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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Bishop bestows blessing on St. Thomas School additions

BY JODI MAGALLANES

ELKHART — St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkhart celebrated the completion of \$3.9 million in additions and renovations to the parish's school Sunday with a blessing and rededication by Bishop John M. D'Arcy.

During a prayer offered at the school's new main entrance, Bishop D'Arcy asked that "those within would find the image of Christ — that they, in turn, may be able to assist others."

Bishop D'Arcy also recognized the magnitude of the parish's accomplishment in light of being located in a county hard hit by the current recession.

"You did this in the midst of the greatest economic difficulty since the Great Depression. ... What a beautiful thing you have done. Your mayor and I thank you for your generosity," he told parishioners.

The parish was able to raise more than three-fourths of the funds needed for the project through gifts, pledges and parish savings, with the diocese currently holding the note on the remaining \$500,000. St. Thomas will reimburse the diocese for that amount as well, which was incurred after the project started when two empty lots came up for sale directly across the street from the school and parish. Both were purchased and will be paved for additional parking.

Elkhart Mayor Dick Moore spoke at the rededication service and took the opportunity to laud faith-based education.

"It has been our pleasure to assist you, but to

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JODI MAGALLANES

Father Bill Sullivan and Bishop John M. D'Arcy prepare to enter the newly-renovated St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart for a blessing during a rededication service held on Sunday, Sept. 20.

YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



FATHER CHARLES HERMAN

A delightfully cultural tradition is observed in Fort Wayne each year that is ecumenically abundant and popular. On the first Sunday of June, at St. Peter Catholic Church, a Mass in German officially opens a week long, city-wide festival called Germanfest. A standing-room-only crowd fills St. Peter's. With

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Women from around the diocese gather for day of prayer

BY KAY COZAD

LaGRANGE — St. Joseph Parish's newly constructed activity center was put to good use on Saturday, Sept. 19, when over 200 enthusiastic women crowded the hall for the second annual Women's Day of Prayer. The program, offered to all women of the diocese, was sponsored by the diocesan Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization.

The sun lit morning began with introductions over a continental breakfast, prayer and hymns. The keynote speaker, Sister of St. Joseph Sister Anne D'Arcy, sister of Bishop John M. D'Arcy, spoke with humor and passion about answering the call to be in relationship with God. And

prayer, she said, is a "conscious relationship with God."

Sister Anne, who is the associate director of the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life in Boston, shared her own personal experiences of prayer, relating the blessings she received in nature as well as when she sat with her sister Mary as she lay dying.

"We can encounter him anywhere," she said of meeting God. And she added that "we come as we are" with concerns, questions and life.

Scripture, she said, is the place to begin to know God better. "It gives us power to have those words that touch our minds and hearts." But, she added, prayer doesn't

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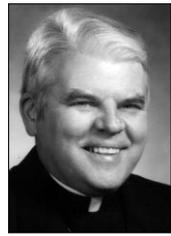
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Missionaries from Africa and East visit the diocese



NEWS & NOTES

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

A visitor from the East

My earliest recollection of my sister, Anne, is walking to school with Robert Horne, my best friend, and Anne just a half-step behind us. She was the third oldest in the family and gifted with great sensitivity towards others, a loving person. Only a few months after graduating from Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Brighton, our home town, a school you could walk to from our home, she entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph. In those days, even though that was a diocesan community with an extraordinary record, mostly in education, there was a certain degree of strictness. You did not come home after that very much, if at all. So I remember distinctly the tears of my dear parents, who had now seen three of us enter religious life in the course of a few years. So painful to them, but a sacrifice they accepted with their great souls.

A true evangelizer

The Spiritual Development Office, unbeknownst to me, and aware that Anne has been giving retreats and Days of Recollection for many years, invited Anne (Sister Anne D'Arcy, CSJ), to give a day of prayer for women at St. Joseph Parish, LaGrange.

Anne had taught school for many years, and would give Evenings of Prayer on the side. Twenty-four years ago, she became a full-time staff person in the Office of Spiritual Development, and obtained a masters degree in Catholic spirituality from Creighton University.

It was a joy to greet her at the airport on Friday night and prepare and enjoy a delightful meal of fish and vegetables on my back porch. How wonderful are such events and how increasingly important as the years go on.

She was off early from Fort Wayne the next morning to St. Joseph's, LaGrange. Remarkably, there were 230 people present in the small country parish. They came from Elkhart, Mishawaka, South Bend, Ligonier, Goshen, Avilla, Bremen, Bristol, Fort Wayne, and many other places.

Anne gave four talks on prayer. The reaction of the women was extraordinary. It just shows the great hunger there is today among our people for spiritual enrichment and for help in forming a habit of prayer.

I arrived in mid-afternoon and had some fun with the group and Anne. Later, I heard confessions, along with the wonderful and devoted pastor, Father Mark Weaver, OFM Conv. The small, but modern, country church was full. So many confessions, that I volunteered to return to the confessional after Mass.

It was wonderful to talk to these women

individually. Anne was impressed with the wide age span and the seriousness of the group. It gave me great joy to see their enthusiasm for my dear sister and for her very substantive and enriching talks. Guided by Father Mark to a nearby restaurant on Route 9, we enjoyed dinner together. It was a privilege later to introduce Sister Anne to the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, and have breakfast with them on Sunday morning.

St. Thomas, Elkhart

This is a great parish; and I drove with Anne down the Route 20 Bypass past St. Vincent's, the mother church of Elkhart, to St. Thomas Parish, where I celebrated the 11:15 a.m. Mass. The church was full, and many of the women had been present at the Day of Prayer the previous day and later thanked Sister Anne for her talks.

You know that Elkhart has the second highest unemployment in the country. The leader of the city, Mayor Moore, told me that it had been about 20 percent. Elkhart is a great manufacturing town, and many from South Bend are employed there. Despite the worst unemployment that that city and county had seen since the Great Depression, the people banded together and built what amounts to a practically new school. Six new classrooms. A brand new library. A computer room. Hats off to their committee under Bob Giel, Thad Naquin and so many others. The cost was \$3 million and they have raised pledges of \$2.5 million, and the school is now operating.

My cousin, John D'Arcy, from Philadelphia and a professor at the Notre Dame Business School, was present for Mass and the dedication of the church. Hats off to Father Bill Sullivan for his leadership in making this possible. Anne and I drove back to Fort Wayne and had a nice supper at JK O'Donnell's.

I have been away from my family for 24-1/2 years, so a few days like this was something to cherish. But the best part was to see the great communion between my dear sister and the people to whom she was speaking and giving a day of retreat.

Clothes for poor children

The Christ Child Society of Fort Wayne is writing a remarkable story. Though much younger than the very effective South Bend chapter, it has blossomed in recent years; and it was a joy to celebrate Mass with them this past week. Last year, they gave away 2,465 coats to poor children, many of them immigrants and refugees. It is extraordinary to go to Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, on a fall morning and see the lines down the stairs and out the street. At the head of the stairs are the Christ Child members, devoted women sitting at computers and preparing to give the very best coats to these children.

This year, they expect to give away 3,000 new coats, 180,000 diapers and hundreds of layettes and backpacks. They also tutor children at St. John's and Precious Blood parish schools.

They work closely with Women's Care Center helping young mothers with clothes and other needs. It is an unsung, but beautiful chapter in our diocese, and it was a joy

to celebrate Mass with them and join them then for dinner.

Now come the jubilarians

Among the many joys this week, will be the celebration of the Mass for our jubilarians. We have 20 jubilarians, including diocesan priests and religious. Altogether, they have served a total of 895 years. You know this is the Year for Priests, and everyone is invited to join us on Thursday, Sept. 24, for the 12:05 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

There are special indulgences for priests on this day and for all who attend.

I will speak of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests; and by recent decree, of all priests. We used to be told in the seminary that he had serious academic difficulties. No wonder. Until the age of 18, he was illiterate. France was rationalist, affected by the enlightenment. Yet people came from all over France to go to confession to him. An unbeliever, an agnostic, went to Ars, and when asked what he saw, replied, "I saw God in a man."

When I think of these jubilarians, I think of the words of Christ to his apostles, "You are the ones who have stood by me in my trials." It will be a privilege to offer this Mass and have lunch with the priests after Mass.

Our Bishop's Appeal is well underway. I have already made my pledge and have raised it over last year. I try to raise it every year. I hope you will do the same, because the needs are greater than ever.

A visitor from Africa

Holy Cross priests of the Indiana Province remember with gratitude and reverence Bishop Vincent Joseph McCauley, CSC. He served in Africa, especially Uganda. His cause for sainthood was introduced in 2007, and so he is now known as Vincent McCauley, Servant of God. He was an effective evangelizer, beloved and a father of many churches in Uganda. The present bishop of Fort Portal, Uganda, Father Robert Muhiirwa, who is his successor, visited me this week. We were able to assist him from the Zeiger Mission Fund. This is a couple from the little parish of St. Dominic's, Bremen, who left \$270,000 under the direction of the bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, with the stipulation that the money must go to missions overseas. With substantial donations from this fund, we have been able to help Bishop Muhiirwa, who studied at Notre Dame, and Duquesne University, and served in St. Jude's, Fort Wayne; St. Jude's, South Bend; and St. Matthew's, South Bend. We helped him put a roof on the cathedral built by Bishop McCauley, CSC, who, by the way, is buried at Notre Dame. Bishop Muhiirwa also preached recently at all the Masses at St. Michael's, Plymouth, and received a collection earlier in the year from St. Mary Parish, Decatur. We have a serious obligation to help the missions, especially in Africa, and it was a great joy to have the bishop at my home for Mass and lunch. So we had Archbishop Michael Blume, SVD, who is also a nuncio. The bishop of Fort Portal, Robert Muhiirwa. And Sister Anne D'Arcy from Boston, Mass. Three missionaries in one week. That is a good week.

Pope's trip to Czech Republic takes him to highly secularized nation

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI is traveling to the Czech Republic at the end of September, making a three-day visit to a nation that is widely viewed as Europe's least-religious country.

The Sept. 26-28 trip was scheduled to coincide with the feast of St. Wenceslas — a 10th-century prince who is credited with bringing Christianity to the Czech people.

It will be a religious pilgrimage for the pope, who will make stops in the capital to see the Infant of Prague at the Church of Our Lady of Victory and in Stara Boleslav to celebrate the feast of St. Wenceslas, patron saint of Czechs.

Pope Benedict also will speak to political and cultural leaders in Prague and meet with President Vaclav Klaus. It will be his first papal visit to the Czech Republic and his 13th trip outside Italy.

He will reach out to the country's Catholics with Masses in Brno and Stara Boleslav, hold meetings with bishops and celebrate vespers with religious and lay groups. He also will address ecumenical representatives, young people and scholars.

These occasions will offer the pope numerous opportunities to draw on many recurring themes of his pontificate: the importance of reviving Europe's Christian roots, the relevance of a millennium-old faith for addressing

today's current ills, and the need to promote a political and social culture based on love, hope and solidarity.

The 82-year-old pope has made it a custom to visit a Marian pilgrimage site in Europe every September. This year he will visit Stara Boleslav — a town 15 miles northeast of Prague and home to the Shrine of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

The highlight of the trip will be the Sept. 28 Mass and feast day celebration of St. Wenceslas. The gathering coincides with the country's national pilgrimage to Stara Boleslav, which attracts the attention and interest of the whole nation, including political and cultural leaders.

Sept. 28 is a day when patriotic sentiment and religious devotion merge as the country celebrates Czech statehood. The national pilgrimage to Stara Boleslav — the town where St. Wenceslas was murdered by his brother — has become an extremely popular event over the past decade and has turned into "a manifestation of unity in a common Christian spiritual tradition," according to the Czech bishops' Web site.

Like the church in other former communist nations, the church in the Czech Republic suffered under Soviet control after World War II. Church properties were confiscated and the problem of restitution or compensating for the seizures still has not been wholly resolved.

For example, Prague's historic St. Vitus Cathedral, where the pope will celebrate vespers Sept. 26, still belongs to the state despite a long legal battle between the church and the country's courts.

In 1946, about 80 percent of the Czech people identified themselves as Catholic, and 50 percent of them went to Mass regularly, according to local church statistics. In 1991, two years after the country's peaceful struggle for independence and democracy with the Velvet Revolution, 38-40 percent declared themselves Catholic. That trend continued to spiral downward to 26-30 percent today, with only 5 percent saying they regularly attend Mass.

When the pope's trip to the Czech Republic was announced in 2006, Martin Horalek, a spokesman for the Czech bishops, said the papal visit would be a great opportunity to rebuild the Catholic faith "at a time when our church's position has suffered, leaving it weak in numbers."

The drastic decline in church attendance has often been blamed on the decades of communist repression and its efforts to blot out religious faith. But some say the crisis of Catholicism includes the church's failure to seize new opportunities ushered in by the wave of democracy.

The Czech ambassador to the Vatican, Pavel Vosalik, said after the fall of communism in the Czech Republic that an overwhelming majority of citizens did



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During his visit to the Czech Republic, Pope Benedict XVI will mark the Sept. 28 feast of St. Wenceslas with an outdoor Mass in Stara Boleslav, the place the 10th-century prince and martyr was killed by his brother.

identify with Christian values and principles.

But as the country got caught up in building a free and democratic nation, those common ideals got lost in the shuffle, and society quickly became secularized, he told Vatican Radio Sept. 14.

Vosalik said he believes the country still holds a deep belief in God and religion, but that it has lost its connection to the

Catholic Church.

Starting in the 1990s, "the church missed the opportunity, missed the momentum when the nation was very open and was willing to communicate" with the Catholic Church, he said.

The church especially failed to reach out to young people, who never experienced communist oppression, in a language they could understand and with a message they wanted to hear, he said.

He said he spoke with Pope Benedict about these issues and told him how church leaders needed to look at "how they could improve their communication with the population" and find new ways of getting their message across that would resonate with the modern age.

"I see the visit as a very important step toward building and reopening channels for communication between society and the Catholic Church," the ambassador said.

The pope is optimistic about the Czech Republic's resolve in overcoming obstacles. In an address to Vosalik when he presented his credentials as the new ambassador to the Vatican last year, the pope praised the Czech people's strong sense of solidarity, which enabled them to overthrow totalitarianism and build a democratic nation.

But the pope said true progress can only come about with the values and hope that the church offers every generation — a message he is likely to repeat to the Czech people in person.

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hearts." But, she added, prayer doesn't always require words. "We need silence in our lives. And even in the spaces of silence, the noises within us need to be quiet. In quiet I face who I am," she said.

And listening to the still small voice of God in the silence can bring surprising answers. "Prayer doesn't always change the situation in life, But it changes us!" she said. A guided meditation closed the inspired talk.

Following Sister Anne's keynote, the participants had the opportunity to participate in two morning sessions, by choosing one of six prayer workshops presented by other inspirational women of the diocese. Presentations included talks on the rosary, the liturgy of the hours, Lectio Divina, meditation, imaginative prayer and music as prayer.

The attentive participants, both young and old, who traveled from all corners of the diocese to enrich their understanding of prayer took time to share a boxed lunch, mingle and process their thoughts. "It's been very good," said Peg Crouch of Immaculate Conception in

Auburn. "We went to two different workshops that were informative and interesting."

Fellow Immaculate Conception parishioner, Melody Rolston added, "I have seen a lot of people get emotional. It has brought out a lot of spirituality in them that they hadn't had before. There can't ever be enough prayer."

Mary Froning of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in South Bend said, "This day is a beautiful opportunity to pray. And with all these women from around the diocese it reminds us that we're part of a bigger community."

