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Mark Myers named superintendent of Catholic schools

BY KAY COZAD



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Mark Myers has been appointed superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has named a new superintendent of Catholic schools. Mark Myers assumed the post of superintendent, vacated by Holy Cross Father Steve Kempinger, on Aug. 24 and joined the staff of the Catholic Schools Office in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center. He brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the job.

A native of Illinois, Myers earned a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Illinois University in 1975, followed by a master's degree in education from the University of Illinois in 1979. By 1991 he had earned a doctorate in educational administration from Indiana State University.

His extensive experience includes teaching elementary school for three years in Arcola, Ill., and four years in Japan, where he taught students from 40 different countries. He held the director's position of a technological program in Illinois that acquired and placed computers in 22 schools and trained teachers and administrators on their use.

Myers also worked as principal for Burriss Laboratory School in Muncie, a Ball State University school serving students kindergarten through grade 12. Following his three years there he traveled to Pakistan and Taiwan, spending a year in each country establishing new schools, where he functioned as principal.

Upon his return to the U.S., he held the position of assistant professor at Stephen Austin State

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Queen of Peace, diocese join efforts in Year for Priests

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — It started with a proclamation from Pope Benedict XVI in June to name this year the Year for Priests. A small group of women from Queen of Peace Parish heard this call and wondered what they could do to have an impact at their church. First through prayer, and then brainstorming, the group is working with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to recognize priests through spiritual bouquets and activities that highlight the importance of the gift of the priesthood from God to his people.

Rebecca Fitzmaurice, Marianne Rodtsbrooks and Laura McGuire are a part of the Year for Priests committee at Queen

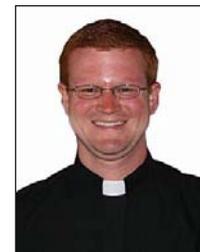
of Peace. Fitzmaurice recalls how excited she was to learn about Pope Benedict's calling for the Year for Priests. "My parents instilled in my family a great respect and love for the priesthood. This year is meant for the sanctification of priests, but also for an intense appreciation of the priesthood by the laity," she says.

Rodtsbrooks talked to Fitzmaurice and McGuire about doing something in the parish to highlight this endeavor. "There has been a little group that attends daily Mass at Queen of Peace and we were all feeling pulled together and felt doing something for the Year of the Priest was a natural thing," she stresses. "We have a priest

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YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



FATHER JASON FREIBURGER

Like other young priests in today's church, Father Jason Freiburger was graduated from college,

Purdue University, 2000, before entering the seminary, although he was centered on that destiny from early childhood. "The joy I saw priests have as a child, especially Father Daniel Leeuw, helped me to see

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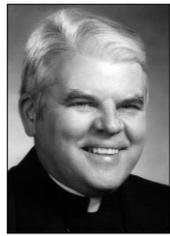
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'We live in hope': Hispanic Catholics, apostolic nuncio, growth of religious life, church



NEWS
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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

The ministry to Hispanic Catholics and the church universal

It is a great joy to be with our Hispanic Catholics. I learned only recently, that while most of those who have joined us are from Mexico, we actually have Hispanic Catholics with their great spiritual heritage from 19 countries plus, of course, Puerto Rico, which is part of the United States. We are blessed to have a number of priests, some of them from our diocese, who are fluent in Spanish. So it was a joy on the great solemnity of the Assumption to go to our still new Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine in Warsaw to help the Catholics in that area, including many from St. John's, Goshen, close a beautiful festive day in honor of Our Lady. I ate three tacos and marched in a procession in the evening heat; and we concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

A week later, I joined well over 1,000 Hispanic Catholics, a large number of them from St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne, along with Father Tom Ascherman, SVD, and Deacon Fernando Jimenez, soon, thanks be to God, scheduled to be ordained a priest for the conclusion of a weekend of prayer and renewal held at Bishop Luers High School. Many had come from Columbus, Ohio, and Indianapolis; but most were from our diocese. There were presentations and prayer and the sacrament of penance. I concluded by celebrating Mass in Spanish, the language which I hope eventually to learn.

A visitor from Benin and Togo

Archbishop Michael Blume, SVD, is the apostolic nuncio to these two tiny African countries. He is a missionary with the Society of the Divine Word, and how fitting that we have been blessed with two outstanding priests of this splendid missionary congregation who take care of historic St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne. Archbishop Blume was ordained by our own beloved Bishop Crowley many years ago in his parish church of Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend. The archbishop recently came to my home in Fort Wayne for Mass and lunch, and later joined some of our staff for cake and ice cream celebrating my birthday. There we learned of his excellent work in these far away lands. It was evident that he is in those small countries not primarily as a diplomat, but as a pastor.

He told us how people who are mentally ill, but can do fine with medication, are often left out in the woods tied to a tree. He found a very devoted young man who had worked hard to take care of them to see that they take their medications, and how many of them have been brought into the mainstream of society. He told us how some young children are called witches, because of the physical manner of their birth or something that happened in early childhood; and how he had worked with the bishop to rescue them, and see that they were taken care of.

He joined a club at Our Lady of Hungary School years ago, entitled simply "A Club for Seminarians." Then a missionary priest arrived at his door; and now, his vocation first grasped, very dimly, at Our Lady of Hungary Parish in South Bend, is being lived out in missionary countries with poor roads and primitive practices in a far away place. Please keep him in your prayers.

The growth of religious life

Something to be very much prayed for, and hoped for, is that the charism and gift of religious women will once again flourish in our church. It is not possible to fully grasp what consecrated women have meant in our diocese over the years. So it was a joy to preside and receive the final vows of Sister Margaret Mary, OSF, on the feast of St. Clare at the Franciscan Sisters in Mishawaka. A large number of priests and seminarians were present. So many young people. This congregation has 16 young women in formation. Most of our seminarians were there. The young Franciscan novices, who have their novitiate on the grounds of Marian High School, down the hill, were present. It would remind one of the words of Pope John Paul II, who, in an act of faith, looked forward to "a new springtime" for the church.

Such a phrase does not mean the church will be without struggle. There will always be struggle. There will always be attacks from the power of evil against the life of faith. But grace is stronger than sin; and goodness will overcome evil; and evil will never have the last word. We live in hope, and there is much hope in the beautiful chapel on the hill where there is prayer and adoration of the holy Eucharist around the clock every day.

For the 23rd time

It is hard to believe; but I have just attended for the 23rd time, the initial events marking the beginning of another Annual Bishop's Appeal. How well I remember the winter morning when I arrived in Warsaw to greet the committee of priests and laity that had proposed this event. It has made it possible to do so much. Improving salaries for teachers. Grants for young people so they can attend our schools. The education

of priests. The strengthening of the parishes from the fiscal and pastoral point of view. Assisting the poor. We watched our new video and together began our annual journey. It will be especially important to try to equal what we did last year — "the second highest ever," because of the economy and the needs, which are growing.

Advancement for our deacons

The 11 men who are in formation for the permanent diaconate received the order of reader or lector at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on a recent Sunday morning. This is the first such class in my years as bishop. They have completed 2-1/2 years of intense study, and have a significant time yet to go. Each one has a spiritual director. The process of discernment continues as they determine whether or not they believe God is calling them to this vocation; and the church reflects through prayer and evaluation as to whether or not the vocation is truly present. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

The church of St. Peter, the Apostle

Throughout the country, great urban parishes are closing or being merged. We have an extraordinary exception in the beloved St. Peter, Fort Wayne. I celebrated Mass to observe the completion of this work with the replacement of the tower on top of the church under the expert guidance first of Father John Delaney, and more recently, of Father Phil Widmann. This church has been completely restored. A new hall called the Pavilion has been built. This renewal has been accompanied by the restoration of the neighborhood with new homes, and a new library, and a clearing away of old houses. Parking has been improved. Street lighting has been introduced, and the whole neighborhood has revived. St. Peter Parish was founded in 1872 with the church dedicated 20 years later.

The church was nearly full for a Saturday afternoon Mass. What was formerly the school is now a residence. I thank these two priests for what they have done; and it was a joy to celebrate this Mass, and think of all the great history of St. Peter's. A novena to the Sacred Heart began in 1941 when the boys went off to war and was held every night for over 20 years.

You will find elsewhere in this edition a copy of an article, which I wrote for the national Catholic magazine, *America*, a journal to which I have subscribed since my first assignment at St. Mary Parish, Beverly. It is reprinted here with approval; and I hope you find it instructive.

I will see you in two weeks. I will surely be glad when we renew our every-week editions. Two weeks is too long.

A PASTORAL REFLECTION ON THE CONTROVERSY AT NOTRE DAME

The church and the university

BY BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

As summer plays itself out on the beautiful campus by the lake where the young Holy Cross priest, Edward Sorin, CSC, pitched his camp 177 years ago and began his great adventure, we must clarify the situation that so sundered the church last spring: What it is all about and what it is not about.

It is not about President Obama. He will do some good things as president and other things with which, as Catholics, we will strongly disagree.

It is ever so among presidents and most political leaders.

It is not about Democrats versus Republicans, nor was it a replay of the recent general election.

It is not about whether it is appropriate for the president of the United States to speak at Notre Dame or any great Catholic university on the pressing issues of the day. This is what universities do. No bishop should try to prevent that.

The response, so intense and widespread, is not about what this journal called "sectarian Catholicism." Rather, the response of the faithful derives directly from the Gospel. In Matthew's words, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your heavenly Father" (5:13).

Public witness

Does a Catholic university have the responsibility to give witness to the Catholic faith and to the consequences of that faith by its actions and decisions — especially by a decision to confer its highest honor? If not, what is the meaning of a life of faith? And how can a Catholic institution expect its students to live by faith in the difficult decisions that will confront them in a culture often opposed to the Gospel?

Pope Benedict XVI, himself a former university professor, made his position clear when he spoke to Catholic educators in Washington, D.C., on April 17, 2008:

Teachers and administrators, whether in universities or schools, have the duty and privilege to ensure that students receive instruction in Catholic doctrine and practice. This requires that public witness to the way of Christ, as found in the Gospel and upheld by the church's magisterium, shapes all aspects of an institution's life, both inside and outside the classroom.

In its decision to give its highest honor to a president who has repeatedly opposed even the smallest legal protection of the child in the womb, did Notre Dame surrender the responsibility that Pope Benedict believes Catholic universities have to give public witness to the truths revealed by God and taught by the church?

Another serious question of witness and moral responsibility before the Notre Dame administration concerns its sponsorship over several years of a sad and immoral play, offensive to the dignity of women, which many call pornographic, and which an increasing number of Catholic universities have cancelled, "The Vagina Monologues," by Eve Ensler.

Although he spoke eloquently about the importance of dialogue with the president of the United States, the president of Notre Dame chose not to dialogue with his bishop on these two matters, both pastoral and both with serious ramifications for the care of souls, which is the core responsibility of the local bishop. Both decisions were shared with me after they were made and, in the case of the honorary degree, after President Obama had accepted. For the past 24 years, it has been my privilege to serve as the bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. During this time, I have never interfered in the internal governance of Notre Dame or any other institution of higher learning within the diocese. However, as the teacher and shepherd in this diocese, it is my responsibility to encourage all institutions, including our beloved University of Notre Dame, to give public witness to the fullness of Catholic faith. The diocesan bishop must ask whether a Catholic institution compromises its obligation to give public witness by placing prestige over truth. The bishop must be concerned that Catholic institutions do not succumb to the secular culture, making decisions that appear to many, including ordinary Catholics, as a surrender to a culture opposed to the truth about life and love.



DIANE FREEBY

As Holy Cross Father Kevin Russeau prepares the final blessing at the ND Response rally, pro-life members of the Notre Dame Class of 2009 toss their caps into the air in celebration.

The local bishop

The failure to dialogue with the bishop brings a second series of questions. What is the relationship of the Catholic university to the local bishop? No relationship? Someone who occasionally offers Mass on campus? Someone who sits on the platform at graduation? Or is the bishop the teacher in the diocese, responsible for souls, including the souls of students — in this case, the students at Notre Dame? Does the responsibility of the bishop to teach, to govern and to sanctify end at the gate of the university? In the spirit of "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," which places the primary responsibility on the institution, I am proposing these questions for the university.

Professor John Cavadini has addressed the questions about the relationship of the university and the bishop in an especially insightful manner. He is chair of the theology department and an expert on the early church, with a special interest in St. Augustine. His remarks were a response to Father Jenkins's rationale for presenting the play mentioned above.

The statement of our President (Father Jenkins) barely mentions the church. It is as though the mere mention of a relationship with the church has become so alien to our ways of thinking and so offensive to our quest for a disembodied "excellence" that it has become impolite to mention it at all. There is no Catholic identity apart from the affiliation with the church. And again, I do not mean an

imaginary church we sometimes might wish existed, but the concrete, visible communion of "hierarchical and charismatic gifts," "at once holy and always in need of purification," in which "each bishop represents his own church and all of (the bishops) together with the pope represent the whole church..." — *Lumen Gentium*, Nos. 4, 8, 23.

The ancient Gnostic heresy developed an elitist intellectual tradition which eschewed connection to the "fleshly" church of the bishop and devalued or spiritualized the sacraments. Are we in danger of developing a gnosticized version of the "Catholic intellectual tradition," one which floats free of any norming connection and so free of any concrete claim to Catholic identity?

The full letter can be found on the Web site of the Notre Dame student newspaper, *The Observer*: www.ndsmcobserver.com.

It has been a great privilege and a source of joy to be associated with Notre Dame in the past 24 years as bishop. In so many ways, it is a splendid place. Part of this is because of the exemplary young men and women who come there from throughout the country. It is also because of its great spiritual traditions. The lines of young people preparing to receive the sacrament of reconciliation at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Masses in the residence halls, the prayerful liturgy at the basilica and the service of so many

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young people before and after graduation in Catholic education and catechetics, and in service to the poor in this country and overseas, is a credit to the university and a source of great hope. The theology department has grown in academic excellence over the years, strengthened by the successful recruiting of professors outstanding in scholarship, in their knowledge of the tradition and in their own living of the Catholic faith. This growth is well known to Pope Benedict XVI. It is notable that a vast majority has been willing to seek and accept the mandatum from the local bishop.

Developments on campus

Yet the questions about the relationship of the university as a whole to the church still stand, and what happened on campus leading up to and during the graduation is significant for the present debate about Catholic higher education. I released a statement on Good Friday, asking the Catholic people and others of good will not to attend demonstrations by those who had come avowedly to "create a circus." I referred to appropriate and acceptable responses within the Notre Dame community led by students. Titled "ND Response," and drawing a significant number of professors, these responses were marked by prayer and church teaching, and they were orderly.

This journal and others in the media, Catholic and secular, reporting from afar, failed to make a distinction between the extremists on the one hand, and students and those who joined them in the last 48 hours before graduation. This latter group responded with prayer and substantive disagreement. They cooperated with university authorities.

In this time of crisis at the university, these students and professors, with the instinct of faith, turned to the bishop for guidance, encouragement and prayer. This had nothing to do with John Michael D'Arcy. It was related to their understanding of the episcopal office — a place you should be able to count on for the truth, as Irenaeus contended in the second century when he encountered the Gnostics.

I attended the baccalaureate Mass the day before graduation, for the 25th time, speaking after holy Communion, as I always do. Then I led an evening rosary at the grotto with students, adults and a number of professors. We then went to a chapel on campus. It was packed for a whole night of prayer and eucharistic adoration.

It was my intention not to be on campus during graduation day. I had so informed Father Jenkins and the student leadership, with whom I was in touch nearly every day. This is the kind of deference and respect I have shown to the Notre Dame administration, to three Notre Dame presidents, over the years. I found it an increasingly sad time, and I was convinced that there were no winners, but I was wrong.

