TODAY’S CATHOLIC

A gift to the people
Two ordained to the priesthood

FORT WAYNE — The priesthood is a gift to the people. And that gift was celebrated Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne as Bishop John M. D’Arcy ordained to the priesthood two young men — Father Jacob Runyon and Father Fernando Jimenez.

The ordination was historical in that Father Jimenez is the first Mexican-born priest to be ordained for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The Mass began with the sounds of the richly blended voices of the cathedral choir as the procession of diocesan and visiting priests and seminarians, bedecked in the traditional celebratory white and gold vestments, processed up the aisle to the sanctuary. The two soon-to-be priests, took their places before the altar and the rite of ordination began.

The rite of ordination includes the election of the candidates in which the readiness of the candidates is affirmed, followed by the homily, then the promise of the elect in which both candidates declared their intention to assume the responsibility of the office of priesthood and promise their obedience and respect to the bishop and his successors.

In his homily, Bishop D’Arcy spoke of the Year for Priests, the A gift to the people, Two ordained to the priesthood

FORT WAYNE — The annual Mass for deceased priests and bishops of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 12:05 p.m. It will be celebrated in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception followed by prayers in the crypt with just the priests.

As part of our Year for Priests, those who attend Mass and receive Communion will be offered a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.

Those conditions include attending Mass and offering prayers to Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, that he might sanctify and conform the priests of the church to his heart. Likewise, any other good work done by the faithful that day should be offered for this intention.

In addition to total detachment from all sin, including venial sin, the usual conditions for obtaining a plenary indulgence are: sacramental confession, reception of the Eucharist and prayers for the pope’s intentions. These three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the prescribed work.

In a note to priests of the diocese, Bishop John M. D’Arcy requested that “every priest during the month of November, which the church traditionally dedicates to prayer for the deceased, to offer at least one Mass for all deceased priests and bishops of our diocese.”

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FATHER GLENN KOHRMAN

Why does a young man who likes golf, girls, billiards, motorcycles, family, and who has an engineering degree from Purdue University get off the bike, kiss the girls goodbye and say: “I want to follow Jesus”?

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Mass for deceased priests celebrated Nov. 10
Privilege of ordaining a priest is something words cannot express.

A moment of Catholic history

The sun broke through in midmorning signaling a day never to be forgotten by those in attendance. I refer to the ordination of two priests. The historic and beautiful Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was full. There were 72 priests in attendance. I have always found the privilege of ordaining a priest as something that words cannot express. I try to pray more beforehand and maybe make a few small sacrifices and, if possible, receive the sacrament of penance, and pray that my heart will be made more pure. To impose hands on two young men who will be celebrating Mass, and preaching and caring for the flock long after I am gone is a very heavy responsibility, a privilege and a joy, and the only fitting response after I am gone to the good Lord, is a prayer, a petition, and also at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw. Please keep them in your prayers.

Our first local Mexican-born priest

Father Fernando Jimenez came to this country with his family in 1999, and is a member of St. Patrick’s Parish. We hope he will be the first of many Hispanic men who will enter the priesthood. The presence of all our seminarians was a great blessing, with only Zach Barry struck with the flu unable to join us.

Father Runyon will be assigned to St. Matthew’s Parish, South Bend, and Father Jimenez will reside and serve at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and also at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Year for Priests

Surely, there will be many graces this year for the sanctification of our priests and for the calling of new young men to offer their lives to Christ as priests. It is the first time in the history of the church that there has been a Year for Priests. It is not to exalt the presidency, but to give our hearts to a deeper holiness and to draw our people into prayer for priests — and for future priests.

Speaking of Redeemer Radio

Last week, I had a routine medical checkup, and while waiting, a man came over to me and asked if I was Bishop D’Arcy. I was a little surprised, because I was speaking about the category apologetics. You often hear such apologists on Redeemer Radio answering questions and giving “reason for the faith that is in them.” At any rate, this man sat down beside me and shared a book with me. Such events often happen to priests, and it is one reason why it is a blessing that priests in this country have retained their clerical garb. This man who had a serious cancer told me that he intended to return to the Catholic faith. He said he spoke about it to his wife, who is also a former Catholic, and she had been thinking the same thing. I asked him what he had brought this about. They have several things. First of all, was the fact that he listened to the Sunday Mass on Redeemer Radio. I think there are many people hungering for these truths of the Catholic faith, and we make it easy for them. There is a similar station in South Bend, although they do not yet have a studio.

A personal note

In celebrating the Mass of ordination, I used the chalice that my dear mother and father gave me when I was ordained a priest. Following the donning of the alb and other vestments, in the small Celtic cross, there was placed the diamond from my mother’s engagement ring. The cross was fashioned from the high school rings of my three sisters. I have thought recently how often one was too busy to ask. The diamond ring that my father had given her in 1930 — she gave it up. When you are 24 and you are ordained, you do not know the value of things, but worst of all, you think you do. I thought of her while celebrating Mass, because I believe my parents were the main instrument in God’s grace for my becoming a priest. I think it is good now that she has gone to heaven that this sign of her love for my dad and her family is present in that chalice. But it must have caused her pain at the time. When I do not have an outside Mass, I say Mass at home; and that is where the chalice should be.

My dear priests in this diocese gave me a chalice on my 50th anniversary, and I will keep that for Mass at the Cathedral. Such are the poignant thoughts of an old priest who thinks of himself as still young on one of the most sacred days of all, the ordination of two new priests.

I look forward to the religious education instruction this day this Saturday, at which I am to give the keynote. The subject is the Year for Priests.

A beautiful country drive to St. Joseph Parish, Bluffton, where I celebrated Mass for the installation of Rev. Francis Chukwuma, JCL, as pastor. He is a splendid, joyful priest from Nigeria, a land “evangelized by Irish missionaries” as he informed his people during the reception. He is very beloved already by the people and is a blessing on that important town. He received a standing ovation from the parishioners. Father Francis is a trained canon lawyer who still assists in our diocesan Marriage Tribunal to return to work.

I will see you all next week.
During the Litany of Supplication, the priest elect, Fernando Jimenez and Jacob Runyon, prostrate themselves as a sign of their complete submission to the will of God.

**ORDAIN**

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first time in the history of the church that the year was set aside for priests for their ordination, for their holiness. The church, through its priests, has lived through much in its last 50 years, but now it seems, with Pope Benedict XVI in a vision of faith declared to be the coming of a new springtime for the church and for Christianity. “It’s coming especially to the priests.”

He said it is seen through the coming forth of priests of good quality, holy, approved, God-fearing and near to Christ. And Pope Benedict XVI brought forth St. John Vianney as an example, the patron saint now of all priests. A statue of the saint was displayed in the sanctuary of the cathedral during the Mass.

St. John Vianney could not read or write at the age of 18 when he requested acceptance into the seminary. This teaches humility and holiness with St. John Vianney’s extraordinary sense of the priesthood.

“The priesthood, he said, is the love for the heart of Christ,” Bishop D’Arcy said.

“The love for the heart of Christ is revealed not only in the prayer of ordination. This teaches humility and holiness with St. John Vianney’s extraordinary sense of the priesthood.”

In other words, you see a man giving himself totally in the full bloom of life for you because he is revealed not only in the prayer of ordination for themselves, never, but for you — shows Jesus Christ loves you.”

It was said of St. John Vianney, that every day he offered Mass, he offered himself to God. Bishop D’Arcy noted, “May this be true of us.”

The ordination rite is like a great catechetical lesson, Bishop D’Arcy said. “It’s also meant that you too, as you see these two young men prostrate themselves in the sanctuary of this historic cathedral like so many before them — that you too — will offer yourselves to God.”

Following the homily, the newly ordained priests took to the microphone to offer their heartfelt thanks to all who supported them as they worked toward this monumental day. Father Runyon described the joy and satisfaction at the splendor of the day, saying, “I can’t tell you how happy I am — finding out what God wants and to do it with all my heart makes me happier.”

He thanked those in attendance for their love and support. “I thank my family, bishop, everyone..., and Almighty God for the gift of the priesthood. May God bless you.”

Father Jimenez spoke in Spanish, then English saying, “Today is a special day. A priest is for you to receive the gift of the love of God.”

He thanked his family, friends and superiors for their support and reminded those present to continue to pray for them, “that we will remain faithful to God for the rest of our lives.”

Father Runyon returned to speak his thanks in Spanish as well.

Amidst applause in concluding remarks near the end of Mass, Bishop D’Arcy assigned Father Runyon to St. Matthew Co-Cathedral Parish in South Bend and Father Jimenez will serve at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Warsaw.

“As a bishop it is a great honor to ordain these two men,” Bishop D’Arcy said. “I always feel very unworthy of such a significant contribution, a moment in the life of the church in the most blessed enduring things a priest does.”

The bishop asked all in the cathedral to pray every day for priests and to pray for more good men of quality, from different cultures, to follow the two who were ordained.

Following the sacred Mass of ordination, Bishop Runyon was invited to attend a light luncheon held at the Grand Wayne Center, where the newly ordained Father Jimenez and Runyon were available for blessings.

Mary Runyon, Father Runyon’s mother, who had dedicated him to God upon his birth said, “I am so excited for him. He is so happy.” As for preparation for this day, she added, “Things went so smoothly. People were so kind. When they asked me to help, I asked them to pray.”

Father Larry Tippmann, the general uncle of the newly ordained Father Runyon said comically, “My replacement is here!” He added that he was thrilled for the family and his nephew.

Renate Sparks of Valparaiso came home to witness her childhood friend be ordained. The two neighbors traveled daily back and forth to high school and also shared the World Youth Day experience together in Denver growing up.

Sparks explained, “The ordination was absolutely awesome. It is so fabulous to see Jake become a priest. The Catholic Church cannot get enough Jake Runyon.”