And Sharon Jump from St. Aloysius Parish in Yoder said, "This is a time I needed in life. It helped me to focus back on prayer."

Conventual Franciscan Friar Mark Weaver, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, was pleased to host the program and was encouraged to have so many of his parishioners attend. "The ladies are very pleased," he said. "It's nice having something right here. And it's neat to have all these people from all around the diocese so full of life and part of something big."

One of his parishioners, Anna Jack, was thrilled that she didn't have to travel for the program and said, "It was nice to have it in this nice facility, and we were happy to invite all the ladies. I'm pleased

with the turn out."

After lunch, Sister Anne brought the program back to focus with her second reflection on prayer that included small and large group discussions where hearts and emotions were shared freely.

Bishop D'Arcy arrived and was welcomed by the crowd before time for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and though the day was focused on the importance of prayer, the frivolity and banter between the bishop and his sister was not lost on the delighted crowd.

Eucharistic adoration within the sanctuary of St. Joseph allowed the reverent women to experience that quiet time the presenters had encouraged, followed by a short time for reconciliation and celebration of Mass.

Friar Weaver concelebrated with Bishop D'Arcy who spoke, as his sister had, on the importance of coming to God in prayer "just as we are."

The participants were treated to a receiving line following the close of Mass and the program, where they were able to meet and speak with Bishop D'Arcy.

Of the uplifting day Sister Anne said, "It was amazing to see 230 women meeting Christ in prayer."



KAY COZAD

Bishop John M. D'Arcy stands with his sister from Boston, Sister of St. Joseph Sister Anne D'Arcy, who was the keynote speaker at the Women's Day of Prayer held at St. Joseph Parish, LaGrange, on Sept. 19.

Recession boosts Catholic Charities clients by 10 percent

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WOODBIDGE, Va. (CNS) — In a time of recession, Sondra knows she and her 4-year-old daughter Hope could be on the street.

Forced to flee an abusive relationship with her husband, Sondra, 45, who asked that her last name not be used, had nowhere to turn. Her time at the emergency shelter was limited. While Sondra had a job as a custodian at a local church, there was no way she could afford an apartment. There was no chance of moving back home, even if she and her husband could reconcile; their home had gone into foreclosure.

Enter St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional Residences in Woodbridge, Va. It's where Sondra and Hope now have a home.

It's a peaceful, cozy and, most importantly, safe place where they can enjoy dinner every evening. It's where they can read and play and learn together.

For Sondra, the new home is a godsend, far better than her old life — the one that revolved around smoking crack and binge drinking mixed with beatings by her husband.

"I love it here," she said.

A program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, Va., the residence brings stability to nine single mothers and their children, most of whom have escaped domestic violence. The only transitional housing setting of its kind in the Arlington Diocese, the program helps women build self-sufficient lives.

Services such as financial education classes, employment counseling and help with transportation and child care are some of the advantages for residents.

Sondra and Hope are among thousands of people who have turned to local Catholic Charities agencies for housing services when they had nowhere else to go during the current recession.

The need for housing services like the St. Margaret of Cortona program as well as emergency shelter and permanent housing jumped 12.4 percent in 2008 as the economic recession gained momentum, reported Catholic Charities USA in its 2008 annual survey of services.

Released Sept. 15 during a

CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA saw a 10 percent increase in need for assistance overall in 2008, with the highest increase coming from recession-related housing needs.

	PEOPLE ASSISTED		PERCENTAGE CHANGE
	2007	2008	
food	6,533,000	6,288,000	↓ 3.8
strong communities	3,482,000	3,646,000	↑ 4.7
basic services	1,569,000	1,742,000	↑ 11.0
strengthening families	1,156,000	1,071,000	↓ 7.3
housing	533,000	599,000	↑ 12.4

Source: Catholic Charities USA

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the challenges that we have right now, one thing that should be very clear is that we can't just meet those challenges with what we were doing before," Father Snyder explained.

"Things have gotten so desperate it gives us the opportunity to really look at a solution that doesn't depend on... the social structures we had before, but to really redefine how we do it," he said.

A breakdown of the 8.5 million clients shows nearly half — 48 percent — were adults 18 to 64 years old, 29 percent were children and 13 percent were seniors. Ten percent were unknown.

Prepared by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University, the survey revealed:

- Nearly 6.3 million people sought food services, a 3.8 percent decline from 2007.

- More than 3.6 million people — a 4.7 percent increase — received social services such as education, day care, programs aimed at at-risk populations, health care, and socialization and neighborhood services.

- More than 1.7 million people — an 11 percent jump — received assistance with basic needs, such as clothing, utility payments, emergency financial needs and prescriptions.

- Slightly more than 1 million people — a 7.3 percent decline — received various services that fall under what Catholic Charities USA calls strengthening families, including counseling and mental health, addiction, pregnancy, adoption, immigration and refugee services.

- More than 330,000 people received disaster services, a decrease of 21 percent from 2007, but still nearly 60 percent more than in 2005.

- More than 67,000 people — a 35 percent spike — received employment services.

Overall, the statistics reflected the nationwide growth in poverty in 2008 reported Sept. 10 by the U.S. Census Bureau. Census data show that 39.8 million people — 13.2 percent of the population — lived in poverty last year, up from 37.3 million people, or 12.5 percent, in 2007.



CNS PHOTO/DENNIS SADOWSKI

Anita Rose and her daughter Salene, 3, who became residents in July of St. Margaret of Cortona transitional housing in Woodbridge, Va, read together Sept. 17. Sponsored by Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Arlington, Va., the housing program helps single mothers with needs such as financial education, employment and transportation. Rose and Salene are among thousands of new clients who have sought housing-related services at Catholic Charities programs nationwide.

nationwide teleconference from the agency's Alexandria headquarters, the report shows that Catholic Charities agencies served nearly 600,000 people in need of some type of housing assistance in 2008.

Overall, the 142 Catholic Charities agencies responding to the survey — about 85 percent of the nationwide Catholic Charities network — reported serving more than 8.5 million people in 2008, a

10 percent increase from 2007.

Without being able to offer specifics, Father Larry Snyder, president and CEO of Catholic Charities USA, said the demand for housing and other social services continued to climb as the recession deepened during 2009.

"We can only conjecture that when we get the figures for 2009 it's going to be much, much greater," he said.

Father Snyder also said the recession is causing local Catholic Charities agencies to struggle with "many of the same challenges as our clients." Cuts in government funding for social services coupled with significant losses in donations of cash and goods are causing local agencies to scale back services, reduce hours of operation, lay off staff, freeze wages and implement workdays without pay, he said.

"It is going to continue to put a great stress on our local agencies to continue to provide services," he added.

Overall, Catholic Charities agencies had revenues of more than \$3.9 billion in 2008. Two-thirds of the revenue came from local, state and federal government sources.

Despite the challenges posed by the recession, Father Snyder expressed optimism that the agency will be able to make strides in its nearly 3-year-old campaign to reduce poverty by 50 percent by 2020.

"I actually think (the recession) gives us a greater opportunity to do that because when you look at

The Catholic Charities USA 2008 Annual Survey is available www.catholic-charitiesusa.org/NetCommunity/Document.Doc?id=1925.



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Notre Dame leader forms pro-life panel, vows to lead Mass for life

BY CHAZ MUTH

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With President Barack Obama's controversial May commencement speech at the University of Notre Dame several months past, the president of the Indiana school has forged ahead with plans for a national discussion on abortion.

Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins has announced the formation of a task force "on supporting the choice for life," and he has pledged to lead a Mass for life in Washington this coming Jan. 22, the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion nationwide.

Father Jenkins' decision to invite Obama to deliver the commencement speech and present him with an honorary law degree set off a firestorm of criticism by at least 70 U.S. bishops, and ignited a national debate on the university's status as a Catholic institution.

Critics of Obama said his support of legal abortion and embry-

onic stem-cell research made him an inappropriate choice to be commencement speaker at a Catholic university.

Father Jenkins' supporters countered that Notre Dame was not condoning Obama's support for legal abortion or embryonic stem-cell research, and that students at the university should be honored to have the first black U.S. president speak during their graduation.

Several Catholics who supported the Obama invitation said using a single issue as a litmus test to be honored at a Catholic university is a troubling concept.

"Coming out of the vigorous discussions surrounding President Obama's visit last spring, I said we would look for ways to engage the Notre Dame community with issues raised in a prayerful and meaningful way," Father Jenkins said in a September letter.

"As our nation continues to struggle with the morality and legality of abortion, embryonic stem-cell research and related issues, we must seek steps to wit-

ness to the sanctity of life," he said.

The Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life was formed to recommend ways that the university can support the sanctity of life, he said.

So far the panel has started looking at how to foster discussion about a reasonable conscience clause, the most effective ways to support pregnant women, and the best policies for facilitating adoptions, Father Jenkins said.

"Such initiatives are in addition to the dedication, hard work and leadership shown by so many in the Notre Dame family, both on the campus and beyond," he said. "The task force may also be able to recommend ways we can support some of this work."

Father Jenkins acknowledged that Obama's presence on campus last spring generated divisions among Catholics and in the Notre Dame community.

"I hope that we can overcome divisions to foster constructive dialogue and work together for a cause that is at the heart of Notre Dame's mission," he said.

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hymns and the homily in German, one can imagine just how it was 132 years ago when this parish was founded for the Fort Wayne German Catholic community.

After Mass, the crowd gathers in the parish activity center for beer, bratwurst, kraut and delicious German pastries.

Headliner for this event and Mass celebrant is Father Charles Herman, German scholar and teacher.

Father Herman is currently pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, South Bend. Ordained at age 50 by Bishop John M. D'Arcy, he taught German for 23 years at Concord High School in Elkhart before entering the seminary. Although he enjoyed his teaching career, for a number of years, Charles Herman felt drawn to the priesthood and finally took the step which would lead to his ordination in 1997. "It was a difficult

decision", he says, "but the right one for which I have no regrets."

Father Herman's experience in German goes beyond the Elkhart classroom. In 1971, he studied in Bavaria, Germany, for six months working on his master's degree in German and has directed a student-exchange program for Americans in Germany, and in September, 2010, will host a trip to Germany for the "Passionsspiel," the Oberammergau Passion Play.

An improvement in landscaping takes place at every parish where Father Herman serves. He loves flowers, gardening and getting his hands on a shovel or in the dirt.

His other main interest is reading a wide variety of books and taking his dog, Kali, on walks through the neighborhood.

Regarding the source for vocations, Father Herman is in agreement with other priests who see prayer as the instrument for this need, combined with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



IDA CHIPMAN

Daniel Flynn, Nathaniel Brown and Morgan Hite lay the bricks in the Memorial Walk on the St. Michael's School playground to be dedicated Sept. 29. The service is part of their obligation to complete 24 hours of school service projects prior to their confirmation this fall.

Students help lay commemorative bricks in new playground

BY IDA CHIPMAN

PLYMOUTH — On Saturday afternoon when most kids were playing football, several eighth-grade students from St. Michael School were busy laying bricks in the commemorative walks in the new playground to be dedicated on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

The students worked as part of their 24 hours of service time required before their confirmation in the church later this fall.

The 270 signed bricks were donated by supporters of the new playground, which will be open not only to the St. Michael's students but to the children in the

neighborhood.

Tom Flynn, co-chair of the project with Randy Danielson, said that 50 more bricks are needed to complete the walk. Donations are \$100 for a two-line brick and \$200 for six lines.

To donate a brick contact Flynn, Danielson or the rectory of St. Michael at (574) 936-4935.

The dedication on Sept. 29 will begin with a Mass at 12:30 p.m. in St. Michael Church. The entire student body will adjourn to the playground where Mayor Mark Senter will speak to the assembly, followed by a blessing by Father William Kummer.

Refreshments will be served.



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Bishops talk health care, immigration with members of Congress

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Though they believe the church is largely on the same page as Congress when it comes to other aspects of health care and immigration reform, a delegation of Hispanic bishops came away from meetings with several groups of House and Senate leaders Sept. 17 concerned that immigrants might be left out of health reform. At a briefing for reporters after their morning of meetings with senators and then with the groups representing congressional Hispanics, two of the bishops said they were optimistic that looming health care legislation will not fund abortions and will include conscience protections for health care workers. Those have been two major areas of concern for the Catholic Church as the legislation is being shaped. San Antonio Archbishop Jose H. Gomez said the group of half a dozen Hispanic bishops told the members of Congress that in addition to not funding abortions and including a conscience clause, their concern is that health care reform offers a universal plan in which everyone is able to participate and that would provide care from conception to natural death.

Parents of disabled children speak out on health reform proposals

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Seventeen parents of children with disabilities gathered on Capitol Hill Sept. 15 to speak out against proposed government health care reform plans that they said could mean the difference between life and death for their children by limiting access to doctors and rationing health care. The parents, many with their children by their side or holding large photos of their loved ones, joined together as the Healthcare for Gunner Coalition to let President Barack Obama and Congress know that it will be their children and their families who could suffer and be denied critical care under current proposed legislation. Joined by Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., the mother of a child with Down syndrome, and Trent Franks, R-Ariz., who was born with a cleft palate, coalition members presented a horrific picture of a future where the weak, vulnerable, elderly and the unborn are given lowest priority. "We have to make sure that health care legislation doesn't leave this important group behind," said McMorris Rodgers. "We have to make sure that health care reform does three things: improve the health care in America, lower the costs and help vulnerable persons." Franks, whose late brother had Down syndrome, warned of the dangers presented by the current health care reform bill, H.R. 3200. "We run into one reality: the rationing of care because you have to decrease the costs," said Franks. "There is always, always rationing

NEWS BRIEFS

PALESTINIAN MAN PRAYING DURING MASS IN WEST BANK TOWN



CNS PHOTO/DEBBIE HILL

Elias Khader prays during Mass at St. Justin Church the West Bank town of Nablus in January. Pope Benedict XVI has announced a synod on the Middle East to take place in 2010. The pope said the synod would look at various problems faced by minority Christian communities, from migration to interreligious dialogue.

and restrictions, which fall on the most weak."

Project Rachel marks 25 years of healing hearts about abortion

MILWAUKEE (CNS) — Project Rachel, the post-abortion reconciliation ministry of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, has been healing hearts of those affected by abortion since 1984. The 25th anniversary has been "an awesome experience of looking back and seeing how an idea that was really only Spirit-inspired changed the face of the abortion debate in the U.S., and, not only in the U.S., but also in other countries," said Vicki Thorn, Project Rachel founder and executive director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing since 1990. "Never did I suspect I would be in mainland China and Australia and New Zealand and a number of European countries ... talking about this issue," she added. Some of Thorn's favorite work beyond the one-on-one with women is the speaking and training she does with priests and caregivers. Father Ralph Gross, pastor of St. Bruno Parish in Dousman and a Project Rachel priest since shortly after it began, was among priests at the

first training workshop. "Project Rachel has done a wonderful job educating priests over the years to be able to be more sensitive and more understanding of the circumstances, and to have a better insight into the crisis of abortion and the aftermath," he said, adding that even those who aren't directly associated with Project Rachel but have attended workshops have gained great insight into Thorn's work.

