Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades appointed ninth bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

FORT WAYNE — “This is a historic and spiritual moment,” said Bishop John M. D’Arcy of the announcement that the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will have a new bishop.

Bishop D’Arcy welcomed the new bishop, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, on Nov. 14, at the morning Mass celebrated in the MacDougal Chapel in patronage of St. Mother Theodore Guérin on Cathedral Square.

Bishop Rhoades hails from Harrisburg, Pa., where he was ordained into the priesthood in 1983. He served in the Diocese of Harrisburg for 26 years in several capacities, the past five as its bishop.

Following Mass the two bishops joined many of the diocesan priests in a special welcoming service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and later in the afternoon, again at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, where Bishop Rhoades was introduced to the presbyterate.

In his remarks to the priests the energetic Bishop Rhoades said, “I am really looking forward to getting to know you, to learning about your ministries here in the diocese, and to working together with you in serving the church in this portion of the vineyard of the Lord.”

Bishop Rhoades spoke of his commitment to interior renewal, not only for the priests but for the whole church. The bishop also offered his continued pledge to promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, which was one of his priorities in his former diocese.

Media staff from around the Fort Wayne area waited in anticipation as Bishop D’Arcy and his successor Bishop Rhoades joined them and the diocesan staff for an official press conference held in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

In a statement, Bishop D’Arcy announced that Pope Benedict XVI had appointed the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin Rhoades.
Bishop Kevin Rhoades is extraordinary appointment

BISHOP JOHN M. DARCY

A day that was — what a day that was!

For all of us, there are certain days that we will remember all our lives. For those of us who believe in God, these days are filled with grace, God’s light, in the midst of intense activities. Often, such days are milestones, and that was true of Saturday, Nov. 14.

It was three weeks ago that the call came from the apostolic nuncio, Archbishop Pietro Sambi. The nuncio, as you know, is the ambassador to the American government from the Vatican, but more importantly, the representative of the Holy Father to the Catholic Church in this country, especially to the bishops. The previous day had been full and beautiful with a talk to our priests, and an evening speaking on St. Therese, the Little Flower, at a parish named in her honor.

I hung up, said a Hail Mary, made my Act of Acceptance of God’s will, and called Archbishop Sambi. He told me the name of the bishop whom Pope Benedict XVI had appointed to be my successor, the ninth bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Soup and sandwich with Msgr. Mike Heintz in the rectory. Some wonderful discussion on the theology of the priesthood and a course on the writings of Joseph Ratzinger given at Notre Dame by Father Mike and Professor Fred Frossdoo. Then in a spur of a moment, I went into St. Matthew’s Co-Cathedral to greet those present at the 4:30 p.m. vigil Mass.

Another standing ovation for a new bishop. This beloved diocese welcomed the new bishop with joy and love, as was our responsibility.

Up to the basilica

I had agreed long ago to celebrate a Mass at the Basilica for the Committee on Ethics and Culture at their annual meeting, which draws young people from all over the country, and Bishop Rhoades concelebrated. The second Mass he had celebrated at the basilica.

The other was a few years ago, after Notre Dame had beaten Penn State. The bishop followed. Another delightful time greeting Notre Dame students, along with others who were there for the conference. Off then to the Sisters of St. Francis for an evening meal, a visit with the sisters and with a group of young women from all over the country who were there for a discernment retreat; that is, determining whether or not they should enter religious life. Finally, for the third time in this beautiful day, we sang the Salve Regina. This is the Hail, Holy Queen, sung in Latin Gregorian Chant, a hymn we all sing in the sanctuary. A prayerful day, religious music and many laity, I left out something important: after the basilica, we went to the Lourdes Grotto on the Campus of Notre Dame and prayed. I prayed silently for our new bishop and for our diocese; and I am sure that Bishop Rhoades offered himself and his oncoming installation, and the years before him to Our Lady.

I reached the end of this day and put these thoughts together at 11:30 p.m. at night. Tomorow, I will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Warsaw for the installation of Father Phil DeVoldner as pastor. Then I will be off to Baltimore for our annual meeting of the U.S. bishops. I believe it will be my 35th November meeting of the bishops. I missed one when my dear father was dying, but I made all the others.

Apostolic administrator

A gracious note from the Holy See appointing me as apostolic administrator until Bishop Rhoades takes office. For these two months, the Latin text indicates that this is in effect the same as being bishop here. I will cherish these days. I think I have loved every day that I have been your bishop. I especially look forward to my 25th Christmas as your bishop, and celebrating for the 25th time our patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception in the Cathedral in her honor.

Many other beautiful things ahead, such as installations of pastors in smaller rural parishes, along with being part of a parish-wide mission at St. Matthew’s co-Cathedral Parish. I will cherish always the reaction of various parishes to the naming of their pastor as a monsignor.

The following proves that the Good Lord has a sense of humor ... Bishop Kevin Rhoades is a New York Yankee fan! See you all next week.

Baltimore — The United States Conference of Catholic Bishop (USCCB), at their fall general assembly, elected by simple majority the chairman-elect of five committees.

• Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend was elected Chairman of the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocation in a 120-117 vote over Bishop Michael Burbidge of Raleigh, N.C.

• Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans was elected Chairman of the Committee on Divine Worship in a 126-110 vote over Archbishop Allen Vigneron of Detroit.

• Bishop Stephen Blair of Stockton, Calif., was elected Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development in a 120-117 vote over Bishop Frank Dewane of Venice, Fla.

• Archbishop José Gomez of San Antonio was elected Chairman of the Committee on Migration in a 132-105 vote over Bishop James Tanasoy of Laredo, Texas.

Chairmen-elect serve for one year in this capacity before assuming the responsibilities as chairman of a committee.
Bishop Rhoades also ninth bishop of Harrisburg, Pa.

Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The appointment was announced Saturday, Nov. 14, by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop Rhoades will be installed at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Jan. 13, 2010.

Bishop Rhoades is the son of Charles and the late Mary Rhoades and the brother of Charles Rhoades and Robin McCracken. He was born Nov. 26, 1957, in Mahanoy City, Pa., located in Schuylkill County in the Diocese of Allentown, Pa., and baptized at St. Canicus Church there. He grew up in Lebanon, Pa., where he was a member of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. He attended the former St. Mary’s School in Lebanon and graduated from Lebanon Catholic High School in 1975.

He enrolled at Mount Saint Mary's College (now University) in Emmitsburg, Md., in the fall of 1975, and studied there for two years. He studied for the priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, Pa., and earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy there in 1979. He did his theological studies at the North American College and the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, where he earned advanced degrees in dogmatic theology and canon law.

