the winner of the 27th Annual Marschall County Spelling Bee sponsored by the *Pilot News*. The spelling bee, which was held at Argos Jr.-Sr.

High School, consisted of 24 area students in fifth through eighth grade. Sitjar did not earn his win easily, but had to out-spell fellow classmate Gabe Vervynck at the school level competition. At the county bee, Sitjar battled Victoria Jennings, who finished as the runner-up. Lucy Battersby also held on until the end and finished in fourth place. Honorable mention goes to Alexandra Drummond, St. Michael's youngest contestant, who dominated the fifth-grade field. The winner's travel trophy is back at St. Michael School after a 21-year hiatus and on display in the front hallway by the office.

## New campus ministry director at Holy Cross College

**NOTRE DAME** — Andrew Polaniecki, a teacher from New Orleans and a 2003 University of Notre Dame graduate, has been selected as the new director of Campus Ministry at Holy Cross College.

"My job is to bring enthusiasm to the Office of Campus Ministry, to get the students excited about the practice of their faith, and to provide activities and opportunities that are integral to campus life for all the students at Holy Cross College," Polaniecki said.

"We are excited to have Andrew coming on board," said Robert Kloska. "He is a young man with a great educational background for this new role, lots of experience motivating young people and experience as a high school theology teacher, coach and student leader."

After graduating from Notre Dame High School in Niles, Ill., Polaniecki attended the University of Notre Dame where he received his bachelor's degree in 2003. He completed his master's in religious studies at Loyola University, New Orleans, in 2008, while also working full-time as a high school theology teacher at Jesuit High School in New Orleans, one of the top Catholic high schools in the country.

## Marian University receives significant donation

**INDIANAPOLIS** — Marian University Indianapolis received a historic \$6 million donation from a former trustee on June 23. The amount of the gift — given as a \$1 million check and a 10-year pledge of \$500,000 annually — represents the single largest gift from an indi-



JUSTIN SITJAR

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE DEDICATED



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Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne, says the opening prayer of the dedication on June 27 in front of the Habitat for Humanity home built with the time, talent and treasure of eight Fort Wayne Catholic parishes. The recipient family, a father and four daughters from the Congo, stand to the left of the house.

vidual ever made to the university. "We are, of course, grateful for this gift, which will do much to move the university's comprehensive fund-raising effort to new heights," said Marian University President Daniel J. Elsener. Including this gift, the university has raised over \$55 million toward its \$68.2 million goal.

University leaders also say the gift is significant because the donor, a former trustee and counselor to the college during some of its most difficult years, saw the recent progress and was moved to support its continued growth. "We think it's important to understand that this person, who didn't experience the university in the same way that our students and graduates do, feels compelled to endorse Marian University's educational approach," Elsener said. "Clearly our Franciscan values and commitment to a liberal arts education are valued by others, and needed by our world." Elsener noted that the leadership provided by the Board of Trustees, and the knowledgeable and talented faculty and staff were instrumental in making this gift possible.

The donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, sent the gift to honor the institution's official transformation to Marian University on June 27. How the university will use the gift has yet to be determined.

## Christie named executive director of The Franciscan Center

**FORT WAYNE** — The Franciscan Center (TFC) has announced that Jim Christie has been named its new executive director. The Franciscan Center supports three ministries: St. Peter's Sack Lunch Program; St. Joseph's Medicine Cabinet; and the St. Anthony's Food Pantry.

Christie is a Fort Wayne native and a graduate of South Side High School and Purdue University in West Lafayette. He was employed by GE Healthcare where he has spent the past 22 years with them in training — as he says — for this new position.

John Tippmann, Jr., The Franciscan Center board president, said "(Christie's) heartfelt calling to this position will provide the Christian leadership to The Franciscan Center staff and volunteers so that we will continue to serve in the example of St. Francis of Assisi, who advocated a life of poverty, humility and love for the disadvantaged."



JIM CHRISTIE

Christie and his wife, Diane, and their five children have been volunteering at The Franciscan Center in the Sack Lunch program for the past seven years. Their son Anthony completed an Eagle Scout project for The Franciscan Center that consisted of a St. Joseph's Medicine Cabinet drive, which brought in over 2,500 items. These experiences helped Christie get to know the organization and understand what it means to serve in the example of St. Francis of Assisi.

"We are very excited about bringing Jim on board," says Tippmann. "Jim's 22 years of business and sales experience, along with his integrity and strong Christian values, will allow us to continue to grow our ministries and in a way that we pray the Lord wants us to go. This is especially important in today's economic times. We have seen the need for our ministries increase dramatically. In fact, in 2008, one of our ministries grew over 45 percent. The first part of 2009 is showing even larger increases."

Sally Ley, chief executive officer and founder of The Franciscan Center, will continue to work at The Franciscan Center on a part-time basis.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact The Franciscan Center at (260) 744-3977 or visit their Web site, [www.thefranciscancenter.org](http://www.thefranciscancenter.org).

## Saint Mary's College to participate in Yellow Ribbon Program

**NOTRE DAME** — Saint Mary's College will participate this fall in the Yellow Ribbon Program, a new federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that helps veterans attend college and/or graduate school. The program was created through the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, which was signed into law last summer and goes into effect in August. Under an agreement between the VA and Saint Mary's, up to five qualifying students could potentially attend the school free of charge for the 2009-2010 academic year. Saint Mary's College will award the benefit on a first come, first serve basis.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill covers the cost of attending the most expensive public institution in each state. However, veterans may choose to attend private colleges that have agreed to pay at least some of the extra cost. These private institutions choose how many students to offer the aid to and how much cost will be covered, and the VA matches that amount. Saint Mary's College has committed to provide the benefit to five students at up to \$10,000 each for the year. With the VA match, the remaining tuition and fees to attend the college would be covered for most of the qualifying students.

"Saint Mary's is honored to be included in the more than 700 private colleges and universities across the nation that have signed on to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program," said Dan Meyer, vice president for enrollment management.

Traditionally, few veterans enroll as students at Saint Mary's, but under the program, in some cases, veterans may transfer their eligibility to their children. Veterans interested in the Yellow Ribbon Program at Saint Mary's College should contact Kathleen Brown, director of financial aid, at [kbrown@saintmarys.edu](mailto:kbrown@saintmarys.edu) or (574) 284-4557.

## Vote for the Cathedral Bookstore

**FORT WAYNE** — The Cathedral Bookstore, located in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne, has been nominated by Fort Wayne Newspapers as a "Best Bookstore." Now readers are asked to vote, which began July 10 and ends July 26, on the [www.fortwayne.com](http://www.fortwayne.com) Web site or through a paper ballot that could be found in the July 9 *News-Sentinel* and the July 10 *Journal-Gazette*. The staff of the Cathedral Bookstore would appreciate a vote from *Today's Catholic* readers.

## Correction

The correct spelling of the name of the interim superintendent in the story "Catholic School Office sees changing of the guard," featured in the July 5 issue is Michelle Hittie.

# Six Sisters of Providence celebrate 50th anniversary

**SAINT-MARY-OF-THE WOODS** — Six Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods celebrated their 50th anniversary Saturday, June 27. They are Sisters Clelia Cecchetti, Ellen Cunningham, Brigid Mary Hurley, Paula Modaff, Dorothy Rasche and Therese Guerin Sullivan.

Two formerly ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. They are:

**Sister Ellen Cunningham** is a native of Chicago. She currently ministers as a professor of mathematics at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

**Sister Cunningham**, formerly known as Sister Michael Aquinas, entered the congregation July 22, 1959, from St. Luke Parish in River Forest, Ill. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1967 and graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in mathematics. Sister earned a master's degree in mathematics from the Catholic University of America and a master's degree in computing science education from the University of Evansville. She earned a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Maryland.



SISTER ELLEN CUNNINGHAM

Indiana ministries include serving as teacher at Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne (1964-1966), at St. John School in Loogootee (1966-1967), and as assistant professor (1974-1982); associate professor and department chairperson (1983-1990); professor and department chairperson (1990-1992) at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

Sister Cunningham also ministered in Illinois.

**Sister Brigid Mary Hurley** is a native of Malden, Mass. She currently ministers as a teacher at St. Rose School in Chelsea, Mass.

Sister Hurley entered the congregation July 22, 1959, from Sacred Heart Parish in Malden. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1967.

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

Indiana ministries include serving as teacher at Cathedral School in Fort Wayne (1964).

Sister Hurley also ministered in Maryland, North Carolina and Washington, D.C.



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## Parishioners thank missionary sister

BY MARK WEBER

FORT WAYNE — A special ceremony following the noon Mass in Spanish at St. Patrick Parish Fort Wayne, was held for Our Lady of Victory Missionaries Sister Alodia Carney, who was honored at a luncheon reception in recognition of her years of service at St. Patrick.

Sister Alodia's four years at St. Patrick was the capstone on 60 years as a missionary in Texas, California, Michigan and Indiana.

Sister Alodia relates that as a missionary, her greatest satisfaction has been bringing thousands of children and adults to their first reception of the holy Eucharist.



BARBARA SPREEN

**Gisela Feil**, on right, director of religious education at St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, presented a plaque to Sister Alodia Carney in recognition of her four years of service, which included two weekly RCIA sessions and Saturday morning religious education with seventh graders.

## FRIENDS SEW BLANKETS FOR WOMEN'S CARE CENTER



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From youngest to oldest is Jami Milledge, 9, Elizabeth Balestra, 11, and Riley Milledge, 13, Queen Of Angels students and parish members. They consider themselves good friends and swim and sew together. They came up with the idea to make "Tabbie Blankies" for the moms and babies that come to the Women's Care Center on Webster Street in Fort Wayne. The name of their sewing circle is the Three Amigos and they have donated three handcrafted blankets to the Women's Care Center and have plans to make more this summer.