As graduation drew near, I knew I should be with the students. It was only right that the bishop be with them, for they were on the side of truth, and their demonstration was disciplined, rooted in prayer and substantive. I told the pro-life rally, several thousand people on a lovely May day, that they were the true heroes. Despite the personal costs to



PHOTOS BY DIANE FREEBY

Bishop John M. D'Arcy pays tribute to the Class of 2009 and their witness to life. ND Response leader Mary Daly stands at right.

themselves and their families, they chose to give public witness to the Catholic faith contrary to the example of a powerful, international university, against which they were respectfully but firmly in disagreement. Among those in attendance were many who work daily at crisis pregnancy centers on behalf of life.

The silent board

In the midst of the crisis at Notre Dame, the board of trustees came to campus in April for their long-scheduled spring meeting. They said nothing. When the meeting was completed, they made no statement and gave no advice. In an age when transparency is urged as a way of life on and off campus, they chose not to enter the conversation going on all around them and shaking the university to its roots. We learned nothing about their discussions.

I firmly believe that the board of trustees must take up its responsibility afresh, with appropriate study and prayer. They also must understand the seriousness of the present moment. This requires spiritual and intellectual formation on the part of the men and women of industry, business and technology who make up the majority of the board. Financial generosity is no longer sufficient for membership on the boards of great universities, if indeed it ever was. The responsibility of university boards is great, and decisions must not be made by a few. Like bishops, they are asked to leave politics and ambition at the door, and make serious decisions before God. In the case of Notre Dame, they owe it to the Congregation of Holy Cross, which has turned this magnificent place over to a predominately lay board; they owe it to the students who have not yet come; they owe it to the intrepid missionary priest, Edward Sorin, CSC, and the Holy Cross religious who built this magnificent place out of the wilderness. They owe it to Mary, the Mother of God, who has always been honored here. Let us pray that they will take this responsibility with greater seriousness and in a truly Catholic spirit.

ON THE WEB

More commentary on the Notre Dame controversy.
americamagazine.org/nd

Critical Questions

As bishops, we must be teachers and pastors. In that spirit, I would respectfully put these questions to the Catholic universities in the diocese I serve and to other Catholic universities.

Do you consider it a responsibility in your public statements, in your life as a university and in your actions, including your public awards, to give witness to the Catholic faith in all its fullness?

What is your relationship to the church and, specifically, to the local bishop and his pastoral authority as defined by the Second Vatican Council?

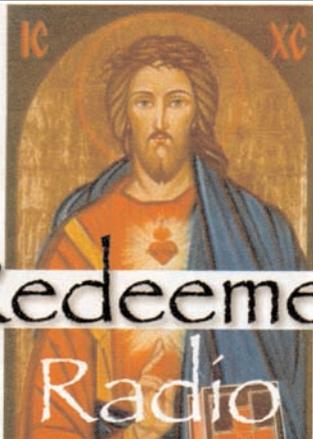
Finally, a more fundamental question: Where will the great Catholic universities search for a guiding light in the years ahead? Will it be the Land O'Lakes Statement or "Ex Corde Ecclesiae"? The first comes from a frantic time, with finances as the driving force. Its understanding of freedom is defensive, absolutist and narrow. It never mentions Christ and barely mentions the truth. The second text, "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," speaks constantly of truth and the pursuit of truth. It speaks of freedom in the broader, Catholic philosophical and theological tradition, as linked to the common good, to the rights of others and always subject to truth. Unlike Land O'Lakes, it is communal, reflective of the developments since Vatican II, and it speaks with a language enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

On these three questions, I respectfully submit, rests the future of Catholic higher education in this country and so much else.



Father Kevin Rousseau, CSC, celebrates Mass on the University of Notre Dame's south quad during a demonstration in defense of life and in protest against President Obama as the school's honorary degree recipient.

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the happiness that could be found in being a part of the lives of families in the good times and bad, bringing Christ's love to them."

Since his ordination to the priesthood in 2006, Father Freiburger has been assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, where

he finds that "offering the Eucharistic liturgy as the most wonderful gift that the Lord gave us." He also enjoys the many ways a priest is able to teach, through homilies, in classrooms catechizing youth and meeting

with couples before baptism or marriage.

Young Jason Freiburger grew up in a home where the religious life was discussed a beautiful calling, and it is his opinion that the family is the heart of the church and whatever occurs at home will be the fruit that comes forth.

Regarding seminary training, Father Freiburger was asked if there is a need for classes not in the present curriculum. His

response was, "the classes that seminaries already provide are all valuable so additional ones would be difficult, but a class on basic finances and management would be helpful to many without that in the educational background."

Father Freiburger is in agreement with other priests who, when asked about the source for more vocations to the religious life say that so many search for happiness

"The freedom to choose what make us happy is one of God's greatest gifts."

FATHER JASON FREIBURGER

in the wrong places. In his words, "the freedom to choose what makes us happy is one of God's greatest gifts ... true freedom is when one is able to choose the truth, because truth is good and God is the ultimate

good. Hence, one is happy when they choose God. There is no greater source for truth than that found within the Catholic Church. If people can discover the joy that is found when one truly lives the mysteries of the Catholic faith, then the world would be filled with holy and just people working to provide others the means to this happiness; not found in material wealth but in spiritual treasures."

PERMANENT DIACONATE CANDIDATES INSTALLED AS READERS



KAY COZAD

Eleven men from around the diocese, who have been in formation for the past two and a half years to become permanent deacons of the church gathered with family and friends at a special Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Sunday, Aug. 23. During the Mass, Bishop John M. D'Arcy conferred on the men the Institution of Reader, the second step toward ordination as deacon. Each candidate received a special Bible from the bishop. In front from left are Ginny and Jerry Kohrman of St. Therese in Fort Wayne, Stan and Karen Le Mieue of St. Patrick in Ligonier, Annie and Mel Tardy of St. Augustine in South Bend, Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Pat and Jim Tighe of St. Jude in Fort Wayne, and Karen and Jim Fitzpatrick of St. Vincent of Fort Wayne. In back from left are John and Mary Hilger of St. Patrick, Arcola, Jim and Emily Kitchens of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Fort Wayne, Mary Szymczak, associate director of the Vocations Office, Bill Gallagher of Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, Bob and Jaci Byrne of St. Anthony de Padua in South Bend, Donna and Dave Elchert of St. John in Goshen, and Kathy and Jim Fuchs of St. Pius X in Granger.

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MYERS

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University in Texas before moving to Fort Wayne in 2000. He was serving as assistant professor of educational leadership at Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne before accepting the position of superintendent of Catholic Schools.

This enthusiastic educator says that after working in Illinois with Catholic schools and networking with IPFW students who are principals in area Catholic schools, he has developed a respect for Catholic educators. "I have respect for what Catholic teachers and principals do. And the sacrifices

the parents make to send their kids to Catholic schools. It's humbling to be part of that," says the new superintendent.

As for the position of superintendent, Myers admits his wife of 35 years, Julia, brought the advertisement to his attention and felt the job

description was a match to his experience and education. He adds that his faith gave him the confidence to apply. "I was prayerful about it and at peace with it. ... I was confident if I was found worthy of the job that it was God's will." Myers is a six-year convert to the Catholic faith and unabashedly admits that his son, educated in Catholic schools and a graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School, brought him to the Catholic Church. "My faith is a gift of joy," he says.

The newly appointed superintendent sees this new school year as being filled with promise. "There are a number of opportunities and, of course, some challenges. We are faced with global competition. Our students do well. But we must pass our church and faith to them," he

says, adding that the teachers pass the faith everyday and "do it well," by being creative with their resources.

As for his new administrative role his immediate goals are to investigate, understand and communicate. "First thing to do is listen. It's important to understand the dynamics of the schools. We have a diversity of schools, principals and families," he says and adds, "I want to ensure that communication is open and people are comfortable. ... If you communicate well, you can alleviate problems easier."

Myers is anxious to begin his work with the schools of the diocese. He hopes to meet with each of the principals as well as school boards and committees. "I hope to work with them to have a

great year," he says.

In announcing the superintendent to diocesan staff, Bishop John M. D'Arcy said, "I am most grateful to the search committee of local Catholic educators for their work in preparation over this appointment. ... After much prayer, I have chosen an excellent man

who will serve us well."

Myers' pitch to Catholic families is to investigate Catholic schools for their children's education. "For parents," he says, "Look at Catholic education. Invest early."

Myers looks forward to the coming years in Catholic education and says, "It's a great blessing to be able to work with Catholic families in such an important role. My prayer is that I can serve with humility and grace."

Mark and Julia Myers, who reside in Fort Wayne, have a son, a daughter and son-in-law, and two granddaughters. Julia is the physical education teacher at St. Vincent de Paul School, where Myers and his son Ryan are members of the parish.

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MARK MYERS,

SUPERINTENDENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Former 'ski bum,' engineer makes perpetual profession of vows

Sister Margaret Mary Mitchel knows 'This is it!'

BY DIANE FREEBY

MISHAWAKA — It might be more challenging to hear God's voice in today's noisy world, but that didn't stop a self-proclaimed ski bum who had slipped away from the church.

Sister Margaret Mary Mitchel, OSF, heard that call and recently made her perpetual profession of vows, becoming a fully-professed Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration.

Sister Margaret Mary completed eight years of preparation and consecrated her life to God during a Mass celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy and 24 concelebrating priests. Family and friends gathered at the St. Francis Convent chapel in Mishawaka on Aug. 11 to share in the eucharistic celebration.

Sister Margaret Mary's journey began years ago. As a member of Our Lady of Carmel Parish in the Lafayette Diocese, she says her family provided her a "very solid Catholic upbringing." The daughter of Tom and Marie Mitchel, Sister Margaret Mary says she and her sisters Sara and Theresa and her brother Aaron had the "normal amount of involvement in church," attending Mass on Sundays and holy days. She also praises her parish's dedication to the rosary and eucharistic adoration during a time when many parishes gave up those traditions.

After graduating from Carmel High School in 1985, Sister Margaret Mary pursued an engineering career at Purdue University. Earning a bachelor's of science and industrial engineering in 1989, she headed off to New Hampshire to work for a year.

It was during this time away from home that she began to drift away from the church. Too shy to go to Mass alone, Sister Margaret Mary turned to the slopes where she filled her weekends skiing. Her next move was to Winter Park, Colo., where it was even easier to avoid Mass. The nearest Catholic church was in the next town.

Sister Margaret Mary spent the year skiing and living away from the sacraments, before coming back home to Indiana for a few months. When she returned to Winter Park, to her surprise the people had built a church over the summer.

"I couldn't not go to Mass, but I still felt I had no adult faith. I hadn't done anything to make that happen since high school. I found out they had RCIA classes and you could take them if you wanted to grow in your faith. So I took that and started growing in my faith again."

With a renewed appreciation for the Catholic Church, Sister



DIANE FREEBY

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Margaret Mary drew on the things she remembered most from the faith of her childhood.

"I went back to the sacraments, and I started praying the rosary daily. I just felt like there was something more and I needed something more. ... I needed to get deeper or get closer."

In 2000, a friend from Indiana invited her to come along on a pilgrimage to Rome. Sister Margaret Mary jumped at the chance, knowing there would also be plenty of priests and nuns on hand to answer her questions about getting closer to God. After visiting Turin, Sister Margaret Mary says it was in Assisi that she realized she truly had a vocation to consecrated religious life. When a sister turned to her and asked if she had ever thought of becoming a sister, the future Sister Margaret Mary was surprised. But she also felt an amazing peace.

"I felt this load off my shoulders, and that was it. The Holy Spirit! I called my parents from Rome and said, 'I'm going to be a sister!' My mom wasn't surprised. ... She said she always knew I was leaning that way!"

The time Sister Margaret Mary spent with her mother during that year of discernment was precious. Marie died of cancer in 2001, just before her daughter entered the convent.

With the help of her family's priest, Sister Margaret Mary narrowed down the choice of possible religious communities to three. The priest, who was also by now her spiritual director, advised the aspiring sister that she would know which community was right when she felt at home.

"I said, 'Okay, but I'm an engineer, we don't feel things!'" Sister Margaret Mary recalls

thinking as she prepared to visit the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. "But I felt at home here, I really did. They had perpetual adoration. And when I saw a sister having a family visit, that relieved any fears I had of not seeing my family again."

Sister Margaret Mary says she wasn't looking for a sign, but she received one while praying during a retreat. She was pretty sure she was going to enter religious life, leaving behind her former life as an engineer/ski bum. She simply asked the Lord what he wanted her to know as she read the assigned Scripture passage.

"I started flipping through the Bible and there was this holy card there. And it had 'Wash me and make me whiter than snow,' a quote from Psalms. And it had a mountain scene with snow all over it, and I thought, 'I'm trying to pull myself away from Colorado and be open to this call. And this isn't Colorado here, it's never going to be the same.' And I thought, here I am adoring him in his chapel and he shows me this and says 'You're mine now!' I just wanted to dance up and down the aisle! This is it ... I know!"

Following her perpetual profession of vows, Sister Margaret made a home visit before returning for her fourth year as a teacher at St. Matthew's in South Bend. Sister Margaret Mary also maintains the convent Web site and can frequently be seen out and about with her digital camera capturing various convent events.

For more information on vocations and what's happening with the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, visit www.ssfpa.org.

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PRIESTS

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that is on fire with the Holy Spirit. The parish is experiencing a new springtime, everyone is involved, and people are saying that they are being fed and want more," Rodtsbrooks adds.

The committee consulted with Queen of Peace pastor, Father Dan Scheidt, and chose a "spiritual bouquet" for all priests in the diocese as their first initiative. Because prayers are like flowers, a spiritual bouquet consists of a collection of spiritual offerings for a specific intention.

For this spiritual bouquet, offerings such as a Mass, rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, day of fasting, holy hour, will be offered and collected throughout the year.

The names of the priests serving the diocese have been arranged on a calendar according to their ordination dates. The calendar and spiritual bouquet can be found on the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Web site at www.diocesefwsb.org/yop/.

Each priest may be selected on the Web site either by last name or by date of ordination. After clicking on a priest's name, a form will appear to select the prayer or offering that will be made. By submitting the form, the offering will be recorded, and at the end of the Year for Priests, the number of prayers and offerings will be tallied and sent to that priest as a spiritual bouquet certificate by the Year for Priests committee from Queen of Peace.

"The ordination day is special because that is the day when the priest was gifted to us by God and we are drawn to give thanksgiving to the Lord and Our Lady," McGuire emphasizes. But people are also encouraged to offer spiritual bouquets to any priest in the diocese at anytime during the year. "When you start to think about it, you might want to pray for the priest that bap-

tized you, the priests that have heard your confessions, the priest that married you, or the numerous ways a priest has moved your life forward," Fitzmaurice adds.

In an effort to help other parishes jump start a Year for Priests program, the committee has developed a "Roll up your Sleeves for Our Priests" sheet (see sidebar), which provides resources and ideas to help others respond to the Vatican's call to honor priests.

Ideas for the Year for Priests from parishes across the country can be found at <http://usccb.org/yearforpriests/resources.shtml>. All information on the Web site is for parish use, McGuire says. "People are posting their initiatives from around the country to give ideas for the Year for Priests. That way they can replicate an idea they like or change it, in whatever way suits their needs." She adds, "They can look to see what somebody else did. It really shows how connected our church is."

One of the ideas that has come from the Queen of Peace committee is "We Love Our Priest" buttons. It is another opportunity to show all priests that their efforts are supported throughout the year. The committee emphasizes that the buttons show support for the priesthood, not individual priests. Administrative assistants in parishes throughout the diocese will be receiving e-mails that have information on the spiritual bouquet and an order form for the buttons.

The committee stresses that parishes begin first with prayer as they form ideas for a Year for Priests plan. "Our Lady calls us together and the group is motivated by the call to support the priests. The Year for Priests is about really understanding the gift of the priesthood," Rodtsbrooks concludes.

For more information on the Year for Priests contact the Queen of Peace committee at (574) 255-9674.



KAREN CLIFFORD

Rebecca Fitzmaurice pins on a "We Love Our Priests" button to the shirt of Mike Portolese at Queen of Peace's PeaceFest 2009. The button is in recognition of Pope Benedict XVI's proclamation of the Year for Priests this year.

Roll up Your Sleeves for Our Priests!