In 1985, he returned to the Gregorian University in Rome, where he earned advanced degrees in dogmatic theology and canon law.

In 1988, he returned to the Harrisburg Diocese to serve as assistant chancellor under then-Bishop Keeler. During this time, he also ministered as the director of the Spanish apostolate in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties, and as administrator pro-tem of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Lebanon.

Bishop Rhoades was appointed pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Harrisburg, in 1990. He served there until 1995, when he accepted a full-time faculty position with Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary. While there, he taught courses in systematic theology, canon law and Hispanic ministry.

In March 1997, he was named rector of Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary, a role he fulfilled until his appointment by Pope John Paul II as Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg on Oct. 14, 2004.

He was ordained a bishop on Dec. 9, 2004, by Cardinal Justin Rigali, archbishop of Philadelphia. The Diocese of Harrisburg encompasses 15 counties of south-central Pennsylvania and includes over 250,000 Catholics.

Bishop Rhoades serves as President of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, as co-chair of the Pennsylvania Conference on Interchurch Cooperation, Chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Task Force on Health Care, and as episcopal moderator of the National Catholic Office for the Deaf. He is a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee on the Catechism, the board of trustees of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the board of trustees of Mount Saint Mary’s University, the board of trustees of Saint Charles Seminary, the board of regents of Saint Vincent Seminary, the episcopal advisory board of the Theology of the Body Institute, and the episcopal cabinet for Catholic Charities USA.

I am both humbled and honored by Pope Benedict XVI’s appointment of me as ninth bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I am particularly humbled to succeed Bishop John D’Arcy, who has served the faithful of this diocese with such great devotion and love for over 24 years. I am deeply grateful to Bishop D’Arcy for his very warm welcome, and I look forward to learning from him about this wonderful diocese as I prepare to become your new shepherd.

I have been bishop of my home diocese of Harrisburg for the past five years. Naturally, it will not be easy for me to bid farewell to my family and friends, my brother priests and the faithful of the Harrisburg diocese. I express my deep gratitude to them for their support, prayers and affection. It has been a tremendous blessing in my life to serve as bishop of Harrisburg and indeed to have served as a priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg for 26 years.

With joyful anticipation, I look forward now to serving as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I look forward to meeting the priests, deacons, men and women in consecrated life, and lay faithful of the diocese. My greatest joys as bishop have been in being with the people, teaching the faith and celebrating the sacraments. I am looking forward to visiting the parishes, schools, and other communities of my new diocese. My only previous visit to this diocese was in 2006 when I visited the University of Notre Dame for a game between my two favorite college football teams, Notre Dame and Penn State. I remember well celebrating holy Mass in the beautiful Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the Mass.

Bishops serve the church as successors of the apostles. Our Lord Jesus sent the apostles forth with the mandate to teach, sanctify and serve as he did. Jesus said to the apostles: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (Jn 20:21). I am conscious of “being sent” from Harrisburg to Fort Wayne-South Bend. As I accept this appointment of our Holy Father, I do so with faith and trust in the Lord. I have before my eyes the example of the Good Shepherd who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life for the sheep. I ask for your prayers that I may be a true shepherd after the heart of Christ.

I pledge to the people of my new diocese my love and my prayers. I was very happy to learn that the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Let us implore her intercession that we may fulfill the task which Christ has entrusted to us. Our Blessed Mother accompanies us with her maternal care as we journey together on our earthly pilgrimage of faith, hope and love.

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades

STATEMENT FROM BISHOP KEVIN C. RHoades

Press conference in Fort Wayne-South Bend

November 14, 2009

I am honored to announce, with great joy, that our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has appointed as ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend the present Bishop of Harrisburg (Pennsylvania), Kevin C. Rhoades.

Bishop Rhoades was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Harrisburg in 1983. He has advanced degrees in canon law and theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.

He has served as rector of Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. — one of the oldest seminaries in the United States. I was privileged to visit there as part of the apostolic visitation of seminaries in 2005. And even though Bishop Rhoades was no longer at the seminary since he had been appointed as bishop of Harrisburg, one could see among faculty and students great respect for his intelligence, holiness and priestly character.

As a seminarian, he studied Spanish intensely and is fluent in that language. This will be a great blessing, for the increasing number of Hispanic Catholics in our diocese.

There are two important points I would like to make before Bishop Rhoades speaks:

1. This appointment shows the great importance Pope Benedict XVI places on this diocese. He has sent us a well-prepared bishop,
Father Dale A. Bauman was installed as pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Pierceton, on Sunday, Nov. 8, by Bishop John M. D’Arcy. In the photo, Father Dale is renewing the promises he made at ordination to the priesthood to the bishop.

**MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS AND BISHOPS**

After Mass for deceased priests and bishops at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Nov. 10, Bishop John M. D’Arcy was joined by several priests in the crypt of the cathedral. Priests who died in the past year were Father Robert Dombrowski and Father Ronald Ramenaden. As part of the Year for Priests, those who attended the Mass were offered a plenary indulgence.

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who has served five years as bishop of a diocese larger than ours — Harrisburg, Pa., which is also the capital city of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I know from other sources how beloved he is there, and this will be painful for them. A gift for us. A loss for them.

In the Year for Priests, we have received an exemplary priest. He is devoted to sanctification and formation of priests. He has a track record of attracting young men to the priesthood. When he became bishop, there were 11 studying for the priesthood for the Diocese of Harrisburg, now there are 25. One of the great issues of the times in light of all we have been through is the careful screening and sound formation of priests, and this is his main expertise. He is dedicated to the spiritual formation of families and young people.

2. Bishop Rhoades is bishop of his home diocese — a place where he grew up in the small town of Mahanoy City, Pa. He probably presumed he would be bishop there for the rest of his life, and he certainly was content there. Yet, he immediately accepted the request of Pope Benedict XVI. Like the apostles in the fifth chapter of Luke, he left everything to follow the call of Christ.

Now, we have an obligation to welcome him with love. To realize, in faith, that he is sent by Christ. To give thanks to God and to the successor of Peter for this great gift. To cooperate with him and collaborate and pray for him from this moment on. He is a sign that the apostolic ministry will continue in our midst. The Eucharist will be celebrated, the Gospel will be proclaimed, sins will be forgiven, priests will be ordained, the poor will be served and the faith will be nourished. Thanks be to God.

I am pleased to tell you that his installation as Bishop is scheduled to take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Jan. 13, 2010.