Looking 800 years back, religious order also sets sights on future

PHOENIX (CNS) — If the Crosiers have shown anything over the past 800 years, it is an ability to reconstitute itself and adapt to the needs of the times. Nowhere is that more clear than in Phoenix, where the Crosiers moved their provincial headquarters in 2007. As they kicked off a year of celebration with their patronal feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14, they were afforded some time for both retrospection and looking toward the future. Crosier Father Tom Carkhuff, provincial in the United States, professed with the order in 1969, a turbulent time for the Crosiers, as it was for the whole church. In 1967, the order revised

its constitutions and when Father Carkhuff became a member, they were figuring out how to apply their charism to the modern world. "At that time we were really focused on going out — community life was important, but the response to the needs of the time and the service aspect, I would say, were much more important than the common life together," he said. "I don't say that in a pejorative way, but the pendulum was really bouncing around." Father Carkhuff said that in recent years the order has found "a much better balance and appreciation" for the communal life. Each morning, the Crosiers gather for prayer and Mass before going out to do their various ministries. These include working at parishes, leading retreats, working with immigrants and working in jails.

Mexican bishops look to Colombians for help fighting drug violence

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — At a press conference earlier this year, Archbishop Hector Gonzalez Martinez of Durango had planned to denounce extortion attempts against priests in his archdiocese. He instead stunned reporters — and the whole country — by announcing that cartel kingpin

Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, Mexico's most-wanted man, was residing in a remote corner of Durango state. Even more stunning, he insisted, "Everyone knows it, except the authorities." His candor generated nationwide headlines and a warning from presumed associates of Guzman, who dumped two bodies along with a note that advised, "No government, no priest can stand against El Chapo." Archbishop Gonzalez, the subject of intense media scrutiny, would later respond to reporters' questions with the words, "I'm deaf and dumb." The archbishop's latter words describe the posture of many Mexicans and church leaders when it comes to denouncing organized crime and addressing a wave of violence that has claimed more than 13,500 lives since President Felipe Calderon took office in December 2006 and sent the army to suppress Mexico's drug cartels. But that posture may be changing for Mexican Catholics. The social ministry secretariat of the Mexican bishops' conference is preparing a comprehensive report on violence in Mexico that is expected to provide both a diagnosis and an action plan for addressing the problem. None of the report's authors wished to comment on their findings before its November publication, but the issue of organized crime has been a delicate one for the church. Equally delicate is the peril of wading into the public policy arena in a country with a history of contentious church-state relations and the risks of denouncing powerful drug cartels that act as benefactors and de facto authorities in many isolated parts of Mexico.

Pope greets Rome's Jewish community, plans to visit synagogue

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has told the Jewish community of Rome that he plans to visit its synagogue in the near future, the Vatican has confirmed. In a good will telegram to Chief Rabbi Riccardo di Segni marking the upcoming Jewish holidays, the pope said he would visit "with joy" the Rome synagogue sometime in October, after the end of the High Holy Days. The telegram was made public by the Jewish Community of Rome and confirmed by Father Ciro Benedettini, vice director of the Vatican press office. Father Benedettini said that while no date had been set, the visit would likely take place sometime in the fall. In the telegram, the pope offered his "heartfelt best wishes" for the holidays of Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. "I renew my cordial friendship while I wait to make, with joy, the visit to your community and synagogue at the end of your holidays," the pope said in the telegram. Such a visit, he said, "is animated by a real desire to show you that I and the whole Catholic Church are close to you."

Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit comes to St. Joseph Parish

LaGRANGE — A Host fell onto a cloth below the communicant's mouth during Easter Mass in 1331 in the French town of Blanot. When the priest attempted to pick it up, he found that it had transformed into blood, making a stain the same size as the Host.

At the Basilica of San Fresco in Siena, Italy, 223 consecrated Hosts have remained intact for 276 years.

These are but two of 126 eucharistic miracles through the ages that are part of a unique exhibition — The Vatican International Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World. The exhibition is traveling to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and will be on display at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange. The exhibition will open Oct. 3 following the 5 p.m. Mass with Bishop John M. D'Arcy, and will run through Oct. 10.

The exhibit features 140 panels to describe the 126 miracles presented from around the world with maps, photos and text about each miracle and has visited more than a thousand parishes in Italy and recently began to travel through the United States. This is the exhibition's first appearance in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The exhibition will be open until 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3, and from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Saturday, Oct. 10. Groups are encouraged to visit the exhibition, but are requested to contact the parish office to set a day and time to avoid congestion in the exhibit space. School groups are also invited to attend the exhibit through the week.

The exhibition is free, though donations to the Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association, which is promoting the exhibition in the U.S., will be accepted.

For more information about the exhibition in LaGrange, contact St. Joseph Parish at (260) 463-3472. The church is located one mile east of LaGrange on U.S. 20. Information on the exhibit and the miracles included can be found at www.therealpresence.org.

Allen County Right to Life holds memorial

FORT WAYNE — The 17th annual memorial service commemorating the deaths of the 532 babies killed this year in Fort Wayne by abortion will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. at the Catholic Cemetery located at 3500 Lake Ave.

The service remembers the little boys and girls aborted in Fort Wayne at the Women's Health Organization between Sept. 1 2008 and Aug. 31, 2009.

This non-denominational service gives all a chance to pause and reflect on the tragedies caused by abortion in this country. All are invited to attend.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

JESUS CARVING INSPIRES MANY



PHOTO PROVIDED BY TOM AND BARB FEDERSPIEL

Father Tom Shoemaker of St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne, blessed a carving of Jesus in the tree on Sept. 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The carving stands in St. Jude parishioners Tom and Barb Federspiel's yard and was crafted from a tree that had perished in the ice storm in only two days by Chris Trotter from Indianapolis, whom the Federspiels commissioned. John 3:16 is carved at Jesus' feet as a witness to all people of faith and the Federspiels welcome visitors to the inspiring carving at 2429 Lynn St., one block from Parkview Hospital and St. Jude Parish. Chris Trotter can be reached at woodenwonders@att.net.

Special events planned to celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis announces three special events to celebrate the patron saint of the university, St. Francis of Assisi. Sponsored by the Center for Franciscan Spirit and Life and USF Campus Ministry, all events are open to the public at no charge.

Transitus

Celebrate the Transitus on Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Chapel, Trinity Hall. St. Francis died on Oct. 3, 1226, and this uniquely Franciscan service incorporates readings, song and symbolic ritual to recall St. Francis' passing into heaven. Fellowship will follow in the Trinity Hall South Dining Room. Contact Sister Anita at aholzmer@sf.edu or (260) 399-7700, ext. 6705 for reservations.

All are welcome to attend an inspiring Mass on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 5 p.m. in the St. Francis Chapel, Trinity Hall. The students of the USF Music Ministry will animate the singing and enhance the worship. Readings from sacred Scripture and a faith-filled commentary on the saint's life and rele-

vance for the present day will be part of the service.

Blessing of pets

All pets and their owners are invited to receive a special blessing from the university chaplain, Father John Stecher on Sunday, Oct. 4, at approximately 6:15 p.m. in front of the St. Francis statue, near the Bass Mansion

Twenty-first Century Scholars program offered

The Twenty-first Century Scholars Program is Indiana's college tuition scholarship program. To be eligible for the program a student must: Be a resident of Indiana as an applicant and award recipient; be in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade at a school accredited or seeking accreditation through the Indiana Department of Education; meet income requirements or be in foster care.

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eligible Indiana college, university, vocational or proprietary school as a high school senior

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The scholars program began in 1990 as Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low to moderate income families. The program aims to ensure that all Indiana families can afford a post-secondary education for their children.

See your guidance counselor for an application or call the Twenty-first Century Scholars office in South Bend at (574) 289-7001 ext. 6807 or 6810. For Fort Wayne call (260) 481-4175. The toll free number is (888) 603-5981.

Knights of Columbus award scholarships

GRANGER — The Knights of Columbus, Father Steven T. Badin Council No. 4263 have awarded

academic scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year. Recipients are Joann Derbiszewski, Megan Garry, Amanda Lira, Michael Barnard, Juan Crespo and Gavin Provost. These scholarship awards were based on essays, quality of course work in high school, outside interests, extracurricular activities and volunteer work. Over \$29,000 in scholarships have been awarded to exemplary students by the Knights in the past five years.

USF hosts campus visit day

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host Fall Campus Visit Day on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to noon at North Campus, 2702 Spring St.

High school students and their parents, graduate students and adult returning students will have the opportunity to hear about the many academic programs offered, speak with faculty, learn about financial aid, talk with admissions and student services, find out about student activities, and take a campus tour.

For more information contact the Office of Admissions at (260) 399-8000, (800) 729-4732 or www.sf.edu/sf/admissions.

Victory Noll Center looks at the Gospel of John

HUNTINGTON — One of the most intriguing writers in the Bible will be the subject of the program "Reflections on the Spirituality of John's Gospel," a five-week course beginning Oct. 1 at Victory Noll Center.

Looking through the eyes of faith to ponder Jesus as the Living Word, the reader enters a different world. John shows how a deep interior life can be accompanied by a very acute awareness of what is going on around us. The simplicity of the fourth Gospel does not render it impersonal, but living and vibrant.

Leading the program is Sister Ruth Ellert of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. Sister Ruth received her masters in religious studies from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, and has trained catechists, directed RCIA programs and conducted retreats. She studied the Gospel of John with Father Raymond Brown.

The program will be held Thursdays in October from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Victory Noll Center, located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington. Dates for the program are Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 19.

The cost for the entire course is \$75 with a registration deadline of Sept. 25.

For more information on the program or about Victory Noll Center, contact Victory Noll Center Director Sue Wilhelm at (260) 356-0628, ext. 128 or by e-mail at suewilhelm@olvm.org.

Correction

Poms cakes baker Karen Robertson's e-mail is eightkids8@aol.com. She was featured in the Sept. 20 issue of *Today's Catholic*.



FATHER LEONARD COLLINS, CSC

Father Collins returns to roots

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — Father Leonard Collins says his ministry as a Holy Cross priest has come full circle. In serving the church and its people for more than 40 years, he has many ministries under his belt. And now he is returning to St. Augustine Catholic Church as parish priest, where he served as deacon in 1968.

Father Collins grew up an Irish Catholic in Boston. His journey to the priesthood began at the University of Notre Dame.

After graduation, he studied theology at Holy Cross College in Washington, D.C., and was ordained in 1969 as a Holy Cross priest at Sacred Heart Church at Notre Dame.

His ministry has carried him to New Orleans, where he worked at the City of St. Jude; to Texas, where he was a provincial of the Southern Province; and to Monterrey, Mexico, where he assisted at a parish of 40,000 and trained young men for the priesthood.

He believes this lifetime of experiences have prepared him to work at St. Augustine.

"When I worked in Washington, D.C., I watched the city burn after the death of Dr.

Martin Luther King Jr.," he said.

"We were not allowed to go back into the parish until things settled down. When I did go back, one of the young parishioners welcomed me back, but warned me to be careful. God was with me, and I made it through," he said.

He has enjoyed his life of daily prayer, reading of Scriptures, and love for God's people.

"I spend most of the week studying the daily Scriptures," he said, adding that it helps him in relating the church to people's lives.

"I want to explain the situation in the Scriptures and apply them to our daily lives," he said. "I try to remind the congregation that we are all human beings and people will be people. We are all brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ."

Father Collins enjoys reading in his spare time. Some of his favorite foods include, from Boston, fried clams; from New Orleans, crawfish etouffee; and, from the Midwest, steak and potatoes.

He'll be comfortable here, he said.

"I see returning to St. Augustine as returning to my roots," he said. "I started in the inner city and I'm back."

Forgiveness breakfast hosted by Dismas House

SOUTH BEND — The Second Annual Forgiveness Breakfast hosted by Dismas House will be held on Friday, Oct. 9, at 7:15 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The center is located on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. The special event is free and open to the public. Parking is available in the center's parking lot. The parking lot entrance is off Douglas Road.

The program will feature Dr. Carolyn Woo. She will be speaking on "Forgiveness: What does it mean in business and organizations?" Dr. Woo is the dean of Mendoza College of Business at Notre Dame. Father David Link will perform a forgiveness ceremony. Father Link is the director for religious and community activities for the Indiana Department of Correction and the former dean of Notre Dame's Law School.

A graduate of the Dismas House program will share her personal journey of incarceration, restoration and forgiveness. Dismas House is a prisoner reentry program for men and women. The Dismas House program provides housing, programs and services to returning offenders, so they can successfully reenter society as productive citizens.

To attend the event, please RSVP by Tuesday, Oct. 6, by calling the Dismas House Office (574) 233-8522 or e-mail: dismassouthbend@sbcglobal.net.

Saint Joseph's announces AP Scholar Awards

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's High School has announced the AP Scholar Awards. Nineteen Saint Joseph's students have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 17 percent of the more than one million high school students in almost 15,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Saint Joe has nine students who qualify for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award, earning an average grade of at least 3.5 out of a possible 5 points on all AP Exams taken and grades of three or higher on five or more of these exams. The scholars in this category include Yeojun Chun, Elexis Ellis, Michael Furdyna, Brigid Halloran, Brian Huang, Dohyun Kim, foreign exchange student; Charles Logue, Renula Mitra and Jeffrey Wei. Charles Logue is the only senior among the AP Scholars with Distinction, a remarkable perform-

ance for a junior.

Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Jason Jung and Angela Watkin. Jung and Watkin are both currently seniors at Saint Joseph's.

Also eight students earned the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. Included in this notable group are Thaddeus Asel, Brian Brinig, Matthew Goepfrich, Theodora Hannan, Hyeonsu Im, foreign exchange student; Donald MacDonnell, Madeline Makielski and Joseph Moon. Theodora Hannan, Donald MacDonnell and Joseph Moon are the current seniors among this group of scholars.

Elexis Ellis, Michael Furdyna and Brian Huang also achieved National AP Scholar status. National AP Scholar Awards are granted to students who receive an average grade of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. The average scores for these three Scholars ranged from 4.69 to 4.78.

Little Flower inaugurates Sunday evening Mass

SOUTH BEND — Little Flower Catholic Church will inaugurate an 8 p.m. Sunday Mass beginning Sept. 27 to better serve the increasing number of students living nearby.

A number of apartment complexes catering to Notre Dame students have opened in the last year adjacent to or within walking distance of the church, which is at 54191 N. Ironwood Dr. They include Legacy Village, Irish Row and Irish Crossing, which join nearby Clover Ridge, Clover Village and Stadium Club in housing several hundred students.

Holy Cross Father Neil Ryan, pastor of Little Flower, hosted a barbecue for off-campus students on Sept. 7 and determined there was considerable interest.

"Off-campus students living east of the campus are actually closer to Little Flower than to the basilica or their former dorms," Ryan said. "The parish staff and parishioners are looking forward to caring for the spiritual needs of these neighbors."

Sunday night dorm Masses are a tradition on the Notre Dame campus, attracting approximately 75 percent of hall residents. Little Flower hopes to encourage a continuation of that practice among off-campus students. The 8 p.m. Little Flower Mass would also give students a choice between that time and the dorm masses, which begin later in the evening.

Little Flower Catholic Church was founded in 1937 when Notre Dame seminarians, Ted Hesburgh and Pat Payton were looking for the plow horse, Jack, that had wandered away from Moreau Seminary. They discovered that residents of the neighborhood considered themselves too poor to set

foot in what was then Sacred Heart Church (now Sacred Heart Basilica) on campus. Hesburgh went on to become a Holy Cross priest and president of Notre Dame.

Other Masses at Little Flower are Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., at which students would also be welcome, Father Ryan said. Reconciliation is at 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment.

USF plans production of 'All Shook Up'

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts of the University of Saint Francis has announced the fall production of "All Shook Up," a jukebox musical featuring the music of the classic rock star Elvis Presley from the book by Joe DiPietro.