Fernando and Floinda Jimenez, parents of Father Jimenez, were proud and humbled by their first born ordained as a priest. “It’s good. We thank God. We were ready for this day.”

One young Hispanic family drove from Logansport to bear witness to their friend, Fernando Jimenez’s special day, the first ordination they had ever attended. Eva Clarisaid With her husband Alexander, said through her son Alexander’s translation, “It is a real special day, a beautiful day. I feel so happy.”

ROBERT MILLER contributed to this story.
That’s what Glenn Kohrman, from New Haven did, and his explanation of his urge to follow the holy footsteps was because he observed that “Christ went to others to let them know how the Father had sent him to redeem us and open the doors of salvation to us.”

Now, as a priest for 17 years and pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Elkhart, where he offers Mass in Spanish and English, he feels that his priesthood is specially enriched by the Mass and confession and says, “... in confession, you can help people really experience the mercy of God in a very real and tangible way.”

In response to the question, “What can be done to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life?” Father Kohrman says, “If we live our faith, it will be very attractive. God wants us to be happy and if we follow his perfect will, we will simply be more perfectly happy. We must encourage everybody to seriously ask the question: ‘What does God want me to do with my life, to serve my spouse or serve the church to be Christ’s servant through religious life?’”

He goes on to say, “Seminarians come from families, the best place to grow ... (seminarian comes from the word seed) seminarians are in good Catholic families.”

As a challenge facing the church, Father Kohrman observes that many today confuse pluralism with denying that which is true. People are often afraid to proclaim the richness and the beauty of all the church’s teachings. The only reason why something is sinful is because it hurts the person or hurts society; from abortion to contraception, these have done profound damage to the culture of life.

As to the greatest hope for the church, he sees what seems to be an awakening among the youth to the richness of the church and her mission and a tremendous vigor in areas of the church that are recapturing the beauty of the faith.

Pope says November feasts highlight tie between living, dead

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Underlining people’s connection with those who have gone before them, the annual commemorations of All Saints and All Souls remind Christians that “we are never alone,” Pope Benedict XVI said. “We are part of a spiritual fellowship in which a deep solidarity reigns” through the prayers of the living for the eternal repose of the dead and through the intercession of the holy deceased on behalf of those still living, the pope said during his Sunday Angelus address Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints.

On the Nov. 2 feast of All Souls, the pope paid an evening visit to the grotto of St. Peter’s Basilica where he knelt in silent prayer before the tombs of some of his deceased predecessors.

“How beautiful and consoling is the communion of saints,” the pope told people gathered in St. Peter’s Square Nov. 1. “The connection between the living and their deceased loved ones is a mysterious reality of sharing where the good one person does benefits all, the pope said. “It is a mystery that we can already experience to some extent in this world — in the family, through friendship and, especially in the spiritual community of the church,” he said.

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**BISHOP D’ARCY INSTALLS FATHER FRANCIS CHUKWUMA**

Bishop John M. D’Arcy installed Father Francis Chukwuma, left of bishop, as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Bluffton on Sunday, Nov. 1. Father Chukwuma is a member of the St. Aloysius, Yoder, Knights of Columbus who joined the celebration.

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**CHILDREN PRAY FOR ALL SOULS**

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My vocation, at last I have found it. . . My vocation is love!"

"...in the heart of the church, my mother, I shall be love. Thus I shall be everything..."

At last, this young woman said she found peace, "I will be love in the heart of the church." I am speaking here of a personal love for Jesus Christ, which overflows in service. It is the love for the new supreme priest to the cancer ward. The love that will bring him to the homes of those who are homebound. The love that will comfort him from turning that ministry over entirely to laity, and never himself entering the door of that home with the body and blood of Christ.

It is the love, which makes the priest realize that it draws him to intensify preparation before preaching. To preach out of love for the soul who is listening. As I mentioned in our conference last spring, St. Paul was very much aware that he does not speak with eloquence, "Jest the word of God be emptied of its meaning."

The second fidelity is to truth

I was struck by two recent experiences in our diocese about this fidelity to truth. Fidelity to truth for the priest means that he is willing to give the hard saying. Hard for himself, perhaps because he does not believe it strongly enough; because he thinks it is too hard for the people and they might reject it. Or a greater temptation, he may worry that they might reject him.

Two things brought this home to me. In early September, we had in this very city, some excellent speakers focused around a serious pastoral problem. The widespread use of contraceptive and contraceptives among Catholics, and a related problem among good women in good marriages. I refer to infertility. This conference was sponsored by our family life office, and there were over 100 people present — including many who work in ministries to families.

Two people, a man and a woman, spoke to me about fidelity. The man was Dr. Holly from St. Vincent's Parish. I got to know him. Fred and Lisa Everett have spoken to me about him and about his conversion, and they have worked with him. But it was his own words that were especially powerful. Dr. Holly had always prescribed contraceptives to Catholic women and indeed to women of all different faiths.

How it had troubled him, and how when he went with his family to a Japanese restaurant, he was greeted by the restaurant owner saying, "Oh, big family, good Catholic family, good Catholic man."

A grace came. He said to himself, "I am not a good Catholic man; I am not a good Catholic doctor." Knowing it would cost him financially: he went to his office on Monday morning and told his staff he would never again prescribe contraceptives. He had heard the call of God to be faithful to the truth. Christ gives similar graces of courage to his pastors — or we are open to them — the courage to be faithful to the church — to truth.

There was a woman at my table from St. Pius X Parish, Granger, A convert to the faith, drawn to the meeting, because of the publicity concerning infertility, and because she had been referred to Dr. Holly who is in turn referred her to Dr. Hilders at Omaha, in the hope she could have a child. During the break, she told me some of her story. She said how good she felt, because — because she is a supplanter priest to the cancer ward. But she spoke of how hurt she was and scandalized when she went to confession at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, shared with her confessor the anguish about not being able to have children, and how she was told to try in vitro fertilization. She told that to the group at the conference.

Two people who were faithful

Two people who were faithful to truth, and one priest who was not.

The other incident was the presentation given to us by Father Bransfield. Who spoke about... and how he presented, so beautifully, the church teaching on this issue. How it relates to the dignity of the woman and of the man, grounding it in Pope John Paul II’s “Veritatis Splendor” and other church documents, such as the “Vade Mecum” and how I have a copy for you today.

No one would dare prostitute themselves before the altar and rise up for the dignity of a woman, if he did not believe and hope that the call was from Christ, through and in the church.

The church calls us, the church ordains us, the church gives us the mission, the church gives us the truth. We can never in the confessional or the pulpit, give anything but the teaching of the church of Christ — or ever imply that we support going against it.

Yet there has been a massive failure of priests and bishops to express this truth in all its beauty. And it is beautiful. I want to repeat the story I told at the meeting and also at the priests’ study week at Pokagon. Our teacher, on study week, showed us the beauty of the church’s teaching on these issues. How it relates to the dignity of the human person, to the attractiveness man and woman find to each other, to children and the future of humanity. This requires study on your part and mine.

How many opportunities have been given to the parish priest to make this truth real in the confession? In the high school classroom? To public school students? In the pulpit? In preparation of young people for marriage? In counseling of married couples? Of course, some will resist it. The culture is powerful — especially in this area.

Dillegence is called for, and also restraint, and understanding, and compassion. But today, more than this, courage is called for on the part of priests. Courage to proclaim the truth, in season and out of season. I sometimes recall when I was in Rome as a student priest. It was during the late days of the Second Vatican Council and many people came to speak with us including famous theologians. But the only one I really remember was the great Dorothy Day.

Someone said to her “What is the role of the priest, or what do priests mean to you,” or some question like that. She replied briefly, “My priest is the one who gives me the hard saying.”

In the discussions during the study week, I mentioned what Pope John Paul II had told us bishops during his recent pastoral visit to the old Spanish mission in California. Two nights ago, while preparing these thoughts, I went back and found the phrase that had struck me so much and promptly made me say a little bit of the ad limina visit with the Holy Father.

“It is sometimes reported that a large number of Catholics today do not adhere to the teaching of the church on the number of questions, including marriage, divorce and remarriage. They sometimes claim that the dissent from the magisterium is totally covert and that Catholic and poses no obstacles to the reception of the sacraments. This is a grave error, which challenges the teaching of the bishops of the United States and elsewhere. I wish to encourage you in the love of Christ to address this situation courageously in your pastoral ministry, rely on the part of God’s truth to attract assent and on the grace of the Holy Spirit.”

“We must also constantly recall that the teaching of Christ’s church, like Christ, himself, is a ‘sign of contradiction.’ It has never been easy to accept the Gospel teaching in its entirety, and it never will be. The church is committed, both in faith and morals, to make her teaching as clear in understanding as possible; presenting it in all the attractiveness of the truth. The revelation of God par excellence is found in the cross of Christ, which makes God’s folly wiser than human wisdom."

What struck me then and stayed with me, which I presented to the pope later at the “ad limina” luncheon, was the term: attractiveness. It was only one word. How do we make it attractive, I asked him. Then he gave me that response that is forever written in my heart. He got very serious, like a philosopher, and said, “It is necessary to understand the soul of the woman. All these things, which are meant to liberate the woman: premarital sex, contraception and abortion, have they liberated her or have they enslaved her?” Keeping in mind the great Dorothy Day. I ask this question to you and to myself, have we been faithful to the truth and willing to give people the hard saying? My dear friends, I ask this question to myself in prayer and repentance and in truth, seeking only to know his will and to do it.