Pope Benedict XVI has kindly appointed me as apostolic administrator until the installation on Jan. 13, 2010.

Bishop Rhoades: We welcome you as we would welcome Christ himself, for you have come in his name.

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**Pope names archbishop for Milwaukee**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Bishop John E. mondell Listekii of La Crosse, Wis., to be the archbishop of Milwaukee and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Harrisburg, Pa., to be the bishop of Fort Worth in Texas. He also accepted the resignation of Bishop John M. D’Arcy, who has headed the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend since 1985. He is 77 years old, two years past the age at which canons law requires bishops to turn in their resignation. The appointments and resignations were announced in Washington Nov. 14 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. In Milwaukee Archbishop Listekii, 60, succeeds Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, who was appointed to head the New York Archdiocese in February. Bishop Rhoades, who will turn 52 Nov. 26, succeeds Bishop D’Arcy.

**Reports say Pope John Paul closer to being declared venerable**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The cardinal- and bishop-members of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes voted unanimously Nov. 16 to recommend that Pope John Paul II heroically lived the Christian virtues, Italian newspapers reported. The Vatican did not deny or confirm that the vote took place because the process is supposed to be secret until Pope Benedict signs the decree recognizing the heroic virtue of his predecessor and declares him venerable. Pope Benedict generally signs a dozen or more decrees three times a year, in April, in June or July and in December. As the miracle for Pope John Paul’s beatification, the promoter of his cause has proposed the healing of a French girl. She allegedly was cured of Parkinson’s disease, the same disease from which Pope John Paul suffered.

**Sex trafficking survivor turns her ‘hell’ into help for other victims**

DAYTON, Ohio (CNS) — The more than 300 people in a University of Dayton auditorium were stone silent, some wearing audible expressions of sympathy, while Lora Flores shared her story of becoming a sex slave at age 15. Now a University of Dayton graduate and licensed social worker, Flores shared her story of becoming a sex slave at age 15. Now a University of Dayton graduate and licensed social worker, Flores shared her story of becoming a sex slave at age 15. Now a University of Dayton graduate and licensed social worker, Flores shared her story of becoming a sex slave at age 15.

**Pope Benedict XVI addresses the U.N. World Summit on Food Security Nov. 16 in Rome**

Opulence and waste are unacceptable when hunger — the cruelest form of poverty — continues to rise. Pope Benedict XVI told world leaders at the summit.

**Bishop Tobin criticizes Catholic congressman’s abortion stance**

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (CNS) — Providence Bishop Thomas J. Tobin asked U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., if as a Catholic, he really understands what it means “to be a Catholic.” He questioned if Kennedy could really describe himself as Catholic since his stance on abortion was “unacceptable to the church” and “scandalous to many of our members.” Bishop Tobin made the comments in his “Without a Doubt” column in the Nov. 12 issue of The Rhode Island Catholic, his diocesan newspaper. He was responding to an Oct. 29 letter Kennedy sent to the bishop in which he stated: “It is a fact that I disagree with the hierarchy of the church on some issues does not make me any less of a Catholic.” “Well, in fact, Congressman, in a way it does,” the bishop wrote. “Although I wouldn’t choose those particular words, when someone rejects the teachings of the church, especially on a grave matter, a life-and-death issue like abortion, it certainly does diminish their ecclesial communion, their unity with the church.”

**Vatican hopes U.S. will lift Cuba embargo**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican has consistently criticized the U.S. embargo against Cuba and hopes the Obama administration will lift the restrictions, recognizing the fact that they cause untold suffering for the Cuban people, a Vatican official said. Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, visited Cuba Nov. 4-8 and met with local bishops and Catholics involved in communications work, but also with government officials. The embargo “undeniably has a negative influence on the life of the people,” Archbishop Celli told Vatican Radio Nov. 13. Asked whether he exhorted U.S. President Barack Obama to change U.S. policy, Archbishop Celli said, “I hope this can occur because, undeniably, it is the population that suffers most.” He said that while the Catholic Church in Cuba has few resources and extremely limited access to the media, its communications efforts are having an impact.

**Masses worldwide to recall Archbishop Sheen’s life, promote sainthood**

PATERNSON, N.J. (CNS) — A worldwide celebration of Masses Dec. 26 will commemorate the 30th anniversary of the death of famed author, lecturer and television evangelizer Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, as well as promote his hopes for his canonization. Two women from the Paterson Diocese launched the program: Lo Anne Mayer, a parishioner of Christ the King Church in New Verona, and La Verne Washburne, a parishioner of Corpus Christi Church in Chatham Township, N.J., who is a board member of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation in Peoria, Ill., and president of its advisory council, credits her friend Washburne with conceiving the worldwide Mass idea. Washburne said it just struck her after hearing the foundation advise that Rome would like to witness an outpouring of support for Archbishop Sheen “from a lot of people.” “The Mass is our great prayer,” she said, “and I can’t think of a better way to dramatize his worthiness for sainthood than big turnouts of people around the globe attending Mass in his memory, all at the same moment at the same time on a grand scale; hopefully, it will impress Rome.” Masses have been scheduled in 35 countries on six continents.

**Catholic Charities USA wins award**

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Lindonwood offers Advent retreat

DONALDSN — Registrations are now being taken for the quiet day of reflection program “Advent: A Time of Longing.” The facilitator is Jay Frel-Landy, pastoral associate at Little Flower Catholic Church in South Bend, where he directs adult faith formation, retreats, initiation, financial and seasonal outreach and justice ministries. He has been in parish and retreat ministry for 12 years.

Frel-Landy has his masters of divinity from the University of Notre Dame. The program will be held Monday, Dec. 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The program fee is $25 and includes the main noon meal.

Registration deadline is Monday, Dec. 7. For more information or to register, contact Lindonwood at (574) 635-1763 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or visit www.lindenwood.org.

Sister Marie Kevin Tighe offers personal reflective memoir in new book


“The Arch, Steeple, and Dome: Religious Symbols on a Journey of Faith,” is a reflection on new expectations, growth and collaboration within the Catholic Church, focusing on her own education about the Second Vatican Council’s decrees in the late 1960s and how she helped others understand and implement those changes. The council’s role in the life of the church is woven throughout the book.

A native of New Albany, sister is a lifelong educator, having spent most of her ministerial life in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis where she taught and served as principal in several Catholic schools. In addition, she served as adjunct professor and spiritual director at St. Meinrad College Seminary. She was the founder and director of the Office for Pastoral Councils for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Most recently, Sister Marie Kevin served in a prominent ministry for the congregation for nearly 11 years, first as promoter of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and director of the Office for Pastoral Councils for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

The book is available at The Gift Shop at Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for $27 and includes the main noon meal.