The story, based on the plot of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," takes place in 1955, somewhere in middle America, where one girl's dream and a surprise visit from a mysterious leather-jacketed, guitar-playing stranger help a small town to discover the magic of romance and the power of rock and roll. The loopy tale of mismatched lovers in a Midwest burg incorporates classics that range from sweet romantic ballads such as "Love Me Tender" to the rollicking "Devil in Disguise" and the hip-swiveling title song.

Performances will be held at North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St., Nov. 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 8 and 15 at 2 p.m.

Admission for the public is \$10. Tickets are half price for those who bring a bag of nonperishable food in support of USF Feeds the Fort. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time for general seating.

For more information contact (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001.

Line dropped in Hahn interview

The following piece of the Scott Hahn question-answer story in the Sept. 20, 2009 issue of *Today's Catholic* inadvertently dropped a line at the end of the story. The following question-answer is run in full:

Today's Catholic: What would you consider the best way of reaching fallen away Catholics and encouraging them to come back to their faith? What would you tell them?

Hahn: Welcome them home. Look at the church, you've got questions, everybody does. The church is a home, it's a family, it's not just a denomination, and it's not just an institution. God is the father, the Son is son and they pour out their spirit to make us one in terms of sons and daughters. So please come back and visit us.

But I will also tell you this, if you reach out to fallen away Catholics or non-Catholics, make sure you are enjoying the faith because a joyless Catholic on one level is a contradiction, and on another level it's not uncommon. And there is nothing on earth that we should enjoy more than this life that takes us to heaven and enables us to share in heaven.



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Deacon Andrew Budzinski, from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, assists Bishop Conlon of Steubenville with the incensing of the altar during the Installation Mass for the Josephinum's new rector, Father James Wehner.

PROVIDED BY PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

New rector installed at Pontifical College Josephinum

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A whirlwind of festivities initiated the Pontifical College Josephinum's 127th year of educating future priests for the Catholic Church. Under the leadership of its new rector-president, Father James A. Wehner, STD, the 2009-2010 year of formation began with more than 120 seminarians representing 24 national and international dioceses, including six seminarians from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend: Deacon Andrew Budzinski, Matthew Coonan, Terrence Coonan, Royce Gregerson, Jacob Meyer and Benjamin Muhlenkamp.

A Mass of the Holy Spirit was held on Sunday, Aug. 30 — the first community Mass celebrated by Father Wehner, who was joined at the altar by members of the priest-faculty.

On Sept. 9, Father Wehner was inaugurated as the seminary's 15th rector-president. The principal celebrant of the installation Mass was Bishop R. Daniel Conlon of Steubenville and chair of the Josephinum's board of trustees. Concelebrating were Vice Chancellor of the Josephinum Bishop Frederick Campbell of Columbus, Bishop

Roger Foys of Covington, and many priests of the Diocese of Columbus.

In his remarks to the seminarians following his installation, Father Wehner noted, "I am very humbled that the church has asked me to lead such a wonderful seminary community. I promise that I will do everything possible to provide you with the best qualified priestly formation program, so that those of you who are called to the priesthood can stand before God on the day of your ordination and know that the Josephinum gave you its best."

Father Wehner was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Pittsburgh in 1995. He earned the STB, STL and STD degrees from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. During his service in the diocese, Father Wehner served as rector of Saint Paul Seminary and held many other administrative positions. His appointment to the Josephinum by the Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome was announced on May 14, 2009; Father Wehner assumed leadership of the Josephinum on July 1.

Cochran family, Bishop Dwenger, provide family atmosphere for Korean exchange student

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

COLUMBIA CITY — The Cochran family of Columbia City are the recipients of the 2008-2009 Academic Year in America's Host Family of the Year award.

The Joe and Dot Cochran family hosted a Korean exchange student, Minjung, for 10 months. After the exchange, Minjung wrote an essay praising the family for her excellent experience. Hers was chosen among 2,000 nominations in the country by the organization Academic Year in America.

Being a host family, however, was not always at the forefront of their minds. It was through the initiative of their daughter Betsy, who submitted their name to the organization that this came to fruition.

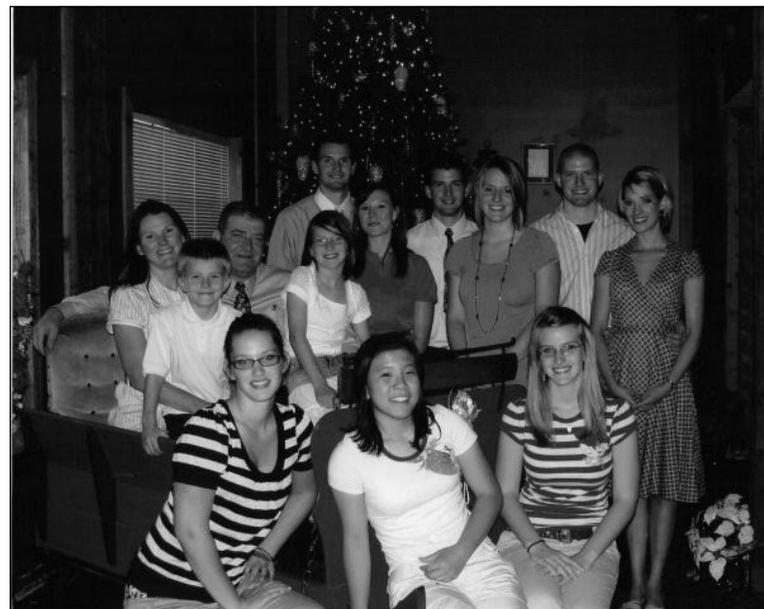
A chain of events escalated when Bishop Dwenger Assistant Principal Jason Schiffli called to ask the family if they would host a student. After some discussion, the family decided to pursue it.

"We did it for (the children)," Joe said.

The family was chosen in particular because of their size. With eight children, there is never a dull moment in the Cochran household.

Minjung, coming from a small family, wanted to experience a different lifestyle, so she was drawn to the Cochran's profile.

Minjung, 15, easily assimilated into American culture through the help of the family. She made the most of her experience at Bishop Dwenger as a stellar student and show choir member.



PROVIDED BY JOE AND DOT COCHRAN

Minjung, a Korean exchange student, is shown in the front row, center, with the Joe and Dot Cochran family. The Cochran family of Columbia City are the recipients of the 2008-2009 Academic Year in America's Host Family of the Year award.

American high school was "an entirely new world to her," Joe noted, but the Dwenger community welcomed her with open arms.

Her home life was no different. Joe said he was conscious about making her feel like any other family member, rather than a guest in someone's home, for better or for worse. This meant Minjung had her share of responsibility, doing chores and being disciplined as well.

"She really became an active part of the family," Joe reflected.

It's clear from Minjung the feeling is mutual:

"The Cochran family treated me like one of their own," Minjung said in her nomination

letter. "It was really easy to join their family. They've made me feel comfortable in their family."

One thing the Cochrans miss the most about Minjung is her cooking skills. She would often cook traditional Korean food. One time she prepared a four-course meal for her youth group. In addition to cooking, Minjung was passionate about her faith. Joe said she loved her religion and excelled in the theology courses at Dwenger.

Despite the cultural differences, Joe contends Minjung shares a lot of similarities with her American peers.

"She was really nothing different than an (ordinary) 15-year-old girl," he said.

In hindsight Joe and Dot have some advice for would-be host families:

"You have to have a lot of patience," Dot cautioned.

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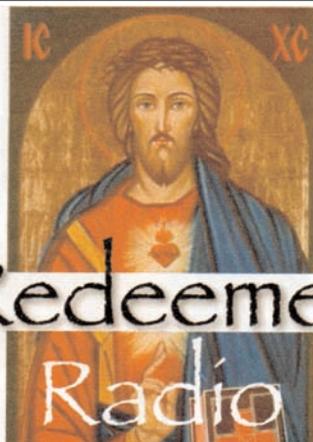
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Cathy Williams — grandmother and parent to her grandchildren

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — Terri Ann, the fifth of five children and only girl, was affectionately known as “the brat” in the Williams family. Known for her mischievous ways as a youth, she often tested her mother Cathy Williams’ patience. But later as a young adult, Terri Ann would carry a new label; the child who never gave up her faith in her battle with cancer. And Williams’ status would later change from grandmother to “parent” of her grandchildren Issabella and Brandon.

Terri Ann first went to the doctor because she had hurt her knee. She underwent an MRI and discovered that she had cancerous lesions throughout her body. The cancer originated in the breast, but there were no lumps when it was discovered.

“The day we went to the oncologist was that day I realized how strong this little “brat” really was,” Williams recalls.

The oncologist told Terri Ann it had metastasized in many areas of her body. During the next two and half years Williams remembers that the nurses and other patients were always amazed with Terri Ann’s ability to remain positive through her pain and trials. “They called her sunshine, because she always smiled,” says Williams.

A later MRI discovered six brain tumors. Although radiation removed 80 percent of the tumors, the doctors could not remove the tumor in the frontal lobe. At this point Terri chose hospice care at home and died on Aug. 28, 2007 at age 38.

Williams remembers the initial loss of her daughter and the responsibility of raising her grandchildren leaving her overwhelmed. “I put my life in God’s hands. If I hadn’t had my faith, I wouldn’t



KAREN CLIFFORD

Cathy Williams, left, and her two grandchildren Issabella and Brandon, share many fun stories about their times together the past few years.

have got past day one,” she stresses.

The clergy at Queen of Peace Parish were a vital part of Williams, Issabella, and Brandon’s emotional recovery. Father Richard Hire baptized Issabella during the period when Terri was fighting cancer.

“It was the most beautiful day, even though it was snowy outside. Terri Ann struggled to stand up to be a part of the ceremony,” says Williams. “Issabella was a little frightened when she got to the font, but Terri reassured her and Father Hire proceeded,” she adds.

Shortly before Terri Ann died, Father Dan Scheidt was appointed as the new pastor of Queen of Peace and later officiated at her funeral. Williams, Brandon and Issabella remember a Sunday homily where Father Scheidt talked about the importance of community in strengthening the church and its parishioners. “I think of Father Dan as an uncle,” says Brandon.

During the past two years fol-

lowing Terri Ann’s death, Williams has kept her memory alive through activities with Issabella and Brandon. In preparation for Issabella’s first Communion, each child was asked to make a banner.

“Grandma and I decided we should put mom on there, so others could see how much I loved my mom. We put a sun on there so that we could have sunshine (her mother’s nickname from the nurses),” Issabella remembers.

Williams adds, “It was a beautiful banner. In addition to the sun, the banner had a picture of a girl and her mother with angel wings.”

Terri Ann’s fearless spirit was kept alive in Brandon’s sixth-grade science project at Osolo Elementary School in Elkhart. Brandon tested a large and small sled on a snow covered hill using a small and large person on both sleds. His hypothesis was the large sled carrying the large person would go down the hill the fastest. Williams used a stop watch to keep track of how many seconds it took Brandon and Issabella to go down the hills on each sled.

“Now mind you, it was 10 degrees below zero outside and the wind was blowing, but we were having the time of our lives!” she laughs.

Brandon relishes the memory of getting his grandmother down the ice covered hill to do the sled time trials. “The ice was so bad that I had to have Grandma ride down the hill with me to get her to the bottom. And she was holding on for dear life!”

In the end, Brandon’s original hypothesis proved wrong; the smaller person on the large sled went the fastest down the hill. But all of their efforts paid off as Brandon was awarded first place in the school science fair.

Williams’ advice to someone going through a challenging life experience is to look inside your heart and know you are not alone. “Smile more and take a few minutes out of your day and ask for God’s help.”

Ugandan cathedral roof funded in part by overseas mission endowment

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Robert Miihirwa of Fort Portal, Uganda, may shepherd his diocese half a world away, but he is very familiar with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

As Father Miihirwa, he has made the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend his mission and served at St. Jude, Fort Wayne, St. Jude, South Bend, and St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend when he was a graduate student of theology at the University of Notre Dame and during the summers when he was a graduate student at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. As Bishop Miihirwa, he continues to send mission priests to serve in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

On Sept. 15, Bishop Miihirwa met with Bishop John M. D’Arcy, who presented to the Ugandan bishop a final check to cover a portion of construction costs of the Fort Portal Virika Cathedral roof.

A large portion of the \$34,000 total donation came from the Zeiger endowment fund, established by a St. Dominic, Bremen, couple who left some money in their estate for the bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to distribute to foreign mission overseas.

“Of course, we’re the mission now, and he’s the missionary,” Bishop D’Arcy noted. “Things have changed. He’s sending us priests.”

Bishop Miihirwa has sent Father Benedict Kakwezi, who currently serves at St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur and Father

Thadeus Balinda who is the pastor at St. Mary of the Lake, Culver, and the chaplain at Culver Academy.

The Zeiger endowment committee that awards the money consists of the St. Dominic pastor, Father Polycarp Fernando; Bremen attorney Mark Wagner; Joe Ryan, the diocesan chief financial officer; and Bishop D’Arcy. The committee scrutinizes any monetary requests for over \$1,000. From the Zeiger fund, a sum was also recently given to Archbishop Michael Blume, papal nuncio of Benin and Togo and a native of Our Lady of Hungary Parish, South Bend.

This cathedral in Fort Portal has its origins with Holy Cross Father Vincent Joseph McCauley, who became the first bishop of the diocese. Father McCauley is from the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross and his case for canonization has been introduced making him a Servant of God. He is “very revered in Uganda,” Bishop D’Arcy said.

Bishop Miihirwa noted Father McCauley served as bishop and as the general secretary for the Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa (AMECEA) for 10 years.

“He was the first Holy Cross who came to East Africa,” noted Bishop Miihirwa, “and he was the first bishop of the Fort Portal Diocese. He came in 1958 and in 1961 was appointed by the Holy Father to be the first bishop of Fort Portal.”

At the check presentation, Bishop Miihirwa presented a photo of the Virika Cathedral, which will be displayed in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.



TIM JOHNSON

Bishop John M. D’Arcy presents a check to Bishop Robert Miihirwa of Fort Portal, Uganda, at the Fort Wayne chancery Sept. 15. A portion of funds from the Zeiger endowment was used to pay for costs of the roof construction to the Vikara Cathedral in Fort Portal. Part of the Zeiger endowment is utilized for overseas mission activity.

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BUSINESS, ETHICS & NETWORKING

Catholics are called to work in the secular world
“from within, as a leaven” and especially through lives
that are “resplendent in faith, hope and charity”

Fort Wayne Catholic business network provides support for business owners

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — Ponzi schemes and rampant corporate corruption beg the question: what happened to business ethics?

One local organization has attempted to revive morals in the workplace.

“It is the goal of the Catholic Business Network (Cathlink) to create an environment of spiritual growth and to encourage men and women to develop as business entrepreneurs,” according to its founder Sunni Ayelle. Furthermore, the organization serves as a foundation for Catholic business owners in Indianapolis and Fort Wayne.

Ayelle founded the organization in February in response to the negative events surrounding corrupt business practices. “Whenever I turned on the news, all I heard was the corruption going on in businesses,” he said. “I really feel we can make a difference by putting our faith into what we do every day and not just leave it to something we only do on Sundays,” he reflected.

Put simply, Cathlink allows Catholics to put their faith in action. Networking events provide opportunities to connect with local business owners for the purpose of exchanging business advice, making referrals and developing genuine relationships.

CathLink events attract anywhere between 30 and 50 people. Ayelle noted that an event attended by Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry as the guest speaker drew more than 70 people. And these people come from all walks of life and industries — roof repair, print and copy, financial, quilt restoration, marketing, insurance.