Web Sites with Information on the Year for Priests:

- www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/
- www.diocesefwsb.org/vocations.htm

A sampling of laity activities at Queen of Peace:

- Thursday eucharistic adoration for priests
- "Year of the Priest Corner" in each Sunday bulletin
- Plan a "faith and film festival" with films celebrating the ministry of priests
- Plan a book group using a book about the priesthood or a priest-saint
- Begin a "vocations kit" that parish families use to pray for priests and vocations
- Plan a speaker or retreat, to foster spiritual growth
- Plan a bonfire and cookout at Our Lady's Garden (Queen of Peace flower or vegetable garden) and invite Queen of Peace neighbors as an evangelization effort.
- Celebrate Priesthood Sunday on Oct. 25 by making available "We Love Our Priests" buttons for parishioners

Notre Dame priests attend Diaz' swearing-in as Vatican ambassador

NOTRE DAME — University of Notre Dame alumnus Miguel H. Diaz was sworn in Aug. 21 as the United States ambassador to the Holy See in a ceremony at the U.S. State Department.

Unable to attend the ceremony because of a previous commitment, Notre Dame's president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins asked two fellow Holy Cross priests, both friends of Diaz, to represent him there.

Father James K. Foster, assistant dean of Notre Dame's College of Science, and Father Edwin H. Obermiller, director of the office of vocations for the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, attended both the State Department swearing-in ceremony and a subsequent luncheon hosted by St. John's College, where Diaz teaches theology.

Diaz, who earned master's and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame in 1992 and 2000, respectively, is one of three alumni of the Notre Dame Graduate School now serving in the ambassadorial corps.

Notre Dame alumna Martha Larzelere Campbell was also sworn in Friday as the U.S. ambassador to the Marshall Islands. Campbell, who has worked in the State Department's foreign service for 29 years, earned a master's degree in political science from Notre Dame in 1973.

Former U.S. Rep. Timothy Roemer, who earned master's and doctoral degrees in political science from Notre Dame in 1981 and 1985, was sworn in as U.S. ambassador to India last month.

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Abortion has no place in health care bill, bishops' spokeswoman says

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The president of Planned Parenthood confuses authentic health care with access to abortion and all forms of artificial contraception, said Deirdre A. McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications in the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities. Responding to a column by Cecile Richards, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, that appeared Aug. 18 on the Huffington Post Web site, McQuade said health care reform pending in Congress should provide people with access to basic health care, not services that harm human life. "Fundamentally, abortion is not health care," McQuade told Catholic News Service. "It should not be considered fundamental in any way to any health care reform at the federal or state level. "She's shifting the language around to say universal health care means coverage of every single legal medical procedure. Nobody's proposing that," McQuade said.

The bishops have called for any health care legislative measure to remain "abortion neutral," that is, that existing laws and policies governing abortion and abortion funding be preserved. U.S. law does not allow the use of government funds for most abortions.

US bishops press for further easing of restrictions on Cuba

HAVANA (CNS) — A delegation of U.S. Catholic bishops visiting Cuba urged U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban leaders to take advantage of the change in the U.S. administration to end the trade embargo Washington has imposed on the island nation since 1962. "I believe that the church (both in Cuba and the U.S.) wants to be the protagonist of a better approach," Bishop Thomas G. Wenski of Orlando, Fla., a member of the U.S. bishops' international policy committee, told reporters at a press conference in Havana Aug. 18. After a meeting earlier in the day with the staff at the U.S. Interests Section, which represents the government in the absence of formal diplomatic ties between the two countries, Bishop Wenski said he believes the Obama administration's revision of policies toward Cuba is serious and proceeding step by step. The U.S. church supports easing travel to Cuba and eliminating the embargo that prohibits most trade between the two countries. Bishop Wenski, Boston Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley and San Antonio Auxiliary Bishop Oscar Cantu were visiting Cuba the week of Aug. 17, in part to see the island's progress in recovering from three hurricanes and two tropical storms that hit late last summer and fall.

NEWS BRIEFS

ARCHBISHOP AYMOND AFTER HIS INSTALLATION MASS



CNS PHOTO/PETER FINNEY, JR., CLARION HERALD

U.S. Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans applauds the brass band playing on his way to the reception following his installation Mass at the St. Louis Cathedral in New Orleans Aug. 20. Archbishop Aymond, 59, became the first New Orleans native to be installed as archbishop in the 216-year history of the local church since the formal establishment of the Diocese of Louisiana and the Floridas in 1793.

Nuns, priests urged to reach out to promote vocations

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — U.S. communities of women and men religious need to reach out to young Catholics to let them know about religious life and those communities also should have a full-time vocations director, said a Mercy sister involved in a new major study of vocations. "What's happening now, particularly with those who are younger is that a lot of them haven't had direct experience with men and women religious through the school or parish" where they grew up, said Sister Mary Bendyna. The nun is executive director of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate and principal author of the "Study of Recent Vocations to Religious Life," released Aug. 11. It was conducted by CARA, a research center based at Georgetown University in Washington, on behalf of the National Religious Vocation Conference, a professional association of religious vocation directors based in Chicago. The study surveyed 4,000 men and women who are in formation or newly vowed members.

Shriver remembered for her 'ardent faith and generous public service'

BARNSTABLE, Mass. (CNS) — Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who died Aug. 11, was "a woman of ardent faith and generous public service" in her work with the developmentally and physically disabled, said Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. In a letter to Shriver's family released to the press and posted on the Special Olympics Web site, the archbishop conveyed the condolences of Pope Benedict XVI. He said the pope "unites himself spiritually with each of you at this difficult time, holding close to his heart Eunice as she is called home to eternal life and trusting in the words of sacred Scripture: 'What will separate us from the love of Christ?'" News reports said the 88-year-old Shriver, sister of the late President John F. Kennedy, died in a hospital in Barnstable, on Cape Cod. At her side were her husband, R. Sargent Shriver, the couple's five children and their spouses, and the Shriviers' 19 grandchildren. She had been in failing health after suffering a couple of strokes in recent years and was hospitalized several days before her death. *The Boston Globe* reported that a public wake

for Shriver was to be held Aug. 13 at Our Lady of Victory Church in Centerville. A private funeral Mass was to be celebrated Aug. 14 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Hyannis.

Doctors remove pope's cast, say wrist is healing well

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Doctors have removed the cast and wires from Pope Benedict XVI's right wrist and said the healing process went perfectly. "A follow-up X-ray was performed, which demonstrated the consolidation of the fracture," Dr. Patrizio Polisca, the pope's personal physician, said in a statement released by the Vatican Aug. 21. "The recovery of its functionality, begun immediately, will be completed with an adequate program of rehabilitation," the statement said. The X-ray and the removal of the cast were performed in the small clinic at the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome. According to Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, papal spokesman, Pope Benedict broke his wrist in a fall after tripping in the dark looking for a light switch. The accident July 17 took place in the chalet in Les Combes where the pope was vacationing in the northern Italian Alps.

Columnist-commentator Robert Novak dies

WASHINGTON (CNS) — **Robert Novak**, a longtime syndicated columnist and political commentator who joined the Catholic Church in 1998, died at his home in Washington early Aug. 18 after battling brain cancer for more than a year. A funeral Mass was to be celebrated for him Aug. 21 at St. Patrick Church in Washington, followed by a private interment.

Pope makes new appointments

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has chosen a 42-year-old Italian priest with several years of diplomatic experience as the No. 2 official in the Vatican's foreign affairs office. The pope named **Msgr. Ettore Balestrero** to be undersecretary for relations with states Aug. 17. He replaces **Msgr. Pietro Parolin**, 54, who was named an archbishop and nuncio to Venezuela the same day.

Tennessee bishop hospitalized

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (CNS) — **Bishop Richard F. Stika** of Knoxville is recuperating from a diabetic episode suffered Aug. 15 in Florida that required hospitalization. Bishop Stika had a mild heart attack as part of what Deacon Sean Smith, Knoxville diocesan chancellor, termed a "diabetic crisis."

Catholic students awarded fellowships for religious studies

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pursuing a master of divinity degree "certainly isn't the path to riches in this world, but it's something I really like to do," said **Joe Kolar**, a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame. "I know I would like to make a career out of ministry in some way, shape or form," he said. Kolar is one of 15 Catholic students to receive a fellowship this year from the Fund for Theological Education.

On the Web ...

- New bullying-prevention Web site: www.TeensAgainstBullying.org

- U.S. bishops views on health reforms: www.usccb.org/healthcare

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops launch Web site to educate Catholics about the forthcoming English translation of the new Roman Missal, the book of prayers used for Mass: www.usccb.org/romanmissal

FLI begins 35th year of continuing education of seniors over 50

SOUTH BEND — The Forever Learning Institute in South Bend, now in its 35th year, has announced its class schedule of continuing adult education for seniors over 50.

All classes are listed online at www.foreverlearninginstitute.org. On site registration is Sept. 1-2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Little Flower Parish location, 54191 Ironwood Rd., South Bend.

New classes and teachers this year follow.

On Mondays:

- "The Bible: Wisdom for Today" with Holy Cross Sister Ellen Mary Taylor;

- "Fundamentals of Golf" with Ryan Gowan and meets at the Warren Golf Course;

- "Making Greeting Cards" (computer class) with Christine Murdock;

- "The Misunderstood Jew" taught by Rabbi Eric Siroka and Jay Landry.

On Tuesdays:

- "World War II in the Pacific" with Paul Sherer;

- "Beginning Duplicate Bridge" with Sally Taelman;

- "Famous Sea Voyages" with Alan Dowty;

- "Herbology: an Introduction" with Joyce Schertz.

On Wednesdays:

- "Dickens in America" with Juliet Jervis;

- "Diabetes Symposium" with South Bend Clinic doctors

On Thursdays:

- "Carmelite Contemplative Prayer" with LeRoy Friesen

- Computer Classes including "Advanced Internet" with Luther Tyson; "All Things Digital" with John Chapleau; and "Excel Home Projects."

On Fridays:

- "Acrylics Club" and "Beginning Polish" with Dorota Janik.

VNHH offers bereavement workshop

FORT WAYNE — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home will offer "Learning to Live After the Death of a Spouse," a workshop for men and women who have lost a spouse on Saturday, Sept. 5 at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St., from 9-11:30 a.m. Speaker is Kay Cozad, M.S., grief and loss educator and founder of Hope in the Mourning widow's support group. This free workshop includes a light breakfast. For information contact Lili Carroll or Bonnie Knuth at (260) 435-3222.

Auditions for South Bend Chamber Singers' 21st season held

SOUTH BEND — The South Bend Chamber Singers, Michiana's premier vocal chamber ensemble will hold auditions for experienced singers from Aug. 28 through Sept. 4 in Room 309,

AROUND THE DIOCESE

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AT BISHOP'S APPEAL DINNER



TIM JOHNSON

Bishop John M. D'Arcy was congratulated at the kickoff dinner of the Annual Bishop's Appeal on Aug. 18, the day he also celebrated his 77th birthday. Appeal chairs Julie and John Kenny presented a cake to Bishop D'Arcy. The kickoff dinner in South Bend was Aug. 26.

Moreau Center for the Arts on the Saint Mary's College campus. Singers should bring a prepared solo, and sight-reading and aural abilities will be tested. An accompanist is provided.

Concerts for the coming year include Christmas at Loretto on Dec. 20, featuring music for the season performed in a great acoustical space with special guests Quintessence Brass.

Repertoire will include two world premieres by American composers Stacy Garrop and Frederick Hohman, along with new arrangements of favorite carols.

Chamber singers will join with the Jim Pickley Trio to present Jazz Sings! at Saint Mary's College's Noble Family Dining Hall on March 13. While the audience enjoys drinks and hors d'oeuvres, they will be entertained with Bob Chilcott's great jazz folk songs as well as jazz standards.

The season closes on May 16 at Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium with Completely Copland!, a concert featuring sacred and secular choral music of American composer Aaron Copland. The Elkhart Memorial Concert Choir, under the direction of Claudia Phipps, will join the chamber singers for several of the Old American Songs.

Call (574) 284-4632 or (574) 233-6927 to schedule an audition time. For more information visit www.SouthBendChamberSingers.org.

Radiologic Technology Program at USF receives maximum accreditation

FORT WAYNE — Donna Lyke, chair of the Department of Radiologic Technology at the University of Saint Francis, has announced that USF's Radiologic Technology Program has received the maximum award of accreditation from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

The maximum eight-year accreditation is granted to a limited number of programs.

St. Charles CardinalFest to include 5K Run/Walk

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Girl Scout Troop 363, in conjunction with CardinalFest 2009, is sponsoring the first annual 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Sept. 19, at St. Charles. The race begins at 9 a.m., starting at St. Charles (corner of Reed and Trier roads) and threading its way through New Glenwood subdivision and ending at St. Charles.

For information and the downloadable form, visit their Web site, <http://sites.google.com/site/girlscoutsofstcharles/>. Proceeds benefit local homeless charities and Girl Scout activities. Questions can be directed to Lori Stock at lcstock89@gmail.com.

Bishop Dwenger offers SAT prep course

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School is offering an SAT prep course on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 15, and end on Thursday, Oct. 29. The 14 sessions will include the diagnostic testing, six verbal and six math sessions.

The class fee is \$170 and includes the text for the course. The class will address all areas of the SAT. The class is open to any high school student in the Fort Wayne and Allen County area.

For information and registration, call the school at (260) 496-4700 or visit www.bishopdwenger.com.

Preparing a Catholic funeral: A pre-planning workshop

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Borromeo Parish will present a pre-planning workshop for a Catholic funeral Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Hession Parish Center.

The workshop will explore what "pre-planning" or "pre-pay" for funeral services means for the average Catholic. It will examine what is involved and how to approach preparation for a Catholic funeral.

Tom Alter and Larry Fisher of Catholic Cemetery, Kathy Fox, a local funeral director, Father Tony

Steinacker, pastoral associate for St. Charles, and Karen Hope, music director for St. Charles are speakers.

To register, call the parish office at (260) 482-2186. Registration is not required, but encouraged in order to provide hand-outs for all.

St. Charles presents organ concert

FORT WAYNE — St. Charles Borromeo Church, 3700 Reed Rd., will present a concert on their new 30-rank Reuter Pipe Organ on Friday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. in the church.

Dr. Paul Skevington, renowned organist and native of Fort Wayne, will perform Bach, Dupre, Vaughan Williams, Ives and Widor. Also played and sung will be "O God, Beyond All Praise" and "Holy God We Praise Thy Name."

The evening will include sacred, patriotic and classical music. There is free admission. A reception will follow.

Huntington native among 23 lay missionaries commissioned

H A V E R - S T R A W - S T O N Y P O I N T , N . Y . — After four weeks of orientation at three sites, 18 women and five men were commissioned as Salesian Lay Missionaries (SLMs) on Saturday, Aug. 8.



STEVE WIDELSKI

One of the new missionaries is Stephen Widelski of Huntington.

Salesian Father Thomas Dunne, provincial superior, presided over an early morning Mass at the Don Bosco Retreat Center in Haverstraw-Stony Point, N.Y. The Mass also marked the closing of the annual retreat for about 30 Salesians.

During the Mass the missionaries were presented with just-blessed crosses as a sign of their commitment to personal conversion and to the mission of carrying the love of Jesus Christ joyfully to their various sites.

At 34, Steve Widelski is one of the oldest of this year's SLMs. Widelski has already served four years in three Salesian programs in Bolivia, Venezuela and Sierra Leone, as well as two-and-a-half years in the Dominican Republic with the Diocese of Orlando and six months in the state of Parana, Brazil, as part of team from the parish of St. Louis de Montfort in Fishers. Widelski's home parish, St. Mary of Huntington, has always supported his efforts and also raised funds for Salesian projects.

He really loves Don Bosco and the Salesian charism best, and has eagerly returned. In fact, in 2008 he and another SLM veteran produced a promotional video about the program. In his experience he has found, as almost all the young missionaries do, that one receives as much from the people whom they serve as one contributes to them.