St. John the Evangelist veterans honored on Wednesday, Nov. 11, in a special ceremony in the Deacon Bleau Parish Center. Grandparents were also invited to the special event. Fifth-grade students George Olivo and Norma Vazquez-Diaz joined veterans Vincent Traxler, center, Veteran’s Foreign Wars Chaplain Joe Farrell, right, and VFW Post 985 Quartermaster John Piechuck, who is facing the flag, in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Olivo and Vazquez-Diaz won essay contests on the topic: “What Patriotism Means to Me” and read their winning essays at the event. The veterans showed students the proper way to fold a flag and also played “Taps.” Refreshments were served and the entire student body concluded the ceremony by singing patriotic songs.

Annual Thanksgiving dinner hosted by St. Mary’s Church

FORT WAYNE — St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, will host its annual Thanksgiving Day Soup Kitchen Dinner on Nov. 26. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and carry-outs will be available at 1 p.m.

For information, call (260) 749-1623.

Donations of desserts can be brought to the Soup Kitchen on Wednesday, Nov. 25, until 2 p.m. or Thursday, Nov. 26, until 11 a.m. Monetary donations will be accepted at the church. For $2, donors can feed a hungry person. St. Mary’s Church is located at 1101 South Lafayette St. — the corner of Lafayette and Jefferson Boulevard.

Local Catholic Campaign for Human Development awards grants

The local Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), the Catholic Church’s domestic anti-poverty program, has awarded grants totaling $16,070 to five local and area institutions who demonstrated an ability to attack the causes of poverty by empowering the poor.

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

Those receiving grants and the amount of the awards are:

In South Bend
• St. Augustine Parish — a $1,070 education grant to help support and sustain the African American Tutor program at the parish.
• In Elkhart
• St. Vincent de Paul Parish — a $3,000 community organizing grant to increase the communication skills of the Hispanic community by providing English as a Second language classes at the parish.
• In Fort Wayne
• Catholic Charities — a $4,000 community organizing grant to help support citizenship classes through the Immigration Program in the South Bend office.
• Vincent Village, Inc. — a $4,000 community organizing grant to provide basic financial literacy skills to approximately 50 homeless adults residing in Vincent House Transitional Shelter.

The annual CCHD collection will be taken up on the Nov. 22 weekend in all parishes of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. A total of 25 percent of the donations stay in the diocese for local/area distribution through selected grant applications, approved by Bishop John M. D’Arcy. Grants are awarded based on need, not religious affiliation.

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

For 39 years, CCHD has distributed more than $300 million in grants to self-help projects nationwide, and the CCHD has given about 315 local projects in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Bishop Dwenger sponsors 24 hour fast for CRS

FORT WAYNE — The Social Justice Club at Bishop Dwenger High School is sponsoring a 24-Hour Food Fast to benefit Catholic Relief Services. The fast will take place on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, beginning after breakfast.

Established in 1943, Catholic Relief Services is the official overseas arm and development agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The fundamental motivating force of Catholic Relief Services is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That motivation compels the agency to alleviate human suffering, to foster justice and to promote the development of peoples around the world. Catholic Relief Services provides assistance on the ground, with 94 percent of its financial resources going directly to programs.

For more information about Catholic Relief Services, visit their Web site at www.crs.org. Those interested in participating or sponsoring a participant should contact Melissa Wheeler at mwheeler@bishopdwenger.com or (260) 496-4700.
At press conference, Bishop D’Arcy relays goals for future of Saint Joseph’s High School capital drive

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Referring to it as “the opportunity of a lifetime,” Saint Joseph’s High School Principal Susan Richter beamed at last week’s announcement that construction on a brand-new high school building, at a new downtown location, could begin as early as June 2011.

Bishop John M. D’Arcy made the announcement at Saint Joseph’s, flanked by Richter and Nancy Hellyer, chief executive officer of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRMC).

SJRMC is vacating its current building next month and moving to a new facility in Mishawaka, donating the land for the new school construction.

“The mission of the Sisters of the Holy Cross has been to improve the health of our community, and they’ve had a long-standing tradition in both education and health care,” said Hellyer. “The preservation of this site where the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center is today, in a mission that is so founded with the sisters, is just going to be a wonderful tribute to them.”

Despite the current economy, the diocesan requirement of $26,625,000 cash-on-hand before construction can begin, and limited dates for fundraising, Saint Joseph’s school board President Matt Edmonds believes the time is right.

“I think there’s great support for this,” said Edmonds. “I’ll show the wonderful impact the students and faculty of Saint Joe High School can have on the South Bend community. I’ve referred to it as dropping the pebble in the pond, and the positive effect we can have in that neighborhood. This is a great opportunity!”

Faculty members cheered, expressing their gratitude as details were explained.

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Both Bishop D’Arcy and University of Notre Dame officials say negotiations have begun, although the university has no specific plan for the property.

Not everyone thinks new construction is the answer.

“My concern all along has been Saint Joseph’s High School loses an awful lot of exposure if they move,” said Saint Joseph’s alum and parent Ken Cyr. “The current site is like Catholic education row. While no official affiliation exists, being on the same street with Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross creates an identity that simply isn’t present at the new site.”

Others express concern about the effect on enrollment at Marian High School, and the safety of students at the proposed location.

However, some insist the move is in line with Catholic teaching.

“I think it would be a great anchor for the school to move downtown,” said Saint Joseph’s parent Judy Madden. “It may help stabilize the area, reduce crime, and invite more families. And part of the Catholic mission is to go where we can serve, not just where it’s ‘safe.’”

Discussions on whether to build a new high school or renovate the current building have been on-going for three years.

Bishop D’Arcy says the fallback plan is to ask donors if gifts could be used to renovate the current building, should plans for new construction fall short.

“The feeling of the St. Joe community was that there was insufficient land here for some of the things they wanted to do, a second gym with women’s sports — today, that’s so very necessary — space for a football field, although this $35 million does not include a full football field, a chapel — so necessary in a Catholic school, and other things like that,” explained Bishop D’Arcy.

“The facility is 56 years old, and we really need a complete renovation in terms of electrical, mechanical, HVAC,” added Richter. “So the renovation isn’t just adding another wing, or it’s not just adding a second gym but we’re really talking about a complete overhaul. I think that renovation would be extensive. Again, I come back to my fear of disrupting the educational process, because I don’t think that could all be completed in the short amount of summer break we have.”