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# School choice tax credit adopted

INDIANAPOLIS — School choice has come to Indiana. For the first time in the state's history, the Indiana General Assembly has passed a real school choice option for low to moderate income families when they adopted a \$2.5 million annual scholarship tax credit in the final hours of the special session as part of the state budget which passed June 30 with bipartisan support.

"A long hard fight for school choice advocates and grassroots lobbying has paid off," said Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director who has educated and encouraged lawmakers for many years to pass school choice legislation. "It is quite amazing, especially during these tough economic times, that the General Assembly adopted the scholarship tax credit. For the first time, many low to middle income families statewide will be eligible and awarded scholarships to send their children to a public or private school of their choice."

Individuals or corporations can receive a 50 percent tax credit on their adjusted gross income tax for charitable gifts made to a scholarship granting organization. Accredited public and private schools can participate in the program. Scholarship eligibility is based primarily on a families' income. In addition, students must be enrolling in kindergarten or enrolled in a public school during the preceding school year or have received a scholarship in the previous year from a qualifying SGO to be eligible.

Sen. Carlin Yoder, R-Middlebury, original author of the scholarship tax credit said, "It was definitely a victory getting the scholarship tax credit passed. There's no doubt about it. There are a lot of happy people."

"What this is going to do is to

open the door for lower income families who may be in a failing public school. Those who didn't have an option before now can look at private schools and now make a decision based on what's best for their kid instead of being forced to send their kid where they don't want to send them to."

When asked if he was aware of any SGO's getting ready to be created in his area, Sen. Yoder said, "Yes, I'm planning on getting together with private schools in northern Indiana to work on coming up with a consortium or group of schools to see if we can get one started. There is a real need in our area."

Sen. Yoder said he attributes passage of the school choice provision to a coming together of the House and Senate Republicans along with a push from the governor.

"It was also the work of school choice advocates like Glenn Tebbe and the many people who got involved at the grassroots level that made this happen. The years of work by other lawmakers who laid the groundwork for this also made it possible.

"The most important thing was to get this started, and that's what we were able to accomplish," said Yoder. "When you boil this down, it's an issue about kids. There's no question, this benefits kids and it's a good thing — that's the bottom line."

Longtime school choice advocate and Senate Education Committee Chair, Sen. Teresa Lubbers, R-Indianapolis, said, "It was a great success of the session." Lubbers, who is leaving the Senate to become the new Commissioner for Higher Education said, "Since this is my last session, it was especially gratifying walking out of there knowing we had accomplished some

## INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

kind of private school choice. It was a great victory," she said. When asked who the program will benefit most, Lubbers said, "Because it is need based, I think it will primarily provide options for those who may have had a preference to exercise choice like this but who didn't have the means to do so. This will allow scholarship granting organizations to be created all around the state like the CHOICE program in Indianapolis."

Mickey Lentz, executive director of the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education, reacting to the good news said enthusiastically, "It is a major victory for our Catholic community, which impacts our children attending Catholic schools, as well as affording others with the possibility.

"The scholarship tax credit is needed because without support from many entities, families cannot make the choices they want to educate their children in a safe, holy and healthy environment."

Exactly when the scholarships will be available is not yet clear. "It will take some time to set up the SGO's and for them to raise money and begin awarding scholarships," said Tebbe. "The Indiana Department of Revenue and the Indiana Department of Education will also need time to promulgate specific rules and guidelines which will govern the SGO's.

# Haitian priests visit Sacred Heart Church, give thanks

BY ANN THALLEMER

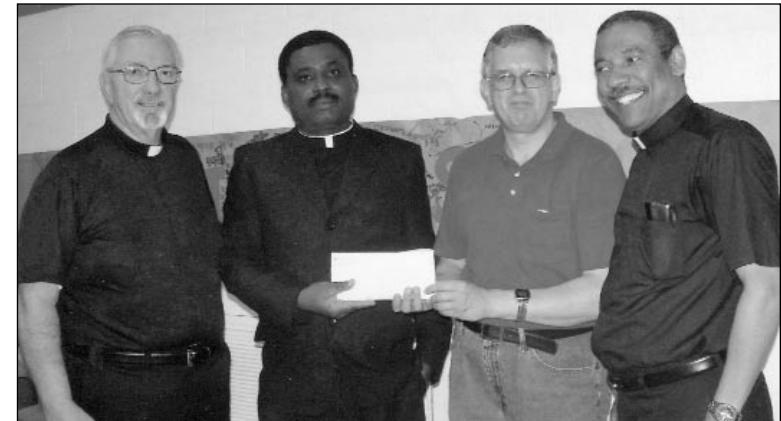
WARSAW — Father Joseph Rene Francois and Father Edwige Carre recently brought messages of joy and gratitude from the parishioners of St. Nicholas in Kenscoff, Haiti, to their sister parish, Sacred Heart for the ongoing support given over the years. Father Francois has been serving as pastor to over 9,000 souls at St. Nicholas and four area chapels for the past two years but has served in that capacity in other Haitian Catholic churches for 20 years.

Father Carre was formerly a pastor there but now is assigned to Holy Name Church in Nashville, Tenn. Father Carre translated for Father Francois when they spoke to students at the Masses, and both were able to personally greet parishioners at the pancake breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus. The Knights later presented a check for \$750 to Father Francois.

During an interview, the Haitian priest said the prayers and regular financial support is essential in the continuation of the church and school. The money is used primarily for token teacher salaries, providing a nourishing meal for the students, some of whom walk for hours to reach their school, providing assistance to the needy and funding training for the directors of the church and chapels as well as many other areas of need.

In a country of pervasive poverty, the poor turn to the church for help. Amazingly, there is a sense of joy, strong faith and solidarity even in the struggle for daily existence in a country that has over 80 percent unemployment rate and is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

Father Francois said he couldn't express the gratitude enough that the people of St. Nicholas and the chapels feel for the financial support and the prayers offered by their sister parish in Warsaw.



ANN THALLEMER

From left, Msgr. James Wolf, pastor of Sacred Heart in Warsaw, presents a check to Father Joseph Francois from Haiti, with Paul Herbst who represented the Knights of Columbus and Father Edwige Carre, who was the translator.

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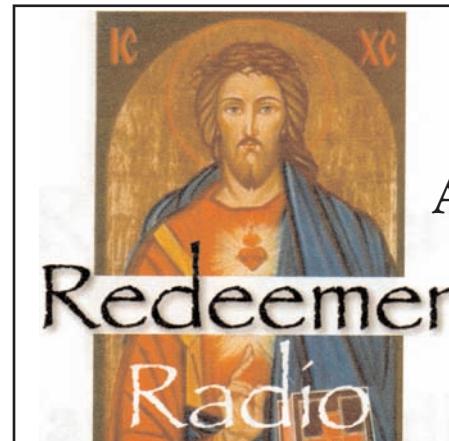
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# ST. STANISLAUS ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

BY KAREN

## Parish Life at St. Stanislaus Kostka

**NEW CARLISLE** — A hidden gem of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend lies amid corn and soybean fields in the prairie of Terre Coupee. St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church located 10 miles west of South Bend on Indiana State Route 2.5 miles north on Tulip Road retains a New Carlisle post office address and the influence of its Polish founders.

This year the parish celebrates its 125th anniversary. Father Paul McCarthy, pastor, and a few of the approximately 300 parish families share their recollections of the church's parish life and plans for the future.

Father McCarthy stresses that one of the parish's strengths is the parishioners who have been with the church for many years. "They have a real heritage here and take great interest," Father McCarthy notes. "Most of the men in our Men's Club are over 40 and they take it upon themselves to see to the upkeep for much of the buildings and grounds."

Tom and Yvonne Horvath celebrated their 40th year as parishioners of St. Stanislaus Kostka on June 21 this year. "The camaraderie of the entire parish makes it a warm family," Yvonne says. The Horvaths are part of four generations of family that have attended the parish. "The priests that we have had in the past have been very influential in the closeness of our family and all of our children have been baptized here."

Josephine Golubski has been a member of the parish for 61 years. Her father-in-law hauled bricks in a wheelbarrow to help construct the present church building. Golubski's daughter Patricia returned home after 31 years in Santa Fe, N.M., to be with her mother. Mother and daughter both enjoy working as collection counters for the parish.

One of St. Stanislaus Kostka's senior parishioners is Stanley Kulwicki who



Father Paul McCarthy baptizes Lucas Alexander Collins. His parents are Cindie and Douglas Collins.

was baptized at the church on May 15, 1921. He has many fond memories of the parish and has enjoyed being an usher for many years.

New parishioners also inspire growth in this faith community. One of St. Stanislaus' newest members is Lucas Alexander Collins who was baptized on June 21. He is the son of Cindie and Douglas Collins.

Kimberly Sikorski, a member since 1995, is active in the church choir and teaches first-grade religious education at the parish. Sikorski loves the rural setting of St. Stanislaus Kostka. "I love it here — it's so peaceful."

Jumping in with both feet could be the

motto for Jacqueline and David Sheedy, who joined the parish three years ago. Jacqueline became the director of religious education at St. Stanislaus Kostka in May. The confirmation class this year was very involved in several activities, she notes.

One of the outreach programs the confirmation class participated in was preparing a meal for the Hope Rescue Mission in South Bend. "They raised money and bought, cooked and served food to the residents," Jacqueline explains. Afterwards the class prepared a chapel service where each student stood before the residents declaring that they plan to answer the call from God with a "yes." Afterwards they gathered names of the residents at the mission and prayed for each one during Sunday religious education (RE) class.

Both Jacqueline and David Sheedy, along with other adult parishioners, are in the process of forming a youth group. The current group consists of ninth through twelfth graders. "Our plan is to have sixth, seventh, and eighth grade RE classes Sunday evening the same time as the youth group. The RE classes will meet separately for one hour, followed by the entire group coming together the last 30 minutes for praise and worship," Jacqueline explains. "Our goal is for older kids to really take the younger ones under their wing. We want to have the sense of extended family — where the kids watch out for one another in this rough world and help to keep each other on their path with God."