'Party at Mom's House' celebrates the queenship of Mary

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — It started as a Queen of Peace Parish picnic in 2008 and evolved to a three-day event called PeaceFest 2009 that included activities for all family members. Father Dan Scheidt, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish asked his parishioners to "Volunteer, Invite and Participate" — in essence to become VIP's for PeaceFest.

"An event such as this requires all three to be successful," noted PeaceFest Chair Mike Portolese. "We asked our parishioners to offer two hours of their time to help at some point in the weekend, invite friends and family, and to attend and support the events offered."

PeaceFest 2009, affectionately called by Father Scheidt as "Party at Mom's House," was conceived to coincide with the parish's patronal feast of the Queenship of Mary. Friday evening's kick-off included teen worship, and praise in the big tent, and a casino night for adults in the parish hall.

Casino night chair John Hite noted that tip boards were running hot and heavy all night long. "Tons of fabulous gifts were won for between a \$1 and \$3 chance. We even ran a tip board for two tickets

to a Notre Dame football game," said Hite. "The highlight of the night had to be our special guest dealers. Father Dan Scheidt's brothers Dominic and Damon graciously traveled all the way from Michigan City to help out the parish," he added.

Virginia Leinen, co-chair of teen worship and praise, was delighted that local musician Josh Comeau performed, and Mary Bielski, a national speaker for the Steubenville conferences and Life Teen, was able to address the youth in attendance.

"Josh is a wonderful Catholic singer-songwriter as well as youth minister for Holy Family Parish, and Mary is a dynamic young woman on fire for our Lord," she explained.

Miriam Copenhaber, who will be a freshman at Indiana University-South Bend this fall, says the teen praise and worship is crucial for today's youth. "It's important for the youth to come together and express their faith especially with our materialistic society," she emphasized.

Saturday morning's festivities included "The Mother of All Rummages Sales." According to rummage sale chair Susan Johnson, the items donated for the sale filled the parish's maintenance/equipment shed.

"Our donations ranged from clothes, toys, books, TVs, garden equipment-tools, collectibles, crafts, and other household items," she says. Things remaining after the sale were picked up by the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Arts and crafts were in abundance under the big tent on Saturday. Thirty artists and crafters were on hand for items such as candles, jewelry, clothing, dolls, and hair accessories. Craft vendor Dennis Drake had walking sticks for sale that he makes on an antique wood lathe made in 1892. "There are only two left in the country that are working machines," he said.

Sounds of happy children were heard at the festival field on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, where an assortment of children's games, a bounce house, dunk tank, bingo, and euchre were offered as part of the family fun fair. In addition to the games a Guitar Hero competition and human spheres were offered. "Youth get into an inflated ball and roll around or race each other — in short, they have a ball!" exclaims fun fair chair Carol Cone.

The "Piggy Raffle," also held on Saturday and Sunday, was made possible through donations

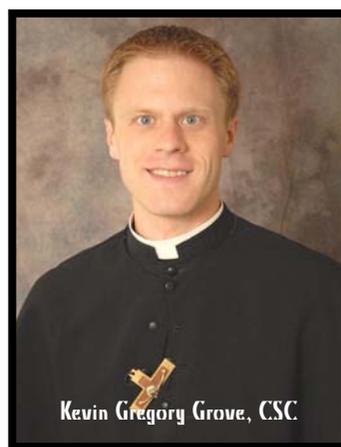
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MASS OF THANKSGIVING AT ST. PETER



JERRY KESSENS

After 17-plus years of restoration and renovation at St. Peter Church, Fort Wayne, Bishop John M. D'Arcy joined Father Phillip Widmann, pastor, and members of the parish in celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, Aug. 22. Among the renovations is a new church steeple, a rebuilt organ, a new three-bay garage at the rectory, restoration of homes in the neighborhood and the transition of the old St. Peter School into 38 apartments for low-income seniors. The parish has also built a hall known as St. Peter's Pavilion. The celebration continued after Mass in the Pavilion.



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Expanded Women's Care Center holds dedication in South Bend

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Just as the needs of pregnant women in St. Joseph County continue to grow, so does the ability of the Women's Care Center to continue serving them.

With 14 pregnancy help centers operating throughout northern Indiana, lower Michigan and in Ohio, the office located just down the street from where the very first Care Center opened 25 years ago has expanded with Bishop John M. D'Arcy's blessing.

He was on hand recently for the dedication ceremony. A supporter since the beginning, Bishop D'Arcy prayed especially for the Women's Care Center and all who come there.

"This will be a place where you will give counseling and advice to women in need, to save the unborn," said Bishop D'Arcy to a room full of care center supporters and staff — "a place, which respects the dignity of the human person. By this great work, for the most defenseless among us, you will help all of us continue in the journey where Jesus Christ will become closer to his people."

Located at the corner of LaSalle and Notre Dame Avenue, this Women's Care Center office will do more than house the corporate offices and provide central storage for all the donated baby items. It will allow counselors to continue serving those in need by offering pregnancy tests and helping women choose life for their babies. Women's Care Center President Ann Manion says they also hope to make a positive impact on the problem women have accessing prenatal medical care in St. Joseph County.

"That has reached a 16-year low in our community," explained Manion, "and so we were becoming concerned our



DIANE FREEBY

This exterior shot of the Women's Care Center shows the work that was just completed. Bishop John M. D'Arcy blessed the Women's Care Center at a dedication ceremony earlier in August.

clients were not receiving medical prenatal care."

Manion said the Women's Care Center joined with Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center to find a way to work together in solving that problem.

"We started seeing all kinds of other benefits because as the women are coming back for their prenatal care, we can walk the path of life with them, and help them with parenting classes and goal counseling, Crib Club and all the things we already do. So they're not only getting medical care, they're keeping in touch with us."

Manion said care center clients, many of whom come in to have a pregnancy test and are facing an unplanned pregnancy, receive nine months of prenatal care with the midwives. She said ultimately they may be joined by

family practice residents, and those details are being considered.

The new addition adds about another 3,000 square feet of space to the already 3,000 square feet that was utilized for counseling rooms, storage and the Crib Club.

Parenting classes will now have a dedicated room and no longer need to be held in the reception area. The new basement will serve as the hub for collecting and distributing donated items, such as baby clothes, formula and cribs. The counselors themselves will have more elbow room to provide services to their clients, and the nurse who provides nearly 40 hours a week of ultrasounds will be able to continue that vital service.

"Over 90-percent of abortion-minded women choose life after looking at an ultrasound picture," said Manion. "And that's abortion-minded, not just everybody. It's such a powerful, powerful bonding tool."

Foundation Director Bobby Williams had a long list of benefactors to thank, many of whom were on hand to celebrate this latest victory for the culture of life.

According to Williams, 250 times a day a young woman comes through the doors of a Women's Care Center, and that one out of three babies born in St. Joseph County are from women who have received help from the care center.

"There have been countless children saved from abortion," Williams told the packed room, thanking them for their ongoing support. "Countless families have been made whole."

The Women's Care Center is a not-for-profit pregnancy help center, dedicated to helping women choose life for their babies. In her 25 years of service, Manion has never drawn a paycheck and she says the center is grateful for the years of dedicated support they receive from the community and from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.



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of over 100 prizes by parishioners. "People buy a ticket and put it in the container in front of the prize they want to win," remarked raffle chair Linda O'Neil.

The entertainment line-up for Saturday afternoon included Polynesian dancers, a magic show, a Vacation Bible School song and dance, and dancers from St. Adalbert Parish in South Bend.

Saturday night required those in attendance for Trivia Night to put on their thinking caps to answer questions. To keep children from becoming bored while the trivia event was being held, babysitting for a nominal fee was offered that included art, cooking, games, a movie and a campfire sing-a-long.

On Sunday morning an outdoor Mass under the big tent was celebrated by Father Scheidt. Music for the Mass was led by a brass ensemble and a choir drawn from local area Catholic churches.

The event ended on Sunday



KAREN CLIFFORD

Debbie Anthony, far left, and Cathy Shamo, Queen of Peace parishioners, talk to walking stick vendor Dennis Drake about his antique lathe wood lathe used to make the sticks during PeaceFest 2009.

afternoon with a picnic.

"The proceeds of PeaceFest will be used to further the ministries of Queen of Peace Parish including our school, St. Vincent

de Paul Society, continued parish facility updates, expand our music program, and other programs to benefit our parish community," Portolese concluded.

Father Tad Pacholczyk to speak on 'Science at the Service of Life' at banquet

BY LISA EVERETT

SOUTH BEND — The diocesan Office of Family Life is hosting a dinner banquet on Friday evening, Sept. 11, featuring Father Tad Pacholczyk, PhD., of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, who will be speaking on "Science at the Service of Life." The banquet will be held at the Center for Continuing Education (McKenna Hall) across from the Morris Inn on the campus of University of Notre Dame.

A priest of the diocese of Fall River, Mass., Father Pacholczyk is a nationally renowned bioethicist and speaker, who currently serves as director of education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

His credentials are impressive. As an undergraduate, Father Pacholczyk earned degrees in philosophy, biochemistry, molecular cell biology and chemistry from Arizona State University, where he was awarded a four-year full academic scholarship. He later earned a doctorate in neuroscience from Yale University and worked for several years as a molecular biologist at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School.

He subsequently studied in Rome for five years where he did advanced work in dogmatic theology and in bioethics, receiving both bachelor's and licentiate's degrees in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. Father Pacholczyk's special area of study during this time was the question of delayed ensoulment of the human embryo.

When the embryonic stem-cell debate emerged over a decade ago, Father Pacholczyk rose to national prominence as an expert in both the science and the ethics surrounding the controversy. He

has testified before members of the state legislatures in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Virginia, and North Carolina during deliberations over stem-cell research and cloning. He has made presentations and participated in roundtable discussions on contemporary bioethics throughout the United States, Canada, and in Europe, and has made numerous media commentaries, including appearances on CNN International, "ABC World News Tonight," and National Public Radio.

Among his many responsibilities, Father Pacholczyk directs the center's National Catholic Certification Program in Health Care Ethics. His monthly column, Making Sense of Bioethics, appears in various diocesan newspapers across the country, including *Today's Catholic*. The collection of his columns to date are now available online in English and Spanish at www.nbc-center.org/makingsense.asp.

Father Pacholczyk has also produced an 80-minute DVD, "Cutting Through the Spin on Stem Cells and Cloning," which examines the science and ethics of stem-cell research and cloning, and considers the various media myths surrounding this issue.

Earlier in the day on Sept. 11, Father Pacholczyk will be presenting on the ethics of reproductive technologies at a seminar for priests and pastoral ministers in Warsaw. The evening banquet begins with a cash bar opening at 6 p.m., dinner will begin at 7 p.m. followed by Father Pacholczyk's talk. The cost is \$25 per person and reservations may be made by contacting the Office of Family Life at (574) 234-0687 or haustgen@fw.diocesefwsb.org. Checks must be received by Sept. 4 to guarantee a seat. This will be Father Pacholczyk's fourth visit to the diocese.

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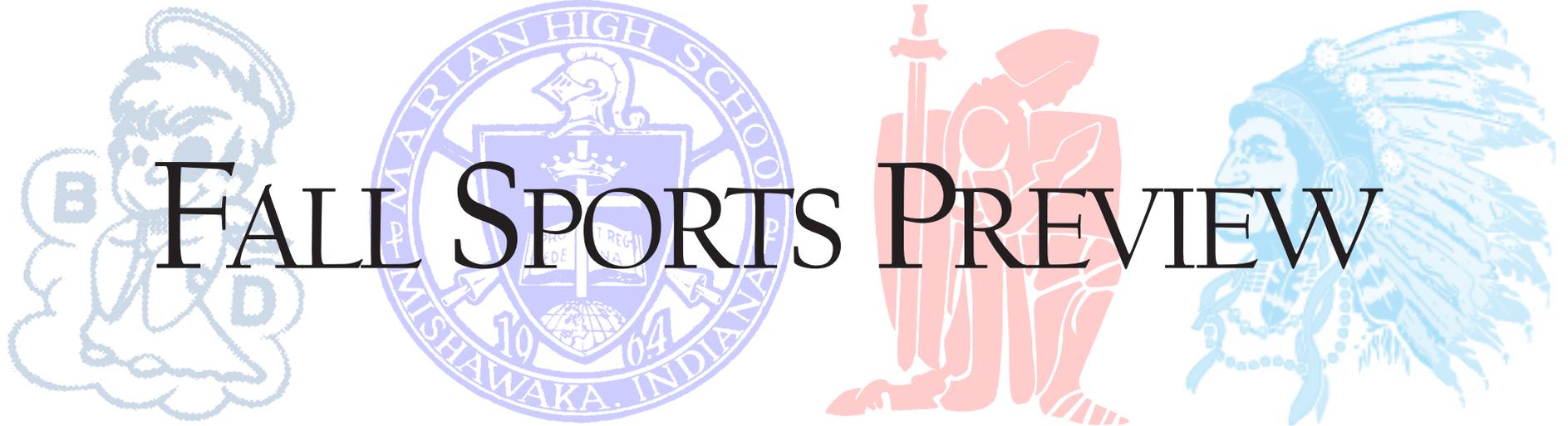
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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Mishawaka Marian team 'plays like a champion'

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Play Like a Champion is the topic of discussion this fall between the Marian administration and the veteran coaching staff.

The words are not only the popular moniker of the Notre Dame faithful, but they represent an in-depth program geared to place the proper emphasis on youth development and sports.

"We are very excited to announce that our staff and the staff of Saint Joseph's High School have teamed with Notre Dame in its efforts to bring this program into our community," commented Reggie Glon, Marian High School athletic director. "We have trained 28 coaches and have completed a parent training session."

"The Play Like a Champion Program is a researched based plan of action that is designed to build integrity and character in athletes, coaches and parents," responded Glon. "The resources the program provided to produce multiple sport athletes in an organized way was extremely beneficial."

Football

The Marian football team is regrouping after only its third losing campaign in Coach Reggie Glon's 15-years heading the Knights.

"It looks like this year we will be young but talented as we enter the season," said Glon. "The seniors will be counted on to anchor the offensive and defensive lines and hopefully they can handle our opponents while the youngsters can develop."

"Veterans like Collin Rahrig, Aaron Bulger, Ryan Luczkowski, Zach Bittner and Dylan Priller will handle the offensive line duties," remarked Glon.

"Defensively Blake Talos, David Street and Brett Herschel are up front, Devon Gilbert and John Fox-Vanett hold down line backing responsibilities and Mitch Derucki is our senior defensive back.

"We have had a good summer

and August but it will take a little bit of time for us to develop under game conditions," concluded Glon. "If we can stay healthy and together through the early part of our schedule, I think we can see some good things from the Knights."

Volleyball

High expectations or the "highest" expectations are on the list of annual goals again this season for the state title contending Knights.

"We lost in the state finals last year, that makes three years in a row," commented veteran skipper Dan Anderson. "I think that this season we have a team with very good skills and we can again go deep into the state tournament."

"Though we really don't have the specialization that we have had in the past, our depth and flexibility seem to be our strength," remarked Anderson. "We have returning setters Kathy Mischler and Molly Pajakowski and outside hitters Merrideth Farkus and Allie Sailor that add to our experience."

"We also have Stephanie Crukowicz, Megan McMahon and Rachael Gillman that will solidify our middle," Anderson said. "We definitely will be tested early, we play a top-10 4-A and 3-A schedule that will push us to be the best and play our best."

Boys' soccer

The 2008 boys' soccer team was coming off an undefeated season in the NIC and a sectional title also had to contend with losing 10 seniors and conference player of the year and ended up at state finalist.

The magic that Coach Ben Householter and his team accomplished last season, may have some remnants lingering for the 2009 campaign.

"Last year we beat three teams we lost to in the regular season on our run to the state finals," stated Householter. "We return seven players with significant experience and a unified goal to emulate last year's success."