Bishop D’Arcy admits a lot of work is needed to raise the funds.

“There’s extraordinary interest in the South Bend area especially,” said Bishop D’Arcy. “But we do expect it to be an uphill battle. I think because of the spirit of Saint Joe High, there’s a good chance. But these conditions were necessary and it will be uphill.”
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ND theologian Father Groody advises Vatican conference on migration

NOTRE DAME — While human migration is as old as human history, there are more migrants today than ever before. Displaced from their homelands by wars, genocide, famine, natural catastrophes, and collapsed or withering economies, there are 200 million such people worldwide, roughly the equivalent of the population of Brazil, according to Holy Cross Father Daniel G. Groody, assistant professor of theology and director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture in the University of Notre Dame’s Institute for Latino Studies.

Father Groody is one of seven academic experts selected to participate in the Vatican’s sixth World Congress on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees, which was held Nov. 9-12 in Rome. The theme of the meeting, convened by the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, is “a pastoral response to the migratory phenomenon in the era of globalisation,” and Father Groody will help write its concluding document, or “instruction.”

A glance at Father Groody’s résumé makes it easy to understand the Vatican’s invitation. In addition to having spent many years doing pastoral work and research in Latin America, particularly along the U.S.-Mexican border, he teaches, writes and lectures on U.S. Latino spirituality, globalization and the relationship of Christian spirituality to social justice. In addition to the numerous articles and books he has written on the plight and predicament of migrant people, he is the producer of award-winning documentary films on them as well, including “One Border, One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist,” and “Dying to Live: A Migrant’s Journey.” In recent years he has visited, accompanied and spoken with migrants in, among other countries, Slovakia, Ukraine, Libya, Malta, Morocco and Spain.

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Eight annual Earthworks Christmas House sale Nov. 20-21

BY IDA CHIPMAN

DONALDSO — Christmas at Earthworks Whole-House Sale is the biggest fund raiser they have all year.

“Our programs depend upon the money raised at this event,” Sister Sue Rogers, director of Earthworks, a ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, said.

“Proceeds from the sale provide about 15 percent of the annual budget,” she said. “The Christmas sale funds our mission and we are able to offer programs all year long to teach adults and children to care for and respect our fragile earth.”

Nevertheless, this year, because of the poor economy, prices are slashed on everything.

Sister Sue, a sister with the Society of the Sacred Heart, said that it is important to pay attention to the needs of the people around you.

“We’ve cut the prices so that folks can shop according to their budgets,” she added. “Just about everything for sale is under $5 and in comparison to other years, our prices are especially low ... our effort to help in this dismal economy.”

There will be a lot of food on display. Dozens of delectable homemade cookies, loaves of freshly baked bread, dipping oils mixed with fresh herbs and jars of jellies and conserves made from fresh fruits are but a few of the goodies offered.

Homemade honey from bee-keeper Tom Kebs will be available.

“I am still making jam,” Sister Sue said. “Strawberry, peach, grape and mango.” Gift boxes of jam and dipping oils and gift baskets of jellies, oils and sundried tomato pesto are for sale. Boxes can be mailed for the actual UPS charge. To mail a basket, you’re on your own.

Each of the six rooms and the deck of the home on Union Road is holiday decorated.

That’s why it is called “whole house.” But it is not all about food.

There will be glassware, homemade jewelry, Christmas decorations and children’s toys and books. Antique Early American Presscut glass from the 1930s and 1940s is one set of collectibles that will be for sale.

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As we look to Thanksgiving, let us thank God for the bounteous gifts of the harvest and ask that we remain good stewards of these gifts.

Farmers look to faith, family and the future

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

With Global Positioning Systems (GPS), agro-tourism, and hybrid corn and soybean seeds, the landscape of the traditional farm is changing. The constant in the farming community remains its strong sense of family and faith — two elements that are essential for the challenges found in agricultural vocations.

Two farming families on the west side of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Queen of Peace parishioners Ron and Barb Holderbaum, and St. Pius X parishioners Ed and Linda Leininger, share their challenges and how family and faith have impacted their lives.

The Holderbaums farm 500 acres of land in Wakarusa. They annually rotate soybeans and corn in their fields, with their eight children raising sheep, chickens, rabbits and pigs for 4-H. It is the collective work of each family member that keeps the farm going, Barb says. “Teaching the kids what work is, and the responsibility and rewards in farming are important. My kids can’t come home and play video games in front of the TV for hours on end because they have chores to do.”

There are many misconceptions about the typical farmer in the 21st century, Barb notes. “I think that many people think of it as Green Acres where you have a couple of cows and some chickens and you live off of the farm. It’s really a business.”

She adds, “There is a huge investment involved. Planting the seeds is really a small part of it, especially when you look at the record keeping and the financial aspect.”

Ron remarks that new technologies such as GPS in combines help farmers by using crop sensors. The data from the sensors aid in cost reduction by controlling the application of nitrogen, herbicide and other crop inputs. In addition, new hybrids of corn and soybean seeds, along with crop rotation, help to reduce the need for pesticides on crops.

To supplement their farm business, the Holderbaums own Wyatt Sales and Service, which sells and services new and used farm equipment. Barb is aware that having Ron juggle both the farm and sales business can be physically taxing, so this is when prayer is crucial in her daily life. “I pray so much especially during harvest season for the safety of the family. Ron didn’t come home until 5 a.m. this morning because the conditions were good to pick. I worry about him because I know he is tired, and I know he isn’t the only one out there doing that. It gives me comfort to know that I can pray for him.”

About 15 miles north of the Holderbaum farm is the Leininger farm in Mishawaka. Ed and Linda have been farming for 30 years and currently farm about 3,000 acres of soybeans and corn.

Ed acknowledges that one of the biggest challenges this year has been the weather. “We had a cold wet spring, and then we eventually got our planting done. Then it got dry in July and there were about five or six weeks without a whole lot of rain. We had a cool wet August and September and the crops were way behind. When we go to dry corn this year we will own a share of NIPSCO,” he jokes.

It’s through faith that the Leiningers are able to weather the storms in agriculture. “I’ve had friends ask me how I keep my sanity and I say it doesn’t hurt to bend the knee once in a while.”

In addition to farming corn and soybeans, the Leiningers have a pumpkin patch in the fall that offers a variety of gourds and corn stalks. In the past two years, a corn maze has opened that entices families and schools to learn and enjoy the benefits of agriculture.

For this year’s corn maze, the Leiningers’ eight-year-old grandson came up with the idea of a map of the United States. “We hired a lady and told her what we wanted and she drew the map to scale. From the scale drawing she was able to figure GPS coordinates and laid out the map for us with strings and flags,” Ed remarks.