Ayelle likes to think of Cathlink as a “Facebook for Catholic businesses.”

“So for an example, say you needed the

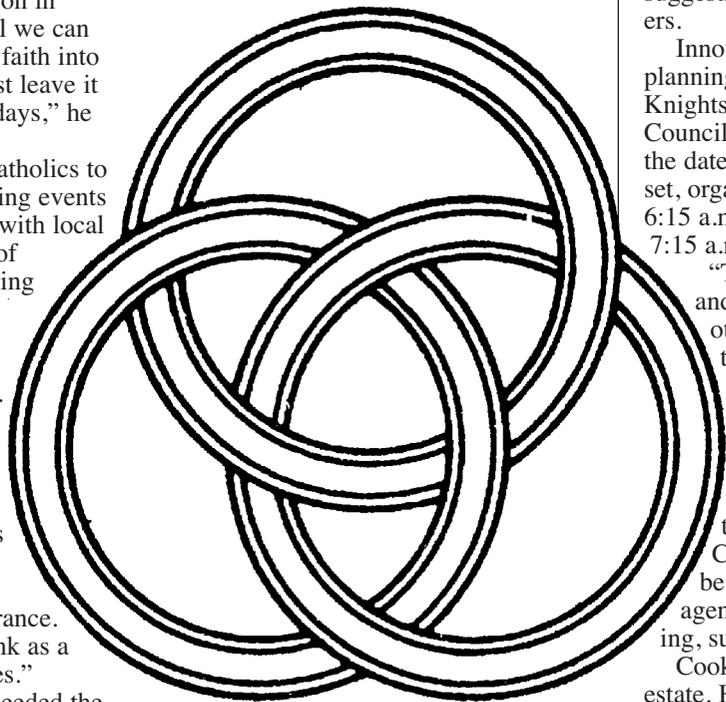
roof done on your house and did not want to just call a random business,” he said. “To help support those Catholic businesses you would contact them via our Web site.”

Registration can be done through the Web site, www.cathlink.com.

The organization meets at 7:30 a.m. the first Friday of the month in the Chamber of Commerce building, 826 Ewing St. in Fort Wayne. The meetings open with a Mass, then is followed by a fresh breakfast, networking activity and faith-based message from a well-known guest speaker in the area.

Cathlink has a job search event planned from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, at Bishop Dwenger High School. The event is free to the public.

For more information about Cathlink, contact Sunni Ayelle, sunni@cathlink.com, or (866) 386-4129.



South Bend Innova group helps business people integrate Catholic values

BY JUDY BRADFORD

SOUTH BEND — Catholics are called to work in the secular world “from within, as a leaven” and especially through lives that are “resplendent in faith, hope and charity.”

The words of the 1964 church dogmatic constitution, “Lumen Gentium” (Light of the Nations) are beautifully crafted and can be practiced in the workplace as well as at home.

But often, business people struggle with integrating Catholic values into their work. They know the “why,” but they might not know the “how” when it comes to applying them.

To help with that, a group of Catholic businessmen from the South Bend area is forming a network to provide support and suggestions, and to bring in special speakers.

Innova, which is Latin for “renew,” is planning monthly breakfast meetings at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Santa Maria Council, 553 E. Washington St. Although the date for the first meeting has not been set, organizers know that there will be a 6:15 a.m. Mass, followed by breakfast at 7:15 a.m. and the speaker.

“There is a universal call to holiness, and we want to provide a forum for other people who are struggling with the same goal, and provide ways to help meet it,” said Pete Cook, an Innovo organizer.

Speakers will cover a wide range of topics, such as balancing work and family life, or give practical advice on business from a Catholic perspective. There will also be personal stories, and updates on agencies that carry out Catholic teaching, such as the Women’s Care Center. Cook, 39, works in commercial real estate. He and Trent Hillaert, who works in

insurance, have been talking about forming Innovo for the past year after meeting through a formational activity for Catholic men, in South Bend.

Cook is familiar with such networking from working in Washington, D.C., where he was involved in a similar group that invited speakers like U.S. Supreme Court justices and senators who came to speak on how they bring a Catholic perspective to their jobs. The group also invited experts on Catholic theology to speak.

The South Bend group will be similar, although the speakers might not be as high-profile as they were in the nation’s capital.

“We might have a speaker who says ‘Here’s what the Holy Father is saying about the connection between morality and the economy.’ But it’s not to encourage anyone to get into hot water with their employer,” Cook said.

Ultimately, it’s about the way Catholics live out their values, and the personal viewpoint they bring to the workplace.

“For example, if I have a baby or adopt a baby, there are a certain number of days that I would have off,” said Cook, who is the father of five children, three of whom are adopted. “A single guy doesn’t get that, warranted, but it’s the company recognizing the important of family time.”

The group is planning a yearly picnic event for families, and a Christmas dinner as well.

Ultimately, it’s about being the “leaven” and helping working men to sanctify their daily lives, Cook said.

“People might say ‘Gosh, why is this guy so happy all the time when he’s got all these kids!’ It’s about a personal viewpoint, and how to relate to others in the workplace.”

For additional information about Innovo, visit their Web site at www.innovamichiana.com, or call (888) 906-9898 or e-mail Pete Cook at pcook@usinspect.com.

SCORE makes points with local businesses

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — Small businesses in our diocese have a valuable resource available to them: business counseling by people who have a lifetime of experience in the business world. Any business with fewer than 500 employees is eligible to take advantage of this service, and it's all free.

SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business, is a volunteer organization of mostly retired business people, though a few members still are actively working. SCORE members have a variety of backgrounds, from manufacturing to banking, from accounting to retail, from engineering to advertising. It is this experience and diversity that make SCORE's services so valuable, for when an existing business, or a person who is considering starting a business, comes to SCORE for help, one or more counselors with the appropriate skills is assigned to work with that client.

John Peck has been one of those SCORE counselors for 14 years, following his retirement as a professor of economics at Indiana University at South Bend. Peck also served as director of IUSB's Bureau of Business and Economic Research and was the university's liaison to the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County.

"I've found SCORE tremendously rewarding," Peck said of his experience with SCORE, though that was not his initial reaction. When he was invited to join SCORE by a friend he had worked with at the Bendix Corporation, he wasn't sure he would be able to contribute. He had a master's degree in business administration and had worked in sales and as a contracts adminis-



ANN CAREY

Retired economics professor John Peck has continued to share his business expertise by volunteering with SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business.

trator before going back to the University of Notre Dame for his doctorate in economics. But his last 27 years in the working world had been spent in academia.

However, he soon found that his knowledge of the business world, economic trends, the local community and teaching all enabled him to be a very valuable counselor.

"There's a real teaching aspect to volunteering with SCORE," Peck said, noting that often his assignment is to work with someone who is interested in starting a business and then determine just what kind of expertise that person needs from SCORE.

Fred Schmiedeler, the SCORE counselor who invited Peck to

join the organization, said that "John's communicative skills, both verbal and written, along with his unassuming style make his clients quite receptive to his business suggestions."

Schmiedeler added that Peck has a gift for analyzing a company's business situation.

Peck presently is working with a man who has 15 years experience in a profession while working for someone else, and now wants to open his own business. And he and another SCORE counselor, a retired accountant, are counseling an existing business that is struggling in the present economy. The SCORE counselors are suggesting marketing techniques to attract more customers and advising on improved

bookkeeping practices that will make the financial picture clearer for the business.

In the bigger picture, Peck sees his role as helping the local community, which he knows so well through his work with IUSB's business bureau where he studied and reported on the area economy.

Peck believes SCORE is so valuable to the community because small businesses create about 70 percent of new jobs, but a high percentage of small businesses also fail in their first five years. He sees SCORE's mission as helping companies survive, as well as helping potential business owners discern whether or not to start or buy a business.

With about 30 counselors in

the South Bend area SCORE chapter, Peck said they usually are able to help clients who call or come into the office, and SCORE is always anxious to welcome new counselors to add to this bank of expertise.

In addition to being professionally rewarding and satisfying, Peck has found his 14 years with SCORE to be personally rewarding, too.

"I think it's important when someone retires to keep busy and keep your mind active, so volunteering with a great organization like SCORE is a great way to do that, so there's a reward that way," Peck said. "It's a very selfish or personal reward, but on the other hand, you're able to see where you've done good for other people, as well. There's certainly an element of giving back, sharing what you've learned over the years and passing that on to others who maybe can't afford professional services."

SCORE is also a pleasant way to keep socializing, Peck added. The SCORE counselors enjoy each other's company at their monthly meeting, or while working together with clients, or just running into one another at the SCORE office.

"I've made great friends," Peck added.

John Peck and his wife, Delores, are the parents of six children, 14 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. They have been active parishioners at Little Flower Parish in South Bend for 50 years.

SCORE, formerly known as the Service Corps of Retired Executives, is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration. South Bend SCORE can be reached at (574) 282-4350, Fort Wayne SCORE at (260) 422-2601 and Elkhart SCORE at (574) 293-1531.

ND professors, leaders relate Catholic social teaching, dignity of labor

The following letter, released for Labor Day, expresses the link between Catholic social teaching statements in support of the dignity of labor:

As Catholic leaders concerned about the pain that workers are experiencing during the present economic crisis in our nation, but especially in our local communities throughout St. Joseph County, we want to affirm the recent Catholic social teaching statements in support of the dignity of workers.

Pope Benedict XVI issued his third encyclical this summer, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), promoting the Catholic social tradition of tying the dignity of work to the dignity of the human person.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also recently addressed the need to support workers in the healthcare industry this summer in their statement, "Respecting the Just Rights of Workers." This Labor Day is an important historical moment to reflect on work as an expression of our dignity and our involvement in God's creation.

The Holy Father and the U.S. bishops emphasized four principles related to people's engagement with the economy as part of human development. First, the dignity of work is a fundamental good for humanity. Second, people need to come first by prioritizing labor over capital. Third, people have a right to work together through the right of association. Fourth, people's quality

of life depends on receiving a living wage.

Pope Benedict stated, "The repeated calls issued within the church's social doctrine, ... for the promotion of workers' associations that can defend their rights must therefore be honored today even more than in the past."

— No. 25

Pope Benedict XVI goes on to say, "... poverty results from a violation of the dignity of work."

— No. 63.

In our region, cuts in the workforce and the lack of living wage jobs have accelerated the double digits rate of poverty in our area, especially among children. Together we can act to improve the quality of life for workers in our communities. There exist no simple solutions.

The social doctrine put forth in "Caritas in Veritate" addresses multiple approaches to lifting humanity out of poverty. Among the conditions needed to allow for "decent work," the Holy Father emphasizes, "Work that permits the workers to organize themselves freely, and to make their voices heard." He emphasizes that the economic security of all depends on the economic security of workers. This insecurity has been aggravated by the weakening of unions.

In conclusion, each of us is endowed by God with particular gifts and talents. We need to recognize our gifts and contribute to the needs of the greater society. Work is a vital activity that allows each of us to contribute to the broader community.

This Labor Day we affirm the dignity of work and the guiding points in Catholic social teaching that assist us in acting upon this belief. We ask that our Lord, Jesus Christ, who himself was a carpenter, gives us the strength and courage to live charity in truth.

Joe Carbone,
St. Joe Valley Project-Jobs with Justice

Dan Graff,
associate director, Higgins Labor Studies Program and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, University of Notre Dame

Bill Purcell,
associate director, Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame

EDITORIAL

What ever happened to civility, manners?

When George Washington was a schoolboy in Virginia, he copied, by hand, 110 "Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation," which were based on a 16th century set of precepts compiled for young gentlemen by Jesuit instructors. The rules were expounded upon and included in a book, "Rules of Civility: The 110 Precepts That Guided Our First President in War and Peace," written by historian Richard Brookhiser.

Most of the rules detail etiquette, but as Brookhiser was quoted by National Public Radio and in his book, "They seek to form the inner man (or boy) by shaping the outer." So let us look at some of President Washington's rules and see if these rules could be fine-tuned to our lives.

No. 52. In your apparel be modest and endeavor to accommodate nature, rather than to procure admiration; keep to the fashion of your equals, such as are civil and orderly with respect to time and places.

Too often, modesty is an issue with the clothes worn for various occasions, especially in summer. What happened to dressing up to attend a play or dine with friends? Some can even be seen wearing shorts and a tank top to the solemn occasion of a funeral. Also, consider what was once called "Sunday best" clothes that have now been reconfigured as jeans, T-shirt, flip-flops, shorts and tank tops at Sunday Mass. If you were invited to a banquet to the White House, would that be appropriate attire? Well, how much greater is our Lord? We, as Catholics, can take back the "old fashioned" sentiment of appropriate dress and model that to secular culture.

No. 74. When another speaks, be attentive yourself and disturb not the audience. If any hesitate in his words, help him not nor prompt him without desired. Interrupt him not, nor answer him till his speech be ended.

That is a rule South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson probably wishes he reviewed before he blurted out, "you lie," when President Barack Obama addressed the joint houses of Congress on Sept. 9. Rep. Wilson apologized to the president afterwards and noted on television news programs he advocates civility. But the Congressman's interruption has called for admonishment from some of his Democratic congressional peers and raised controversy on the media airwaves.

And rap music performer and producer Kanye West interrupted and stole singer Taylor Swift's moment of glory on the MTV Awards. He too has apologized to Swift, and Swift has responded graciously. Shock and brashness is quickly becoming the norm, especially in front of the entire nation on the airwaves.

But it's not just the airwaves. Look at comments on e-mails, blogs, YouTube or Web sites that ask for reader feedback, and it quickly becomes obvious that good taste and those who offer a differing opinion often lack a dignified method or appropriate response. The lack of civility is astonishing.

The information age has led us to a sense of immediacy. But with that sense of immediacy, one quickly can say things in a rough tone. The sage advice of our parents, "Watch your tone," is most appropriate, as is "think before you speak."

No. 108. When you speak of God or his attributes, let it be seriously and with reverence. ...

The use of God's name in vain is so prevalent that most people have become calloused. The Showtime talk show, "Penn and Teller Show" recently scoffed at the Catholic Church and belief in God. Though in this great country all opinions are welcomed, where has the reciprocated respect for each opinion gone? We, as followers of Christ have the opportunity — the obligation — to foster respect for God, self and others within our own communities and family circles by filtering our language and listening with respect.

And the final precept — No. 110. Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience. As a culture our celestial fire has begun to dim. But the faithful are continually called to love others as we love ourselves. That takes a conscious effort to guard our behavior for the good of others. Our collective conscience is calling us back to morality and civility. It takes discipline and teaching. We all have a choice.

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Grateful for diocesan priests

I'm thinking about the cross today. We celebrated the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at Mass. Once again I am struck by the gesture — Father Tim, outstretched arms, leads the Eucharistic Prayer. This is an invitation for the Holy Spirit to visit our table — his table. It is also an image of Christ on the cross. We are the cross our priests carry. They sacrifice much for us. I want to say thank you. I don't know how. I think about it all day. And now I write.

Thank you Father Tim for introducing me to Christ. I never knew him so well before. And Father Adam, I am trying to learn your humble and gentle ways. Father Daryl, you inspire me. Father John you always remember the joy of the good news. Father Tom, thank you for welcoming me and Father Bill you always reminded me that alleluia should be my song. There's more of you, a tremendous fellowship of shepherds who lead the way for us by following the way of Christ, by following the way of the cross.

In this Year for Priests, take a moment to thank at least one of the priests who has been there for you. And, if you feel called to it, offer some of your gifts of time and talent to the great work of parish life. It's a beautiful way to say "thank you."