"Our strengths will be up front

and midfield with the bigger holes to fill on defense and in goal," explained Householter. "Leadership will be a big part of our growth and seniors; Manuel Garcia, Zach Vidic, Rick Was, Kyle Koucouthakis, Kyle Hurley and Steve Szalajko, I feel are up to the task."

Girls' soccer

There may be a new coach at the helm of the Marian girls' soccer team but he is not new to the traditions and play that have made them a perennial threat.

"I have been coaching in the program for about 15 or so seasons and this is a great group of kids that has worked very hard," explained long time assistant Mike Flynn. "I think that we can become pretty good, we will be quick and fast with a good skill level."

"We return seven senior starters with our three captains being Emily Griffith, Shauna Barry and Jordan Lundwing," commented Flynn. "Andrea Wade is our big offensive threat and along with Megan Cummins in midfield we have defenders Mariah Douglas and Dani Meyers."

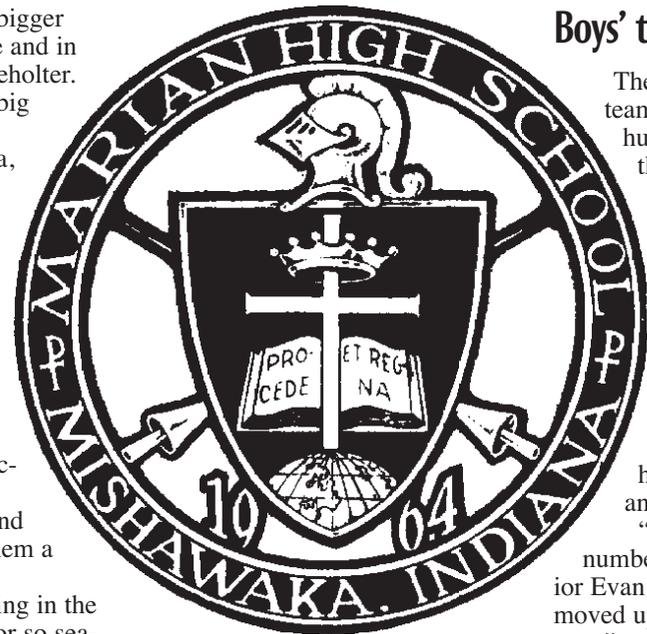
"The energy level is the highest that I have seen from our girls," exclaimed Flynn. "We expect to be fast and fun to watch with a different kind of excitement on the field."

Boys' cross country

There is a new coach at the helm of the cross-country program at Marian, and the Knights are excited.

Coach Rod "The Trailblazer" Goodchild, brings with him a wealth of experience and more importantly a sense of Marian pride and tradition.

"I have been around Marian since I attended the school in the 1960s," quipped Goodchild. "I am so pleased to be associated with the young people that make up the cross country team."



"This season our boys will be senior dominated with Greg McMillion, Nick Moskolis, Joseph Molnar and Peter Hayes leading the way," remarked Goodchild. "Tony Spalding is a sophomore that will add to our competitiveness."

"I believe we are 100 percent committed to excellence in the classroom as well as the athletics," boasted Goodchild. "We have a good that will work and are talented, as a coach, that is a very good combination."

Girls' cross country

The girls' cross country team has a story that is the complete opposite of the boys' team and they have their sights set on some ambitious goals.

"We are a different team than the boys when you look at experience," explained Goodchild. "We are anchored by what we refer to as the MGM."

"The MGM are made up of freshman runners Maggie Pendergast, Gabi Skwarczn and Melissa Suth," commented Goodchild. "All of our girls continue to work hard and epitomize our program."

"We have been preaching the three Ts — teamwork, training and mental toughness," explained Goodchild. "I see good things on the horizon for both the girls' and boys' teams."

Boys' tennis

The Knights Boys Tennis team will again be in the hunt for the NIC crown as they take to the hard courts and make some adjustments and fill some holes vacated by graduation.

"We have had some good numbers of boys trying out for the team and they have worked hard," explained Coach Sarah Stanchin. "We have a great group of kids and they are improving. "We are led with our

number one singles player junior Evan Merryman, who has moved up from the number two spot," remarked Stanchin. "Our doubles teams are anchored by seniors Nikko Kwiatkowski and Aaron Rosheck."

Girls' golf

Marian's golf team isn't rebuilding they are developing while competing.

"I really think that the term rebuilding is a discredit to all the upperclassmen that have put in time and effort to make a team competitive," explained Coach Tim McCauley. "Though our team is relatively young, I see that we will have strong individual performances throughout the rest of the season."

"I think that we have a pretty deep squad, we have three solids sophomores and two strong seniors putting scores together to compete," McCauley said. "Bridget Liddel is a senior that is now our number one and Ellen Macris is a sophomore that is our number two and the other are staying right with them in matches."

"I'm pretty proud of the fact that we are known as a team that is well respected in the golf community as good sports and full of character when competing," stated McCauley. "Senior, Morgan Ayres is one of those golfers that exemplifies our program with her hard work, dedication and integrity."

Bishop Dwenger has big plans for fall

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With the August heat at their backs and book bags in hand, athletes across the diocese are back to school, geared up and ready for another fall sports season.

Football

Back on the sidelines for the Bishop Dwenger Saints this season, Coach Chris Svarczkopf (77-17) enters his eighth season as head coach. His assistants this season will be John Tone, Grant Veith, David Watercutter, Colin Wilkins, Mike Oberfell, Brian Hartzog, John Eppard, Mike Shields, Jim Sullivan, Dave Bierbaum, Shib Neddeff, Andy Goodman, John Freistroffer, Eric Evans, Mike Weissert, Rick Krouse, Greg Bierbaum, Remound Wright and John Porter.

The Saints had a stellar season in 2008, finishing 14-1 overall and undefeated in conference play. Despite the loss of a loaded athletic senior class a year ago, the Saints return an impressive offensive team of Scott Campbell, Remound Wright, Landon Feichter and Joel Gerardot to carry out their split veer attack.

To take care of things defensively, Tony Springmann, Isaac Evans, Feichter, Wright, Brad

Freiburger and Tony Bobay are back for the defending state runner-ups.

Returning for special teams are kicker Emerson Ueber and punter Adam Merriman. Other key contributors with gridiron experience from 2008 are Wade Markley, Brian Gabet, Joel Beier, Domonic Sewell, Tony Svarczkopf, Chris Lee, Bobby Widner, Cameron Smith and Wilson Ganga.

Coach Svarczkopf lists the strengths of this year's team as: experienced defensive backs and defensive ends; returning kicker and punter and skilled players in the quarterback; running back and receiver positions.

Boys' cross country

With a goal of redeeming themselves after missing a trip to the state meet by just one point in 2008, the Bishop Dwenger boys' cross-country team is ready and running full speed ahead towards the 2009 season. Six teams advance from the semi-state and Coach Eric Ade is hopeful his boys are ready to be one of them.

In his sixth season at Bishop Dwenger, Ade and assistant coach Nathan Arata have 34 young men out for the sport.

"One key to our team is consistent training over the summer months. The boys do a great job of motivating each other,"

explained Ade.

Seven runners score in a meet and this year's most likely are Luke Momper, Andy Brennan, Andrew Eckrich, Sam Gray, Phil Schroeder, Nick Brand and Doug Bennett. Freshman Luke Miller and sophomore James Myers could also find themselves vying for a varsity spot.

Boys' soccer

With six conference championships under his belt, Coach Mike Khorshid is shooting for a seventh title.

"We have plenty of returning players and should be strong offensively this season," explained Khorshid, who begins his 12th year with the Bishop Dwenger Saints boys' soccer team.

"We hope to repeat a conference championship and advance in post-season play. Of course, it will be important we avoid any injuries," added Khorshid. The Saints will be led by letter winners Sean Black, Jon O'Shaughnessey, James Till, Andy McQuire and Billy Khorshid (all-district, all-conference, *News-Sentinel* all-area).

The assistant coaches for the Saints are Carlos Cruz, Carl Dorrisant and Kraig Keys.

Girls' soccer

Coach Jason Wisniewski and his Lady Saints team are ready for another season on the field.

Wisniewski predicted, "I believe we have the right core of players to have a successful season and should we stay healthy and develop throughout the season, we should be in a good position to go far in the post-season state tournament. We also play one of the toughest schedules in the state and will know what we

need to work on early with games versus Snider, Evansville Memorial, Bishop Luers, Cathedral and Carmel in the first two weeks."

Key players returning for the Saints include Jordan Pawlik, Sarah Killion, Emily Chura, Gia Casaburo and Emma Satterthwaite. Becca Beier,

Lizzy DeHaven, Kathleen Brown, Hadley Rahrigh, Melinda Ernest, Mary Beier, Aubrey Schrader and Katie Stout are also expected to contribute significantly this season along with two or three freshman that could find themselves in the starting lineup. Michelle Pray will again serve as assistant coach.

Girls' cross country

Captains for the 2009 Bishop Dwenger girls' cross country team are seniors Staci Roberts, Julia Obegfell and Meghan McTague. The Saints have 12 runners returning and welcome four newcomers, including junior Julia Lee, a top distance runner for the track squad.

Back as letter winners to lead the pack are Roberts, Melanie Venderley, Natalie Kocks, Sarah Colligan and Meghan Gloudemans.

Jessica Hayes will be head coach for her eighth season and is excited her team will be starting the season in good physical condition hopefully preventing injuries, which have plagued Bishop Dwenger in the past. Hoping to build on a fifth place conference finish and a seventh place sectional end in 2008, Hayes was encouraged by a well-attended conditioning program, which began in June.

"We hope to place higher in the big meets," Hayes said.

She summarized, "We have a good number of runners from last

year who bring more experience, as well as having a smaller group who work well together, care about each other and have positive expectations for themselves."

Girls' golf

The Bishop Dwenger girls' golf team will be coached again by Kurt Leffers this season. Leffers is in his fifth season with the Saints and is looking to have an enjoyable season. "We have a lot of young faces trying to do well," he explained.

The 2009 roster lists nine freshman and three returnees. Top golfers back for Bishop Dwenger are Anna Thelen, Trina Manalo and Morgan Braun. When it comes to team strengths, Leffers added, "These girls do not get down. After a bad round they still want to go out and hit more balls."

Boys' tennis

Coming off a 15-2 record in 2008, Anne Schenkel (72-16) is looking forward to a "fun and successful" 2009 season as the head coach of the boys' tennis team at Bishop Dwenger High School. The Saints grabbed both a conference and sectional crown a year ago. Vicki Welch will serve as assistant coach. The Saints' leaders will depend on their returning varsity players—senior Carson Braun (17-6), junior Greg Kaiser (17-6) and the successful duo of seniors Danny Schenkel and Austen Rang (19-4) to carry Bishop Dwenger this fall.

"Offensively, we should be really good," commented Coach John Minnick (123-58). His Bishop Dwenger girls' volleyball team finished with an impressive 26-4 record a year ago and returns seven seniors for 2009. "We have four strong hitters, plus a four-year starting setter in Erica Moss," explained Minnick, who starts his seventh season with the Saints. Moss and Anne Staudinger, both seniors, are key players to watch for along with sophomore Maddie Mayers. After a loss to Belmont in the 2008 regional semi-final, the Saints are hoping for big things on the court this season. Mike Mickelini is the assistant coach for the Bishop Dwenger team.



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Saint Joseph's High School Athletic Association

Bishop Luers plans to rally for a win

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Football

"As always, we want to be as good a playoff team as we can be when it comes time," explained Bishop Luers Coach Matt Lindsay of his 2009 football team. Lindsay, who begins his 24th season with the Knights, went on to add, "This year will be a significant rebuilding project after the loss of 27 seniors last season."

The Knights will look to their nucleus of returnees, Joe Goodwin (linebacker), Tyler Burns (offensive tackle), Ken Mullen (defensive back/receiver), Courtney Mitchell (defensive line), D'Angelo Fincher (defensive back), Quyan Mattox (receiver/defensive back), Daniel Olivarez (running back) and Tim Kawiecki (center), to compete in a very tough conference.

As of the preview interview, Lindsay had not yet determined who would start at the quarterback position, but expected Eric Sorg, James Knapke and Devon Wyss to vie for the spot and contribute considerably in other roles.

Relying on their talent and speed in the skill positions, the 2007 2-A state champions have high hopes of avenging an overtime loss to Jimtown at the sectional final a year ago. Lindsay, who doubles as the Knights athletic director, is assisted by Lew Goodwin, Mike Egts, Brent Egts,

Kyle Lindsay, Clancy Shank, Matt Millhouse, Chris Charais, Fred Moore, Steve Keefer, Lee Rodenbeck, Phil Talarico and Mike Goodwin.

Girls' golf

Ending on a positive note in 2008 with a runner-up conference meet finish, the Bishop Luers Lady linksters finished 42 strokes ahead of their previous low score with three golfers scoring a personal best.

"We met our team goal and are very excited about the future of the Bishop Luers golf team," explained Coach Tom O'Brien.

O'Brien is in his third season and added, "I am very pleased most of our girls kept a club in their hands over the summer months and gained valuable tournament experience through the junior parks and rec. program."

In addition, the seven freshman coming aboard played at the Lifetime Sports Academy giving them a huge jump-start to

the season and to understanding the sport. All-conference selection Kyren O'Shaughnessey, a senior, returns along with five other varsity members: Alex Eagleson, Amanda Vankoski, Lexie Hamel, Alexis Baker and Olympia Olson.

Steve Gillie and John Matera are serving as assistant coaches this season.

Boys' soccer

John Myers will be the head coach for the Bishop Luers boys' soccer team for the 2009 season. Slated first on the schedule for the Knights will be Canterbury, Columbia City, Belmont and Bishop Dwenger.

Girls' soccer

In his rookie season, Coach Kevin Lewis feels his Lady Knights are looking "very strong" for the 2009 soccer season. With 15 players on his roster, Lewis will count on seniors Abbie

Christian, Emily Braun and Melissa Oberley for leadership.

Lewis is also excited at the level of talent he sees in his freshman class. He predicted, "Our forward, Mason Whitman, is capable of leading the league in goals."

With a simple first year goal of winning their sectional, Lewis concluded, "We have a very solid midfield and an even stronger defense."

Jason Glogowski and Vlade Jovevski will be the assistant coaches for Bishop Luers.

Boys' tennis

The boys' tennis team at Bishop Luers will list 16 players on their 2009 roster, which includes five seniors. Brady McArdle enters his fifth season in the head position with the Knights and his assistant coach is Joel Pyle.

McArdle hopes to improve on last years' record and said, "We will be trying to get better as a team on a daily basis and enjoy the season."

Evan Klerner returns as the number one singles player while Ethan Gregerson will transition from the number one doubles player a year ago to number two singles this year.

Girls' volleyball

Head Coach Scott Shipman and his assistant, Kay Armstrong, have 12 varsity ladies listed on this year's Bishop Luers volley-

ball roster which includes three seniors.

The Knights hope to improve on a fourth-place conference finish in 2008 relying on returning all-conference players Kristy Gerardot, Abby Bireley and Taylor Gillie.

Armstrong reported that the team blocks very well and claimed, "We should be pretty good all around and go pretty far if they can stay together as a team."

Boys' and girls' cross country

With 15 members each, the Bishop Luers boys' and girls' cross country teams are "relatively young, but have a good base of juniors for both groups," explained Coach Linda Keuneke.

In her eighth season with the Knights, Keuneke will be assisted by Jacob Doctor and Mendy Webb for the 2009 season.

Billy McManus, David Lill and Josh Ware return for the boys team, while Morgan Carroll and Alyssa Knuth carry experience for the girls.

At the preview interview, Keuneke added, "I am excited for our only home meet, the Bishop Luers Invitational at Foster Park, as are the kids."

Eagles soar in CYO opener

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — After a dismal 0-7 finish in 2008, the St. Jude Eagles kicked off the 2009 Catholic Youth League Organization (CYO) in grand style with a huge double-overtime win against St. Charles. The season opener took place at Zollner Stadium on Sunday, Aug. 23.