Afterwards, Ed planted the corn and marked the maze right away. When the corn was about a foot tall, the strings were pulled and the trails were mowed to complete the maze.

To make it an educational experience, the Leininger’s daughter, who is a school teacher, has 20 questions posted at different spots throughout the maze. One question is, “Where can you go to the four corners of the United States? Name the four states.”

The Leiningers also try to throw in a fun fact about agriculture. “For example, Indiana is the third largest tomato grower in the United States,” says Ed.

Although the corn maze has closed for 2009, schools and other organizations can contact the Leiningers about visiting next year’s corn maze at Leinfarms@imbroadband.com.

Ed and Linda Leininger, of Leininger Farms, stand in their pumpkin patch.

Ron Holderbaum harvests soybeans while in his combine.
University of Saint Francis earns Excellence in Recycling Award

BY MARY KINDER

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis recently received the 3R (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) in the not-for-profit category from the Allen County Solid Waste Management District. The award was presented at the Excellence in Recycling Awards luncheon.

The university was recognized for its various 3R programs including recycling or finding reuses for over 30 types of material, ranging from paper and tree limbs to bicycles and refrigerant. Proceeds from some of these programs have benefited at least 10 community organizations as well as USF student clubs.

One of the university’s more innovative efforts is a focus on construction and renovation projects across campus, which encourages use of green technologies such as energy efficient lighting, reflective roofing systems, low-flow showers and toilets, recycled fiber insulation and environmentally-friendly paints. These efforts help ensure that USF will remain energy-conscious into the future as the university continues to grow.

Going green is nothing new to the University of Saint Francis. In 2007, USF formed the Green Campus Task Force, a collaboration of faculty, staff and students committed to directing green initiatives on campus. Since then, USF has initiated several programs, including sponsoring community electronics recycling events, which has kept approximately 18,000 pounds of electronics out of landfills.

Other environmental programs across the USF campus can be found on the university’s Green Campus Web page at www.sf.edu/green-campus.

Today’s Catholic leads the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center recycling effort

Today’s Catholic’s Tess Steffen also attended the Excellence in Recycling Awards luncheon.

Steffen started a building-wide recycling program for the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, which houses 14 departments of the diocese, as well as Today’s Catholic. While the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center was bested by the University of Saint Francis, the steps taken there in the past year have assisted with elimination of waste.

Catholics are motivated by the obligation to care for the environment and protect the earth as the common home for all humanity, a theme that increasingly is found in the teachings of Pope Benedict XVI. He wrote, “We need to care for the environment; it has been entrusted to men and women to be protected and cultivated with responsible freedom, with the good of all as a constant guiding criterion.”

Steffen initiated a program in partnership with Construction Recycling Solutions for the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center that reduced the amount of waste going into the dumpster by six cubic yards a month, or 72 cubic yards annually. The recycling program cut the amount of trash created throughout the building by 50 percent, resulting in a savings of $2,400 a year.

In addition to the building-wide recycling effort, other steps were taken to raise awareness of the 3Rs and cut the amount of waste in the building. Small steps such as stocking fax machines with used paper and relying more on e-mail also made a difference.

Overall, the new program has had a positive effect, both financially and psychologically, for all the employees of the building who are committed to acting as responsible stewards of the earth’s resources, as called upon by the church. Today’s Catholic readers can help in these efforts by recycling each copy of the newspaper after reading.

Always in need

Area food pantries need your help

By Trish Linner

ELKHART — As we enter the holiday season, local food pantries in the Michiana area want you to know they need your help to make it through the winter and feed the families that depend on them. “Right now the need is stronger than ever,” said Church Community Services Executive Director Dean Preheim-Bartell.

Church Community Services is a faith-based interdenominational nonprofit agency that assists people in crisis and empowers them to move out of poverty. Services include a client choice food pantry, emergency financial assistance, plus job and life skills programs.

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**Christ the King**  
**Jn 18:33b-37**

This weekend, in great joy and thanksgiving, the church closes its year. And it looks back through the days and months of 2009, it gives thanks for salvation achieved in Christ the Lord.

He is king, and justice and peace only occur when Jesus truly is acknowledged as Lord.

The Book of Daniel supplies the first reading. This book, as many others in the Old Testament, was written when God’s people were experiencing many trials. The book includes a certain literary exaggeration among its techniques. It is to impress upon readers the depth of the troubles being faced by God’s people at this time.

This technique also dramatizes God’s redemption and protection. God subdues every evil force. He is almighty.

In this reading, a certain representative of God appears. He is identified by his title, “Son of Man.” The Son of Man receives dominion, glory and kingship from God. Of course, in the New Testament, Jesus was called the “Son of Man.” The New Testament title referred back to the image in Daniel.

For its second reading, the feast’s liturgy looks to the Book of Revelation. Of all the New Testament books, none is as dramatic and indeed mysterious as Revelation. Revelation is at times, and more aptly, called the “Apocalypse.” It is of the apocalyptic style in biblical literature. “Revelation” could be applied to any book of Scripture.

The reading is straightforward and bold. There is no question as to its message. The message simply is that Jesus is the holiest and the perfect, rose from the dead, rules the world, and vivifies all who love God with eternal strength.

St. John’s Gospel furnishes the last reading. It is a bittersweet reading for this great, joyous feast. The scene is Pilate’s courtroom. Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the Holy Land, called “Palestina” at the time of Jesus, goes immediately to the heart of the charge against Jesus.

Is Jesus a king? Does he rival the mighty emperor of Rome? Jesus replies, but in fact he and Pilate are talking about two distinct realities. Pilate is interested in the political and social stability of the Roman Empire. Jesus is speaking of a kingdom much more profound, that of human hearts.

Jesus affirms kingship. He is indeed the king. He is the king anointed by God to bring all people back to the Father in heaven.

**Reflection**

Just over a century ago, Pope Leo XIII, one of the greatest popes, consecrated the human race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In this, the pope appealed to the people of the world to make Jesus their king and the Gospel their law. Forty years later, Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King for late October. Pope Paul VI, after the Second Vatican Council, moved the feast to the last Sunday of the church’s year. In so doing, it offered the feast to Catholics as an opportunity to draw everything together in one essential fact: Christ is king.

**LITURGY, PAGE 15**

We are not told the servant’s name here, but elsewhere he is identified as Eliezer, so we will call him that. Eliezer goes to arrange a marriage for Isaac. He doesn’t just bring a message from Abraham; he acts with a different authority. He arranges the marriage as if he was Abraham acting.