Mary Quigley
Fort Wayne

Outraged at archbishops' opinions

Retired Archbishop John's Quinn's criticism in the Sept. 13 *Today's Catholic* of Bishop D'Arcy is disturbing. Let us substitute the word "holocaust" or anti-semitism for the word "abortion" and replay Archbishop Quinn's statement: "A strategy of condemnation, 'that sanctions Hitler and other Nazis officials, because of their anti-semitism, undermines the church's transcendent role in the German political order.'"

When American society finally comes to its senses, abortion will be recognized as today's holocaust. American bishops need not fear history will accuse them of "doing too much for the unborn."

The conferring of Notre Dame University's highest honorary degree on President Obama, who is delivering on his promises to wage an all out attack on the unborn, was an insult to the millions of Catholics, and non-Catholics alike, who have been struggling for decades with the hope of changing the hearts and minds of scared pregnant women, the public, the legislators and our presidents, so that unborn babies, created in the image and likeness of God can have a chance at the pursuit of liberty

and happiness that our Constitution is supposed to guarantee.

St. Paul in 1 Cor. 4: 9-10 states, "As I see it, God has put us apostles at the end of the line, like men doomed to die in the arena. We have become a spectacle to the universe, to angels and men alike. We are fools on Christ's account. Ah, but in Christ you are wise!"

Bishop John D'Arcy has been placed in the arena. Retired Archbishop Quinn and Archbishop Sheehan appear to be publicly interfering with and second guessing the judgment and teaching authority of another bishop. We should be outraged!

John T. Curran,
Rome City

Reader's son witnesses faith

Hello my name is Jacob Bennett. My family and I have been active readers of *Today's Catholic* for about four years now, reading every new issue at dinner. My son Jake is nine and loves the insightful write-ins from other beloved readers like us.

He actually came to me the other day and said that he would love to be able to show his feelings in a letter to *Today's Catholic*. After a few days of work, Jake came out with a letter that he is very proud of, thank you for your time.

There are many reasons why I love the Catholic Church, one being that Jesus suffered and died for our sins to be forgiven. I also love that I can be open and rejoice my faith. I tried showing my love for Jesus by writing this poem:

Jesus you died to save my soul,
because of you my life is whole,
Although I might succumb to sin,
I know through you I'll be forgiven,
You keep me on my righteous path,
away from evil and Satan's wrath,
I worship you every day,
Go to church and pray, pray, pray.
Jake Bennett

Reader commends Bishop D'Arcy

If the U.S. Bishops, as Archbishop Sheehan states, "don't want to isolate ourselves from the rest of America by our strong views on abortion and the other things..." please tell me what then is Archbishop Sheehan's job and why should I remain Catholic? Archbishop Sheehan sadly has not been among the "rank and file" Catholics in the trenches fighting the good fight against abortion and "other things." If the USCCB won't condemn public officials who lead souls into the dark, then we have no other option but to condemn the USCCB. Bishop John M. D'Arcy set the example of a true shepherd, praise God!

Eileen Wilkerson
Bristol

Moderation not the answer

A leader who softens his stance on his basic beliefs has a better chance of achieving a favorable hearing from those who hold other views. The problem is that in softening his stance, he is sending a message to his followers that our beliefs do not have to be rigidly held — "Relax," they are saying, "and don't be so rigid." By doing so you can gain some political capital and a bargaining position. The danger is that you may become more like the one you are trying to influence than vice versa.

Those martyrs in the Old Testament who would rather die than eat meat sacrificed to idols, could live longer if they decided to eat the meat so they could debate the issue.

The pope is cited as an example of moderation. He might receive and talk to many with whom he disagrees, but does not confer honors upon them. He gave instructions that universities were not to give honors to pro-abortion politicians.

Paul Reszel
Fort Wayne

Bishop is astute

I would like to commend Bishop John M. D'Arcy on his recent reflection on the Notre Dame-Obama controversy. His thoughts were astute and welcomed.

I believe Notre Dame, one of America's great universities, will do the right thing. I'm pretty sure that when Christ returns again, the university will extend an invitation to him to be a commencement speaker, and more than likely, also confer an honorary doctorate.

John M. Jaffe, Sr.
Indianapolis, Ind.

Honored to be in minority

In response to Archbishop Sheehan's comments in the article appearing in *Today's Catholic* of Sept. 13 by Nancy O'Brien, I would like to say this. If, as Archbishop Sheehan was quoted as saying, the "majority" of Catholics agree with him in regards to "... not pulling back (from society) because of a single issue (abortion), or that "... we don't want to isolate ourselves from the rest of America by our strong views on abortion or other things," then never have I been happier to be a part of the minority of Catholics in this country. And comparing those of us who think differently, to the Amish, I say God bless them and their courage to stand up for their beliefs and reject as much as they can the things that threaten their faith. If only we Catholics had that strength. May God help us find it.

William W. Learned, Jr.
Auburn

The ethics of 'correcting' mitochondrial disease

Mitochondria are small, elongated structures in a cell that produce energy. These "cellular batteries" contain their own small piece of DNA, separate from the rest of the cell's DNA found in the nucleus.

When defects or mutations occur in this mitochondrial DNA it can result in a number of diseases. In severe cases, children can be born blind, epileptic, unable to crawl and may manifest severe neurological delay and die at an early age. No real therapies exist for most mitochondrial diseases beyond treating the symptoms.

Scientists in Oregon, however, recently announced a technique to "swap out" defective mitochondria in an egg cell by using healthy mitochondria from another egg. The technique loosely resembles cloning, since it involves transferring the nucleus from the defective egg into a non-defective egg that has had its own nucleus removed.

This newly "reconstructed" egg will then contain mitochondria only from the new egg cell, leaving behind any defective mitochondria from the original cell. The reconstructed egg can then be fertilized with sperm by in vitro fertilization (IVF) to create an embryo that is free of mitochondrial mutations or defects.

Mitochondrial swapping, followed by IVF, has been successfully performed in the laboratory using monkey eggs, and several disease-free monkeys have already been born. Scientists speculate that women may soon be able to use the method to avoid passing mitochondrial disorders to their children. Using the technique in humans, however, would raise at least two serious ethical objections.

The first objection is that it would encourage IVF as a means of producing new human life. Although this way of engendering



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new human life has become commonplace in our society, it remains an inherently unethical approach to human reproduction. IVF not only sanctions the manipulation, freezing and destruction of human embryos, but also violates the inner meaning of human procreation by reducing it to an act of manufacture or production.

To put it simply, our children have the right to be procreated, not produced. They have the right to come into the world in the person-

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Grace comes after commitment to God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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26th Sunday Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The Book of Numbers is the source of the first reading for this weekend. Numbers is the fourth book in the sequence of the Bible as the Bible now appears. It is therefore the fourth book in the series of five books called the "Pentateuch," borrowing its name from the Greek word for "five." These five books also are called in Hebrew the "Torah."

The Pentateuch, including Numbers, concentrates upon the Hebrew people's long and difficult trek across the Sinai Peninsula in search of the Promised Land. Moses led the people in this demanding journey.

In the incident told in this reading, God inspired not only Moses but 70 elders, or wise and experienced men among the people. Then, two other men came onto the scene. They had not been among the seventy. Yet God's spirit also inspired them. They too began to prophesy.

How could anyone outside Moses and the 70 elders presume to speak with God's authority? Moses refused to silence these two men.

This weekend's second reading is from the Epistle of James. James is a relatively common name in the New Testament. Several important men involved in

the foundation of Christianity had this name. One was the presumed foster brother of Jesus, a son from an earlier marriage of Joseph, or another close relative. (Jesus had no blood siblings.)

As is usual in the New Testament, the identity of the author is not given in any detail. The writings are not about the authors, but instead they are about Jesus.

This reading frankly reminds us of the impermanence and, in the end, the uselessness of material things.

It further reminds us that the lure of material things can become nothing less deadly than a rapidly progressing cancer if we succumb to it.

Mark's Gospel furnishes the last reading. John, an apostle, approaches Jesus with the news that strangers are expelling demons, invoking the name of Jesus as their authority. Are they authentic? Must they not be halted?

Jesus then says that anyone who truly believes in what Jesus is preaching, and therefore believes in Jesus, must be accepted.

The Lord then continues. His disciples must give water to the thirsty because they belong to Christ. Otherwise, it is a matter of leading the innocent astray, and dreadful punishments await those who lead the innocent astray.

Reflection

Always in reading the Gospels, it is important to realize that these four great fundamental documents of Christianity came not from the actual time of Jesus, but from the Christian community as it existed several decades after Jesus.

When the Gospels were written, years after Jesus, this Christian

community, now called the church, had formed. It hardly was as organized as it later became or as large as it was to be. But, it definitely had formed.

In other words, there was an accumulation of people of like mind and faith. However, as is inevitable in human gatherings, some people tried to assert themselves over others.

The Gospel this weekend calls us away from self-interest and struggle. God empowers people to believe, to understand, and to love, by submitting to the divine will.

Without God, we are greatly impoverished. Divine grace is our wealth. Grace comes only after our total commitment to God. If we offer ourselves completely in faith, God's grace lavishly comes to us.

The messages about newcomers is not that God's call, to Moses or the apostles, only was incidental, and that others speak in God's name upon their own whim but with authority and knowledge nevertheless. Rather, it is a call to us to be humble and to trust not in ourselves but instead to put all trust in God.

READINGS

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8,10,12-14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:2, 16-23 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1-5, 8-9 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

This quiz takes a look at St. Bernard, hence this canine quiz.

1. This dog might be at home in a state with a concentration of Russian Orthodox Christians, the legacy of Russian imperialism:

- a. Affenpinscher
- b. Afghan Hound
- c. Alaskan Malamute

2. Papal documents were once referred to by part of this dog's name, as in "papal ___"

- a. Blue Label Akita
- b. Pit Bull Terrier
- c. the Aleut Encyclical Hound

3. This is not generally regarded as a domestic dog, but might be found in the background of the notorious church-themed novel, "The Thorn Birds":

- a. dingo
- b. coyote
- c. Borzoi

4. This dog might do well in a religious order where silence is the rule, as it is reputed to never bark:

- a. Basenji
- b. Toy Trappist terrier
- c. Yapping yodeler

5. While this dog may fit in with the hair style of Franciscans:

- a. The Tonsured Terrier
- b. Shaved Sheep dog
- c. Bearded Collie

6. This dog, or rather its name, might not be popular in Catholic Ireland:

- a. The Cromwell Coon
- b. English Water Hound
- c. Black and Tan Coonhound

7. This dog was not involved in a Chinese rebellion against Westerners and Christian missionaries, but his name is the same:

- a. The Chinese Chin
- b. Boxer
- c. Boykin Spaniel

8. This dog's name refers to a Stuart monarch, one of an unlucky list of Scottish-English sovereigns ultimately deposed for being too Catholic:

- a. The James Town Terrier
- b. Mac Gruff
- c. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

9. This dog, which may like fast food, hails from a Catholic country where the government has often been anti-church:

- a. The Polish Poodle
- b. Chihuahua
- c. Chinese Crested

10. This dog hails from the current pope's homeland:

- a. Dachshund
- b. Chinese Shar-Pei
- c. Dogue de Bordeaux

11. This answer is fairly black and white, and refers also to a coast where Catholics and Orthodox were often at odds in the former Yugoslavia:

- a. Serbian Terrier
- b. Dalmatian
- c. Bosnian Borzoi

12. This dog's name refers to a city where despite a visit by John Paul II, the church is kept on a tight leash:

- a. Pekinese
- b. Muscovite hound
- c. Havanese

13. This was the dog reputed to have helped St. Patrick gain passage to mainland Europe, after only he could calm them on the ship:

- a. Irish Setter
- b. Irish Terrier
- c. Irish Wolfhound

14. This dog's name is redolent with Book of Exodus references:

- a. Pharaoh Hound
- b. Red Sea Setter
- c. Ark hound

15. This dog originated in another state (like the Catholic Vatican) whose legitimate head of state has the title Holiness:

- a. Meccan Mastiff
- b. Tibetan Mastiff
- c. Utah Mastiff

ANSWERS:

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

Golden moments on the trampoline

Up and down, up and down. Bouncing, bouncing.

My wife Rose and I have been talking for a few years about getting a trampoline for our daughter, who will soon turn seven. We thought it would be a good way for Heather to work off some energy and enhance some coordination skills.

So when I found a bargain, we broke down and made the purchase. My efforts on Labor Day weekend included assembling the trampoline and the protective netting “cage” — a task in itself considering I am pretty mechanically-challenged. It makes me thankful that I’m an editor and did not have to follow the pursuits of Our Lord and his foster father, St. Joseph, in the field of carpentry.

That being said, what would take an hour or two to assemble, took me about six hours, so it seemed. At the end of the construction, my 6-year-old assistant and I were putting up the final

touches in the drizzle.

That night my bones ached, mostly from pulling the springs from the tarp to the frame.

Now the fun begins. It seems my little darling will only jump on the trampoline if I’m jumping with her.

So I’ve learned in the last few weeks, that jumping on a trampoline is one of the best workouts one could ask for. Trust me, it burns not just calories, but joints, ankles, hips, wrists, elbows and muscles that I didn’t know even existed.

There’s no rule that prohibits a 44-year-old dad from jumping on the trampoline. I’ve learned to limit my time on the trampoline to 15 minutes, or 300 jumps with rest periods between every set of 100.

It also gives me a few minutes each day to share with Heather and have some fun. Time flies and one day in the distant future she won’t want any part of jumping on the trampoline with the “old man”



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around. So, I’ll offer up those achy bones and sore muscles now and thank God for the present time I have with my daughter.

In a few weeks, weather will dictate disassembling the trampoline for winter storage in the shed. Until then, if you pass by and see a “geezer” out in the backyard playing with a kid, don’t think I lost my marbles, rather I found some golden moments.

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Opinions better left unsaid

The ability, or rather, the willingness to share an opinion whenever the mood strikes is either a biological inheritance or a learned trait, or perhaps a combination of both. I’m not really sure since I grew up in a house full of opinions that were freely shared.

And so that tendency was passed down to me, for better or for worse.

For better in the sense that it led to a career as a journalist, a columnist, an author — all of which have suited my career path well.

For worse whenever it becomes necessary to remove my foot from my mouth.

The spewing of opinions can be dangerous or, at the very least, embarrassing and undignified. I have learned this the hard way. It only takes one proclamation of a movie’s worthlessness to offend someone who thought it was the most touching piece of cinematography of all time. Like getting hit over the head with a mallet, it sometimes takes the obvious to recognize when an opinion should have been swallowed instead of served at a buffet for all to sample.

It seems that I still haven’t learned this lesson quite well enough. It was just a few short months ago that I met the fiancé of a friend/business associate who was to be married in the summer of ‘09. Young, or at least much younger than my middle age, she had the perfect wedding planned for her and her betrothed.

Having been married some 23 1/2 years, my image of a wedding and her image of a wedding were diametrically opposed. Her image, of course, was that it was the most important day of her life. My image, with nearly a quarter of a century of marriage under my belt, was that it was an important day, but there was certainly a better way to spend one’s money than to

dump it into an extravagant wedding when some of that would be better spent on a down payment on a house or anything more significant than a day that would come and go in a heartbeat.

I reached out for the words, but it was too late. They had escaped from my mouth, and I couldn’t get them back. I thought I was diplomatic and actually providing a bit of wisdom from my experiences. But the look on her face said otherwise. I closed my eyes, buried my head in my hand and cursed myself for yet another opinion gone awry.