The third and final fidelity, on which the other two depend, and from which they receive their life: The fidelity of prayer

In his beautiful book, “Jesus of Nazareth,” Pope Benedict XVI speaks of prayer as central to vocations. He said the drawing of vocations is not like hiring employees, vocations are always founded in prayer. The prayer of the young man, himself. The prayer of his pastor. The prayer of his parents. Because if it comes from prayer, then we know it comes from God. Are we faithful to prayer? I refer to the fullness of prayer:

1. The Liturgy of Hours, the work we do every day, trying to love myself, if I start excusing myself, because I had a busy morning, or busy afternoon, or busy evening, I cannot say that I am a good Catholic man.

2. Fidelity to offer Mass every day, keeping in mind what Pope Benedict XVI said in his letter on the Year for Priests about John Vianney, that he offered his whole self aforesh to God at every Mass. Also quiet prayer and adoration, the prayer of love.

3. The sacrament of penance every month, a good confession, honest and true.

Prayer is a communion of love every day between the priest and the heart of Jesus Christ. It is no wonder that the Year for Priests started on the feast of the Sacred Heart, for it is in that mystery that we find the meaning of the priestliness, John Vianney said it, “The priest is the love of the heart of Christ,” we are only part of what is quoted in the catechism of the church. When we pray, we offer ourselves to God afresh, then we will go forth from the Sunday celebration, the offering not to. Then we will be faithful to the Word of God. Then love will be a reality, and so will Jesus Christ.

May I close with the words of Pope Benedict XVI:

“The faithful expect only one thing from priests, that they be specialists in promoting the encounter between man and God. The priest is not expected to be an expert in economics, construction or politics; he is expected to be an expert in the spiritual life.”
USCCB distributes bulletin inserts on health care reform nationwide

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has sent bulletin inserts to almost 19,000 parishes across the country in an effort to urge Catholics to prevent health care reform from being derailed by support for abortion funding.

“Health care reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them,” the insert states. It urges readers to contact Senate leaders so they support efforts to “incorporate long-standing policies against abortion funding and in favor of conscience rights” in health care legislation.

“If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed,” it adds. The insert highlights an amendment sponsored by Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., which “addresses essential pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights.” “Help ensure that the rule for the bill allows a vote on the amendment,” the insert states. “If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed.”

The insert also directs Catholics to the Web page www.usccb.org/healthcare. Parishes also are being encouraged to distribute papal announcements and petitions in support of this effort.

Legionaries of Christ barred from ministering in Miami Archdiocese

MIAMI (CNS) — Miami Archbishop John C. Favalora has barred the Legionaries of Christ from exercising any ministry in the archdiocese, effective immedi-ately. In a letter addressed to all the priests in the archdiocese, Msgr. Michael Souckar, archdiocesan chancellor, said the decision was made because the order had not adhered to the conditions that they minister only to their own members. “Because the Legionaries of Christ have not abided by the restrictions, Archbishop Favalora has barred them from any ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami,” the priest said. “In the past, (Legionaries of Christ) priests were given individual approval by the vicar general each time they wished to come to the Archdiocese of Miami but their ministry was restricted to their own members,” he said. Jim Fair, Legionaries of Christ spokesman, told Catholic News Service Oct. 30 the order was “surprised and disappointed” by the news but would obey the archdiocese’s wishes and hoped to restore a working relationship with the archdiocese in the future. Mary Ross Agosta, archdiocesan director of communications, said that from time to time the archdiocese will issue statements of clarifica-
tion, often when we receive phone calls, letters or e-mails inquiring about issues, programs, visitors, speakers, etc. Such statements are not unusual, as they provide clear communications for clergy, parishioners and the south Florida community.”

German cardinal stresses Catholic role in toppling Berlin Wall

COLOGNE, Germany (CNS) — A German cardinal said various commemorations of the collapse of the Berlin Wall ignore contribu-
tions by the Catholic Church. “It is simply untrue, as many critics maintain, that the church was introverted — just the opposite,” said Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Cologne, who served as bishop of Berlin 1980-88. “Throughout these years, Christians formed a living protest against this inhuman system,” the cardinal said. “Yet in the many declarations, speeches, interviews and books appearing for the 20th anniversary, the church’s role is being evaluated and covered only very superficially, even by Catholics,” he said.

On Nov. 9 Germans will commemorate the 1989 fall of the wall, which divid-
ed West Germany from the com-

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit blesses a new shrine to St. Barbara, patroness of miners, Oct. 22 in Detroit’s salt mines 1,200 feet below ground.

CCHD collection focuses on helping families struggling in bad economy

WASHINGTON (CNS) — “Families are struggling. Faith is calling” is the theme for this year’s national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, which will be taken up in most U.S. Catholic churches the weekend of Nov. 21-22. This year’s collection will support the recovery of sight to the blind, to glad tidings to the poor ... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed going is more important than ever before,” said Bishop Roger P. Morin of Biloxi, Miss., who is chairman of the U.S. bishops’ CCHD subcommittee. He made the comments in a letter to parishioners asking Catholics to be as generous as possible during the annual collection that is the pri-
mary source of support for the U.S. bishops’ domestic anti-
poverty program. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds support projects in the diocese where the funds are collected. “The mission of CCHD is crucial in 2009 — to uplift and enable all who are one liftoff or one medical scare away from the poverty line — and all who are already there,” the bishop said. The nation’s current economic crisis has left many families and individuals without the security of a job, health care or a sufficient retirement fund, a press release on the collection noted.

Archdiocese opposes legalizing gay marriage in District of Columbia

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Washington Archdiocese said in written testimony Oct. 26 that it opposes legislation to allow same-

Pope appoints pastor to be auxiliary bishop for Diocese of Joliet

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Father Joseph M. Siegel, a pastor in Elmhurst, Ill., to be an auxiliary bishop for the Diocese of Joliet, Ill. The appointment was announced in Washington Oct. 28 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop-designate Siegel, ordained for the Joliet Diocese in 1988, has been pastor of Visitation Parish in Elmhurst since 2004. At age 46, he will be one of the youngest bishops in the U.S. Catholic Church. His episcopal ordination was scheduled for Jan. 19 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet, the church where he was baptized and ordained a priest.

Archbishop: Claims of new Knock apparitions could mislead

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS) — A Catholic bishop in western Ireland has warned that recent claims of new apparitions at a renowned Marian shrine “risk misleading God’s people and undermining faith.”

Archbishop Michael Neary of Tuam, the archdiocese where the famous Knock shrine is located, said: “For this reason, such events are to be regarded neither encouraged.” However, a Dublin-based clarion-voyant, Joe Coleman, reacted angrily to the archbishop’s statement, insisting that he was among thousands of people who witnessed an apparition at Knock Oct. 11. “While it may be difficult for someone of the archbishop’s stature to com-
prehend such events, the reality is that thousands of people now have borne witness to such apparitions during September and October of this year,” Coleman said in a state-
m. “As these people have said, photos — images are even on YouTube — and yet the people who disbelieve the most are the clergy,” he said.

Notre Dame professor Emeritus wins top prize of astronomical society

NOTRE DAME (CNS) — Michael J. Crowe, who taught at the University of Notre Dame for nearly 50 years, has been named winner of the 2010 LeRoy E. Doggett prize for historical astron-
omy by the American Astronomical Society. Crowe, who was chairman of the university’s liberal studies program and founding chairman of the graduate program in the history and philoso-
phy of science, will receive the award and deliver the plenary address at the society’s 2010 meeting Jan. 4 in Washington. The Doggett prize is awarded biennial-
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ments have had significant impact on the field of the history of astronomy.
**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

**USF lecture to examine the Holocaust**

**FORT WAYNE** — Dr. John Bequette, assistant professor of theology at the University of Saint Francis, will deliver a lecture titled “Christians, Jews and the Holocaust: Coming to Terms with a Troubling Past,” on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St.

Among other issues, Bequette will examine such questions as: How did the Holocaust happen in a “Christian” country? and How do Jews and Christians theologically understand the Holocaust?

This free public lecture is sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Theology and the School of Arts and Sciences of the University of Saint Francis. Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information, contact Choir Director Teresa Tarango at (260) 704-6637.

**Bishop Dwenger holds open house**

**FORT WAYNE** — Bishop Dwenger High School will hold its annual open house on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to provide an opportunity to explore the academic and athletic programs, and other co-curricular activities the school has to offer. Parents and students will be able to meet with faculty, staff, coaches and moderators, and take tours of the school guided by Bishop Dwenger students. The open house is open to all current fifth- through eighth-grade students, possible transfer students, and their families. For more information contact Joanne Scully at (260) 496-4703 or e-mail jscully@bishopdwenger.com.

**Holy Cross College hosts Campus Preview Day**

**NOTRE DAME** — Holy Cross College will be hosting Campus Preview Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6. There will be a variety of activities that showcase the college. Visitors will be given a guided tour of the campus by student ambassadors, treated to a lunch in the dining hall, and given the opportunity to attend informational sessions.

This is an opportunity for high school students and their parents to learn how to apply for financial aid resources including grants, scholarships and loans, find out about the college’s nine majors, sit in on live classes and have one-on-one conversations with faculty, staff, coaches, students, and representatives from campus organizations such as the Center for Global Perspectives, Notre Dame Band and ROTC.

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**THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN**

**St. Pius X, Granger** — Fourth graders in the after-school religious education program and St. Pius X School attended the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Nov. 1, All Saints Day, dressed as their chosen saint.
FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School hosted a reception on Oct. 4, in St. Elizabeth’s parish hall to honor Joanne Krudop for her 43 years as first-grade teacher at both St. Joseph School on Brooklyn and later St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School.

Dozens of former students, both young and old, parents, colleagues, friends and family came out to greet and honor Krudop, who retired Aug. 15.

Early in her career, Krudop taught in the third and eighth grades at St. Vincent de Paul School for a year. Then from 1967 to 2009, she settled into being a first-grade teacher at St. Joseph School on Brooklyn Avenue and St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School.