Now we can translate Bouyer’s sentence. “So much is Abraham deemed present in his shaliach Eliezer, that what Eliezer institutes in Abraham’s name is considered no less irreducible.

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**THE CATEQUIZ’EM**  
By Dominic Caplisson

On Nov. 22 we remember St. Cecilia. This quiz looks at this martyr and patroness of church music.

1. When was St. Cecilia’s feast first celebrated?
   a. As early as the fourth century
   b. In the twelfth century
   c. In the fourteenth century, locally, in the sixteenth internationally

2. Where was Cecilia born?
   a. Ireland
   b. Rome
   c. Jerusalem

3. What was unusual about Cecilia, who is celebrated as a virgin?
   a. She was married
   b. She was the mother of twins, but they were adopted
   c. She was betrothed to the Khan of Muscovy, when she died

4. Why did the authorities arrest Cecilia?
   a. For professing her faith in Allah
   b. For being a Christian
   c. For printing illegal copies of the Bible in Spanish

5. What bizarre method of execution was prescribed for Cecilia?
   a. She was to be suffocated in an overheated bathroom
   b. She was to be entombed in a catacomb
   c. She was to be forced to watch reurns of Joe Plenti-Denarius

6. When that failed, she was sentenced to this hearty experience
   a. decapitation
   b. hanging
   c. boiling in whale oil

7. What was peculiar about her death from this punishment?
   a. She sank and was never seen again
   b. It took three days
   c. The gallows was later converted into a swing set for the imperial children

8. Approximately when did Cecilia die?
   a. the second or third century AD
   b. The ninth or tenth century AD
   c. The sixteenth or seventeenth century AD

9. When the pope wanted to put her relics in the church she had left, what practical problem did he have?
   a. They were too heavy to lift, as Cecilia was fond of Marcus Magnae
   b. He was unable to move Christian relics when the religion was illegal
   c. He could not find them

10. What tribe (which later gave its name to a region of Italy) was thought to have stolen them?
    a. The Milanesians
    b. The Trentinae
    c. The Lombards

11. The relics were rediscovered when the church was restored in 1599. What were also found under the church?
    a. The ruins of ancient Roman buildings
    b. Skeletons of pilgrims who lined up and waited 456 years for admittance
    c. The bones of Cecilia’s harp

12. What unusual item (well unusual for a church) mentioned in question 5, was located in this church?
    a. a bathtub
    b. A miniature recreation of the Catacomb of Aurora
    c. A third century mechanical Tivus, or slide show

13. As patroness of musicians, Cecilia is often depicted with this instrument
    a. Slide trombone
    b. Organ
    c. Harp

14. Ironically this is likely based on a mistranslation, which referred (in Latin) to
    a. The ax slitting dramatically on her bones (“slide, trauma bone” confused with slide trombone)
    b. Cecilia singing in her “heart” (internal organ in this sense confused with musical organ)
    c. Harpies persecuting the saint, mistranslated as “harp”

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**READINGS**

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2, 5  
Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 (Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19


Friday: Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 382-87 Lk 21:34-36

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ANSWERS

1a, 2b, 3a, 4b, 5a, 6a, 7b, 8a, 9c, 10c, 11a, 12a, 13b, 14b
November 22, 2009

C O M M E N T A R Y

The attitude of gratitude

November always brings several things to mind. It has traditionally been a time when we pray for those who have gone before us and give thanks for the ordinary saints, living and deceased, who have touched our lives. We also celebrate Thanksgiving, which is supposed to be the favorite holiday of most Americans.

Every time I go to a wake or funeral Mass, I'm struck by how many people have said to me lately — and hear the beautiful comments made about the persons who died. I cannot help but wonder how many of those things were said to that person when he or she was alive?

Recently I wrote a eulogy about one of my cousins who was a good friend of mine. Many people expressed that she was one of the most generous and caring persons they had ever known. She often anticipated others needs and was always willing to go the extra mile for others even when she may not have felt so well herself.

As I delivered the words at her wake service I hoped that she really knew how much she was loved and appreciated. My fantasy was that she was looking down from heaven surprised at just how much people cared about her and wondered why they hadn't expressed how grateful they were for her when she was alive.

It is experiences such as these that continue to remind me of the importance of a life of gratitude — and I have been to funeral — and I have been to Thanksgiving, which is supposed to be the favorite holiday of most Americans.

Thanksgiving, which is supposed to be the favorite holiday of most Americans, requires many less formal titles, but makes for an interesting dichotomy for a man of the cloth while providing a unique opportunity for the people of God, who have touched our lives. And for those people, living and dead, who have touched our lives. And for those who are still amongst the living, to make an effort to tell them how much we appreciate them and show their love and gratitude to others before they died. And don’t limit this expression of appreciation to family and friends. It might be good to reflect on the last time you thanked those who clean your classroom or office, the policeman on the corner of the crosswalk.

We also have a built-in opportunity during this time of the year when we celebrate Thanksgiving to reflect on the gifts we have received and how we do or don’t share them. Periodically it is good to be reminded that everything we have and are is gift — God’s pure gift, from the fact of our existence to all things to deserve them. These gifts, no matter how great or small, are to be shared. Jesus tells us not to hide our light under a bushel basket.

I truly believe that the world would be a much friendlier place if each of us would show our gratitude regularly, like the people from Uganda, and use our gifts to build God’s kingdom.

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Scripture search

Gospel for November 22, 2009

John 18:33b-37

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Feast of Christ the King, Cycle B: when Jesus tells people about the divine kingdom. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

What is truth

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Liturgy

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than as if Abraham had done so himself.”

Now, the relationship between God and Jesus could be understood in the family sense, Jesus is the son of God, and not just a servant. But think of Gospel passages where Jesus is identified as one of the Fathers. When Jesus forgives the crippled man’s sins, the crowd asks “Who can forgive sins but God alone?” Christ was sent by the Father to be the author of salvation. And the apostles are sent by Jesus. They are sent by Christ to found the church and to transmit this salvation. He does not send them only with a message. No, Jesus sends them forth with the power to heal, and with authority over demons, and the authority to forgive sins. He shares his priesthood with them.

And when the apostles die, they are succeeded in the bishop- ods. This is “apostolic succession.” And this mission is protected by the sacramental seal of ordination. The Catechism of the Catholic Church seems to have this in mind in paragraph 1536. “Holy orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the church until the end of time.”
All Diocese Team

Today's Catholic joins the Serra Club in sponsoring the All-Diocese Team, highlighting athletes from Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. These student-athletes are recognized for character, sportsmanship, leadership, athletics and Catholic values and are selected by their coaches.