All of the parishioners who shared their experiences at St. Stanislaus Kostka point to Father McCarthy's leadership and compassion as the church's greatest asset. Last year during the Year of St. Paul, Father McCarthy started a religious education program for those going through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and anyone in the parish wanting to learn more about the faith.

Additionally, Father McCarthy teaches religion to a group of home school students every Tuesday after Mass, leads a men's Bible group weekly and guides several families in a monthly prayer night.

"The thing about Father Paul is that he always has time for you, whether it's to bless your baby before it's born, bless some horses before fair that were acting up, or hearing your confession any time of the day," says Jacqueline Sheedy. "He does this while still attending to all of his other countless responsibilities."

The parish will celebrate their 125th anniversary on Nov. 14, the day following St. Stanislaus' feast day, with a dinner dance following Saturday evening Mass.



## Who is St. Stanislaus?

**NEW CARLISLE** — Stanislaus Kostka was born in Poland in Oct. 28, 1550 to John Kostka, a senator of Poland. He and his brother Paul were sent to Vienna to attend a Jesuit college in July of 1564 by their father. During his three years of study at the college Kostka became deathly ill and was about to die. He wanted to receive holy Viaticum, which was reception of holy Communion in preparation of death. Viaticum was food "for the journey" from this life unto the next.

The owner of the boarding house where Kostka lived was Lutheran and would not allow a Catholic priest into his home. Kostka prayed for the intercession of St. Barbara, patroness of a happy death and she appeared to him with two angels, one of whom gave him holy Communion. Afterwards the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Kostka holding the Christ Child. She put the Christ Child into his arms and he was instantly cured and was able to resume his studies.

Kostka wanted to become a Jesuit, but



Some of the St. Stanislaus Kostka parishioners stand in the church's grotto following Sunday Mass.

# AUS KOSTKA CENTY FIVE YEARS OF FAITH

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## The history of St. Stanislaus Parish

**NEW CARLISLE** — The following information was taken from several St. Stanislaus Parish directories.

- Father Valentine Czyzewski, pastor of St. Hedwig in South Bend, established St. Stanislaus Kostka in Terre Coupee as a parish on Sept. 12, 1884. In French "terre coupee" means "land cut off." Terre Coupee was the name given originally to an expansive prairie. Later the name was bestowed upon a small town and its railroad station. The church was built by the parishioners with lumber donated by the saw mill owner, Fred Miller on land donated by Lawrence and Mary Mackowski for \$1.

- The first resident pastor, Father Wladyslaw Zborowski, purchased an acre and a half of land from Jacob and Antonie Mackowski across Eaton Road and built a rectory. He moved in on Jan. 1, 1890.

- On May 1, 1901, Father Alexander Buechler was named pastor. With immigrants populating the area at a rapid pace, the young priest saw that a bigger building was necessary. The cornerstone for the church was laid on Aug. 30, 1903, and on Sept. 3, 1906, the new brick Gothic style church was dedicated. The cost of the entire structure was \$27,000, mainly because most of the work was done by the families, includ-

ing the children who helped unload bricks and stone. Current parishioner Josephine Golubski's father-in-law was one of those that helped unload the bricks. Father Buechler also installed a Delco electric light plant that furnished light for church, school and rectory.

- The old wooden church served as a school until a fire in 1908. According to the Polish newspaper *Goniec Polski*, Father Buechler was attending Forty Hours Devotions at St. Casimir's in South Bend. Apparently the fire was caused by an overheated wood stove. A male student of the school was assigned to tend to the stove in the building. He tended the stove and then left for home a short distance away. The stove ignited the wall. At first there was fear that the boy was trapped inside the school, but as the fire burned, he returned to the scene with his parents.

- Since Father Buechler's departure in 1908, there have been 13 priests who have served the parish. During those years many changes have been made to the church.

- In 1927 a new rectory was built at a cost of \$11,000. The church and rectory were wired for electricity.

- From 1932 to 1956 the electric system was updated, two furnaces replaced the potbelly stove and the interior of the

church was repainted. Two large stained glass window and four small ones replaced the church's glass windows. A beautiful rock garden east of the rectory was constructed.

- From 1957 to 1981 the church was remodeled. A new roof was put on and tuck pointed. At the parish's 75th anniversary in 1959, four more stained glass windows were added: two in the choir loft, one by the stairway to the choir loft (later moved to the chapel) and one in the reconciliation room. In 1964 a social hall was completed. In October of 1968 a new steeple and cross were erected. In 1974 the sacristy and reconciliation were refurbished and a few years later the rectory was joined to the north side of the church creating a room which can be used as a chapel.

- The year 1983 saw more parish building projects. The social hall was expanded, the religious education building was built, and extensive remodeling of the church interior was done in preparation for the parish's centennial held in 1984.

- In 1988 air conditioning was installed in the church.

- In 1996 the stained glass windows in the church were restored for \$21,465.



## Stanislaus Kostka?

his father forbade it. His family did not support his decision to become a priest, as that chosen way of life was inconsistent with his family's noble class. Eventually Kostka decided to leave home and traveled to Rome where he was admitted as a novitiate at the Society of Jesus.

During the remaining 10 months of his life, according the testimony of the master of novices, Father Giulio Fazio, "He was a model and mirror of religious perfection." It was there that he again became ill and died before his 18th birthday on the feast of Our Lady's Assumption in 1568. Prior to his death his father sent his brother to bring him home. By the time his brother got to Rome, Kostka was already dead.

His brother visited his grave and had a conversion of heart and began to promote the holiness and cause of sainthood for his brother. Today, Stanislaus Kostka is a popular saint of Poland and many religious institutions have chosen him as the protector of their novitiates.



# Diocese accounts for financial operations of the diocese

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of our diocese for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2008. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

## Diocesan audit

The diocese is audited every year by Leonard J. Andorfer and Co., a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This means that the diocesan books, records and accounting principles are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that no exceptions were noted by our auditors. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the audit committee, but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council; and the council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) That the council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been reviewed; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the metropolitan archbishop of the province which, in this case, is the archbishop of Indianapolis. As of Sept. 15, 2008, we have required a similar report for each parish in this diocese signed by the parish finance council. All but two parishes have fulfilled this request and I am currently preparing to address these parishes.

## Living within our means

Every year, I charge our financial office and all our department heads with the responsibility of seeing that we live within our budget and that we do everything to avoid a deficit. We also ask our parishes to live this way. Such serious financial care is an important responsibility.

A careful examination of our records indicates that our actual expenses and our fiscal operation were less than our prepared budget.

There is the ongoing problem of health insurance. During the first fiscal year that I was your bishop, the annual amount paid out in health insurance for the diocese was \$703,470. For the year that we are reporting, the cost paid out by the diocese in health insurance was \$7,134,548. We are self-insured, with an excellent health insurance program, but, as is true nationally, this represents an ongoing fiscal challenge.

## Parishes

It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop's Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality. The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 22 years since the appeal began, 82 parishes have engaged in major capital fund drives. Since the appeal began, fund drives for parishes have brought in over \$82 million. Including efforts in progress, \$113 million worth of new buildings and renovations has been approved by the Diocesan Finance Council for parishes. This includes parish initiatives linked to the Legacy of Faith. Also, \$116,778,231, which would have been paid to the diocese under the previous system, now remains in the parishes. In addition, \$4.5 million from the appeal has been given in grants to parishes in need. As a result of the increase in the last four years, \$2.6 million from the appeal has been paid to 30 parishes to help them pay increased salaries to their teachers. Over \$24 million has been raised for building programs in our four high schools. All four high schools have recently engaged in or are preparing future building programs. The Legacy of Faith campaign is also parish-oriented. As of May 31, 2009, \$8,127,559 has been returned to parishes from the Legacy of Faith campaign. There were 11 parishes that had a combined drive. This means that, in addition to the Legacy of Faith, they sought to raise funds for a particular

need, such as schools, increased classrooms, improvements in the church, etc. These parishes realized a total of \$34 million over and above their commitment to the Legacy. A more complete report on the Legacy of Faith campaign and its present status will be presented in the brochure for our upcoming Annual Bishop's Appeal. A report on the most recent appeal was presented in the July 5, 2009 edition of this newspaper.

## Twinning parishes

A number of parishes have agreed to twin with certain targeted parishes to help them provide a full Catholic education. From January 1999 through April 2009, a total of \$1,667,528 has been received by 16 parishes. This is true Christian stewardship; and most of the parishes making these contributions do it as part of their parish stewardship effort. These parishes give a proportionate gift to other parishes in need. This twinning program has saved several parish schools, and must be expanded. I intend to organize a committee of pastors to examine the expansion of this effort so more parishes can be helped.

It is also important that there be accountability and transparency in parishes. According to canon law, every parish must have a parish finance council. We have two retired accountants who do a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past three years, we have sent this financial report, done by our two auditors, to each member of the parish finance council. This enables this review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, controls have now been established similar to the accountability required of each diocese. Every parish must submit a report signed by each member of their finance council declaring they have seen the budget, the parish audit and have met four times.

## The Guardian Angel Society

A group of people devoted to our schools has formed the Guardian Angel Society, which has already raised \$1,387,553 in its first nine years to help with tuition for students in those elementary schools that have a genuine need. In addition, \$90,000 is pledged for its 11th campaign. There are no administrative costs for this initiative. All funds raised go directly to pay tuition. Special appreciation goes to William Dotterweich, who guides and oversees this important project.

I also wish to share with you the results of our parish offertory income. In the year for which we are reporting, 2007-08, the amount given by parishioners in the Sunday collection rose from \$36,582,103 to \$37,728,422. This is a total increase of \$1,146,319 in one year, approximately 3.13 percent. The fact that this increase took place during the midst of a historic financial downturn is especially encouraging and shows the persistent generosity of our people.