Krudop has wanted to be a teacher for as long as she can remember. She attended St. Joseph on Brooklyn and had religious sisters for teachers. “I was so relieved to learn that I could one day be a teacher and a wife and mother because I wanted to have children of my own,” she recalls.

She tells this story from her childhood: At a 7-year-old check-up, her doctor asked her what she wanted to be when she grew up. “I want to be a teacher and I want to have children too,” she replied. “How many children?” he asked. “One thousand,” she said.

The doctor laughed and told her mother, “Well, she will learn that she can’t have both.”

Now at the end of her teaching career, Krudop said, “My students were my children. I did have 1,000 children, and then some!”

Ellen Langford, a St. Elizabeth parishioner, wife and mother of several children who were taught by Krudop in first grade, attended the reception for Krudop.

“I remember, she (principal) Mary Schreiber telling me that one sign of a good school year is the answer to this question posed to a student: ‘Do you think your teacher likes you?’” Langford said. “My children always had a strong sense of being not only liked but loved by Mrs. Krudop when they were in her classroom. When I dropped them off for school, I felt like I was dropping them off to learn and spend time with a member of my own family.”

Krudop and her husband of 49 years, Robert, have three children, John, Jeff and Jenny. They have two daughters-in-law, one son-in-law and nine grandchildren.

St. Joseph Parish School has always been a special place for Krudop and her family. “My aunts, uncles, myself and my siblings, my children and grandchildren have all attended this school,” she said.

“I have been very fortunate to work with a great faculty and staff,” the retiring teacher said. “We all had a total commitment to the education of each child. Everyone gave more than 100 percent.”

Krudop spoke highly of her long-time teacher’s aide, Kathy Parmen, who assisted her in the classroom and who is also her sister. And she regards all the principals she has worked with highly, including Mary Schreiber and Lois Widner.

“Mrs. Krudop exemplified what it meant to be a Catholic school teacher,” Principal Lois Widner said. “Her compassion and dedication never faltered and her support for her administration never wavered. We were blessed to have her as a teacher.”

In 1991, Krudop was awarded the Northeast Indiana Bell Award for the Teacher of the Year. This award is given by the State of Indiana and honors one teacher in the public schools, and one in private schools in Northeast Indiana.

“Receiving the Bell Award was a great honor. I am very thankful for that award,” she said.

Krudop looks forward to her retirement years when she plans to help care for some of her family members, including her 96-year-old mother-in-law. She hopes to enjoy her lake house and do some reading. She also plans to tutor and is helping to organize skating parties for St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School. Krudop is also devoted to the rosary, which she prays every day.

“I looked back, Krudop said, ‘I have had great students and phenomenal parents all these years of teaching. I’ve been so blessed,’” she said.
New St. Henry’s Thrift Shoppe keeps smiles coming

BY MARY KINDER

FORT WAYNE — There’s plenty to smile about at the new St. Henry’s Thrift Shoppe. Located on the campus of St. Henry’s on the northwest corner of Hessen Cassel and Paulding roads, the thrift shoppe has been open since July, serving a growing number of customers each week. From the twinkling bell over the front door and the hot pot of coffee where “community roundtable” discussions take place, to the warm welcome that greets every one who enters and the charitable prices, an atmosphere of goodwill is found in every corner of the store.

Once customers find Henry’s Thrift Shoppe, they come back again and again. It could be the clean, quality merchandise, ranging from clothing items to knickknacks and small household appliances, neatly displayed throughout the store. It could be the low prices, clearly marked and designed to help shoppers get the items they need in these tough economic times. Or it just might be the warm atmosphere created by manager Jose Tarango and assistant manager Connie Torres.

Tarango, a member of St. Henry’s for over 15 years, enjoys working at the thrift shoppe. Routinely putting in as many as 60 hours a week, Tarango says the best part of his job is the people. “I meet a lot of different people everyday coming through our door. When they leave they have a big smile on their faces. That’s what makes it all worthwhile,” he said.

Smiles come easily to Tarango, who not only manages the thrift shoppe, but also finds merchandise for the store — through donations, garage sales and anywhere else he can think of, often driving to other cities to pick up items he can’t pass up. He points out a large, smiling Santa and Mrs. Claus on their perch near the front door. The pair, dressed in faded green velvet, was once a part of the famed Wolf and Dessauer Department Store Christmas display in downtown Fort Wayne.

Assistant manager Connie Torres became involved with the thrift shoppe when she volunteered to help with a parish garage sale, now she’s at the store almost every day. While she doesn’t live in the neighborhood, she does think of St. Henry’s as her home. When her daughter tried to convince her to join a parish closer to her house, she answered, “But they don’t need me there ... they need me at St. Henry’s.”

The thrift shoppe’s biggest sellers are baby items, priced from 25 cents for T-shirts and onesies to $2 for winter coats. The idea behind the shop is to offer quality items at very low prices — even when compared to other secondhand stores. The affordable prices keep the merchandise moving quickly out of the store, making room for new items which, in turn, helps attract even more bargain shoppers.

Even with the lower than normal prices, the thrift shoppe does pull in a profit, which pays for utilities and puts money back into the parish. Father Daniel Durkin, pastor of St. Henry’s, explains how the shoppe got its start. “We’re trying to serve the needs of the community. We had a clothing bank, but we thought that by putting quality merchandise and fine items for sale at a low cost, we could help even more people.”

The thrift shoppe provides free items to those in need, accepting vouchers from various community organizations. But both Tarango and Father Durkin are quick to point out that they are always willing to reach out to anyone who needs a helping hand. “(The tours) made me appreciate the small things in life. Things we take for granted.”

Father Durkin is hoping the thrift shoppe will become a cornerstone of the parish, bringing people throughout the community to the campus. Next spring he hopes to add a farmer’s market and senior open air market to the parking lot adjacent to the thrift shoppe. The thrift shoppe already serves as a gathering place for the community. People are drawn to Tarango’s quick jokes and to Torres’s welcoming nature as much as they are the merchandise. In addition, the thrift shoppe has six volunteers who donate time regularly, helping display merchandise and sort through donations.

The thrift shoppe is currently looking for donations of winter coats for infants, children and adults, but are always interested in clean, quality merchandise of any type, or as Tarango puts it, “anything you don’t have to feed, water or put to sleep.” Donations are accepted during store hours or can be placed in the donation box located near the entrance to the store.

Military service teaches veteran to appreciate blessings

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — At age 25, Matt Till is a husband, father, son and perhaps most notably, a veteran. Till is among the millions who have selflessly served the country in times of war.

The military has always been a significant part of his life. His father and grandfather were career Air Force men, so joining the Air National Guard was a likely path. “I grew up around it and it’s all I knew,” he said reflecting on his upbringing.

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Soon it was time to do the job he signed up for — serving tours in Iraq and Kuwait, totaling 18 months. With the service came some great challenges. Till said he was always concerned for his family’s well-being and at times felt “helpless,” being on the other side of the world.

At the same time, however, these experiences allowed him to reflect on his blessings. “(The tours) made me appreciate the small things in life,” he said. Things we take for granted.”

For example, luxuries like hot showers, a warm bed and high-speed Internet became faint memories. With one day off a week, there wasn’t much time to relax or connect with family overseas.

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In hindsight, Till said military service is not necessarily something for everyone. “You either know whether it is or isn’t for you,” he said. In early years he had trouble supporting the troops, even miles away from the front lines. Till wants people to view his service as a job, as opposed to a political mission, regardless of personal opinion on the wars.

“My job is to protect freedoms under the Constitution ... to go where I’m told and do what I’m told” — even if it means being away from family for months on end. “It’s clear that Till does not take his family for granted,” “I’m thankful the military has allowed me to have and raise a family.”
We are ambassadors for Christ

SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

I n St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians he tells them that they are ambassadors for Christ. We hear that same statement every Ash Wednesday, and it was one of the readings for daily Mass last summer. Every time I read or hear those words they send chills up my spine. What a huge responsibility to be an ambassador, let alone an ambassador for Christ.

Ambassadors are people who represent others or causes and speak on their behalf. It is both awesome and sometimes scary to think that the Scriptures tell us that we are ambassadors for Christ. We hear that the Scriptures tell us that we are ambassadors, let alone an ambassador for Christ.

Several years ago young Christians often used the saying WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?). It was on T-shirts, armbands, signs, etc. Using this saying was a popular fad for a couple of years but, like other fads, it faded down. Even so, it can still have a lot of meaning for us. There are times when it is good to ask what Jesus would do in certain situations. In fact, it is a good measurement for our behavior.

If Jesus were in a group of people who started to talk about and tear down someone’s reputation, he would probably try to change the subject or point out the harm being done. Maybe he would write things on the sidewalk. However, I am not suggesting that.

If Jesus were at a party with friends and the person who drove them there began to drink too much, he certainly wouldn’t let his friend drive. He probably would get a designated driver or call a cab. He also would encourage his friend to stop drinking.

If Jesus knew of some wrongdoing at work, he would not doubt risk being unpopular or losing his job and say something to the authorities. He wouldn’t just ignore it and pretend it wasn’t happening.

If Jesus were in the middle of a group that was telling ethnic, racist or gay jokes, he undoubtedly would walk away or speak out against such hurtful “fun” and risk being accused of not having a sense of humor or thinking he was better than others.

If Jesus saw a sign posted that help was desperately needed in a homeless center or soup kitchen but had other plans to go out with friends, most probably he would change his plans and invite his friends to help.

If Jesus were on the way to class or an appointment and he noticed someone crying or in trouble, chances are that he would stop and see how he could console the person.