"It was a long time coming," said an elated Eagle coach Pat Henline. Eighth grader and honorary captain for the Eagles, David Leeuw, was able to take his wheelchair to midfield for the overtime coin toss adding to the emotions of the memorable start for St. Jude.

Leeuw is currently undergoing chemotherapy as he battles cancer and the Eagles have dedicated their victories, their losses and their prayers to their special teammate this season.

In a hard-fought defensive battle, there were zeroes on the scoreboard at the end of regulation. Stopping the Cardinals with

their swarming defense led by linebackers Luke Palmer and Conner Werling, the Eagles gained momentum and a mental advantage by keeping the Cardinals scoreless on their first possessions in overtime only to have Cardinal Trevor Tippmann pick off their pass in an attempt to win the game. In the third down of the second overtime, St. Jude's signal caller, Gus Schrader, put the ball right where it needed to be — in the hands of Ryan Christman, for an 8-yard touchdown pass making the score 6-0. Robert Dobbello executed a beautiful point after his attempt to add two more points for the Eagles. Answering back, the Cardinal workhorse, Andrew Gabet, put six points on the scoreboard. With one play left to decide the game's outcome, a high snap prevented the extra points for St. Charles.

St. Jude won 8-6. According to Redeemer Radio statisticians, Gabet had 10 carries for 52 yards in the loss, while quarterback George Talarico was 4-7 in the air for the Cardinals.

"The will to win is important, but the will to prepare is vital."

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Saint Joseph's teams look forward to fall sports

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — No news is good news is an old saying, but for the coaching staff a Saint Joseph's High School it may be the best of news.

"Our head coaches throughout our whole program have stayed intact this year with the exception of the boys' tennis coach," explained Athletic Director Eric Gohlke.

"I believe also that all of our teams had a successful summer with camps and conditioning," Gohlke said. "Our coaches and staff also partnered with Notre Dame and Marian in the Play Like a Champion Program.

Football

"We have lost a couple of key contributors to graduation but we have a healthy mix of good young football players," explained Coach Kevin Downey. "Our D-line may be our most talented right now and the hardest workers.

"We are also looking good on our special teams, we have a good kicker, good punter and good return men," exclaimed Downey. "We have taken players from our Indian Iron Elite (players who excel in attendance and perseverance in the weight room) and from our Indian Speed (run under five flat in the 40) and placed them on our special teams.

"The core of our team is the returning seniors that include Cole Kruggel, DB and RB, Trace Dowling, DB and holder, Mike Kendzicki, WR and punter, Collin

Kubsch, OLB, Chris Herzog, Special Teams, Tom Bagiackas, DL," remarked Downey. "Of course the White Dogs (offensive linemen) who work in the trenches; Garrett Mulligan, Josh Cobbin, Tyler Wolfram and Robert Hammer."

Boys' soccer

Last season saw the Indians plagued by nagging injuries but a resilient team fought and worked its way into a contender by year end. This campaign should start with a different focus.

"Our personnel have become much stronger during the off season," commented veteran Coach Alberto Verteramo. "We have nine of our 11 starters back and their bodies have had another year to develop and mature.

"Our strength will definitely be our depth, we have 13 to 14 players with experience and we will add some young kids to the mix," explained Verteramo. "At midfield and our forwards are balanced by seniors Tim Bishop, Tommy Benedix, Cesar Ontiveros and Austin Veldman.

"Our defense is a little younger but have experience and is secured by juniors Frank Busch and Ian Lewis and an extremely athletic keeper in Kyle Wieschhaus," continued Verteramo. "If we hold true to form from last year, we should be a very good team come sectionals."

Girls' soccer

A 2008 sectional championship banner now graces the Saint Joseph's soccer field thanks to a

solid group of athletes and it looks like the building blocks for another title run are in place.

"We had a very strong J.V. squad last year, and I'm very confident that the players moving up can contribute right away," said Coach Johan Kuitse. "We are balanced and have strengths in every area and more important we have leadership spread in the different disciplines.

"We have Tayler Turner up front attacking, Karen Lidell and Mariah Kuitse at midfield and defensively Courtney Ponsler is the leader," commented Kuitse. "The strength of our experience and leadership is right down the middle of the field and hopefully they will act as directors to our younger players and create a team atmosphere."

Volleyball

After a rare disappointing season, the Indians are fired up and ready to compete backed by strength in team chemistry, maturity and leadership.

"The girls bring a new look, one that is exciting and progressive this season," remarked Mary Kay O'Connell. "We return an experienced team that has grown together and brings with it a nice balance.

"We have some versatility with junior Meredith Mersits, senior Gretchen Albiez, junior Abby Kostielney and Sam Stone our senior libero," stated O'Connell. "We are rounded out by a very talented and athletic junior setter Melissa Macellari."



"If the girls will push themselves to the next level, we can be a very good team," O'Connell summarized. "We are expecting good contributions from all of our players."

Boys' cross country

A young, but very talented, squad represent the Indians on the rolling trails of Saint Joseph's County this fall.

"In my 22 years at Saint Joe, this is my most talented team," boasted Coach Jerry Hoffman. "We have started the season off by winning the Diocese Invitational and as far as I am concerned, the sky is the limit.

"We are led by the three Musketeers (sophomores Joe Zielinski, Conner Method and Josh O'Brien) and D'Artagnan, our senior Mike Bradley," quipped Hoffman. "If senior Mark Greci can stay injury free, we definitely will be competitive in the post season."

Girls' cross country

While the boys' team is getting out of the gate quickly the girls of Saint Joe have their work cut out for them.

"The girls have potential to be good, but we are playing catch up from an average summer of conditioning," commented Hoffman. "Right now we are concentrating on

the strength we need before we can work on our competitive speed.

"Sophomore Darby Mountford made it to the state meet last season and is back strong and our number two runner junior Maria Murphy must be injury free for us to make a run," Hoffman said. "We can be a solid team if we can work and work some more."

Girls' golf

A nice mix of young and mature, talented and hard workers balances out the Saint Joseph's golf team this year.

"We started slow and made it to the regionals last year and this group reminds me of the same type of team," exclaimed Coach John Troeger. "We are young in some spots and have some learning to do.

"We start at the number one and two golfers, freshmen Anna Wilcoxson and Grace Guibent and then we follow them up with seniors Morgan DeMarias and Caitlin Warrick," continued Troeger. "Two of our juniors, Michele Fredlake and Ashley Spaulding add to our experience.

Boys' tennis

When asked how the Indian boys' tennis team would fair, the new skipper, Robert Long, simply replied, "Ask the question at the end of the season."

"We look young and we have some work to do," Long replied. "There is always unfinished business and we will have to improve throughout the year.

"We divided our state-qualifying doubles team and the boys are now playing the number one and number two singles," continued Long. "Former doubles partners and current captains, juniors Will Corrigan and Anthony Lupresto are expected to lead and have our younger players model themselves after them."

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Final year for LeighAnn Palmer Golf Outing

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Just before her fourth birthday, on May 28, 1995, little blue-eyed, blond-haired LeighAnn Marie Palmer drowned at Avalon Pool, while her family was nearby painting bleachers.

During her short life on this earth, LeighAnn's sweet smile brought constant joy to all who knew her. She was the third child of Mike and Lisa Palmer and loved pretending she was a cheerleader.

The Palmers, both Bishop Luers alums and members of St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne, had two older sons at the time, Ryan and Zach, and went on to have two more, Matt and Mick.

In an effort to keep LeighAnn's memory alive the Palmer's have established two different scholarship funds.

"Our biggest fear was that people would forget our little angel because she was so young," said mom, Lisa Palmer.

Palmer is comforted knowing that each time someone receives a scholarship or puts on a golf outing T-shirt they remember LeighAnn.

"The death of a child is not something you ever get over. The golf event has been a tremendous help for us living with our loss," said Palmer.

One of the scholarships is awarded each year to an eighth-grade girl at St. Therese, where the Palmer children have all attended, to assist with tuition their first year at Bishop Luers High School. The second recipient is a Bishop Luers senior cheerleader to aid with freshman-year college education expenses.

Averaging around 300 golfers, nearly 50-hole sponsors and over 100 door prizes, the golf outing

has grown in size year after year. The outing has raised over \$120,000 the past 14 years. In 1995, the Palmer's had a lofty intention of holding the outing for 15 years — or until LeighAnn would have graduated from Bishop Luers High School.

This year's outing marks the final event as LeighAnn would have been a senior.

"We could never have continued on this many years with so much success without our countless volunteers — our family and friends, the Bishop Luers cheerleaders, the St. Therese eighth-grade girls and of course, the golfers. Organizations like SCAN and Phoenix Institute, a foster child organization, work one of the holes at the golf outing. We have been blessed in so many ways," said Palmer.

At the urging of the various sponsors and golfers, the LeighAnn Palmer Foundation, Inc. was also launched due to the continued success of the golf outings. In addition to the scholarships, the foundation now contributes to various local charities and causes that benefit children each year. The board has decided that the 2009 proceeds from the betting holes at the outing will be donated to Children's Autism Center, Inc. and Phoenix Institute, while additional donations will be made to Erin's House for Grieving Children, SCAN, YMCA Camp Potawatomi and Hoosier Burn Camp.

The 15th annual event will be held at the Grey Goose Golf Course in Decatur on Sunday, Sept. 13. The outing will be a double shotgun Florida scramble start. To support this effort by golfing, donating a door prize or by sponsoring a hole, contact Mike Gigli at (260) 672-2473, Mike Palmer at (260) 747-6918 or visit the Web site at www.lmpfoundation.com.

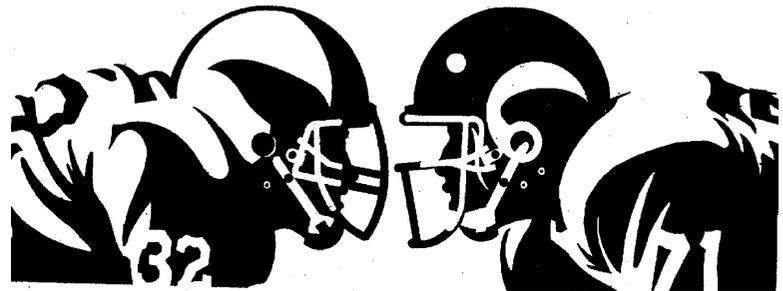
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Beatitudes for college students ...



THE CUTTING EDGE

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Where did the summer go? With colleges and universities beginning to gear up to begin a new academic year, it is time to review some beatitudes for college students:

Blessed are the students who stay in touch with God during their academic life, they will always have a friend by their side. So many times students see college as a good way to escape from church. It is important and very fruitful to pray daily and to be involved in one's parish or campus ministry. Don't wait until you have a test. It is amazing how thoughts of God come at exam time. When I was a campus minister I could always tell it was exam time when daily Mass was overflowing with students!

Blessed are the students who study and go to all their classes, they will become

educated. Unlike high school teachers, very few college professors watch what students do. Most students are free to go to class or not. College calls for greater responsibility. Those who waste their education regret it later. They are often left with big loans and little knowledge to show for them.

Blessed are the students who get involved in extracurricular activities, they usually develop into well-balanced people. Study alone does not make for an educated person. It is very enriching to become part of campus ministry and other student organizations. It helps a student become a well-rounded individual.

Blessed are the students who volunteer to help others, they will deepen their capacity to love. Service to others is a major part of being Christian. There are many opportunities at most schools to reach out to others. Working for Habitat for Humanity, homeless shelters, tutoring, are to name a few. In addition to God's call to love, reaching out helps a person feel good about himself or herself.

Blessed are the students who keep away from drugs, alcohol and other dangerous activity, they are least likely to get into trouble. Using chemical substances may

seem fun but this behavior often ends in tragic accidents, pregnancies, poor grades and so on. Furthermore abusing one's body is sinful.

Blessed are the students who pray about and think through important decisions, they will probably do God's will. Oftentimes people make major decisions without enough thought or prayer. It is important to learn the art of discernment and reflection to make good choices for one's life.

Blessed are the students who keep in touch with family and friends, they will have a good support system. In some ways college is a form of liberation. Even so, it is important to stay connected to one's family and the values learned there.

Blessed are the students who take time to discover their gifts and use them to better the world, they will develop into mature Christians. All of our talents and abilities are gifts from God to be used to build God's kingdom. When we keep those gifts hidden under a bushel basket the world and the church suffer.

May this new academic year be a time of growth and self-discovery for all students everywhere. May each student stay close to the Lord and get to know God



YOUNG ADULT PERSPECTIVES

more deeply, knowing that God is with him or her in all the ups and downs of life. Good luck, especially, to first-year students.

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Travel light: storing up treasures in heaven

"Wife have too many shoes?"

The billboard on Interstate 94 caught my eye. The solution it advertised, off the next exit, was not a Goodwill or a therapist, but a storage unit. Why get rid of the stilettos when you can pay \$50 a month to stash them somewhere else?

Millions of Americans have purchased storage, locking up the Hummel dolls, tax returns and soccer trophies they don't need but can't quite part with. At the end of 2008, self-storage facilities occupied 2.35 billion square feet, making it physically possible for every American to stand under the total canopy of self-storage roofing.

My canopy of choice has been the ping-pong table in my parents' basement, beneath which you'll find Mead spiral-bound notebooks detailing my introduction to the Pythagorean theorem and the periodic table. Those royal blue and Kelly green pads signal such youthful diligence that they have not yet made their way to the recycling bin they warrant.

Last night I examined the bins below the staircase. I was struck by how many years were mixed together, how time was compressed in a single cardboard box. Baseball cards, birthday cards, report cards. A rhyming dictionary and a cookbook. Crinkled newspapers stacked on a busted Gateway laptop.

These days, it's not just physical stuff we store. It's also digital: documents, pictures, spreadsheets, Power Points, mp3s,

pdfs. "Current statistics show that one in every 10 hard drives fail every year," warns the online storage site Mozy, which claims more than 1 million users. "Unfortunately, computers are vulnerable to hard drive crashes, virus attacks, theft and natural disasters, which can erase everything in an instant."

That appeal to fear drives us to buy 100 gigabytes or 1,000 or — what the heck — unlimited space.

It seems we cannot discard or delete, and we do not want to sift through our stuff and make those tough judgment calls about what to keep and what to give. So we shove it in attics, garages and hard drives, protected with padlocks and passwords. We don't have to deal with it, except for the monthly bill to remind us it's there.

This hunter-gatherer-hoarder impulse is a cultural and spiritual malady: overconsumption with no accountability. Our baggage is heavy and dusty and jumbled, and we cannot manage it. We do not even try.

As disciples of Christ, we must travel light so our hands and hearts are free to build his kingdom. When we are attached to our stuff and our homes and our petty evidence of success, we cannot respond to our Christian mission and its many demands: to help our neighbors, to serve the poor and to catch each spiritual lesson in our path. We are distracted, occupied.

St. Matthew would've abhorred the sight of our stuffed storage units. "Do not store up



CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

TWENTY SOMETHING

for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal," he admonished. "But store up treasures in heaven. ... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

He was calling for a bigger picture, an attachment and investment in the divine, unmarred by cobwebs and sin. "If you wish to be perfect," Jesus told the young man who heeded the 10 commandments, "go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

That billboard motivated me. I'm downsizing my shoe collection. The stilettos were slowing me down.

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Saint Mary's College among the nation's Top 100 liberal arts colleges

NOTRE DAME — For the third year in a row, *U.S. News and World Report* ranks

Saint Mary's College as one of the nation's "best liberal arts colleges." Saint Mary's comes in at 97 out of the 249 schools listed in the magazine's "2010 America's Best Colleges" guidebook, which was released Aug. 25. Highlights of the college rankings will be published in the September issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, available at newsstands on Aug. 24. The rankings are currently posted on the magazine's Web site.

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney set a goal early in her presidency, which began in June 2004, to move Saint Mary's into the national liberal arts rankings. A national standing for a third consecutive year indicates Saint Mary's is on course to meet a key goal in the college's strategic plan, which is to provide "educational excellence equal to that of the best colleges in the country."