## High schools

Our high schools continue to flourish; but not without challenges. The Annual Bishop's Appeal gives \$1.7 million to the high schools every year, which has created a sense of stability. Next year, tuition will increase by \$150 in our high schools. This will help us to pay for the increase in teachers' salaries. Our high schools are also audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009. Three high schools have debts to the diocese, and two are paying on those debts.

I continue to be encouraged with the strong religion departments in all four high schools, as well as campus ministry programs with vitality. We will continue to strive to have a part-time priest in each high school. The academic formation is outstanding and a true spirit of Christian community pervades our schools. I thank the devoted parents and others who, in the past several years, have raised over \$24 million for high school improvements.

## Development office

With resources from the Bishop's Appeal, we have been able to fund a strong Development Office. I have charged the Development Office with the responsibility of

expanding the resources necessary to do the work of the church within our diocese by inviting participation and investment in our parishes and diocese. This office works in five general areas: stewardship, Annual Bishop's Appeal, planned giving, Catholic school development consulting and capital campaign consulting.

The Development Office has facilitated stewardship education throughout the diocese. The concept of stewardship is rooted in holy Scriptures; and it is my hope and prayer that every parish will follow the stewardship way of life. Currently, 62 parishes (72 percent) have established a stewardship committee and are working on their annual renewal and yearlong stewardship effort. Recently, a seminar on stewardship was held for our priests in each of our major cities to motivate parishes to become involved in stewardship.

The Development Office has assisted parishes with development efforts. Because of their stewardship efforts, many parishes have experienced an increase in involvement of parish families and an increase in their offertory collection. Forty-nine parishes have reported an increase in their offertory since last year.

The Development Office has given counsel to 38 parishes, at no cost to the parish, for major capital campaigns. In the last eight years, 38 parishes and four high schools have taken on major building projects.

Both the Development Office and Business Office have helped us to put in place the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, which will enable parishes, high schools and other diocesan institutions to raise funds for an ongoing endowment. It is my hope that many parishes, especially those with schools, will initiate an endowment. It takes just \$5,000 to start an endowment for a parish or diocesan institution. Currently, there are 104 endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation. Talk to your pastor and school board about establishing an endowment for your parish and/or parish school. To establish an endowment and experience endowment growth involves planned giving — bequests, annuities, remainder trusts, as well as gifts and other creative ways by which you can make contributions. Funds placed in this trust will remain there and grow, and the interest realized will continue to fund the designated purpose for years to come. These are gifts that keep on giving. Those who contribute will determine the area where these funds are to be restricted. Regular annual reports and quarterly newsletters are sent to the donors. The Catholic Community Foundation now contains \$9,835,666. This, despite a significant loss since one year ago, due to the natural decline in investments.

A very significant grant took place last year and deserves mention. In honor of the celebration of my golden jubilee, 50 years as a priest, the directors of Our Sunday Visitor voted unanimously to make a grant of \$1 million to each of our four high schools. This grant was given as an endowment and for a particular, and much needed, purpose. The endowment will grant tuition assistance to each high school for those who otherwise could not attend a Catholic High School. The amount given each year will be \$50,000, or 5 percent, whichever is greater. These funds have already been received, and the results will be available for students entering each of our four high schools this September. For next year only, an additional \$50,000 each will be available for tuition grants, so we do not lose students due to the present economic climate.

Our Diocesan Office of Planned Giving is an available resource for parishes and schools that need assistance with promoting planned gifts and endowments that will strengthen our parishes and schools for the future. Under the direction of Elisa Smith, who is a CPA and has an extensive background in estate planning and charitable giving, the Office of Planned Giving conducts estate and charitable planning seminars in parishes, has established a charitable gift annuity program, and assists donors and their professional advisors with setting up endowments and charitable gifts through will bequests, life estates, charitable trusts, life insurance and retirement plan assets. A planned giving Sunday is arranged once a year for every parish in order to promote bequests for parishes.

**DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS**

Consolidated Financial Report  
Fiscal Year 2007-2008

<b>Income</b>	
Tuition/Fees	14,218,768
Diocesan Assistance	1,727,015
Other Grants/Scholarships	242,823
Fundraising	3,341,439
Athletic/Other	3,629,775
<b>Total income</b>	<b>23,159,820</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Administrative	
Cost of employee	2,716,245
Other administrative	2,461,430
<b>Total administrative</b>	<b>5,177,675</b>
<b>Instructional</b>	
Cost of employee — teaching	8,290,226
Academic department — cost	149,504
Other expense — teaching	293,523
Cost of employee — supportive	1,045,586
Other expense — supportive	348,658
<b>Total instructional</b>	<b>10,127,497</b>
<b>Operational</b>	
Cost of employee	917,204
Other expense — operational	1,851,480
<b>Total operational</b>	<b>2,768,684</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Capital/miscellaneous	0
Other miscellaneous	4,017,011
<b>Total miscellaneous</b>	<b>4,017,011</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>22,090,867</b>
<b>Surplus/(loss)</b>	<b>1,068,953</b>

**82 DIOCESAN PARISHES**

Consolidated Financial Report  
Fiscal Year 2007-2008

<b>Income</b>	
Church income	61,008,262
School income	28,788,978
<b>Total income</b>	<b>89,797,240</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Church expense	35,991,926
School expense	44,667,784
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>80,659,710</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>9,137,530</b>
<b>Diocesan High Schools</b>	
<b>Diocesan Assistance</b>	
Bishop Dwenger High School	533,061
Bishop Luers High School	346,757
Saint Joseph's High School	421,625
Marian High School	425,572
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,727,015</b>

**\* Parishes receiving grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal**

St. Mary/Assumption, Avilla  
Our Lady/Guadalupe, Milford  
Precious Blood, Fort Wayne  
Holy Cross, South Bend  
Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne  
Holy Family, South Bend  
St. Henry, Fort Wayne  
St. Augustine, South Bend  
Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne  
St. Casimir, South Bend  
St. Joseph, Garrett  
St. Hedwig/St. Patrick,  
South Bend  
St. Mary, Huntington  
St. Joseph, South Bend  
St. Monica, Mishawaka

**\*\* Groups receiving grants from the Annual Bishop's Appeal**

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Fort Wayne and South Bend  
Chapin Street Clinic  
Vincent House  
Catholic Charities  
Women's Care Center  
COPOSH (Homeless Center,  
South Bend)  
Christ Child Society  
Fort Wayne and South Bend  
Logan Center  
Matthew 25  
Center for Basic Learning  
Skills  
St. Augustine Soup Kitchen  
Hannah's House  
Little Flower Food Pantry  
Life Athletes  
Chiara Home  
St. Mary Soup Kitchen

**Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend**  
**Statement of revenues and expenses for the year ended June 30, 2008**

<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>Expendable Funds</b>	<b>Temporarily/Permanently Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Parish quotas and assessments	\$2,116,255	0	\$2,116,255
Donations and bequests	2,171,692	131,350	\$2,303,042
Investment income	200,918	(116)	\$200,802
Fundraising — Bishop's Appeal	4,183,715	0	\$4,183,715
Insurance premiums	10,298,864	80,769	\$10,379,633
Interest — loans	850,787	0	\$850,787
Collections	268,932	0	\$268,932
Advertising	175,630	0	\$175,630
Subscriptions	207,685	0	\$207,685
Sale of merchandise	424,039	0	\$424,039
Fees/rentals/workshops	415,099	0	\$415,099
Other	101,279	0	\$101,279
Gain on sale of assets	814	0	\$814
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>\$21,415,709</b>	<b>\$212,003</b>	<b>\$21,627,712</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Ministry services	\$2,273,345	0	\$2,273,345
Educational services	2,753,952	0	\$2,753,952
Diocesan high school assistance	1,727,015	0	\$1,727,015
Communications	870,221	0	\$870,221
Fundraising — Bishop's Appeal	382,240	0	\$382,240
Insurance	6,661,119	0	\$6,661,119
Interest Expense	990,191	0	\$990,191
*Parish Assistance	258,700	0	\$258,700
Priests, other countries	28,011	0	\$28,011
Religious/priest retirement	312,175	0	\$312,175
Assessments	101,064	0	\$101,064
Chancery — departmental/general	5,089,994	0	\$5,089,994
Allowance for doubtful accounts	100,000	0	\$100,000
Catholic Charities subsidy	426,472	0	\$426,472
** Charitable Contributions	82,000	0	\$82,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$22,056,499</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$22,056,499</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$640,790)</b>	<b>212,003</b>	<b>(\$428,787)</b>
<b>CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS</b>			
<b>Revenues, Expenses and Budgets</b>			
	<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>
Tribunal	442,047		511,182
General administration	864,912		707,187
Parish assistance	42,721		40,994
Personnel	261,890		280,980
Diocesan Services Agency	40,447		41,252
Data Processing	100,592		94,825
US Catholic Conference/Indiana Catholic Conference	101,065		103,961
Missions	6,094		5,383
Archbishop Noll Catholic Center	478,240		430,373
Misc. Properties	250,822		220,294
Hispanic Ministry	153,440		180,813
Accounting	126,856		102,824
Bishop's Appeal	266,738		268,692
Bishop's Office	80,503		58,280
Archivist	42,124		47,596
Today's Catholic	570,224		629,155
Office of Catholic Communications	138,501		161,158
Ecumenical	3,078		5,705
Sesquicentennial	177,563		213,974
Family Life/Pro-Life	193,907		189,769
TV Mass	161,496		175,742
Property Management	118,731		121,470
Office of Vocations	51,740		54,939
Campus Ministry	245,747		251,488
Office of Worship/Music Ministry	132,588		111,960
Spiritual Development	141,196		156,513
Victim Assistance Coordinator	7,458		4,306
Permanent Diaconate	53,038		61,895
Hospital Ministry	121,213		118,690
Ministry of Education	433,437		481,129
Religious Education Office	283,535		312,445
Seminarian Education/Priest Formation	567,418		704,540
Continuing Ed/Priests	47,418		50,000
Crisis Pregnancy Fund — Catholic Charities	426,472		410,000
Catholic Charities Property — South Bend	23,900		24,119
Foreign Priests Assigned to Parishes	28,011		23,250
Youth Ministry	130,876		151,452
Development Office	72,183		79,534
Cathedral Museum	7,684		7,131
Planned Giving	43,319		66,589
		<b>7,439,224</b>	<b>7,661,589</b>

# Use words if necessary



THE  
CUTTING  
EDGE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

"Preach the Gospel always and use words if necessary." This statement, attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, is the way most of us are called to evangelize. Some related sayings are, "Actions speak louder than words," and "You may be the only Bible some people ever read."