A saint once said that God has no hands but feet but ours. We are called to use our hands and feet and every other part of our selves to be Christ for the world, to be his ambassadors. It is an awesome but rewarding challenge.

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Wild-rice wisdom: Letting up and slowing down

I t was a difficult decision for the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa to suspend its wild rice harvest last fall.

The Native American tribe in northern Minnesota shepherds Net Lake, the world’s largest wild rice lake. Its harvest is a source of pride, identity, revenue and renown. To forgo an entire rice season marked a major setback.

But the growing conditions had been poor — cold weather, little rain — and the tribe’s abiding respect for nature’s counterintuitive, but the tribe’s need to suspend its wild rice lake. Its harvest is a testimony to the tribe’s respect for nature’s need to make the best decision for their future.

“This is disappointing news,” the tribal chairman told a reporter, “but we have to remember that nature runs in cycles.”

He was right, and last year’s prudence allowed for this year’s prosperity — the best harvest in more than a decade. The lake yielded more than 1 million pounds of rich wild rice.

I got to see the large, colorful grain on a trip this week. I had been working mornings and nights, weekdays and weekends, and my getaway up north felt overdue. It wasn’t a long visit, but my packing revealed a desire for retreat: a journal, a prayer book, an Anna Quindlen novel, an Anne of Green Gables soundtrack, and a few blank greeting cards with Maya Angelou quotes and a dusting of gold.

I thought about the resistance Bois Forte must have faced in canceling a rice season, the trumping of long-term benefits over short-term demands, the abiding respect for nature’s cycles. And I took a couple days off without guilt, I may say, counterintuitively, but the tribe’s skipped season makes the case convincingly — rest ensures a more fruitful harvest.

So I enjoyed the scenery — the amber leaves, the leaping deer, the scent of autumn gracefully bending to winter. After a hot bath and a long sleep, I woke before the alarm sounded feeling refreshed.

I returned to an e-mail from a colleague, “It feels like we’ve been going a million miles an hour lately,” she wrote. As I scrolled through my favorite blogs, I paused at a fellow twenty-something’s post.

“There hasn’t been much down time,” it began, “I kept thinking it was going to show up eventually, but I think it’s not.”

The word “down” jumped out at me — slowing down, craving down time. Much of our daily grind is about being up. We wake up, stand up, show up, speak up, hurry up, follow up, buck up, clean up, cheer up, change it up.

Maybe we all just need a little more down.

This month’s readings urge us to step back from “the anxieties of daily life” to “be vigilant at all times,” because workaholics will miss the Lord’s coming.

Our Holy Father echoes that message on his annual vacation, when he plays piano and strolls through the pines. Down time, Pope Benedict XVI has said, provides “an opportunity to draw closer to the Lord in prayer and thanksgiving.”

It is the perfect way to draw into the season and mindset of Thanksgiving. When I slow down, I can move beyond the year’s obvious blessings, the baby and bride who joined our family on the same September day, to relish the details: the way my grandma coos when she holds my new granddaughter, and the unharvested rice to reseed the lake for the benefit of future crops.

It’s a former campus minister and vocation director’s time to slow down time, and I pray you do as well.

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

University of Saint Francis professor debunks some misconceptions about the pope

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis Professor Adam DeVille debunked some misconceptions about the pope and the papacy at an on-campus lecture on Oct. 6.

Deville opened the lecture with a lesson on why it’s important to study and understand this often misunderstood concept. Authority and papal belief, the pope is only infallible on matters of faith and morals. The pope cannot predict the future, nor is he omniscient or omnipotent.

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The differences between terms such as pope, Vatican and Holy See can be confusing and missed by even the most educated. They are not interchangeable and have nuances that should be noted. DeVille clarified each term and explained their contexts.

In closing, DeVille reminded the faithful of the purpose and role of the holy office. The pope is a “perpetual and visible” head of the church, whose “foremost job is to keep Christians united in matters of faith and morals.” The latter is not some lofty idea, empty of action. Rather, DeVille noted the pope’s presence in the unification of Christian denominations. The church is in constant dialogue with church leaders with the goal of better understanding each other.
CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

In the spirit of the true meaning of the holiday season, Today’s Catholic features some gift ideas and local opportunities to help keep the season simple and bright.

Craft show brings community together and helps those in need

BY GWEN OBRIEN

NOTRE DAME — The Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary’s College will host its third annual Christmas Craft Show on Friday, Dec. 11, from noon until 6 p.m., in LeMans Hall. The bazaar helps to raise funds for OCSE’s Twelve Days of Christmas program, an effort that provides holiday gifts and necessities to area families and individuals in need.

The show features the creative talents of local crafters. The vendor fees are donated in support of the Twelve Days program, and some vendors choose to donate all or part of their proceeds to the cause. The more successful the craft show is, the more people OCSE can help this holiday season. Last year 25 families and 25 individuals benefited, and with the recession affecting so many more people this year, OCSE hopes to have an even bigger impact this time.

The show is a win-win for the South Bend region, says Carrie Call, director of OCSE.

“We support the community by supporting the local artists, and we support families in need through the Twelve Days program,” explains Call. “A craft show is a unique way to reach one of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement’s primary goals: to support the community in which Saint Mary’s resides.”

Unique crafters include an artisan from South Bend, who handcrafted an alphabet made of garden flowers and scanned them into her computer. She uses the letters to make floral word prints. A jewelry maker from Granger will be selling pieces from her collection, which features glass pendants with inspirational messages like “Celebrate Life,” “Say your prayers,” “Find your voice and sing,” and “Live your poem.”

There’s also a South Bend man who makes jewelry out of antique silverware. Pens made from knife handles are among his unusual offerings. Shoppers will also find everything from hand-painted wooden furniture to knitted items made from the wool of alpacas the artist raises on her property. In all there will be at least 50 booths.

Local agencies and schools that partner with OCSE throughout the academic year choose the recipients of the holiday help. These agencies and schools include Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army, REAL Services and select Title 1 schools in South Bend.

“I’ve seen firsthand how the Saint Mary’s Twelve Days of Christmas program helps people,” says Carla Killelea, principal at Warren Primary Center, who identified some who could use the holiday help. OCSE has a long-standing relationship with the school as Saint Mary’s students put in hours there as teachers’ assistants and tutors.

“One mother who received Christmas gifts last year told me it was the first time in eight years she and her children woke up on Christmas morning and everyone had presents,” Killelea said. “She told me she watched the joy that morning and promised herself to do better in the world and to get sober. The gifts made her realize that she could trust people again and that they needed to be able to trust her. When her children returned to our school in January, they were happier and talked about Christmas as though it were a miracle.”

Saint Mary’s students involved in the program say the experience is a lesson in humanity. “Being a part of Twelve Days of Christmas is absolutely amazing,” said Alma Bravo of South Bend. “I am not only a helper, but a witness to the generosity that the Saint Mary’s community shows through the giving of their time, talents and treasures. Everyone becomes united in a loving and caring spirit. The best part is seeing the happy faces of the families who receive these gifts because you know they are receiving the message that someone cares.”

It’s the third year for the Christmas Craft Show and the sixth year for the Twelve Days of Christmas program.
Think globally, act locally for the holidays with ‘A Different Kind of Christmas’

HUNTINGTON — Thanksgiving and Christmas are synonymous with gratitude and gift-giving. This may be the year to rethink how the holidays are done. Victory Noll Center in Huntington presents “A Different Kind of Christmas,” a shopping experience with the goal of getting everyone to think globally and act locally in preparation for the holidays. Local Huntington businesses and their products will be showcased for sale at Victory Noll Center Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon, providing an opportunity for a new look at gift-giving and the awareness that we can make a difference locally and globally by how we shop. It’s we can make a difference locally.

For more information on this event or other programs at Victory Noll Center, contact Director Sue Wilhelm at (260) 356-0628, ext. 128 or by e-mail at suewilhelm@olvfm.org.

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Kania’s Christmas decorations adorn Queen of Peace tree

MISHAWAKA — For Queen of Peace parishioners Bob and Kathy Kania, creating Christmas decorations that reflect life milestones and childhood memories exemplify the themes of peace, joy and goodwill of Christ’s Incarnation.

The love of making homemade Christmas decorations began for the Kaniacs as children. As a youth, Bob liked to cut out wooden crafts on his father’s band saw. “I remember Christmases that were pretty slim from the gift standpoint. When I was 16 years old I made my mother a manger to place under the tree,” he recalls.

Family memories of the manger still linger as it was passed to his sister upon his mother’s death. During the Kaniacs’ first year of marriage, Bob made a manger for his family which is still used today.

But Bob’s “bug” for crafting took a back seat to his job until about 20 years ago when he bought a scroll saw. Bob bought a couple of craft books and found that cutting wood was a much needed respite from the stress of his job. “I could come home in the evening and go down into my little world and cut wood and make some things,” he says.

His basement workshop completes Bob’s transformation as he lights a Christmas candle and listens to carols year round while cutting out Christmas ornaments.

It was while on a trip to Dollywood theme park in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee that Bob’s love of wood cutting intensified. While visiting with a craft vendor at the park, he heard about a rebuilt RBI scroll saw in Georgia. Bob contacted the seller, purchased it, and “it has been my baby ever since,” he jokes.

With Kathy as a designer, Bob has made several Christmas wood ornaments that have intricate fretwork motifs. One of his most popular fretwork decorations is a sleigh. The idea for a sleigh came from his mother who recalled riding in a sleigh as a girl.

Bob has also made several Nativity Christmas ornaments. Kathy based one on a large three-dimensional outdoor wood scene that featured animals surrounded by trees.

“Kathy redesigned it with a stable surrounding Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus in the middle. She reduced it on a Xerox and I cut out the pieces and glued it together. So the center, which was a wildlife pattern, is now a Nativity pattern,” Bob notes.