It’s funny how we get an education to gather knowledge, to learn things we wouldn’t have otherwise known, and to arm ourselves with the equipment needed to be a success in life. We spend literally hundreds of thousands of dollars on an education and still come away dumber than a box of rocks.

All the knowledge in the world doesn’t help much without tact, good judgment, and a nod to what someone might find offensive or inappropriate. That’s not to say that we should go around always trying to say things to please people. There are those in our lives, particularly loved ones, who sometimes need to hear things that aren’t particularly pleasant but are for their own good.

Usually, our interactions with other people require a certain amount of finesse, a look at what that person’s perspective may be.

Our opinion often is not a matter of right or wrong, or knowledge over a lack of knowledge, but rather, perspective. No one can expect others to look at things exactly the way you do, any more than you can look at things the way that person does.

So I find myself prefacing comments I make these days with “in



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FROM THE SIDELINES

my opinion,” or “I can see why you would think that way.” After all, isn’t it much better to stop and consider someone else’s perspective rather than immediately judging or thinking the worst of that person?

I have an old friend who had acquaintances within all the various cliques in high school, and when we go to our reunions, he has something to talk about with everyone that returns.

So I complimented him on what a good listener he had always been, and asked him how he, who had come from a fairly affluent background, had mixed so well with so many different groups.

I’m paraphrasing his response, but it went something like this: “Because everyone has a different perspective, and I always thought I could learn something from them that I didn’t understand.”

What a beautiful way to look at other people, and what a great way to be more accepting of others’ opinions, whether they coincide with yours or not.

So I’m working on buttoning up some of those opinions, although I sometimes still bite my tongue a split second too late. Everyone is entitled to think whatever he or she wants to think ... in my opinion, of course.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for September 27, 2009

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: A lesson about those who teach the faith truly. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

TEACHER	DEMONS	MIGHTY
SPEAK	WATER	DRINK
REWARD	WHOEVER	LITTLE ONES
BE BETTER	GREAT	MILLSTONE
NECK	INTO THE SEA	YOUR HAND
MAIMED	TWO HANDS	ENTER
ONE EYE	WORM	QUENCHED

MILLSTONE

K N I R D N A H R U O Y
 L I T T L E O N E S N T
 W S N O M E D E T P E H
 O J O T J O T C A E E G
 R E V E O H W K W A Y I
 M I L L S T O N E K E M
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al, love-giving marital embrace of their parents, not in the cold and impersonal glass world of a test tube or petri dish. They have the right to be uniquely, exclusively and directly related to the mother and father who bring them into the world. IVF ignores all these rights of the child.

The second objection to mitochondrial swapping in humans is that it would introduce a rupture into parenthood, by creating children who inherit genetic material from three parents. While the mother and father would contribute the majority of their child’s DNA from their own egg and sperm, a small amount would come from a second woman donating healthy mitochondria from one of her eggs. In other words, the procedure dilutes parenthood by introducing another parent, another woman, into the procreation of the child.

In the mitochondrial swapping scheme, it is significant that not just the mitochondria are “swapped” but actually all the other structures of the cell come from the second woman’s egg as well (except for the nucleus and its chromosomes). In other words, one woman provides the DNA from her own chromosomes, while another woman provides everything else: all the other subcellular machinery of the egg, including the mitochondria. In summary, then, we are not actually “repairing” a defective egg, but constructing a new, alternative, and clearly different egg out of the contributions from two separate women. The final egg produced really

belongs to neither woman, so that the technological manipulations introduce a fissure between any child conceived from the engineered egg and both “mothers.” The child becomes “distanced” or “orphaned” from both women involved in the process.

In order ethically to achieve a “cure” for mitochondrial diseases in children of the next generation, scientists will hopefully be able one day to correct the mutated gene sequences themselves in the mitochondrial DNA, perhaps while the egg is still inside the ovary, so that once ovulated, the couple could achieve a conception and pregnancy through normal marital relations.

It bears repeating that our sex cells, both sperm and egg, uniquely express and embody our individuality, our identity and our parental roles. These cells clearly should never be given over or sold to other people to use, in whole or in part, for the purpose of creating children. In particular, the exclusivity that is written into a woman’s body and her reproductive system is violated by any decision of that woman to donate her eggs, or even significant parts of her eggs, to another woman.

Mitochondrial swapping technology, then, contrary to popular belief, is not an authentic example of “curing” or “correcting” a disease. It is an instance of setting up a completely alternative system to make a baby, which invariably runs counter to the authentic order of human procreation in marriage.

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Sports

USF HOLDS SOLES4SOULS SHOE COLLECTION The Green Campus Committee and Student Nurses Association at the University of Saint Francis are combining forces with Soles4Souls this fall to collect shoes for those in need. In the Franciscan spirit, USF will be collecting new and gently used shoes at the Sept. 26 and Oct. 31 football games. Participants can bring a shoe donation to the gate at the start of either game or kick your shoes off at game's end and drive home barefoot. Collection receptacles will also be located across campus during the five-week collection event.

ICCL Crusaders score a Week 3 victory

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — With a touch of fall in the air, one upstart team low on numbers would try to unseat a storied program and continue their progress from the week before.

The Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders had a little different story to write when they clashed with the (St. Matthew, St. Jude, Our Lady of Hungary) Blazers, who had just come off a huge performance in Week 2.

The game started off with a quality kick off by the Blazers' Tyran Ottbridge pinning the Crusaders on their own 13-yard line. They may have started backed up against the shadow of their endzone, but the Crusaders had the ball just where they wanted it, in the hands of running back Pierre Byrne.

Byrne took seven of the next nine plays highlighted by runs of 25 yards and 35 yards and capped with a 6-yard jaunt into the endzone ending an 87-yard drive. Ryan Wobbe kicked the points after try to make it 8-0 with 5:16 ticks off the clock in the first quarter.

The Blazers would have their chance to put their high powered offense on the field. Wobbe ended a short drive as he one handed an interception in the Blazer backfield.

It wouldn't take long for Byrne to dart and dash the Crusaders down to the two-yard line before Matt Monserez called his own

number on a quarterback keeper for the touchdown. The PAT was wide right and the score settled in at 14-0, Crusaders.

The stubborn Crusader defense again closed the door on the potent Blazer offense and got the ball back on downs. It was once again the Byrne show, prompted by a 45-yard run and ended with an eight-yard gallop to pay dirt. Wobbe's kick again found its mark giving the powerful Crusaders a 22-0 lead with 1:14 left in the half.

The Blazers would put their two-minute drill in place and move the ball only to have their quarterback, Steven Knight, throw an errant pass into Crusader Sam DeTrempe's waiting arms ending the half.

More Crusaders in the second half, the Blazers started a nice drive to open the quarter, but Anthony Rulli plucked a pass from the air setting up another possession for the talented black-and-blue clad team.

The Crusaders moved the ball at will and found the endzone with a counter play to Quinn Imus that left him untouched for another touchdown. Wobbe's kick made it 30-0.

The fourth quarter left the Blazers short on manpower, but as it would turn out, long on spirit. Dominique Sanders filling in for the injured quarterback raced 55 yards down the sideline to put the Blazers on the board. Sanders point after throw to Ottbridge sealed the drive making the score 30-7.

After holding the Crusaders on downs, Sanders again sprinted 44 yards for another score, and with 2:22 left in the game it was 30-13, Crusaders. The Crusaders would never relinquish the ball again making it the final margin of victory.

"This was an outstanding win for us, we came ready to play," explained Crusader Coach, John Krzyzewski. "We were concerned about their skill players, but our kids worked hard to contain them."

"Byrne is a special back. For his size he is so strong, making him hard to bring down," remarked Krzyzewski. "Our line — Pat Connors, Corey Kuminecz, Connor Futa and Colin O'Blenis — opened holes and were our bread and butter all day."

"We were missing some people but Holy Cross is a well-coached and disciplined team," commented Blazer Coach Mike Ernst. "We challenged our kids in the fourth quarter not to give up and to keep fighting, the end of the game was a tribute to their effort."

In other action, the (St. Anthony, St. Joe, St. Pius) Panthers remained undefeated as they outlasted the (Holy Family, St. John the Baptist, St. Adalbert, Corpus Christi) Cougars, 24-12.

Alex Ward connected on a 30-yard touchdown pass to Denton Gillis and both Justin Drinkall and Brian Mischler scampered for 5-yards into the endzone for the Panthers. Adam Gonzalez scored twice for the Cougars.

CYO Panthers win 'battle of the unbeatens'

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In a "battle of the unbeatens," the St. Vincent Panthers rose to the occasion in their biggest test of the 2009 season, thus far, downing the Holy Cross Crusaders in the first game of Week 5 Catholic Youth League (CYO) football action.

Avenging a 32-8 loss from Sept. 28, 2008, against the reigning champions, the Panthers won in grand style by a commanding 24-14 score improving to a perfect 5-0 record.

Coach Corey Kitchen was pleased with the outcome, although he admits, "It was far from a perfect game for us, but our kids gave a great effort and responded to the challenge. We will do our best to get better every week with the goal of peaking in the playoffs."

In the victory, Michael Fiacable had 18 carries and rushed for a touchdown. No. 10 also threw two more scoring strikes finishing 11-4 on the day. Ryan Watercutter had eight receptions, including both scoring tosses. Stephen Colligan was a perfect 3-3 on his PAT attempts to help the Panthers stay unbeaten.

Next up at Bishop Dwenger Field, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) bounced back to beat Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood (QA/PB) by a score of 32-0. Nic Morken took the handoff on the second play of the game and went 66 yards for the Knights' first touchdown. The second touchdown came when Quinton

Gardner raced 57 yards off a right tackle to put the Knights up 16-0.

On the other side of the ball, Gardner tipped a QA/PB pass and linebacker Morken intercepted running 42 yards for the Knights third score. Trey Casaburo completed the scoring for the Knights with a 35-yard run on a scramble around left end thanks to a nice block from Nick Miles.

Casaburo also converted all four extra points with holds from Nate Burrows and snaps by Matt Gigli to round out the scoring. The Knights' defensive coordinator, Andy Jackson, credits the

shutout to eighth graders Braeden Thiele, Gardner and Morken who combined for four sacks and numerous monster tackles. According to offensive coordinator, Eric Downey, the improved effort by the "O-line" was led by Robert Wynn, Drew Baehl, Gigli, Cole Mulhern and Caleb Moreno, with reserves Grant Detrick, Harrison Martin and Josh Yarde also contributing.

Finally, both St. Jude and St. Charles added another "W" to the win column. The Eagles are now 3-2 and the Cardinals 4-1 with just two weeks left in regular season play.

CYO standings to date

St. Vincent	5-0
Holy Cross	4-1
St. Charles	4-1
St. Jude	3-2
JAT	2-3
Queen of Angels/ Precious Blood	1-4
St. John, Fort Wayne	1-4
St. John, New Haven	0-5



First annual 'Tri Ancilla' sprint triathlon deemed a success

DONALDSON — Seventy-five participants from Chicago, Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Valparaiso, South Bend, Warsaw, and other neighboring cities converged on the grounds of Ancilla College and the PHJC Ministry Center for the inaugural Tri Ancilla sprint triathlon event on Sunday, Sept. 6.

Men and women, ranging in age from 15 to 74, participated in a 500-yard swim, 11-mile bike ride, and a 3.1-mile run that toured the Donaldson-based campus and its surrounding areas.

"We could not have pulled off such a successful first-time event without the assistance of a dedicated planning committee and so many volunteers," said Todd Zeltwanger, executive director of Institutional Advancement at Ancilla College. "We look for-



ward to hosting this event on an annual basis and are excited about the opportunity to showcase Ancilla College and the PHJC Ministry Center to first-time visitors of Donaldson."

Zeltwanger made special mention of the efforts of Plymouth residents Brad Serf and Don Allen, who Zeltwanger referred to as "key components of the planning committee."

He also offered his thanks to

the four event sponsors — The Learning House, Miller Nor-Cen Insurance, Gibson Insurance and the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Prizes were awarded to the top three male and female finishers, as well as the youngest and oldest participants.

The top three male finishers were David Hernandez, Fort Wayne, Keith Higginbottom, Elkhart, and Ryan Taylor, St. Joseph, Mich.

On the women's side, the top three finishers were Kathryn Touloukian, Peru, Jenna Davis, St. Joseph, Mich., and Cassandra Lemberg, Fort Wayne.

The youngest participant was 15-year-old Scott Osborne of Indianapolis, and the oldest was 74-year-old William Pauley of Valparaiso.



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OFFENSE

POSITION	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
CENTER	50	JOHN GODFREY	6'	205	10
GUARD	66	GARRETT MULLIGAN	6'	250	12
GUARD	74	TYLER WOLFRAM	6'1	235	11
TACKLE	78	JASON MULLIGAN	6'3	220	10
TACKLE	73	JOSHUA COBBIN	6'	220	11
TIGHT END	87	NEIL DANNER	6'5	220	11
SPLIT END	15	LUKE O'CONNOR	5'7	135	12
FLANKER	4	SEAN HART	5'9	128	11
FULLBACK	33	CHRIS HERZOG	5'8	150	12
TAILBACK	10	PETER GILLIS	5'9	170	11
QB	12	MAX MATTHEWS	6'	172	11

DEFENSE

POSITION	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
NOSE TKL	54	TOM BAGIACKAS	5'11	190	12
TACKLE	81	ROBBIE HAMMER	6'	185	12
END	56	JORGE DIAZ	6'4	180	12
END	44	GARRETT LIBERTOWSKI	6'	181	11
LINEBACKER	27	COLLIN KUBSCH	5'11	141	12
LINEBACKER	82	CONNOR DEMARIS	6'2	190	11
LINEBACKER	8	MATT MACKOWIAK	6'3	200	11
CNRBACK	5	NICK MATTHEWS	5'10	128	11
CNRBACK	24	TYLER LOCKE	5'9	165	10
SAFETY	23	SCOTT COPPA	5'9	147	11
SAFETY	9	TRACE DOWLING	5'10	163	12

SPECIAL TEAMS

POSITION	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
KICKER	32	TYLER SOROCCO	6'	145	11
PUNTER	14	MICHAEL KENZICKY	6'2	162	12

STARTERS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON GAME DAY

**Class 3-A
Sectional 18
Recent seasons 3-2
South Bend Saint Joseph's
Indians
Coach:
Kevin Downey,
50-26, in 7th year at school**

Date	Opponent	Eastern Time
Aug. 21	at Ben Davis (5-A)	L 7-40
Aug. 28	at South Bend Clay (4-A)	W 38-0
Sept. 4	Mishawaka (5-A)*	L 7-28
Sept. 11	at Elkhart Central (5-A)*	W 33-22
Sept. 18	South Bend Adams (5-A)*	W 39-0
Sept. 25	at Mishawaka Marian (3-A)*	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	South Bend Washington (4-A)*	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	at Lakeland (3-A)	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	at South Bend Riley (4-A)*	7 p.m.