"It is wonderful to be nationally recognized for the academic excellence at Saint Mary's College. We know that prospective students and their parents put value on these rankings and we are very pleased to be listed


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in the top 100 liberal arts colleges," Mooney said.

Last month the Princeton Review rated

Saint Mary's College as one of the best colleges in the Midwest. The college has held the "best in the Midwest" designation every year since the Princeton Review began the "Best Regional College" categorizations seven years ago.

College-bound students and their parents look to rankings and other indicators of quality when making their decisions about college. *U.S. News and World Report* and the Princeton Review, along with other resources such as the University and College Accountability Network (UCAN) and the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE — selections of which are also posted on the *U.S. News & World Report* Web site), enable them to garner information about Saint Mary's and other institutions.

Saint Mary's College is a four-year, Catholic women's institution offering five bachelor's degrees and more than 30 major areas of study. Founded in 1844, Saint Mary's is a pioneer in the education of women, and is sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

EDITORIAL

Education has always been at the heart of the church's mission

At the heart of Catholic sensibilities is an abiding respect for education. As students, teachers and catechists return to their studies, it's an opportune moment to reflect on the place of education in the Catholic tradition.

As early as the third century, Origen, around A.D. 254, was employing the language of education as the principal metaphor for understanding the Christian life. But this "education" was rightly understood to be more than the mere memorization of data or the rote recitation of facts. Instead, this "education" in Christ was understood broadly and deeply: more than informative, it was transformative or, in the words of Pope Benedict, "performative," because it involved learning a whole new way of thinking, feeling and acting.

This does not mean it lacked or de-emphasized cognitive reflection or content, but rather emphasized that this content was not understood until it was in fact lived.

Just as Christ is the Word-made-flesh, so too those who bear his name must find in their own lives a way of embodying or incarnating the content, as it were, of their faith.

We need to remember that until we actually embrace the faith as an organic whole and as a lived reality, its cognitive or doctrinal content will always remain just that: abstract ideas or concepts seemingly unrelated to the nit and grit of our daily life.

If, however, one begins to live the mystery, discovering (always under the aspect of grace) in himself or herself the drama of salvation being wrought by God in Christ, then the organic nature of the various teachings and practices of Catholic life begin to come more sharply into focus, and we discover the true beauty of Catholicism as a way of life.

In the long history of the church, education has taken various forms: from the catechetical "schools" of Alexandria in the third century, the fourth-century catechumenate in Jerusalem, the monastic communities dotting the Italian peninsula in the sixth and seventh centuries, from the cathedral schools in Gaul to the burgeoning universities in medieval Bologna, Paris, Cambridge, Salamanca and Padua, education has always been at the heart of the church's mission. In this country, one of the greatest contributions to American life was the establishment of the parochial school system in the late 19th and throughout the 20th centuries, serving not only the growing immigrant Catholic communities, but often reaching out to the poor and disenfranchised, as well (one thinks of the lifework of St. Katharine Drexel, for example).

Catholic parochial and diocesan schools, religious education programs, catechetical and missionary endeavors, from Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to the Little Rock Scripture Study, the RCIA and the RCIC, are all testimony to the Catholic Church's commitment to education. The unspoken conviction is that Christ redeems us entirely: body, soul, and spirit, and this of course includes our intellect as well as our will, so a profound respect for the life of the mind is a central concern in the Catholic tradition.

There has always been a danger of reducing faith to merely a moral code, as though the will alone is the focus of Christ's redemptive work; rather, a more richly Catholic understanding of what it means to be human reverences both the intellectual and moral dimensions of our life "in Christ."

So as we start packing lunches, shipping children off to college, or brushing up on our own studies (whether formally or independently — we are all, after all, lifelong learners), it is salutary to consider our life of faith as an education "in Christ": learning to embody and enact the mystery we embrace with our minds and profess with our lips.

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Student supports prayer table production

I really enjoyed the article in the *Today's Catholic* newspaper con-

cerning the prayer table for the disabled. I'm a fifth grader at Queen of Peace School in Mishawaka. I think that the prayer table is a great idea that helps disabled people to participate in Mass. I hope that Mr. Little continues to make these wonderful prayer tables for the disabled people

of our diocese. What a wonderful way to spread God's gifts!

Alyssa Stager
Mishawaka

The authentic transformation of "useless" human suffering

Human beings naturally recoil at the prospect of pain and suffering. When a sharp object pokes us, we instinctively pull away. When the unpleasant neighbor comes up on caller ID, we recoil from answering the phone. Our initial response is to avoid noxious stimuli and pain, similar to most animals.

Yet when dealing with painful or unpleasant situations, we can also respond deliberately and in ways that radically differentiate us from the rest of the animal kingdom.

We can choose, for example, to confront and endure our pain for higher reasons. We know that a needle will hurt, but we decide to hold our arm still when getting an injection because our powers of reason tell us it will improve our health. We know the pain of talking to our difficult neighbor, but we figure that we should rise to the challenge and do it anyway, attempting to build peace in the neighborhood.

We can also approach our pain and suffering in unreasonable ways, driven by worry and fear. When we suffer from a difficult relationship, we can turn to drugs, alcohol or binge-eating. When we suffer from the thought of continuing a pregnancy, we can terminate it by taking the life of our son or daughter by abortion. When we suffer from the pain of cancer, we can short-circuit everything by physician-assisted suicide.

How we decide to respond to suffering, whether rationally or irrationally, is one of the most important human choices we make. For many in our society, suffering has become a singular evil to be avoided at all costs, leading to many irrational and destructive decisions.

While physical pain is widespread in the animal world, the real difference for human beings is that we know we are suffering and we wonder why; and we suffer in an even deeper way if we fail to find a satisfacto-

ry answer. We need to know whether our suffering has meaning. From our hospital bed or wheelchair, we can hardly avoid the piercing question of "why," as grave sickness and weakness make us feel useless and even burdensome to others.

In the final analysis, however, no suffering is "useless," though a great deal of suffering is lost or wasted because it is rejected by us, and we fail to accept its deeper meaning. Pope John Paul II often remarked that the answer to the question of the meaning of suffering has been given by God to man in the cross of Jesus Christ.

In the field of Catholic health-care, the question of suffering arises with regularity, and while the dedicated practice of medicine strives to lessen suffering and pain, it can never completely eliminate it. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in an important document called the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services, reminds us that "patients experiencing suffering that cannot be alleviated should be helped to appreciate the Christian understanding of redemptive suffering."

The very concept of "redemptive suffering" suggests that there is much more to human suffering than meets the eye, and that it is not simply an unmitigated evil from which we should instinctively flee. Rather, it is a mysterious force that can mold us in important ways and mature us, a force we ought to learn to work with and accept as part of our human journey and destiny.

Each of us, in our pain and suffering, can become a sharer in the redemptive suffering of Christ. As children, we may have been taught those famous three words by our parents when pain and suffering would come our way: "Offer it up!" Those simple words served to remind us how our sufferings can benefit not only ourselves, but those around us in the mystery of our human



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communion with them. When we are immobilized in our hospital bed, we become like Christ, immobilized on the wood of the cross, and powerful redemptive moments open before us, if we accept and embrace our own situation in union with him.

Because of the personal love of the Lord towards us, we can in fact make a very real addition to his plan of salvation by uniting our sufferings to his saving cross, just as a little child can make a very real addition to the construction of her mother's cake when she lovingly allows her to add the eggs, flour and salt. While the mother could do it all unaided, the child's addition is real and meaningful, as the love of the mother meets the cooperation of the child to create something new and wonderful. In the same way, God permits our sufferings, offered up, to make an indelible mark in his work of salvation. This transformation of the "uselessness" of our suffering into something profoundly meaningful serves as a source of spiritual joy to those who enter into it. For those who are in Christ, suffering and death represent the birth pangs of a new and redeemed creation. Our sufferings, while never desirable in themselves, always point towards transcendent possibilities when we do not flee from them in fear.

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What age would you be if you didn't know?

"I give no thought to what lies behind but push on to what is ahead." — Phil 3:13

Maturing is an art to be practiced — including mistakes. As minors, others began this work until we could assume and practice it for ourselves. Society impacts this growth. It imposes labels on people which lock them into its own criteria. Commercialism underscores these artificial categories and, without guidance, people accept culture's shoulds: hide the gray; get rid of wrinkles, etc. The art of creative personal development is harshly curtailed and individuality is stifled, especially in adults 30-120 — the most diverse of all age groups because of lived maturing.

What if there'd be no calendar? Then what? What would be the set-norm for healthy maturing without labels? Various ages would respect one another more; false cookie-cutter images discarded, and individual creativity would emerge for the betterment of culture. Physical growth-patterns

would be an accepted part of maturing; expectations of everyone fitting into the same lockstep would peter out. People would learn to be their best, without having to be the best and could move on to personal development without having to do or act like everyone else. Creative uniqueness would be treasured, guidance given in the growth process, and die-casts useless.

Our attitude dictates the answer to the above question. No one is perfect, but each one can become the best that they can. Many people don't realize that biological cellular aging begins between ages 11-12. According to Warshofsky in "Stealing Time," speed of reaction time slows about age 20 and muscular strength declines shortly after age 30. But, who plays up these facts?

Our culture doesn't — it glorifies youth. If these age groups would be labeled with decline, what would happen? However, culture does these things to people from 30-120 instead of helping

SPIRITUALITY OF MATURING ADULTS

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them through appropriate maturing adjustments. We forget that 40 used to be "old;" in 1900, 50 was life-expectancy. But longevity to 120 is coming. One wonders how society's labeling can be reversed. It can be, if everyone would reject or refuse labeling.

When my mother turned 100, I asked her how it felt to be that age. She responded, "I don't know. I was never 100 before. What am I supposed to feel like? I seem the same inside as when I was 40." Talk about attitude! She never believed labels artificially superimposed on that age, or any others.

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Jesus is God's greatest gift



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

In this weekend's first reading, Moses presents to the people the revelation of God's law. This information did not originate with Moses. It is neither the law of Moses nor the word of Moses. Rather, it is revelation from God.

Since the law proceeded from God, no one, not even Moses himself, was free to amend the law, change it or veto it.

Humans are limited, lacking insight, knowledge and views into the future to make all decisions regarding themselves wisely or to their genuine benefit. Thus, they need guidance.

Also fundamental is that in the face of human limitations God constantly and lavishly provided.

"Law" here is not an edict. It is not relative or arbitrary. It is not necessarily a test. Instead, it is like the "law of gravity." It is reality. To violate God's law introduces confusion, or worse, into life. Therefore, when humans behave in ways counter to God's law, they upset things.

God's law, or revelation, leads them away from this destructive activity.

In the second reading several men in the New Testament bear the name of James. Any of these

men, or another, could have been the author of this book, but scholars today tend to think that the author was James, the brother of Jesus.

What then about the most ancient Christian belief is that Mary always was a virgin, and that Jesus was her only child? Who were James and the other "brothers and sisters" of the Lord mentioned in the New Testament?

The oldest beliefs among Christians, recorded in the centuries immediately after Christ, and not at all contradicted by the Scripture, were that they were Joseph's children from an earlier marriage, under Jewish custom of the time, any half-siblings of Jesus would have legally been regarded as his brothers and sisters.

Maybe less likely, drawing upon other ancient sources, they were the cousins of Jesus.

The older tradition influenced classical religious art, which depicted Joseph as an old man, but Mary was young. Here again, the implication in this art is that she was his second wife. This reading insists that every good thing comes from above. Every good thing is from God.

In this Gospel story, some bystanders notice that a few of the Lord's disciples at least are careless in observing the law of Moses. It should be remembered that this law provided for virtually every circumstance a human would encounter, great or small.

Jesus replied that some gave God mere lip service or went through the motions of obedience. Instead, the Lord called for a true conversion of the heart, founded upon love for God and others, and manifesting itself in actual deeds and words.

Reflection

These readings repeat a theme. It is often said among theologians that the most devastating effect of original sin was the assumption by humans that they were much more self-sustaining than they are. Every generation had thought that it had achieved extraordinary knowledge and command over the circumstances of life.

New generations come, and indeed they improve on the past. One day many things that we take as state-of-the-art, including our assumptions and popular attitudes, will be as old fashioned as the steam engine.

Humans have accomplished much. But, in other areas, they have blundered much. They have brought into human history extraordinary destruction and hatred, such as in the Holocaust. Into individual lives, they have brought untold instances of heart-break and worse.

God does not leave us to our doom. He generously provides. His greatest gift was, and is, Jesus. Jesus is the "way, the truth and the life."

READINGS

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:18-18,21b-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1,3-5,11-13 Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10-11 Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-6 Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4,6-8 Lk 6:1-5

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

In August, the church remembers John Vianney. The world also recalls V-J Day. This quiz takes a very versatile vision.

- John Vianney is also known by this title, which refers to his parish assignment:**
 - Val JeanVal
 - The Cure D'Ars
 - Victor Hugo's chaplain
- Viatum refers to Communion administered only**
 - at a wedding
 - when someone is dying
 - on a non-Sunday
- This is one of the smallest states in the world as well as being a church center**
 - Valletta
 - Victoria Island
 - Vatican City
- This doctrine about Christ's genetic makeup is accepted, even by most Protestants:**
 - The Virgin Birth
 - The Visible Son
 - The Virtual Family
- The Vulgate refers to a version of this**
 - the liturgy of the Mass
 - the Bible
 - the Catholic Encyclopedia
- Division of texts by this was added, as was chapter, later in the history of the Bible**
 - vision
 - volume
 - verse
- Many ancient church documents were written on vellum. What was it?**
 - treated animal skins
 - processed dried milk
 - beaten and dried dung
- When a new pope is needed, only cardinals (and not all of them) get to do this:**
 - Validate the Bishops' choice
 - Vote
 - Vie for the job by combat with pies
- The Vatican II document "Dei Verbum" refers, as its name implies, to**
 - the Action of The Deity
 - things said daily
 - the Word of God
- Voodoo, Santeria and similar religions are often found in Catholic environments. Why?**
 - Because they are secretly fostered by the Catholic New World Order
 - They tend to be found mostly in slave communities in Latin and/or French former colonies
 - They are the only reaction of Muslims forced to convert to Catholicism
- Vespers refer to**
 - prayers, or liturgy, usually said or sung in the evening
 - nuns who have not chosen to modernize their habits
 - types of scooters favored by monks in Italy
- These Arians opposed Roman and Christian communities for centuries, finally being converted by them, ultimately being conquered by the Muslims in Spain**
 - Visigoths
 - Vertinerox
 - Vest Germans
- These pagan Nordic people raided churches and villages throughout northern Europe**
 - the Vlams
 - the Vikings
 - the Vixens
- This Walachia ruler vied for survival amongst the Muslim, Catholic and Orthodox forces of Eastern Europe, his harsh methods becoming legendary**
 - Vladimir King of the Poles
 - Vlad the Tickler
 - Vlad the Impaler
- These Arian warriors sacked Rome (thus adding a new word to many languages) and caused many wars with Catholic Rome, but were ultimately defeated by the Byzantines**
 - Vandals
 - Villains
 - Vilifiers

ANSWERS:

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

Summer joy and melancholy

August, for me, has its bursts of joy and moments of melancholy.

Joyous events, of course, are my birthday and wedding anniversary — celebrated the same date. And this year, another joy was a last-minute vacation-break to southern Indiana for a few days.

With my mother-in-law, Sally, we traveled in the trusty minivan to Jasper where my wife's Aunt Joan lives. It was a great weekend to be in Jasper. It was Strassenfest — a festival that celebrates the German heritage of the area. Our vacation included a German heritage Mass at St. Joseph Church, where we sang a prelude of Polka Mass music and German hymns, and then was delighted to recall at least a few lines of the Our Father in German.

Strassenfest included a parade, where more Tootsie Rolls were doled out to my excited 6 year old than at any parade I had ever seen. Of course, Jasper is a very Catholic community and the Knights of Columbus were well represented with Tootsie Rolls.