In my parish and campus ministry days, I always asked those preparing to become Catholics what influenced them the most in their conversion. Very often they would say that it was the example of good Catholics who lived their faith.

Witnessing to our faith in Jesus Christ is much more than just talking about his message. Equally important is living these teachings in our everyday lives.

Unfortunately, too many of us are timid about expressing our faith in public. For

example, when eating at a restaurant some of us either pray our grace before the meal privately or not at all. We may feel awkward or wouldn't want the people around us to think we were a bunch of holy rollers.

I belong to a sharing group that meets regularly at a restaurant and the waiters and waitresses are very respectful of us when we pray aloud. They have come to expect it and I personally believe it says something to them about our faith in Christ. To my knowledge, no one has mocked us yet.

Jesus taught us that the greatest commandment is love. It is much more effective to show love than to talk about it all the time. We have a greater impact when we live it. The greatest compliment I ever heard someone give about another sister was that she had never heard her say a bad thing about anyone. That is what I call Christian love in action. I wish I could say that about myself!

And there are those who serve quietly, the ones who reach out to others without a lot of fanfare. These are the people who lift others up rather than tear them down. Their lives radiate kindness, as did Jesus' life. They are compassionate and always ready to forgive. They are the kind of people that most of us like to have around. They don't

talk about how to live a good Christian life. They just do it.

Another part of the commandment to love is to love God. Loving God includes worshipping and talking to him regularly, not just because it is a "rule" or when it is convenient. It can be extremely easy to rationalize about why we cannot go to Mass or why we don't pray regularly. During a vacation we can excuse ourselves from attending Mass because we rationalize that we don't know where a Catholic church is, even though we could ask. If we are with our friends we might be embarrassed to bring up Mass. On the other hand, going out of our way to find a church would speak volumes about our faith.

Justice is also an important part of the message of the Gospel. When we treat others justly we witness to our belief in Christ. A person in business who is honest and does not cheat his or her customers to make more money says a lot about that individual's faith. This person may not make as much profit as some other businesses, but he or she can go to bed at night with a clear conscience. I cringe when I hear about people who have deliberately cheated others of their life savings for personal gain.

Finally, I am not saying that we should



## YOUNG ADULT PERSPECTIVES

not speak of our belief in Jesus Christ and the message of the Scripture. What I am saying is that living what we believe is essential in evangelization. Talk is not good enough unless it is accompanied by action.

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## Grace is sufficient when dollars are short

Baited by the prospect of \$1 million, she turned down \$172,000 and then wound up with \$5.

"You know, Howie, money doesn't make me happy," the defeated contestant told the host of NBC's "Deal or No Deal." The audience cringed and clapped.

Whenever I catch a rerun of this retired reality show, I cannot flip the switch until the final brief

case is opened and the verdict revealed.

I am fascinated by the quick calculus of risk and reward. Does the chance of luxury override the certainty of comfort? Does the possibility of a mansion trump the elimination of a mortgage? For many contestants, yes.

They are prodded by the deafening chorus, "No deal!" Even the parents and spouses — the ones you expect to inject a little common sense, the ones who actually will be affected by the outcome — join the mob.

Money has a way of making us all a little crazy. Our money, our neighbor's, a stranger's. The gain,

the loss, the sheer idea of it. We imagine the power it would wield, the delights it would invite and the problems it would solve.

"Money doesn't buy you happiness," Johnny Depp recently told *Vanity Fair*. "But it buys you a big enough yacht to sail right up to it."

I caught that quote on Twitter, and it made me think of my penny-pinching, job-hunting friends, trying to keep their heads up in a down economy. Here we are, twenty-something and saddled in debt, toting master's degrees our alma maters called valuable in a market that doesn't seem to care.

The headlines make us dizzy and doubtful. As we negotiate risk and reward, we can hear the public chanting, "No deal!"

It's easy to relate to this month's readings from St. Paul. Early in his ministry, he is feeling discouraged, comparing himself with other "superapostles" — such

a modern term and temptation!

"Three times I begged the Lord," St. Paul writes, "but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore, I am content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

We, too, are early in our ministries and feeling a bit uneasy, which is okay — good, even, if it helps us recognize the sufficiency of God's grace.

This recession can be a refiner, an overdue prompt to readjust our priorities, to launch careers for love, not money, and to seek simple pleasures: Redbox movies, root beer floats, Catchphrase. We can help each other find the hilarity and the hope. We can discover that profound paradox: weakness clearing space for power, humbling and honing us to better serve Christ.



TWENTY  
SOMETHING  
BY CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

The early apostles also made tough calculations, sizing up the crowd of 5,000 and their sparse resources. "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little," Philip says.

Then Jesus perfects power in weakness, and everyone is fed.

So are we.

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## EDITORIAL

# Catholic social teaching is multidimensional

As Catholics, one thing we can take to heart after reading Pope Benedict XVI's third encyclical of his papacy, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), which was released last week, is that Catholic social teaching is broad and is challenging.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines an encyclical as "a pastoral letter written by the pope and sent to the whole church and even to the whole world, to express church teaching on some important matter. Encyclicals are expressions of the ordinary papal magisterium."

Readers can access the direct link to the Vatican to read the encyclical at our Twitter account, <http://twitter.com/todayscatholic>. For a brief analysis, you can read our front page story.

The pope begins the encyclical with, "Charity in truth, to which Jesus Christ bore witness by his earthly life and especially by his death and resurrection, is the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity," and soon says, "Charity is at the heart of the church's social doctrine." He adds, "Truth is the light that gives meaning and value to charity."

On the economic front, the pope comments that moral failure of greedy financiers and investors and the lack of oversight by national governments led to the global financial crisis. Certainly the lack of charity was expressed in this greed.

This now challenges businesses to examine their code of ethics, to perform — shall we say — an examination of conscience. Did they relocate business to countries where they could exploit workers with low wages, which deprived them of dignity and created job losses in our own country? Did the zeal for profits override treating clients justly? Were they treated with honesty? Did greed, exploitation of others, interfere with a sound decision about one's own financial future? Are profitable businesses willing to share and lift up the poor?

The pope is challenging business leaders to attempt to understand what Christ teaches in the Gospel. We all have an opportunity to rethink our consumption habits, our financial goals or misguidance of these goals, and ask, "Is this the path Jesus wants us to follow? What is God's divine will?"

In the Catholic News Service's Washington Letter July 10, it states: "Catholic business owner Umberto P. Fedeli, president and CEO of the Fedeli Group, one of Ohio's largest insurance brokerage firms ... said the business world can learn much from the recession that started in December 2007.

"If we treated people like we were our brother's keeper and we were more men and women for others, then we would have probably avoided a big part of this economic crisis, which has been an unfortunate moral crisis," Fedeli told CNS from his office in suburban Cleveland.

"I do business the way I want to be treated," said Fedeli, a lifelong Catholic. "You treat your associates like they're an extension of your family. You treat your customers and clients like they're your best friends. You treat your business partners and associates as a member of your extended family.

"If you do this, you wouldn't have to compromise."

## Implementation by nations

The pope reminded the richest nations, which was reiterated with G-8 national leaders who met with the pope, not to scale back development aid for poor countries to advance their own economies. The encyclical was released the day before the opening of the G-8 Summit, a gathering of the wealthiest nations. As the national leaders, including U.S. President Barack Obama, individually met with the pope, the president expected to discuss "initiating core reforms in overseas aid and domestic policy to assure basic economic security for more people."

The cordial exchange also included discussion about the defense and promotion of life and conscience protection.

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## The twisted logic underlying abortion

Many influential people and institutions in our society, including Hollywood and the mass media, strongly support abortion. To justify their position, however, they must adeptly defy logic and ignore certain obvious facts.

One example of this sidestepping is the oft-repeated argument for abortion that it's all about a woman's body. As actress Amy Brenneman, who starred in the TV show "Judging Amy," once put it, "Unless a woman really has sovereignty over her own body we really haven't come that far."

The obvious flaw in this argument was cleverly exposed a few years back by supermodel Kathy Ireland (who used to favor abortion) during a televised interview: "Some people say, 'Well it's a woman's body; it should be her choice. There's a 50 percent chance the baby she's carrying is a male child, and he would have a penis. Women don't have penises. So it's residing in her body; it is not a part of her body.' While it should go without saying that babies have their own bodies, abortion advocates seem all too ready to tiptoe around the obvious to promote their agenda.

That tiptoeing is also evident whenever a breaking news story about the murder of an abortionist grabs the headlines. After someone recently gunned down Dr. George Tiller, the late-term abortionist in Kansas, almost every major media outlet extolled the genuine tragedy of his death, while tiptoeing past the tragedy of the 60,000 deaths that Tiller himself had coordinated within his clinics.

Several TV commentators, however, immediately perceived this double standard. Ann Coulter, for example, satirically mentioned, "... This one random nut who shot Tiller ... I don't really like to think of it as a murder. It was terminating Tiller in the 203rd trimester." She then argued: "I am personally opposed to shooting abortionists, but I don't want to impose my moral values on others."