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- Head Coach Reggie Glon

SAINT JOSEPH'S STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING

	PLAYER	YARDS	TDS
1	GILLIS	335	6
2	MATTHEWS	57	2
3	BELLEGANTE	22	1

PASSING

	PLAYER	COM/ATT	YDS/TDS
1	MATTHEWS	61/118	650/2

RECEIVING

	PLAYER	CATCHES	YDS/TDS
1	KENZICKY	25	258/1
2	O'CONNOR	9	100/1
3	GILLIS	8	65/0

MARIAN STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING

	PLAYER	YARDS	TDS
1	KRUGER	265	2
2	THOMAS	192	
3	SCHULTHEIS	166	2

PASSING

	PLAYER	COM/ATT	YDS/TDS
1	KRUGER	11 FOR 32	181/2

RECEIVING

	PLAYER	CATCHES	YDS/TDS
1	MISCHLER	6	66/2
2	ZEHENDER	2	39/0
3	BASHAM	1	33/0

Marian

OFFENSE

POSITION	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
CENTER	58	COLLIN RAHRIG	6'2	255	12
GUARD	51	RYAN LUCZKOWSKI	5'10	175	12
GUARD	73	JONNIE RECTENWAL	6'	294	11
TACKLE	71	AARON BULGER	5'11	187	12
TACKLE	52	RILEY JEFFERS	6'1	223	10
TIGHT END	84	DYLAN PRILLER	5'11	197	12
X BACK	82	ANTHONY RICE	5'10	143	10
Z BACK	32	COLEY SCHULTHEIS	5'7	161	10
FULLBACK	4	MATT THOMAS	6'	182	11
H BACK	7	ROBERT MISCHLER	6'1	171	10
QB	12	THOMAS KRUEGER	5'7	157	11

DEFENSE

POSITION	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
TACKLE	77	BLAKE TALOS	6'	230	12
TACKLE	55	TOMMY STACHOWIAC	5'9	242	10
END	48	BRETT HERSHEL	6'3	180	12
END	44	DAVID STREETS	6'2	170	12
LINEBACKER	34	CHASE PARKER	6'1	174	11
LINEBACKER	43	DEVON GILBERT	5'10	198	12
LINEBACKER	45	JOHN FOX-VANETT	5'9	161	12
CORNERBACK	23	ERIC PLUDE	5'7	142	10
CORNERBACK	20	KYLE KOCH	6'	166	12
SAFETY	25	LUKE CHARTIER	5'9	156	12
ROBBER	28	MITCHELL DERUCKI	6'	178	12

SPECIAL TEAMS

POSITION	#	NAME	HT	WT	YR
KICKER	8	ANTONIO CATALDO	5'8	167	12
PUNTER	20	KYLE KOCH	6'	166	12

STARTERS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON GAME DAY

**Class 3-A
Sectional 18
Recent seasons 2-3
Mishawaka Marian Knights**

**Coach:
Reggie Glon,
92-72, in 16th year at school**

Date	Opponent	Eastern Time
Aug. 21	Portage (5-A)	L 0-26
Aug. 28	at South Bend Riley (4-A)	W 20-13
Sept. 4	at Penn (5-A)*	L 0-38
Sept. 11	South Bend Clay (4-A)*	W 28-21
Sept. 18	at South Bend Washington (4-A)*	L 7-28
Sept. 25	South Bend Saint Joseph's (3-A)*	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Elkhart Central (5-A)*	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	South Bend Adams (5-A)*	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	at Gary Wallace (4-A)	7:30 p.m.

*Northern Indiana Conference Game

South Bend native, writer passionate to improve college football

BY YORK YOUNG

Passion can be a good thing. It can be the driving force that makes the difference between just sitting around complaining about something and taking action to foment change in the way things are done.

Sports followers can be an interesting mix of what we're talking about here. We often refer to sports fans as passionate, yet outside of commenting on the current state of one's favorite sport or team, most subscribe to the belief that they can't do anything to change the way sports or their favorite teams are run.

Jim Stack, a Catholic, South Bend native, Notre Dame graduate, Passionate (with a capital P) college football fan, is taking his ideas about ways to improve what he loves to the streets — or in this case, the Internet, a published book and letters to a variety of those who should be able to lead change in the way college

football determines its national championship.

Even mild college football fans realize what a sham the current system is, leaving the selection of participants of the championship game up to polls and computer programs. Part of the charade here is that the college football bowl system has designated five games as part of the Bowl Championship Series, when only one game matters. Stack — and you can find many others — is calling for a playoff in his favorite sport.

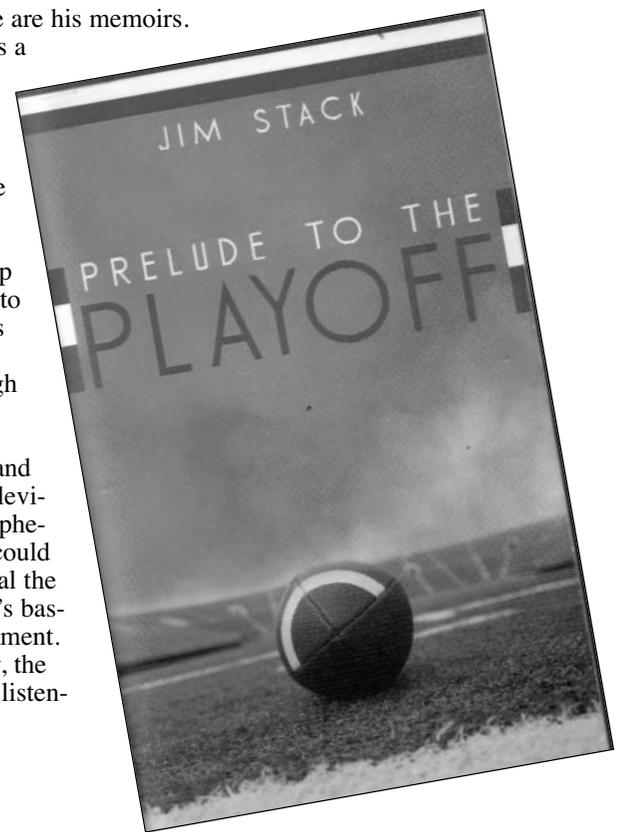
Memoirs are often couched in a theme that proves interesting to a niche of readers, and Stack's "Prelude to the Playoff" (Tate Publishing, \$18.99) is his. Reflecting on his life, highlighted by a Catholic cultural upbringing that is a thing of the past, he weaves, in alternating chapters, memories of faith, love and friendships with his enthusiastic proposal for what college football should do next to rectify this championship problem.

With a proposed process in place — he used the real college football results from the years 2003-2007 as examples of how his system would work (for more visit www.ultimatetweaker.com) — he diligently wrote detailed letters with his proposal to college presidents, NCAA officials and those who run the college bowl games. The hypocrisy in the responses he was offered is deafening — the current system is working for the rich haves, and the poor have nots need not apply. He even questions his beloved Notre Dame's complicity in this system.

Stack's book is an interesting read, especially for locals in South Bend who will recognize the neighborhoods described, although he has a habit of nick-naming everything, and using quote marks to stress his favorite things. Those two quirks may annoy some readers, though he explains his reasoning early on — personal prerogative, since,

after all, these are his memoirs.

His hook is a good one though, and of all the playoff proposals that are floating around the Internet or pop up from time to time by sports columnists, Stack's, though not perfect, addresses the major issues and would be a television-viewing phenomena that could ultimately rival the NCAA's men's basketball tournament. Unfortunately, the haves are not listening.



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

"Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs" (Columbia)

Loosely based on the 1978 children's book, this animated fantasy concerns a previously ridiculed young inventor (voice of Bill Hader) who fashions a machine that makes food fall from the sky, and who finds a kindred spirit in a rookie weather reporter (voice of Anna Faris) assigned to cover the bizarre climactic phenomenon. Serving to warn against overindulgence and extol the virtues of persistence and ingenuity, the film boasts dazzling 3-D visuals deployed to entertaining, if not always appetizing, effect by co-writers and directors Chris Miller and Phil Lord. Considerable cartoon violence, some rude expressions, a scatological reference and a few moderately scary action sequences. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.



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FUNDRAISERS

Lasagna dinner planned

Mishawaka — A Queen of Peace Parish Lasagna Dinner will be on Friday, Sept. 25, from 5-7 p.m. in the parish hall. Adults \$7, children 4 to 12 \$4. Tickets available at the door. Adult carry-out available. Tickets include one serving of lasagna and all-you-can-eat salad, beverage and dessert. All proceeds benefit Queen of Peace music ministries.

Knights of Columbus host fish dinner

Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will have a fish dinner on Friday, Oct. 23, in the Knights Hall at 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Adult tickets are \$8, children 4-10 are \$3.50 and children 3 and under are free. Tickets are available in advance by calling Tom Sibal at (574) 935-8442 or at the door. A drive-through service is available at the south door. Proceeds from the event will benefit local charitable organizations. The fish is prepared by Tyner Odd Fellows.

Rummage and bake sale planned

Fort Wayne — Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have a Rosary Society rummage and bake sale Oct. 1-3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Mohr Hall.

Oktoberfest party

Granger — St. Pius X, 52553 Fir Rd., will have an Oktoberfest Saturday, Oct. 10, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$10 per person and include dinner. Beer, wine and soft pretzels are extra. Wil Smaka's Music Connection Polka Band will provide entertainment. Adults only with babysitting available on site with reservations by calling (574) 674-5582. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, Council 4263.

Oktoberfest

Fort Wayne — St Charles Catholic Church will celebrate Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 5-11 p.m. at the Father Thomas A. Brandon Council 451 Knights of Columbus Hall, 600 Reed Rd. Special Oktoberfest menu and dancing to the music of the Freudemacher Band. All adults over the age of 21 are welcome. Admission is free.

Bake sale and rummage sale benefit Altar and Rosary Society

South Bend — A bake and rummage sale will be held at St. John the Baptist Parish Friday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. to noon. Sunday will include a \$1 a bag sale.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Harvest House plans fall festival

Garrett — The Garrett/Auburn center of Harvest House will have a fall festival on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St. Doors open at 10:15 a.m., rosary at 10:40 a.m. and Mass at 11 a.m. Father Derrick Sneyd will be the celebrant. Priests from area Harvest House centers have been invited to concelebrate. Dinner and entertainment will follow in the church hall. Membership is not required to attend. Prepaid tickets are \$8 and reservations need to be called to Joan at (260) 868-0104 by Oct. 5.

Alumni and faculty exhibit at USF

Fort Wayne — The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis has announced the opening of the alumni and faculty exhibit on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Weatherhead Gallery in the Rolland Center. A

wide variety of media will be on display. The exhibition will run through Sunday, Nov. 29. Gallery hours are M-F, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Pro-life program announced

Mishawaka — The Respect Life Committee at Queen of Peace Parish will have a pro-life educational program on Monday, Oct. 12, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the church. Father Daniel Scheidt, pastor, will present a discussion of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' document, "Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics." This document is available at: www.usccb.org/pro-life/gospel.shtml. Free childcare will be provided from 6:15-7:30 p.m. For information, contact the parish at (574) 255-9674 or Laura McGuire at (574) 850-7336.

Community gathering to heal domestic violence planned at Madison Center

South Bend — On Saturday, Oct. 10, from 1-3 p.m. on the Madison Center campus will be the first S-O-S community gathering to heal domestic violence in a ceremony that reflects the common threads found in Michiana's rich diversity of faith traditions. The service will include healing petitions, song and dance in an interactive experience.

Fall festival and open house at Victory Noll Center

Huntington — Victory Noll Center will have a fall festival and open house on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the grounds of Victory Noll. The festival will feature walking the labyrinth, a scavenger hunt and a

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Betty Jane Schoen, 78, St. Stanislaus

Syracuse

Jerald Lee Andrews, 74, St. Martin De Porres

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Fred Rothermel, 86, St. Bernard

hayride. Refreshments will be available with donuts, popcorn and apple cider. Victory Noll is located at 1900 W. Park Dr.

Prayer for Priests

Mishawaka — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration will have a special day of prayer for priests Thursday, Oct. 1, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Francis Convent, 1515 W. Dragoon Trail. Morning Prayer and Mass 7 a.m.; 5 p.m. rosary, evening prayer and benediction. Eucharistic adoration throughout the day.

All family rosary

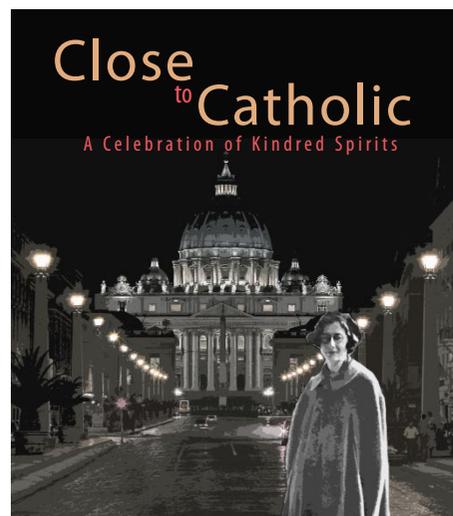
Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be recited on the last Sunday of the month, Sept. 27, at MacDougal Chapel from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The intention is for all families.

St. Pius X announces senior group

Granger — St. Pius X has a senior group (55+) that meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon starting with Mass. Various speakers and activities are planned. For information call (574) 272-0732 or (574) 271-7853.

St. Adalbert School alumni plan get-together with pierogi and polka fun

South Bend — A genuine pierogi-tasting contest, while listening to music and meeting old friends will be Sunday, Sept. 27, from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Heritage Center. All alumni are welcome to this free event. For reservations contact the parish office, or call Karen Sikorski at (574) 288-5708 ext. 215 so there will be enough pierogi.



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THOMAS

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you goes all the credit — you who know the difference between a job and a calling, those of you involved in faith-based education,” Moore told parishioners, parents, children and staff who gathered after Mass for the ceremony.

After Bishop D’Arcy blessed the interior of the school in private, an open house and reception ensued in the school.

Most of the renovations in the K-8 school involved improving the aesthetics and lighting in the 59-year-old building. Many of the classrooms and hallways received new, larger windows and had exposed ductwork concealed. A spacious, welcoming atrium was carved out at a new entrance to the school. And the relocated and greatly-enlarged school office now boasts a nurse’s office, the lack of which — prior to construction — was mentioned as a frustration by par-

ents and administrators alike.

Three sections were added on to the school’s main building during the comprehensive project: two new classrooms off of the east side of the building, two at the southwest corner and two more plus school offices at the northwest corner. The school’s former entrance on Romaine Street was blocked and transformed into a larger office for religious education and three classrooms being used for art, computers and music relocated from the basement and a mobile classroom to the main level. Two adjacent classrooms were vacated and combined to house the school library.

The school’s cafeteria-small gymnasium area received a facelift as well, including the removal of an old stage and the installation of new flooring, a new ceiling and larger windows. An adoration chapel that had previously been located in the school was also removed and a larger chapel built onto the church building last year.

Because some classrooms, the school office and the library were expanded, and the basement and

mobile classrooms were brought to the main level, the net gain of classrooms due to the construction is only one. But the purpose of the project wasn’t to expand as much as it was to improve the facilities.

“Really, it brought us into the 21st century,” said Principal Fred Stump. “Now it beautifully accommodates a two-part school. We used to have lots of problems with the electrical too, and that’s all been upgraded. All of it is now handicapped-accessible, too.”

High school student and St. Thomas graduate Regina Mauck attended the open house with her family and was impressed by the extent of the renovations.

“We keep finding old places where the hallway used to end and now there are new classrooms there,” she said as they toured the school.

“Building for God’s Teaching” as the project was called, began in 2005. Construction started in June 2008 and wrapped up “as the kids were walking in the door” in August of this year, according to Stump.



JODI MAGALLANES

Elkhart Mayor Dick Moore speaks to parishioners and parents at a rededication ceremony for the renovated St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart, on Sunday, Sept. 20. On the left is St. Thomas Pastor Father Bill Sullivan.

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