In addition to designing and painting the wooden ornaments, Kathy also makes Christmas ornaments using recycled and natural materials including milk weeds, Christmas cards, pine cones, dried flowers, brown paper bags and popsicle sticks. “I like to work with my hands and enjoy the satisfaction when you finish something,” she says.

One of the greatest joys of making ornaments comes when the ornament is personalized. The Kania children and grandchildren have ornaments reflecting a special memory or event during the year.

“For example I made a school ornament recognizing the loss of a first tooth, and an ornament with the date they took their first steps,” says Bob.

This year one of the Kania granddaughters received a blue ribbon at the 4-H fair. “So we cut out a wooden shamrock with a blue ribbon on it for her,” Kathy explains.

Bob recalls one year when a coworker asked him to make 10 sleighs (each sleigh takes about 12 hours to complete) in October to be finished by Christmas. Since Bob also serves as a referee for high school football games during that period, it was a challenge to complete the sleighs on time. But knowing they were going to give his friend pleasure was the incentive to accept the job.

“The neat part of making sleighs or any ornament for people is you think about the individual you are making it for. Just knowing I’m making it for somebody I know or care about makes it special for me,” he says.

The Kaniacs’ love of Christmas decorations has extended to include a donation of over 100 of their painted wooden ornaments that are used on a 12-foot tree at Queen of Peace Parish. The tree is usually put up just before Christmas Eve, so not to distract from the solemnity of the Advent season.

The fellowship among the parishioners that goes with putting up the tree’s lights, ornaments and decorations makes the occasion very special. Bob notes that Queen of Peace parishioner Joe Valentine, whose wife passed away a few years ago, eagerly looks forward to putting up the tree each year.

“Joe will hold the lights as I am stringing them, and places ornaments on the tree. For him, when he goes to midnight Mass, there is a sense of pride in knowing he had something to do with the tree.”
Bishops’ conference seeks parish help

As Congress debates healthcare reform on the House and Senate floors this week, “Healthcare reform should be about saving lives, not destroying them,” states an insert sent to 19,000 parishes across the country by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Healthcare reform may be derailed by the abortion lobby.

So far the Stupak Amendment, named for Rep. Bart Stupak of Michigan, to address pro-life concerns on abortion funding and conscience rights in the healthcare reform bill, has been defeated in committee.

As the bishops urge the faithful to contact members of the Senate and House this week, they suggest telling legislators: “Help ensure that the rule for the bill allows a vote on the amendment,” the insert states. “If these serious concerns are not addressed, the final bill should be opposed.”

Additional information about the U.S. bishops health care recommendations can be found at www.usccb.org/healthcare.

Parishes also received pulpit announcements and petitions in support of the bishops’ efforts.

The inserts are expected to be placed in parish bulletins in early November and contain information about how Catholics receive the sacraments — the Eucharist, reconciliation, baptism — given by God to strengthen faith and deepen understanding.

It was a day of joyful celebration for the diocese, and family and friends of Fathers Runyon and Jimenez, but doubly so for the newly ordained themselves, who clearly understand the service to which they have been called.

Today's Catholic congratulates Father Jacob Runyon and Father Fernando Jimenez on receiving their holy orders and joins the community as it prays for and supports the vocation calls of our young men and women.

Catholic blogosphere: Council looks at promoting charity, truth online

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Communications technology keeps changing, but the need to deliver a message with truth and charity is never obsolete, said Italian Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, as president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Archbishop Celli presided over a four-day meeting of cardinals, bishops and Catholic media professionals to discuss — mainly in small groups — new pastoral guidelines for church communications.

A recurring theme during the meeting Oct. 26-29 was what constitutes Catholic communications and what, if anything, can be done about those who use the word Catholic to describe themselves while using all sorts of nasty adjectives to describe anyone who doesn’t agree with them.

Archbishop Celli said he didn’t think a Catholic bloggers’ “code of conduct” would accomplish much, especially when what is really needed is a reflection on what it means to communicate.

Upright, ethical communication is a natural result of a sincere desire to share the truth about God, about faith and about the dignity of the human person, he said.

The archbishop said that what Pope Benedict XVI has said about solidarity and development aid goes for communications as well: “Charity needs truth and truth needs charity.”

“An authentic speaking publicly as a Catholic has to have those ethical values that are part of a serious, honest form of communication,” Archbishop Celli said.

Carl A. Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus and a consultant to Archbishop Celli’s council, said, “If Catholics cannot deal with each other with civility, how can we expect others to?”

“We make certain claims about what kind of community we are; we have set the standards high and we must try really, really hard to live up to that,” Anderson said.

He said Pope Benedict, an example of a good Catholic communicator: “He seeks clarity and definition while demonstrating charity and respect for others.”

Talking about the Catholic blogosphere, Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony said, “I have been appalled by some of the things I’ve seen; of course, I’ve been the object of some of them.”

Being Christian, he said, means treating others like Jesus treated people: reaching out to all and exercising extreme caution when making judgments.

One of the pontifical council’s consultants, Basilian Father Thomas Rosica, the head of Canada’s Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, said the Internet and blogs have brought about a “radicalization of rhetoric,” even among Catholics.

The Web site of Salt and Light Television, he said, sometimes receives hundreds of comments on a story.

“Many we don’t publish because of the fifth and one we’ve turned over to the police” because of the threats they contain, he said.

Asked to address the council

The prophetic witness of our youth

During these Forty Days for Life, Catholics and Christians from various ecclesial communities have joined together in a time of prayer, fasting and silent witness. A prayer tent has been set up across the street from the Fort Wayne Women’s Health Organization on Inwood Drive, one of two facilities in Allen County that performs abortions.

Individuals, families — including my own — and other groups have come together and maintained silent vigil. They have prayed for the mothers, their lives, their response to the offer of abortion, and for the clinic staff that they would choose life for their unborn children, and for the clinic staff that they would experience a conversion to the Gospel of Life.

But the one group whose presence at the prayer tent is most encouraging is the large group of students from several Catholic schools, including St. Charles Borromeo, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Jude, Concordia High School, and many home schooled young people. Their prophetic presence gives us the assurance that, despite the serious political setbacks of last year, the pro-life movement will continue to work on behalf of unborn children.

I am reminded of the words that Pope John Paul II addressed to youth at World Youth Day, 2005:

“Dear young people, the church needs genuine witnesses for the new evangelization: men and women whose lives have been transformed by meeting with Jesus, men and women who are capable of communicating this experience to others. The church needs saints. All are called to holiness, and holy people are always needed to be models of holiness.”

What I see here is the emergence of a renewed humanity in our young people. This nascent renewed humanity is prayerfully responding to a very real injustice being perpetuated against the weak and defenseless, said John, Holy Spirit for moving yet again within your church.

John P. Bequette, Ph.D.
Fort Wayne
Showing up for our time with Christ

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did you ever catch yourself saying, “I wish I could feel Christ’s encouraging hand on my shoulder.” I wonder why he doesn’t let me know his presence like I used to. Now, he seems so far away. Why?” We’re inclined to blame ourselves for not “praying enough” or not doing it the right way — whatever that means.

We forget that Christ felt this way. Loneliness is not willfully by God; this just happens because of our human nature. Christ longed for his Father’s presence but didn’t always receive it either because of his human nature. The temptation in the desert, the garden and the cross illustrate this. There were other times too — the rejection of the Scribes and Pharisees and when people walked away. Only twice in Scripture are we told that Christ heard the Father’s affirmation of him.

Yet, Christ chose to live in the Father’s presence and to stay open to the touch of the Spirit. We know this choice because Scripture tells of the many times he went apart simply to be with his Father. He had to do this so he could remain faithful to his commitment to bring Divine Love to earth.

Equipped with this faith, he went about doing good and helping others to feel good about themselves in his presence. Christ never compromised the pledge he made to the Father and the Spirit. He’d remain faithful to them and to us, no matter what the cost.

Faithful love was Christ’s driving force. I’m sure he wanted to give up many times. Yet, “he went out to pray” regularly, even in his most trying times. He suited up and showed up. Too often, we glamorize Christ’s time alone in the mountains, by the lake or in the wilderness. We imagine him as on a holy card, kneeling, facing heavenward, hands together, garments perfect, having an ecstatic expression, hair and beard perfectly combed and in perfect natural surroundings with a strong ray of heavenly light penetrating him.

This is more fiction than fact. That’s why we’re too often tempted not to “suit up and show up” for time with him. We know that the holy card image doesn’t describe our time in prayer. This becomes an excuse to beg off.

On a sports team, when a player doesn’t get called to play, he might think that the time spent in suiting up and showing up was wasted. It wasn’t: if the player’s there, attentive and willing to absorb something from the experience, even if not given recognition from the coach, the experience of being present provided a benefit far beyond any felt satisfaction. The player was simply there and was open; the coach knew it, and this fact paved the way for further sharing.

When we merely “suit up and show up,” for time with Christ, it’s similar to what he did with his Father and the Spirit. Christ, our coach, knows we’re there and he does the rest. Even though we...

Sister Angelita Fenker

Be generous in trusting God

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN E. CAMPION

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mk 12:38-44

The First Book of Kings furnishes the first reading from the Scriptures.

Political governance, in the mind of the ancient Hebrews, was not their king’s chief function. Rather, assuring the nation’s political stability, the author knew the history and traditions of Judaism, and the author was a skillful writer.

Building upon Jewish themes, the author writes about Jesus in the most soaring language.

The reading declares that God has ordained that all people must die, but God also has ordained that all may live if they turn to Jesus. This is possible because of the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary, and because of the reality of Jesus as a human and as the Son of God, in the mystery theologians call the Incarnation.

St. Mark’s Gospel offers us the last reading. It is a familiar story, appearing also in Luke, but not in Matthew.