Coulter also couldn't resist exposing the faulty moral logic behind so much pro-abortion rhetoric and sloganizing, as in: "If you don't believe in abortion, then don't have one," to which she replied: "If you don't believe in shooting abortionists, then don't shoot abortionists." Perhaps no one has so clearly summarized the deadly logic of the pro-abortion position as Mother Teresa, when she declared in her 1979 Nobel

Peace Prize speech: "... If a mother can kill her own child — what is left for me to kill you and you kill me — there is nothing between."

The moral chaos of abortion often begins when advocates feign not to know when life begins. George Jonas, in his cleverly entitled essay "Thoughts from an Ex-Fetus," observed how advocates must "pretend not to realize that life is an autonomous process, a continuum from zygote to old-age pension, a self-elaborating force that begins when it begins and keeps growing unless it's vacuumed out first. ... They must pretend not to see that if a fetus were not alive, it wouldn't have to be killed."

Perhaps the most plausible explanation of why abortion advocates will so readily defy logic and ignore the obvious came from writer Dale Vree. He had been invited to a "living-room discussion" on abortion back in 1989, which included six prominent pro-lifers, six prominent pro-choicers, and one or two undecideds.

Vree expected that the heart of the debate would hinge on when life began, but it didn't. It didn't even turn on the hard cases — rape and incest. When one of the radical feminists argued that abortion is simply about the right to make choices, one of the pro-lifers replied that the choice was made back when the woman agreed to have sex. Then one of the pro-choicers finally blurted out:

"We're pro-sex and you're anti-sex," meaning, according to Vree, that "they're for lots of sex in lots of forms while we pro-lifers feel it should be limited to heterosexual marriage... They made it abundantly clear that they're committed to



### MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

the sexual revolution, and that revolution will wither without the insurance which is abortion and this is their bottom-line concern."

This indeed appears to be the crux of the matter, the central concern that has motivated radical feminists, Hollywood and many other advocates of abortion to sacrifice untold millions of unborn babies since the early 1970s. George Jonas zeroed in on this same bottom-line explanation: "We invent euphemisms, such as 'choice' for killing, and sophomoric dilemmas, such as pretending not to know when life begins, to ensure that nothing hinders Virginia's quest for Santa Claus. No obstacle must interfere with her goal of self-fulfillment — least of all an issue (as it were) of her healthy sexual appetite."

In the final analysis, this stands as probably the single greatest tragedy of our time, that the unorderly and inordinate sexual desires of men and women have been allowed to twist the most rudimentary moral logic to the point of death for so many of our children.

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### Blessed Titus Brandsma

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From Bolsward, Netherlands, he entered the Carmelites and was ordained in 1905. After earning a doctorate in philosophy in Rome, Titus taught in Dutch universities and lectured on Carmelite spirituality and mysticism. He translated into Dutch the works of St. Teresa of Avila, was rector at the Catholic University of Nijmegen and promoted a free press. His work was widely printed and read. After Germany occupied the Netherlands, Titus was arrested as an enemy of Nazism. He was sent to several concentration camps, and was killed by lethal injection at Dachau in 1942.

# Suicide: The grief few talk about

Grief over the loss of a loved one is never easy and so many factors, such as relationship to the deceased and personal belief system can complicate one's grief journey. The manner of death certainly plays an influential role in our perception of loss.

Suicide is a shocking manner of death and complications grief in myriad ways. The traumatic loss may cause more intense and prolonged grief than some. As with other manners of death it carries with it so many unanswered questions, which may produce a sense of guilt, relief or anger. Making sense of a suicide death can be overwhelming with these turbulent emotions.

Sydney mourns the death by suicide of her young adult son Hal. She says, "We had no idea he was in that much distress. Why didn't he confide in us? What did we do wrong?"

She was astounded to learn that suicide is more common among males and is the second leading cause of death for 25-34 year olds,

according to the Web site [www.suicide.org](http://www.suicide.org). And mental illness plays a role in over 80 percent of these suicides.

In years past grief over a suicide death was quietly stuffed down into the heart where it was rarely addressed due to the attached social stigma that victimized the survivor. Common forms of community support were withheld causing survivors to feel isolated or shamed in their grief.

Fortunately, suicide has been addressed in recent grief literature. Currently there are trauma counselors, support groups and Web sites available for grieving survivors.

I believe it is important for suicide survivors to have specific information with which to navigate their grief. A support network including family and friends, and support from other suicide survivors within a group environment is critical to the healing process of this devastating loss.

Sydney says family and friends have been her saving grace. "We



## HOPE IN THE MOURNING

KAY COZAD

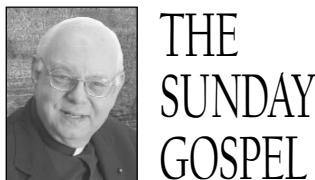
have had a stream of calls, food and cards coming in. And those who shared in the funeral ceremony helped us affirm Hal's life in a very special way."

Suicide survivors may struggle with what they could have done to prevent their loved one from taking his or her own life. As Sydney's family moves forward they have also found a suicide survivors' group where they can vent not only their intense pain but their frustration and guilt feelings in a safe environment with others who struggle with the same issues.

"It's such a relief to talk with

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# God reaches out to meet our needs



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 6:30-34

The prophecy of Jeremiah provides this Liturgy of the Word with its first reading.

While the writings of prophets are plentiful in the Bible, in reality today we have access to the words of only a few of the many prophets who certainly were active among God's people during the many centuries before Christ.

Of course, the words of Jeremiah are available to us. They are contained in the Book of Jeremiah, an important inclusion in the Hebrew Scriptures.

However, Jeremiah himself likely was not alone as a prophet in his time, and surely to his distress, others who were not authentic representatives of God presented themselves to the people. These misled, or misleading figures, assuming for themselves the prophetic mantle, could point people away from God.

Understandably, Jeremiah looked upon these interlopers with dismay and even alarm.

To emphasize the falseness of these would-be prophets Jeremiah writes in behalf of God. The prophet uses the first person to speak the mind of God. Clearly, God speaks through Jeremiah. This is precisely the impression Jeremiah wishes to convey.

God rejects these falsely constituted prophets. Obviously, God has not appointed them. They should be ignored.

Jeremiah is God's own chosen representative. Jeremiah's voice is the voice of God.

Authenticity is one issue. Another fact is that God has provided for the people. He instructs them and guides them.

In the Epistle to the Ephesians the message is typical of this epistle and of Pauline theology itself. Christ is everything. In Christ, all the faithful are redeemed. In Christ, the faithful possess true life and can anticipate eternal life.

The Lord Jesus, the son of God, the lamb of Calvary, reconciled fallen, sinful humankind with God. His redemption, sealed in the crucifixion, bridged the gap created between God and humanity by sin.

Mark's Gospel is the last reading.

Throughout all four of the Gospels, the apostles were crucial figures in fulfilling the divine plan of salvation achieved in, and by, Jesus.

This reading makes quite evident two aspects of their role. First, they were the Lord's special students, hearing and seeing what was not said or shown to others.

More than any of the contemporaries of Jesus, they were prepared to teach the Good News of salvation.

Secondly, they were commissioned to teach the Good News. Even before Jesus was crucified, even before Jesus ascended, they were sent into the highways and byways. They went as the Lord's representatives, repeating what they had been taught.

At the end of a mission, they returned to Jesus to report and to be re-assigned.

## Reflection

Voices contrary to the Gospel, or even vying with God for our allegiance, surround us. The voices may come from within us. They may be from other persons, or they may have origin in the culture and popular attitudes of the time.

These voices lure us to our own distress and danger. God is still our savior. He provides for us. This weekend, in these readings, the church insists that we need God, and God reaches out to meet our need.

Always God has reached out to guide people. Long, long ago, he provided the prophets, such as Jeremiah.

Then, God gave us Jesus. The Lord provided the apostles for us. They knew the Lord. He especially taught them. He sent them to us.

They formed the church. It still endures, relying still upon the apostles and upon those whom they selected to follow them in continuing Christ's redemption of the world.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18 (Ps) Ex 15:1-6 Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** Ex 14:21-15:1 (Ps) Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17 Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-28 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1-6 Mt 20:20-28

## CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Campilson

In July, the church remembers St. Maria Goretti.

### 1. Maria was born and died in these centuries

- a. born in the 19th, died in the 20th
- b. born in the 19th, died in the 21st
- c. born in the 20th, died in the 20th

### 2. She came from a large family of

- a. nobles in Ticino Switzerland
- b. peasants
- c. Greek immigrants from Albania

### 3. Where did they live?

- a. Switzerland, in the Italian speaking cantons
- b. Italy
- c. Albania, near Mother Teresa's home

### 4. Maria died in this cruel way:

- a. She was attacked and stabbed by a neighbor, Alessandro Serenelli.
- b. She was unnecessarily operated upon by an unscrupulous doctor Serenelli.
- c. Slowly of pneumonia while tended by nurse Adolfo Serenelli.

### 5. How old was she when she died?

- a. 11
- b. 15
- c. 17

### 6. What did she do before she died?

- a. She promised to return as a ghost.
- b. She insisted on having the nurse fired.
- c. She forgave her killer.

### 7. Maria was beatified in 1947. What is that?

- a. She was declared to be without sin.
- b. She was given the title "Blessed."
- c. She was made a saint.

### 8. What happened in 1950?

- a. She was canonized.
- b. The church admitted it had made a mistake and rescinded her canonization.
- c. She was declared a Nurse of the Church, one step below doctor.

### 9. By this act she became

- a. the youngest ever saint formally canonized
- b. the first female saint
- c. the first Swiss saint since Calvin

### 10. There were some unusual attendees that day. One was

- a. Mao Tse Tung who was on a visit from China
- b. Maria's mother, the first mother to attend her child's canonization
- c. Giuseppe Verde, who wanted to rewrite Madama Butterfly to be about Maria

### 11. Another more astonishing visitor that day was

- a. Serenelli who had served an almost three-decade term in prison
- b. the doctors who had been struck blind as a result of her death
- c. Serenelli, the nurse who had attended her

### 12. How had he come to terms with the death of Goretti?

- a. He had realized it was the demon drink that made him kill her.
- b. He had had a dream wherein she forgave him.
- c. He had decided to accept his guilt to get parole after three years.