And Monday at Holiday World

in Santa Claus was delightful. With the No. 2 rated water park in the nation — a taste of heaven must be tubing on the lazy river. We welcomed the family-friendly atmosphere and cleanliness of the park. In the Christmas-themed area of the park, we also appreciated the Nativity scene and the Christmas music — including religious themed songs.

Now, back to reality. The drive home in the pounding rain reminded us life has its difficulties. Last week, my daughter started first grade. Already, homework dominates our evening. And Rose began school this week.

I enjoy the summer months with its fresh vegetables and gardening activities, fun times with family and friends and hanging out in the pool. But the abrupt end tends to bring me down a little bit.

One constant in our lives is our faith: Jesus in the Eucharist. Whether a German Mass at St. Joseph, Jasper, a weekend Mass at St. Aloysius, or now an all-school Mass on Friday mornings, Jesus longs for us to come to him. He takes us with our sorrows, our



MANY HATS

TIM JOHNSON

joys and becomes a part of us.

It saddens me when I hear about someone leaving the church because they were hurt by some person. The church is made up of imperfect humans like me. But there is also a divine side to the Catholic Church — Jesus in the Eucharist and all of the sacraments that bestow God's grace on us. For that, no human side of the church could ever draw me from my Lord. I need him as I trudge through the ups and downs of the summer and all year through. And I thank all of our priests for bringing Jesus to us in the holy Eucharist.

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Freedom, sanctity and the future

Cracow. We've been doing this for 17 years now, my colleagues and I — running an intensive, three-week, Cracow-based immersion course in Catholic social doctrine, centered on Pope John Paul II's 1991 encyclical, "Centesimus Annus." It's been different this year, of course, what with Father Richard John Neuhaus, a key faculty member, having died in January and yet another stalwart of years past, Michael Novak, unable to join us. We've brought two of our priest-alumni back as faculty members, though, and they've been splendid. From my personal point of view, perhaps the biggest change over almost two decades is that the one-time kid — me — is now the old man. Time flies, indeed.

Our students this year — 31 men and women, generally in their mid-20s, from the United States, Poland, Germany, Ukraine, Belarus, Croatia, Romania, Hungary, Georgia, Slovakia and Lithuania — are among the best we've ever had. Yet things on that front are also different than they were when the Tertio Millennio Seminar on the Free Society began in 1992.

Virtually none of our European students have any detailed memory of life under communism. Indeed, more than one of them has asked me what to read in order to understand what the world of their parents was like. Perhaps even more surprisingly for young people of intense Catholic faith, few of them know much of the heroic narrative of the church's resistance to communist oppression. They don't know the stories of the confessors of the 1950s, men like Cardinals Stefan Wyszynski,

Jozsef Mindszenty, Josef Beran, Iosyf Slipyi or Alojzije Stepinac. But what was really stunning was to find intelligent Catholic young people from central and eastern Europe who didn't know the story of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the martyr-priest of the Solidarity movement.

What these young people do know, however, is that they are coming to Catholic maturity in a Europe increasingly hostile to public manifestations of Catholic faith. When the Tertio Millennio Seminar started in 1992, our debates were about church-state law, democratic theory and the structure of the free economy; now, they're about the nature of marriage, the challenge of biotechnology, the life issues, Islam and an aggressive secularism that tries to keep religiously informed moral argument out of the European public square. The church in this part of the world has yet to find its public "voice," 20 years after the wall came down; one goal of the seminar is to help shape a lay leadership in these new democracies that can develop the voice of religiously informed public moral argument. The task is a huge one.

For all the change, though, there are also the constants. It's a wonderful thing to introduce young Catholic men and women to the places where Karol Wojtyla, the future John Paul II, was a young man, asking many of the same questions about life and vocation that they ask. It's always an eye-opener for young adults from outside Poland to come here and experience what remains, despite enormous challenges, a more intact Catholic culture than exists perhaps anywhere else in



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

Europe. And then there is Cracow itself, a great city whose massive Market Square, the largest public space on the continent, is the physical embodiment of an ancient and honorable civic spirit of openness and dialogue among cultures and nations.

Cracow is also a city of saints, in which the history of sanctity encompasses almost a full millennium: from the martyr-bishop Stanislaus in the 11th century to the 14th-century Queen Jadwiga and on to such 20th-century heroes of the faith as Faustyna Kowalska (apostle of divine mercy and first saint of the third millennium) and Albert Chmielowski ("God's brother," the avant-garde painter, who became the servant and advocate of the destitute). We pray that their number will soon be joined by John Paul the Great and by his best lay friend, Jerzy Ciesielski, whose beatification cause is underway.

For, as our daily Mass together reminds our students, the best way to become a leader of the free and virtuous society of the future is to become the saints their Christian and human destiny calls them to be.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for August 30, 2009

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: a debate about what constitutes clean hands. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PHARISEES	UNWASHED	HANDS
MARKETPLACE	CUPS	ISAIAH
HYPOCRITES	PEOPLE	HONORS ME
LIPS	IN VAIN	DOCTRINES
UNDERSTAND	OUTSIDE	DEFILE
EVIL	THEFT	MURDER
DECEIT	ENVY	WITHIN

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Ask yourself the title question. How did you answer it?

Sickness or disability doesn't make one "old." Attitude does. Our choice to love — God, self, others and world — tells our real age. Our spirit, which is as young as when God first created it, never ages but grows in wisdom and grace before God and humankind forever. Our spirit chooses optimal health of mind, body and spirit. It controls our attitude. We can say, "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." — Phil 4:13

Definitely, there are bodily changes but these always occur. Physical changes happen around certain stages of development, as other faculties sharpen at insightful levels where real maturing is honed and a new sense of life's meaning enlarges. Our actual age is dictated by the calendar; physical age tells how well we've cared for God's gift of our body. Mental age reflects care of our tremendous mind-power. However, anything less than continuous spiritual maturing contributes to a demise-attitude, which makes us "old," no matter what age the calendar shows. This can happen at any age. Some people are old at 30, others are never old at 100 and beyond.

Because of the longevity factor,

ours is the first society to study the maturing process throughout the entire human life-cycle: mind, body and spirit. However, on this wonderful gift, society also imposes restrictions.

A forward-thinking pioneer of Swedish social gerontology, Lars Tornstam, also believes that culture confines. He explains that society twists people to fit its criteria; when they don't fit, they're labeled abnormal, instead of seeing them as creatively different.

He coined geroltranscendence, which objects to this labeling. This means that empirical data (showing how people really do mature) contradicts and transcends the stereotypes of society's classification of people by calendar age.

Society, medicine, science, education and, yes, even church must reevaluate beliefs. These institutions mostly underscore society's view and focus on the frail and sick, while leaving the non-frail and reasonably-well adults floundering. This affects how you and I respond to the initial question, and its impact on our total spiritual maturing. Our future starts now. Let's build it according to our own spiritual attitudes.

Reflect

1. What age do you feel? Why?
2. St. Paul expressed: "I have been grasped by Christ." — Phil 3:12. What meaning does this hold for you?

100th anniversary of rosary priest's birth continues with special emphasis

Rosary prayers urged for world peace, for all priests, Father Peyton's beatification

EASTON, Mass. — During this Year for Priests, Holy Cross Family Ministries, furthering the vision of the famous "Rosary priest," Catholic media pioneer and sainthood candidate Servant of God Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton continues worldwide its year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of his birth but now also is calling for prayers for all priests.

"As we observe this Year for Priests and Father Peyton's 100th anniversary, let us heed the Holy Father's message to 'Entrust all priests to Mary, Mother of the Church,' and join all the faithful around the world in rosary prayer for our priests, for our families, for our world," said Holy Cross Father John Phalen, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries.

"Let us bring to life the words of our founder, Father Peyton, a Holy Cross priest, that 'a world at prayer is a world at peace.' Father Peyton knew that through rosary prayer we can all be living signs of Christ's presence and

infinite mercy," Father Phalen added.

The 100th anniversary observance began Jan. 1 when Holy Cross Family Ministries urged families, globally via e-mail blasts, its Web sites and the news media, to join its offices in 17 countries to pray a rosary novena Jan. 1 to 9 (the date of Father Peyton's birth), or anytime during the year, in their homes. Families and individuals can still sign up on Holy Cross Family Ministries' Web site — www.hcfm.org — to pray this novena for the beatification of Father Peyton, for world peace and for priests. On the site, they can also list their intentions and see other intentions that have been posted by individuals and thus join people around the world in prayer for those needs.

Holy Cross Family Ministries' international offices are conducting many public activities throughout 2009 including holy hours, rosary rallies, Masses and gala celebrations with music, food and dance.

In Ireland, a statue of Father Peyton was erected in April. In the Philippines, a telethon will be conducted where people will phone in their commitments to pray the family rosary. Other activities are planned in Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Peru, Uruguay. Most of the international offices will conduct Holy Cross Family Ministries' annual "Try Prayer! It Works!" contest on Father Peyton's famous message "The Family That Prays Together Stays Together." Kindergarten through 12th graders submit artwork, poetry and essays to reflect the theme.

Young adult celebrities reflect on the power of rosary in new DVD, "Rosary Stars: Praying the Gospel"

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — "Rosary Stars: Praying the Gospel" is a

new DVD from Family Theater Productions, Hollywood, featuring 21 young adult celebrities praying the rosary and reflecting on the importance and power of their Catholic faith, prayer and the rosary in their daily lives. It features champion athletes, actors, film directors, TV hosts, recording stars, authors and lecturers who emphasize the power of daily prayer of the rosary to promote a better understanding and appreciation of the rosary as a prayer form, especially among teenagers, young adults and families.

Produced by the media production ministry founded in 1947 by the "Rosary Priest" and Catholic media pioneer Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton, this uplifting DVD features such stars as 2006 World Series pitcher Jeff Suppan; five-time Major League All-Star selection Mike Sweeney; actor Matthew Marsden ("Rambo" and the "Transformer" sequel) "Revenge of the Fallen"; TV host Matt Gallant (Animal Planet's

"The Planet's Funniest Animals"); humanitarian, author and Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculée Ilibagiza; and Ali Landry, an actor and former Miss America.

The DVD includes personal reflections by all 21 celebrities, interactive teaching tools and historical timeline of the rosary. In addition, the celebrities pray a decade of the rosary. All the features of the DVD are designed to promote a better understanding and appreciation of the rosary and the mysteries, especially among teenagers, young adults and families.

The DVD sells for \$19.95, plus shipping and handling, and can be ordered online from Holy Cross Family Ministries at www.hcfm-store.org or by calling (800) 299-PRAY (7729). To view a trailer of "Rosary Stars: Praying the Gospel" and to get more information about this program and its celebrities, go to www.RosaryStars.org.



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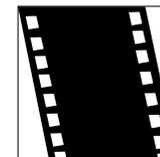
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CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) — Following is a capsule review issued by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Office for Film and Broadcasting.

"Post Grad" (Fox Atomic)

After failing to secure her dream job, a recent college graduate (Alexis Bledel) is forced to return home to her eccentric parents (Jane Lynch and Michael Keaton) and feisty grandmother (Carol Burnett) whose antics distract her from her employment search and from her efforts to choose between her longtime boyfriend (Zach Gilford) and a Brazilian-born ladies' man (Rodrigo Santoro). A talented cast is becalmed, in veteran animation director Vicky Jensen's live-action debut, by a listless script which, though it boosts family solidarity, also features a passionate encounter between characters who have barely met and repeatedly refers to the importance of condom use. Brief nongraphic, nonmarital sexual activity, occasional sexual references, a half-dozen uses of profanity, at least one use of the F-word, and some crude and crass language. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned.



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GARAGE SALES

Garage sale at St. Peter Parish

Fort Wayne — St. Peter Catholic Church, 500 E. DeWald St., will have a garage sale on Sept. 3 and 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 5 is bag day from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be clothing, lamps, books, furniture and much more.

Junior high youth plan garage sale

Bristol — St. Mary of the Annunciation's junior high youth group, The Friends of St. Katharine Drexel, will have a Labor Day clothing sale Friday, Sept. 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Monday, Sept. 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All clothing is priced at \$1 or less. Back to school items and fall and winter items available. St. Marys is located at 414 W. Vistula St.

DEVOTIONS

First Saturday devotions of reparation

First Saturday devotions will be Sept. 5, in Fort Wayne at St. Joseph at 7:15 a.m.; St. Charles at 8 a.m.; Sacred Heart at 7:30 a.m.; in Arcola, St. Patrick, 7:15 a.m.; in New Haven, St. John, 6:55 a.m., St. Louis Besancon, 8:10 a.m., in Garrett, 9 a.m., in Warsaw, Sacred Heart, 8 a.m. Call (260) 749-9396 to have your listing added.

Fatima Apostolate to meet

New Haven — On Sept. 5, the Fatima Apostolate will meet for devotions and a general meeting at St. John the Baptist, 943 Powers St., beginning at 6:55 a.m. with a meditation, 7:15 a.m. Mass, the rosary and opportunity for confession. A light breakfast, planning meeting and discussion will follow in the school hall. For information contact Betty (260) 749-9396 or eamomper@kconline.com.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Tom Shoemaker will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 7:15 p.m. to pray for vocations. Father Tom is the pastor of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne.

Parish mission at St. Anthony de Padua

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will have a parish

mission Sept. 13-16 at 7 p.m. Father Christopher Crotty, CPM, will conduct the mission with the theme "The Healing Presence of the Spirit." The mission will introduce the wonders of the faith, as expressed through the healing power of the sacraments, the potency of the preached word, and the mystery of the sacramental. A healing Mass will take place at 7 p.m. Sept. 16.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Highland games announced

South Bend — A Celtic Fest and patrolman Bryan Verkler Invitational Highland Games will be Saturday, Aug. 29, at St. Joseph County Fairground from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.michianacelticsociety.org.

Corn and sausage roast

South Bend — St. Casimir Parish will have a corn and sausage roast Sunday, Aug. 30, from noon to 5 p.m. Kid's games, raffles and music from 1-5 p.m. by the Tim Deka Trio. Tickets are \$1 each and enters you in the cash raffle and entitles participants to one free sweet corn.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Sept. 4, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage included.

Catholic Networking Offered

Fort Wayne — The Catholic Business Network will meet Thursday, Sept. 3, at the Chamber of Commerce, 826 Ewing St. Mass will be at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast and meeting will follow. Keynote speaker will be Alan Grossnickle, director of the Entrepreneurial Leadership Center and Asst. Prof. of Entrepreneurship at St. Francis. Tickets must be purchased online at www.thecatholicbusinessnetwork.com by Sept. 1. Cost is \$15, members are free.

Chick-fil-A sales help Our Lady of Hungary School

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School is hosting a Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A at Erskine Commons, 4555 S. Michigan St., Monday Aug. 31,

from 6:30-10 p.m. Based on the evening sales, Chick-fil-A will make a donation to the school. Print out a Spirit Night coupon at www.ourladyofhungary.com/coupon.htm.

Barbeque ribs at St. Paul Chapel

Clear Lake — St. Paul Chapel will have a barbeque rib sale Sunday, Sept. 6, starting at 9 a.m. One half slab will be \$7. To place an order ahead call (260) 495-9498. Proceeds go toward scholarships and the St. Paul Boosters.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Sept. 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7.50 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

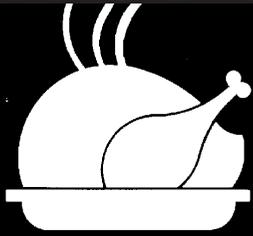
Saint Anne Society plans card party

South Bend — The Saint Anne Society will have a luncheon card party Sunday, Sept. 13, in the Our Lady of Hungary School auditorium, 735 W. Calvert St. Doors open at noon. Donation of \$5 at door. Bring your own cards.

Smoker bring Vegas to town

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School Gym, 735 W. Calvert, will have a Vegas Baby! smoker Saturday Sept. 12, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Entrance fee of \$2. Gambling, food, drinks, music and two raffles: reverse drawing raffle, \$20 per ticket (\$1,000 top prize, only 400 tickets sold) or smoker raffle tickets, \$1 each (\$100 top prize). Either ticket entitles entry to the smoker.

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