The message is clear. The poor widow who gave to the temple a small donation, but great for her in her poverty, is the paragon of love for God and trust in God. Jesus spoke of her as such.

Identification of the woman who gave the mite gives some indication of the quality of Christ’s interaction with people. This woman is poor but not humble. She is not seeking to be noticed. She, like many of the other people in Christ’s community, is just trying to live her life. She is not a sheep, nor a pharisee, nor a sinner, but a woman with a heart for Jesus and a desire to give to his work.

The widow’s mite often is used either to urge generosity in giving to worthy causes, or to define the motive for giving to the church or to another activity for a noble cause. These interpretations are correct. However, the lesson is not just about money and about being generous. It is about trust — absolute trust in God.

We must trust in God despite the false warnings and contrary directions sent us by the Heavens, the flesh and the devil, despite our fears and cravings.

Being generous with God also means being generous in trusting God. It is much easier to donate to the church or to charity, if we are so able, than to dismiss the conventions of our culture, or our own instincts, and trust in the law of God and in the eternal life awaiting those who truly love Jesus.

Material generosity is good, but it must reveal complete faith.

READING

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16 1467-10

Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44

Monday: 2 Th 1:1-5 Ps 119:167-170

Tuesday: Wis 3:16-21 Ps 39:2-3, 16-19 Lk 22:11-16

Wednesday: Wis 6:11-16 Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 8:22-8:28 Ps 119:89-90

Friday: Wis 13:10-15 Ps 19:9-10 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16:9 Ps 105:3-36, 42:43 Lk 18:1-8

ANSWERS:

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

SISTER ANGELITA FENKER

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CATEQUIZ’EM

By Dominic C. Campion

Nov. 2 was “all souls.” This quiz looks at the soul and what use it is.

1. What is the human soul?

a. The spiritual, as opposed to the physical, substance of a person
b. The moral qualities of a group of people who have true faith
c. The arbitrator of good and evil in the brain of all mammals

2. What does a soul need in order to constitute a human being?

a. It needs to be united with a spirit child in heaven.
b. It needs to be reincarnated into a new human.
c. It needs to be united with a body.

3. When does this happen?

a. at conception

b. at death

c. during the resurrection of the 144,000

4. So who creates souls?

a. Human parents

b. God
c. the Catholic Church and churches in communion with her.

5. What is one major difference between a body and a soul?

a. The body can be killed; the soul is immortal.
b. The souls of humans live in heaven with God before his/her birth, the body only at conception.
c. The body can be killed, but old souls never die, they just fade away.

6. What, however, lies in the future in the afterlife?

a. the reuniting of each person and their three souls in the Trinity

b. the reuniting of the body with the soul
c. the enlargement of the soul to make it fit in the many mansions

7. What size is a soul?

a. Smaller than the head of a pin

b. Depends on one’s generosity; great big souls are assigned to those who are charitable

c. It has no size as it is spiritual and not physical

8. In that case how can a soul get “marks” on it?

a. by following the Wiccan rubrics exactly, once can channel tattooists souls.
b. by using a really powerful permanent marker and indelible inks
c. by a sacramental action which is not limited to a physical effect

9. What does this mean about the administration of sacraments that make an indelible mark on the soul?

a. The sacraments which make permanent marks, can be administered only once to a person.
b. It has to be at covens when there are no uninitiated strangers around.
c. These marks are subcutaneous and can be misused by graffiti artists (tattoos)

10. Which sacraments are these?

a. Baptism, Eucharist and confirmation

b. Baptism, confirmation and holy orders
c. The Order of the Druids and the Brotherhood of Warlocks

11. In Goethe’s Faust, who tries to get Faust’s soul?

a. Mephistopheles

b. The moral qualities of a group of people who have true faith
c. The arbitrator of good and evil in the brain of all mammals
St. Paul began his preaching ministry in Damascus

What are the sites pertaining to St. Paul in Damascus?

Damascus is a large city in Syria. It is called the oldest continually populated city in the world. Christian tradition holds that Paul, then called Saul, went here to arrest Christians. Paul later became St. Paul, wrote seven books comprising the New Testament, and began preaching in Damascus. Ananias in Damascus and told him to go to Straight Street at the house of Judas and ask for Saul of Tarsus. So Ananias laid his hands on Saul and he regained his sight. Then Saul was baptized a Christian and went to the house of a Jewish teacher, who was very important for his conversion to Christianity. Meanwhile, Jesus appeared to Ananias in Damascus and told him to go to Straight Street at the house of Judas and ask for Saul of Tarsus. So Ananias laid his hands on Saul and he regained his sight. Then Saul was baptized a Christian and went to the house of a Jewish teacher, who was very important for his conversion to Christianity.

On the road to Damascus, a light from the sky flashed about Saul and he fell to the ground. He heard a voice saying “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? I am Jesus. Get up and go into Damascus.” Saul was blind, so men had to lead him into Damascus.

Meanwhile Jesus appeared to Ananias in Damascus and told him to go to Straight Street at the house of Judas and ask for Saul of Tarsus. So Ananias laid his hands on Saul and he regained his sight. Then Saul was baptized a Christian and went to the house of a Jewish teacher, who was very important for his conversion to Christianity.
ICCL soccer titles determined

BY CHUCK FREEBY

Eagles clinch boys title

MISHAWAKA — The players chanted “Dy-nas-ty,” and the numbers back it up.

St. Joseph (South Bend), this year combined with Corpus Christi and St. Adalbert’s, steam-rolled to the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) boys’ soccer title again, clinching the crown with a 4-1 triumph over Christ the King at Marian’s Abro Field.

“It’s the fourth year in a row these eighth graders have won a championship,” commented Eagles Coach Bill Brewster, after guiding his team through a perfect season. “They’re a talented bunch of young men and always give 100 percent.”

The gold-leafed hills of Dragoon Trail and temperatures in the 60s provided a perfect setting for the championship match.

The Kings fired the first salvo 11 minutes into the game, as Cole Cabral also had tallies for the Eagles.

“I was shaking the whole time,” exclaimed Barany amidst the goal, and we’re especially proud of our defense.\n
Junior varsity

For the first time in 14 years, there’s an addition to the athletic trophy case at St. Adalbert’s.

Jose Ramon Ruvalcava’s team gave the small school on South Bend’s west side reason to celebrate, capturing the boys’ junior varsity title with a 4-2 win over Christ the King.

“This is the first year St. Adalbert’s had enough boys to make their own team,” stated a jubilant Ruvalcava. “From about the third game of the season on, they came together as a group and meshed. There’s a few kids who play Junior Irish on this team and there might be a few who can go on and play at college.”

Christian Juarez scored two goals in the winning effort.

Midfielder Richie Ontiveros, a player Ruvalcava calls the team’s “heart and soul,” and Quique Cabral also had tallies for the Eagles.

“We had a 2-0 lead on them in the regular season, and they came back and beat us, 4-2,” recalled Ruvalcava. “They’re a good team, but our defense played well today.”

According to ICCL President Tony Violi, St. Adalbert’s last championship was the 1995 football title when they were combined with Corpus Christi.

Cougar girls take ICCL girls’ championship

Hali Barany could not have picked a better time for the first soccer goal of her career.

Barany’s goal in the seventh minute of the game, 1-1.

“Christ the King rallied from two losses late in the season to make a strong tourney run, including a triumph over a St. Jude squad that was unbeaten in the regular season.

“Our boys have come a long way,” remarked Kings’ Coach Craig Nowicki. “We gelled and came together, and we’re especially proud of our defense.\n
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St. Vincent, Saints, capture diocesan CYO vs. ICCL crowns

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Youth League (CYO) football teams from Fort Wayne hosted the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) boys from South Bend on a gloriously sunny afternoon at the University of Saint Francis’ Bishop D’Arcy Stadium on Sunday, Nov. 1.

Runner-up showdown

Going head to head in the runner-up showdown, the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) Mishawaka Catholic Saints downed Fort Wayne’s St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth/St. Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) Knights, 12-6, in a hard-fought game.

Led by Kirk Barron, Jacob Appleman and Anthony Piraccini, Coach Tony Violi felt it was the play of his offensive and defensive lines that made the difference in the game, Dominic Ravotto’s running of the ball, Charles Fletcher’s standout defense, along with Cody Kankel, Brandon Kemp and Evan Fras also were major factors in the victory.

In the play by play, it was JAT who got on the board first when Quinton Gardner broke a couple of tackles on his way to a 48-yard touchdown run. The extra point just missed wide left as the Knights held an early 6-0 lead. The Saints’ Joe Kavanagh answered back to tie things up, 6-6, at the half.

Violi recalls the key play from this drive was the pass from Chris Coulier to Michael Rice to set up the score.

With five minutes left in the game, Kavanagh scored again for Mishawaka to put them ahead to stay. JAT had time to mount one final drive. Facing a third and long, quarterback Trey Casaburo found tight end Braden Thiele 20 yards down field. Thiele was double-covered, but managed to tip the ball in the air, scramble to the ground and catch the ball on his back for a first down.

The Saints’ defense stiffened and the Knights turned the ball over on downs. The Gatorade-drenched Violi, beamed, “Coming to Fort Wayne and playing on this field (USF) was just unbelievable. It was the dream experience for our players and I know they will never forget it. If it wasn’t so costly to bring us all here, we would beg and pray to do it every year!”

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The newly crowned 2009 diocesan champs, the St. Vincent Panthers, defeated the Holy Cross Crusaders from South Bend to take the diocesan crown.
hand just five minutes into the second half, as a beautiful crossing feed from Tatiana Gundek set up a goal by Emily Lindzy. Just three minutes later, Loebach was fouled inside the box. Her ensuing penalty kick was a bullet to the back of the net and the game was tied at 2. “Our plan was to mark Loebach, but we got a little too aggressive,” admitted Corpus Christi Coach Adrian Vasile. “We wanted to avoid a shootout, but both keepers did a great job.” Indeed, Malicki stopped 10 shots in regulation and overtime, while Corpus Christi keeper Natalie Szalako had seven saves.