### 13. A curious detail of this was:

- a. Serenelli never again drank that same type of wine.
- b. He was paroled across the border with her stipulation he would never return to Italy.
- c. In the dream Goretti gave him lilies, which burned his hands.

### 14. What did Serenelli subsequently do?

- a. He went on to become the official surgeon to Mussolini.
- b. He lived with a religious order as a helper.
- c. He founded the Goretti School of Nursing in Zurich.

## ANSWERS:

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

# From the little they had, they gave

**W**hen I was pastor at Holy Trinity parish in Moissala, Chad, it happened that I had to go to N'Djamena, the capital, a journey of about 400 miles, the same as the distance between New York City and Cleveland. They tell me you can do NYC-Cleveland in about 12 hours. It took me 40 from Moissala to N'Djamena!

About half way to my destination, my car quit on me, and I didn't have a clue what the problem was. It also started raining so that I couldn't have continued even if I'd been able to fix the car. When it rains in Chad, it rains! Roads are immediately closed for the duration and for six hours after the rain stops. So there I was, trapped in the middle of nowhere, with only nature around me. It was about 2 p.m., and I knew I'd be stuck until the next day. I wasn't familiar with that part of Chad and didn't know anybody in the area.

I decided to move on rather

than stay alone for the night, hoping to reach a village soon.

I walked away the afternoon and as darkness approached, the rain finally abated. All I had was a flashlight to cast a spot of light on the path in front of me so I would not step on an animal, especially not a snake.

A sound ahead of me told me that someone or something was coming towards me. The hairs on the back of my neck stood up, but I soon discovered it was an old man who had seen my light. He'd come to welcome me to his village, and he invited me to take a seat under a tree to rest from my long walk.

Even now when I think of that night, I am amazed. This man didn't ask, "Who you are? What do you want? Why have you come at such an inappropriate hour?" Nothing of that sort. He just welcomed me and gave me a spot where I could rest.

While we sat talking, a woman



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approached with a handful of peanuts and invited me to eat. I was very hungry and promptly obeyed. While I munched my peanuts, another lady came with a cup of tea for me.

It was the month of July, the height of the rainy season and the very first days of harvest. Everything was green and lush, the complete opposite of the months before when the landscape was dry and barren and hunger stalked young and old alike. So far, the only thing to harvest and break the long fast with was peanuts. Various fruits, millet, corn and other produce

would come later in the season.

The people of that village shared with a stranger, openly and without hesitation, not from their surplus, but from the little they had, like the widow of the Gospel. They shared with somebody they didn't know, might never see again, and who would, in all probability, give nothing in return. There was no hidden agenda. They saw a person in need; they gave.

It didn't stop there. They went around the village and asked if someone would free a hut where I could stay. In no time, I was stretched out, comfortable and into a peaceful sleep.

How blessed I was that night. I

went to Chad to be with the poor, to help them, to make common cause with them. Instead the people of that village made common cause with me.

We can learn valuable lessons from the poor, and they can inspire us when trying to make a decision about giving or sharing.

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## After Notre Dame

**W**here do things stand, two months after the University of Notre Dame defied the bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend and some 80 of his fellow-bishops by awarding an honorary doctorate of laws to the university's 2009 commencement speaker, the president of the United States?

From the administration's point of view, President Obama's Notre Dame speech was an unmitigated success. The president was eloquent, high-minded and decent-spirited. He also did something no previous president had ever done — he injected himself into the ongoing debate among U.S. Catholics over Catholic identity, by suggesting that the "real" Catholics were those who, like Notre Dame, welcomed him for "dialogue." This story-line — that the Notre Dame controversy was about openness and dialogue, on the one hand, versus narrow-mindedness and fanaticism, on the other — was successfully sold to the national media by the administration, aided and abetted by the president's Catholic intellectual acolytes. That, in the process of fostering "dialogue," the administration was playing wedge politics, dividing a significant number of the Catholic bishops of the United States from their people, went largely unremarked.

But that is, was, and remains the issue here: to vary James Carville on the 1992 election, "It's the ecclesiology, stupid." That the vast majority of Catholics in the U.S. never understood that this entire affair was about the nature, structure and discipline of the church, not about politics, demonstrates just how attenuated Catholic identity in America has become, and just how poorly cate-

chized many Catholics are.

This bodes poorly for the future. In the Obama affair, Notre Dame claimed, not only an internal liberty to order its academic life according to its own best lights, but a liberty against the local bishop. In effect, Notre Dame declared itself independent of the Catholic Church, as the Catholic Church is embodied in South Bend, Ind., by the bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The administration and trustees of Notre Dame would doubtless protest that they are proudly Catholic. But the question remains: What is the embodiment, the instantiation, the living reality of the Catholic Church to which they profess loyalty? Where is it? Who speaks for it? What difference does it make what he says?

As for the bishops, they must now face the ecclesiological facts of life caused by four decades of ineffective catechesis compounded by the afterburn of the Long Lent of 2002 and its revelations of episcopal irresponsibility. One of the primary purposes of Vatican II was to lift up the local bishop as a genuine shepherd and father of the local church, not simply a branch manager assigned by the Roman corporate HQ. Very few Catholics in the United States understand this, however. They may revere the pope; they may love their pastor; but they have little sense of ecclesial connection to the local bishop or understanding of his responsibilities. So when crunch time comes and bishops try to defend the Catholic identity of Catholic institutions (medical, charitable or educational), the default response of too many Catholics in the U.S. is that "this is just politics." The same default kicks in when a bishop reminds a



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politician that he or she is in spiritual jeopardy if they receive holy Communion while being in a defective state of communion with the church on grave moral issues.

This default badly limits the bishops' maneuvering room. Were a bishop to summon the courage to deploy his canonical authority and declare that the University of X can no longer be considered a Catholic institution, he would almost certainly be misunderstood by a large majority of his people as acting politically, not ecclesiastically — as a partisan, not as a shepherd defending the integrity of the flock. That doesn't mean that such things shouldn't be done. But doing them requires careful catechetical preparation and an effective communications strategy for explaining what was done, and why.

In sum, and to revert to my opening question: how do things look, two months after the Notre Dame affair? Bullish, for the administration and its wedge agenda. Bearish indeed for those concerned about religious freedom, Catholic identity and the recovery of episcopal leadership in the United States.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

### Gospel for July 19, 2009

Mark 6:30-34 / Eph 2:13-18

Following is a word search based on the Gospel and Second Reading for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

APOSTLES  
GOING  
ON FOOT  
BLOOD  
CREATE  
RECONCILE  
ACCESS

REST A WHILE  
EVEN TO EAT  
SHEEP  
PEACE  
ONE NEW MAN  
ONE BODY  
ONE SPIRIT

COMING  
BOAT  
SHEPHERD  
DIVIDING WALL  
IN PLACE  
FAR OFF  
FATHER

### RECONCILING

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## HOPE

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others who know and understand what it's like to be a suicide survivor. I know I'm not alone. There's no judgment there," Sydney says. The common grief bond support group members share can result in lifelong friendships as well.

Faith may also play an important role in suicide loss. Those of faith may question whether their troubled loved one will be accepted into heaven. Though Sydney's family continues to struggle with their faith in this tragedy, they have come to accept that God welcomes even the broken reed into his kingdom.

For those who support a suicide survivor, it is essential to be available when they need to talk, while respecting the privacy they seek. Allow the bereaved to speak freely about their questions and sorrow. Use their loved one's name in conversation as a reminder that they are not forgotten. And surround them with as much love and support as you can.

For more information about suicide visit [www.asfp.org](http://www.asfp.org).

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# FINANCE

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## Investments

Our investments are overseen by Slocum and Associates of St. Paul, Minn. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teaching. A representative from Slocum and

Associates meets with our investment committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year in question here, investments lost less than 0.8 percent. This was a small loss compared to other nonprofits. While we expect it to rebound, that increase is not yet in sight.

### The road ahead

On May 1, I began my 25th year as your bishop. I have completed 52 years as a priest.

There are many challenges ahead. While the generosity of the people of this diocese has been extraordinary, and our institutions

are stronger from every point of view, the church by its very nature always faces challenges.

One such challenge is the need for more priests. Pope Benedict XVI gave us two significant principles in his recent visit. He said; "It is more important to have good priests, than many priests."

However, he also shared with us the following admonition in response to a question given to him by a brother bishop, "Let us be quite frank; the ability to cultivate vocations to the priesthood and the religious life is a sure sign of the health of a local church.

There's no room for complacency in this regard. God continues to call young people; it's up to all of us to encourage a generous and free response to that call. On the other hand, none of us can take this grace for granted."

When the whole diocese grows spiritually through prayer and repentance, service of the poor and increase of faith, hope and love, vocations will come. Indeed, both the number and the caliber of young men preparing for priesthood in our diocese is encouraging. On the other hand, our need is great. Twenty of our parishes are under the pastoral care of priests from overseas. I place in the hands and heart of everyone, the responsibility to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

"I often think that prayer — the 'unum necessarium' — is the one aspect of vocations work we tend to forget or to undervalue!

"Nor am I speaking only of prayer for vocations. Prayer itself, born in Catholic families, nurtured by programs of Christian formation, strengthened by the grace of the sacraments is the first means by which we come to know the Lord's will for our lives. To the extent that we teach young people to pray, and to pray well, we will

be cooperating with God's call."

— Pope Benedict XVI to the Bishops of the U.S.

Recently, I published a list of possible parish mergers in the year ahead. This was done after taking into account recommendations by a committee of priests who studied the matter at length, taking into account the need for proper distribution of priests.