In the shootout, Corpus avoided elimination twice as Kambol and Gundek both made kicks with the game on the line, setting the stage for Barany’s heroes. “What a challenge this was,” said Vasile afterwards, doused with water and silly string by his team. “You saw two aggressive teams, both led by solid players. It couldn’t have been any closer. It was a perfect way to end a great season.”

It was a disappointing result, but we are very proud of everyone,” said Vasile. “Our plan was to mark the game on the line, setting up Ann-Marie Wright’s game-clinching goal. St. Joseph went through the entire year and led our team to the championship game as well. St. Joe Coach Bob Raster. “Both teams played hard and played well. The referee had told us before the game there wouldn’t be a shootout, and it would have been nice if that were the case, because no one deserved to lose.”

Christ the King’s Julia Kuhar scored the game-tying goal with just 10 minutes remaining in regulation, and it stayed knotted through both overtimes. Eagles keeper Teresa Plummer. Those unavailable for the photo were Claire Jilek and Tori Plummer.

The Corpus Christi team includes the following. Back row left, front row left, Breanna Kloski, Holli Barany, Samantha Kambol, Denise Veldman, Jessica Perrigrine, Alex Nyikos, Christina Gundek and Briana Spaniolo; and back row, Head Coach Adrian Vasile, Moranda Fugate, Sara Bogol, Lilly Renharger, Natalie Szalako, Amber Kish, Brittany Rosanski, Hannah Rybicki, Tatiana Gundek, Haley Powers, Emily Lindzy and Coach Todd Veldman. Those unavailable for the photo were Claire Jilek and Tori Plummer.

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Violi added, “Mike (Gigli) and all of the JAT coaches were so kind and considerate before and after the game. It created an atmosphere the way a Catholic league game is supposed to be. They are a class act.”

Gigli especially noted the monumental play of his eighth-graders in their final CYO game. “These boys worked hard the entire year and led our team to some big game victories.”

Championship showcase

In the championship showcase featuring the top two teams from each league, Fort Wayne’s St. Vincent Panthers squeaked by South Bend’s undefeated, the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders, 36-34, in a nail of a game. It was neck and neck the entire game. The go-to-guy had eight scores in the Panthers’ first 10 games. In his final CYO appearance, Fiacable had another exceptional day commanding the explosive St. Vincent spread-offense.

According to Redeemer Radio stats, the Bishop Dwenger’s bound quarterback finished with 248 yards of total offense. He connect on 13 of 21 passes, had 11 carries and five touchdowns. Byrne, the Crusaders’ deadly weapon all season, dazzled the crowd rushing for 274 yards on 16 carries with five touchdowns in the loss.

Behind their powerful, big line and outstanding back, Holy Cross ended 6-1 on the year. St. Vincent ended 5-2-1, but the Crusaders five touchdowns. No one should have had to lose this game. Byrne scored five touchdowns. No one should have had to lose this game. I was very impressed with the Panthers quarterback and their offense. It was a great experience for these teams and I hope the tradition can continue for years to come.” summarized South Bend’s Coach John Krzyzewski.

For the Panthers, Kyle Hartzog scored the first touchdown on a 3-yard run in the shoot-out. Out with a hip injury, Ryan Watercutter, was sorely missed in the championship game. The go-to-guy had eight scores in the Panthers’ first 10 games. In his final CYO appearance, Fiacable had another exceptional day commanding the explosive St. Vincent spread-offense.

SERRA CLUB PRESENTS BISHOP’S TROPHY TO BISHOP DWENGER

Nick Gray, president of the Fort Wayne Serra Club, presents the Bishop’s Trophy to the Bishop Dwenger Saints’ team captains following their recent football victory over the Bishop Luers Knights. In the photo, from left, are Wade Markley, Issac Evans, Serran Nick Gray, Landon Feichter and Tony Bobay.
WHAT’S HAPPENING?

WHAT’S HAPPENING carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today’s Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or e-mail: thogan@fw.diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

NP classes offered
Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer Natural Family Planning classes starting Sunday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register call (260) 489-1856.

Living Healthier series sponsored by University of St. Francis
Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series will begin Wednesday, Nov. 18, with “Yoga: Relax, Restore and Renew,” with Dani McGuire at 6:30 p.m. at the North Campus, 2702 Spring St. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments and healthy snacks provided. Non-perishable food item donations accepted.

Legion of Mary Mass and rosary held
Fort Wayne — A Mass and rosary for all deceased Legiornaries of Mary will be held Monday, Nov. 16, at 5 p.m. at St. Patrick Church. The host Legion of Mary group invites all Catholics to “come and see,” without any obligation, to a weekly meeting at 6:15-7:45 p.m. on Wednesdays at Our Lady of Good Hope, room 1. For more information, call Connie Acierio at (260) 486-1001.

Day of Reflection
Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is “Praying Hands.” Please bring your Bible. The cost of the day is $15 and includes lunch. Register by Nov. 13 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Knights plan Thanksgiving dinner
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451 will sponsor a senior citizen Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free will offering will be accepted. Call (260) 493-1914 by Nov. 19 to RSVP.

Fall dance
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School will have a fall dance with music from Break Away, Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are $10 and include two drinks. Tickets can be purchased at the school or at the door. Must be 21.

Fall harvest dinner
Plymouth — St. Michael School will have a fall harvest dinner Sunday, Nov. 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish center, 612 N. Center St. Swiss steak and buttermilk baked chicken will be served. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit the playground project.

FUNDRAISERS

Knights plan spaghetti dinner to support Reins of Life
South Bend — A spaghetti dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 553 E. Washington St., Friday, Nov. 13, from 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and $3.50 for children under 12. Tickets are $8 at the door. For advance sales call (574) 232-0853. All proceeds benefit the Reins of Life.

Knights plan fish fry
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 6, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $7 for adults, $3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverages are included.

Pancake and sausage served
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus 9460 will have a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday, Nov. 15, at the St. Therese parish hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. A free-will donation will be accepted.

Fish fry
New Haven — St. John the Baptist Holy Name Society will have a fish fry Friday, Nov. 6, from 4-7 p.m. Adult tickets are $7.50, children 5-12 are $4 and children under 5 are free.

Spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council #5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner, Thursday, Nov. 12, from 4-6 p.m. Adults $7, children ages 5 to 12 $2.50. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, beverages and dessert.

Fish fry planned
Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council #4511 will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 6, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Knights Hall on Bell Drive. Tickets are $8 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12.

Christ the King youth ministry sponsors family trivia night
South Bend — Christ the King Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Family Trivia night Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the church. There will be baby sitting available. Families can register for $5 per person with a maximum of $30 per family. Families can join forces to make up teams of 10 members. Bring tailgate foods to share with your team. Desserts and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit Christ the King’s parish, Corpus Christi in Jalchara, Bangladesh. For information or to register, contact Greg Sweeney at (574) 277-3113 ext. 318.

CRAFT BAZAARS

Christmas boutique
Fort Wayne — St. Jude will host a Christmas boutique Saturday, Nov. 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All items handcrafted. Food available. Use tunnel entrance on Pemberton for easy access.

Kris Kringle craft show and food pantry drive
South Bend — Little Flower Parish will have a Kris Kringle craft show and food pantry drive Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All hand-made crafts in 45 booths. Bake sale, drawings and lunch will be available. Non-perishable food items will be accepted for the food pantry.

Holiday bazaar
Bristol — St. Mary Parish, 411 West Vistula St., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday items, bake sale, needlework, plants and lunch will be available.

Holiday home party and craft show
New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a holiday home party and craft show Saturday, Nov. 7, from 3-6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. St. Louis Besancon hall, 2117 N. Moscow St., will host an event that includes a craft show and home party with break area.

Snowflake bazaar
Huntington — St. Mary Parish will hold a Snowflake bazaar in the school gym, 903 N. Jefferson St., Saturday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 8, after all the Masses. Craft tables, raffle, bake sale and lunch offered.

Holiday craft bazaar
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. A bake sale and lunch will be available.

Craft fair
Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish will have a craft fair on Nov. 7, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
You are invited! On January 20, 2010 Pro Lifers from Griffith, South Bend, Fort Wayne, Muncie, Indianapolis, Columbus and Evansville depart for Washington, D.C. to March for Life!

Non-Knights are welcome on this historic trip!

**Tentative Schedule**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2010:** Depart from one of 7 Indiana locations approximately 8:00 p.m. on Free Enterprise/Star tour bus. We will stop about halfway where you can buy something to eat. **Thursday, January 21:** Arrive Washington, D.C. approximately 10 a.m., time for sightseeing at the Mall, then proceed to motel for check-in. Leave for National Shrine of Immaculate Conception for tour and Mass at 7:00 p.m. **Friday, January 22:** Breakfast at motel, pick up box lunch and board bus for ride to Youth Rally. Leave for the Mall at 11:30. March begins at noon. After the March, proceed to motel and dinner. **Saturday, January 23:** Breakfast at motel, board buses and head home, arriving at 8:00 p.m.

The Cost: $200 for K of C member, $250 for a spouse or children (16 or older). Cost includes: Round-trip on tour bus, Motel for 2 nights, double-occupancy, 2 full breakfasts, Box Lunch, Friday night dinner and celebration...the unbelievable feeling of euphoria having participated in this event! 50% due November 22, Last payment due December 16. More info on website www.indianakofc.org or phone Pro Life Director at 219-663-0509.

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