I pray every day for all of you, and for the spiritual renewal of our diocese. Also, I give thanks to God for all that has been accomplished; and I look forward with joy to every day that I am privileged to serve as your bishop. I also ask for your generosity as we approach our 23rd Annual Bishop's Appeal.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

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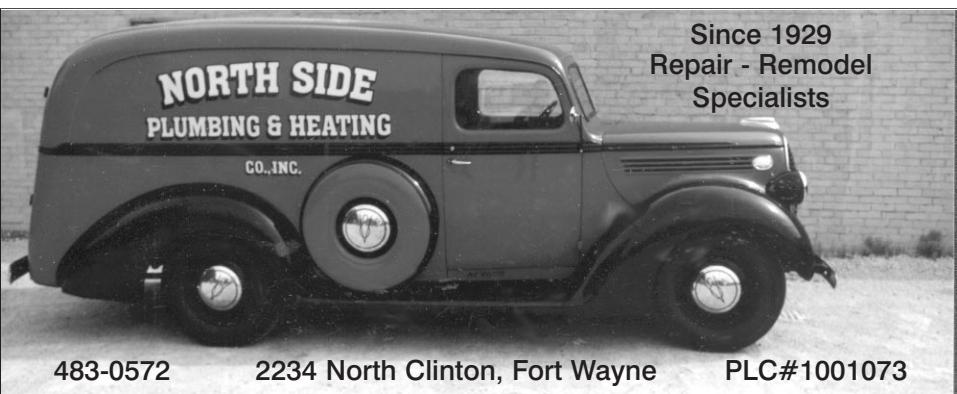
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## HEALTHY LIVING EVENTS

### Living Healthier series sponsored by University of Saint Francis

Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series will begin Wednesday, July 22, with "Childhood Weight Management" by Beverly Moellering at 6:30 p.m. at the North Campus, 2702 Spring St. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments and healthy snacks provided. Non-perishable food item donations accepted.

**5K run/walk to be part of Seton Fest**  
Fort Wayne — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 10700 Aboite Center Rd., will hold its first Seton Miracle Miles 5K run/walk in conjunction with Seton Fest, on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 8 a.m. All proceeds benefit the Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana. Pre-registration fee due Aug. 1. Fifteen and older \$10 and one canned good; 14 and under, \$5 and one canned good. Race day registration: 15 and older, \$15 and one canned good; 14 and under, \$10 and one canned good. All participants will receive a T-shirt and race day packet. For more information or to register, contact Kristin Spoltman at (260) 625-5462 or kspoltman@gmail.com.

### Gator Gallup plans ninth year

Yoder — St. Aloysius will host the Gator Gallop 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Aug. 1. Registration and packet pickup will be 6-7 p.m. in the school basement and begin at 7 p.m. in the south parking lot. Gator Gallop T-shirts guaranteed to all pre-registered. For information contact Chad Ware (260) 466-4272 or visit [www.orgsites.com/in/gatorgallop](http://www.orgsites.com/in/gatorgallop).

## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### Our Lady Of Czesotchowa celebration plans rehearsal

South Bend — A rehearsal of music is planned for those interested in preparing for the Our Lady Of Czesotchowa Celebration of Aug. 1. Practice will be held at St. Hedwig, 331 Scott St., Sunday, July 19, at 3 p.m. Call Fran Holmes with any questions at (574) 250-2484.

### Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, July 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7,

children (5-12) \$3. Carry-out available.

### Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council Hall, 553 E. Washington St., will have a spaghetti dinner Friday, July 24, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$7, under 5 free.

### Rummage sale

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish located on the corner of Oak and Diamond streets will have a rummage sale Friday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 8, from 9-11:30 a.m. On Friday after 3 p.m. bag sale for \$3 and on Saturday all day bag sale for \$1.50.

### Catholic Networking

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network will meet Friday, Aug. 7, at the Chamber of Commerce, 826 Ewing St., beginning with Mass at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast meeting to follow will feature Leslie Alford from Full Scope Consulting. Tickets for \$15 must be purchased online at [thecatholicbusinessnetwork.com](http://thecatholicbusinessnetwork.com) by Aug. 5. Members free.

### Junk sale to benefit Habitat housing

South Bend — 1-800-GOT-JUNK? has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to generate a benefit junk sale on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 412 E. Sample St.,

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The goal is to have five truckloads of usable material, which they hope will raise \$1,000 in revenue that will be donated to Habitat. That amounts to five truckloads of material that they will have saved from going into a landfill. All proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

### Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Daryl Rybicki will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, July 21, at 7:15 p.m. to pray for vocations. Father Daryl is the pastor of St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne.

### Family reading event

Fort Wayne — St. Henry and Sacred Heart Youth Group will offer Reading Adventures at St. Henry, 3029 E. Paulding Rd., Saturday, July 25, from noon to 3 p.m. This event is designed to promote reading by giving books away and make the event fun for families. Free school supplies as well as lunch for families will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Books are available for all age groups, from babies to adult. For information call Nicole or Trina Brown at (260) 456-0905 or Matt or Mary Sroufe at (260) 467-0553.



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# Cross country walkers help young understand their spiritual journey

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Jon Leonetti and Jesse Weiler are on a mission for souls. Walking across America, beginning March 1 in Los Angeles, and heading east to Ocean City, N.J., the two men are risking sore feet, blisters, knee injuries — similar to the struggles of spiritual journeys. As these walkers meet with young people and others across the nation, their message is to inspire young people to live a new life now — away from the MTV, Hollywood mentality — and to live a new life of prayer.

On their recent visit to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Leonetti and Weiler spoke at the XLT event held earlier in June at St. Pius X Church in Granger, and at St. Vincent de Paul Parish's Lifeteen and Rekindle the Fire men's group in Fort Wayne.

Leonetti commended the XLT events for bringing young people to the Lord's feet.

"We're not going to just go out and ride roller coasters and go on ski trips, but we're going to get serious, and we're going to sit here and say, 'This is it!'" Leonetti told *Today's Catholic* in an interview June 29. "There's obviously a time for fun, a time for social gatherings — and that's a great thing that we need in our dioceses. But even more so now, we need more of a new vision, especially in youth ministry — a vision now where we move away from just the social gatherings ..."

Leonetti said, "Now it's actually a matter of entering into a deeper life. What are our young people thirsting for? And if we deprive them of that, then, of course, they are going to go to other places to look, to be able to be fed to be able to get that thirst. Unfortunately, where are they going? They're going to MTV. They're going to the Hollywood culture because this is where they are convinced that they are going to be someone in life if they take on that sort of role and that sort of identity."

He said, "And so it's time now in our Catholic faith that we just step up to the plate and take them head on and say, 'we have something a million times better to offer in our Lord and the Eucharist, and in our sacraments. And being able to bring that to our young people is incredibly important right now in the day and age that we are living in."

Leonetti said he and Weiler are asking teens "to immerse themselves in a life now — not really viewing faith as a hobby or as something that I have to fulfill as an obligation — but actually entering deep into something greater in the life we were created to live for, which is our love in God. So making him a part of the very foundation of who we are is the cause that we are walking for, and hopefully turning young people's heads."

Leonetti and Weiler take turns each walking 15 to 25 miles per

day. They stay in hotels or with Catholic families or at parishes along their travels.

The journey hasn't been easy. In Arizona, Leonetti stepped into a divot and dislocated his kneecap.

"The physical walk correlates very well with the spiritual walk that we all go through," Leonetti said. "When we talk, especially to young people, that when we first begin this faith, a lot of times it can be very confusing and hazy and don't really know what this faith is all about and we're still kind of climbing our way into things."

Leonetti said that is really the way they began this walk across the nation. "We were confused, we didn't know what to do. It sounds kind of weird, but we actually had to learn how to walk across this country by speaking to people, by learning as we went on — don't walk at night; you can only walk this certain amount of mileage.

"And as we continued to go, we started to get the hang of things and we entered Colorado, and into the mountains and we were feeling good," Leonetti said. "We were climbing those mountains. It's a great feeling. You're feeling on fire. We're feeling, we're actually doing this right now.

"Same thing with these mountaintop experiences in faith," he said.

"We go on these retreats and things start to make sense. ... And we realize when we start climbing down the mountain into everyday real life, a lot of times we flat line. We go into a state where it is very difficult for us," Leonetti said.

"We like to call that part of the journey Nebraska, when you just really flat line," he quipped. "We walked the straight path. Things weren't so great anymore. The heat started to pick up, we started sweating. It was very difficult and we started wondering, 'What are we even doing? Why are we even doing this in our spiritual lives?' We kept going to encourage young people, wherever they're at, whatever walk of life they are in, to realize to keep on going, keep on persevering. When we fall, we trip, we struggle, we get back up and we go, dislocated knee and all. We do our best to keep on persevering in the faith."

"When we reach the end point when we think it can't get any better, we have to realize in our Catholic faith that it just starts all over again," Leonetti said. "And then we start building layers upon layers of our own Catholic faith."

Leonetti, who was a seminarian for three-a-half years at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Winona, Minn., discerned that the priesthood was not where the Lord was calling him.

In his home diocese of Des Moines, Iowa, Leonetti hosts a radio show called "Martyrs of the Third Millennium," which helps young people understand the catechism and prayer in everyday life. He hopes to syndicate the show soon.



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**Jon Leonetti and Jesse Weiler speak at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne on June 28.**

Leonetti and Weiler have received endorsements from Bishop Robert E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, and Jesuit Father Jim Kubicki, U.S. director of the Apostleship of Prayer. In Denver they met with Auxiliary Bishop James D. Conley.

Leonetti and Weiler post blogs almost every day about their journey, triumphs, hardships and experiences with people, especially those in need of a spiritual lift.

Weiler and Leonetti are documenting the walk and hope to begin distribution of the documentary to youth groups in dioceses across the country beginning in March of 2010.

Follow the walk at [www.souly-walking.com](http://www.souly-walking.com) or visit Jon Leonetti's Web site at [www.voice-forthe-turn.com](http://www.voice-forthe-turn.com)



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