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**Girls’ golf**  
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Ian Lewis, junior, D, St. Joseph

**Girls’ cross country**  
Taylor Gillie, junior, middle blocker, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

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Hip hip hooray for Popple’s new album

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Kyle Heimann of Fort Wayne and Dan Harms of Decatur aren’t the typical acoustic rock group that you may hear at a coffee house or even a bar — although they easily look the part. But the duo, known as Popple, and active in youth and young adult ministry events throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, prove that one can take a Catholic message to middle school, high school and even the college crowd, in music and words and still be hip — thus the name of their fifth album release, “Hip Hip Hooray.”

The big release event for Hip Hip Hooray will take place at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Nov. 19-22, with an expected 23,000 youths. But locally, the album is available at the Cathedral Bookstore in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center.

The 15 tunes, all written by Heimann or Harms, begins with a rap song with a bridge that has Christian themes. The songs deal with quotes from Mother Teresa, vocations, a call to social action, songs that celebrate God who created bananas and dogs, a song based on Matthew 5, a tune inspired by “The Giving Tree,” and even songs about moral relativism, the Transfiguration, the pope and disco music.

Harms said each song on the album has some functional point to it that can be used in their ministry. “Writing these songs and having these projects that come up really gives me an opportunity to sit and spend some time in prayer reflecting on how my faith life is changing,” Harms said. He said over the years he has found a strong connection to the Apostle Peter, “and this album has sort of given me the opportunity to write about that and bring that to our ministry in a way that kind of is fun and allows me to keep exploring that relationship.”

Some of the songs were taken from other albums, but still relate or tie into their ministry. Heimann described Popple’s “sound” as acoustic humor rock, “but really, I would say, especially on this CD, ‘Hip Hip Hooray,’ we really jump genres a lot. We have some hip hop stuff, we have a disco song. There’s one that has a Jewish influence.”

Popple calls the album a mix of “goofy, fun songs, but some prayerful and introspective songs that bring a slightly different side to the album,” Harms said.

Heimann and Harms met at campus ministry at Purdue University. Heimann was a youth minister at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and attended Assumption Parish there, “clowns around” with Dan Harms, who now lives in Decatur. The two make up the acoustic-rock and Catholic ministry team of Popple. Their fifth album, “Hip Hip Hooray” has recently been released.

Some of the songs were taken inspired by “The Giving Tree,” based on Matthew 5, a tune noted, “But it all started doing goof things” that they would perform at coffee shops. “So we do these sort of fun concerts and these ministry events,” Heimann said. “The more we started doing them, the more these lines started to blur. We would do ministry (materials) at coffee houses and we would do ‘goofy things’ at the retreats. So it kind of blended.”

Today, Popple plays about 130 days per year and includes parish or diocesan events across the country. They recently played at the diocesan confirmation rally at Manchester College in North Manchester.

“Some places put us up in hotels,” Heimann noted, “but we’re happy to stay with host families. Sometimes they put us up in the rectory or retreat center.”

Popple ministers more to the high school youth groups because they are most organized at parish and diocesan levels. “But I think our music is pretty versatile, as far as age groups,” Heimann said. “Some of the best events we’ve ever done have been when the whole family is invited,” Harms said. The greatest ministry Popple provides is “not necessarily the depth of our music,” Harms said, “but just the relational ministry we have with people. You have a high school kid who has been around the faith but has never been deeply engaged in the faith. They look at us who are two young guys who are goofy and very involved in a normal social life and pop culture, but who also have a really serious faith commitment. And our faith life is really an important part of who we are. I think that example, and being able to talk to kids about that really resonates. I think that’s where a lot of the value of our ministry is derived from.”
What's Happening?

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Misc. Happenings

St. Vincent drama club presents “Honk!”
Fort Wayne — The St. Vincent Drama Club will present the musical “Honk!” based on the fairy tale The Ugly Duckling in the parish hall Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. Tickets will be at the door. Students and children 5 and under are free; all others are $5.

Bible study announced
South Bend — “Adventures in Matthew – the King and His Kingdom” DVD based Bible study by Jeff Cavins will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, at St. Jude School, 1965 Hildebrand St., and will continue to meet every two weeks.

Catholic-Lutheran Advent Vespers offered
Fort Wayne — The Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Committee will have a Catholic-Lutheran Advent Vespers Service of Light on Sunday, Nov. 29, at 4 p.m. at St. Peter Church, 518 E. DeWald St. Featured in the service will be a combined adult choir from area Catholic and Lutheran Church congregations. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in the church hall.

Advent vespers
Mishawaka — Father Daniel Scheidt will lead sung vespers on all the Sundays of Advent, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20, at 5 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church.

University of Saint Francis will offer living nativity
Fort Wayne — The University of Saint Francis will have a living nativity Sunday, Dec. 6, at 6 p.m. The Lighting of Mirror Lake will take place at that time as well and a choral music concert will follow at 7 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St. No charge for these events.

All-family rosary
Fort Wayne — The all-family rosary will be recited on the last Sunday of this month, Nov. 29, at the St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The intention is for all families.

Fundraisers

Spaghetti dinner hosted by Knights Plymouth — 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.

Turkey bingo
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School, 10700 Aboite Center Rd., will host turkey bingo on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 1-5 p.m. Win a Thanksgiving turkey, gift certificate or cash. Card prices range from 25 cents to $1. Snacks are available for purchase. All proceeds support the SJE Home and School Association. For information, call (260) 625-5056.

Turkey Trot Knight Party
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Athletic Booster Club is sponsoring a Turkey Trot Knight Party Sunday, Nov. 22, at Columbia Street West with The Junk Yard Band. Donation of $20 per person. Purchase tickets at the door or pre-purchase at Bishop Luers Athletic Department. Great food and prizes. Open to the public at 4:15 will be followed by the silent auction at 5:30 p.m. Live auction will begin at 8 p.m. Items include student art work, sports tickets, restaurant and entertainment certificates, vacation packages etc. For ticket information, contact the parish office at (574) 233-2179.

Knights plan Thanksgiving dinner
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Ham and turkey for dinner
New Haven — The St. Louis Besancon ham and turkey dinner will be Sunday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the parish hall, 15535 Lincoln Highway East. A country craft store, silent auction, quilt raffle and turkey raffle will also be offered. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for children 5-13 and children under 5 are free.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 15535 Lincoln Highway East. A country craft store, silent auction, quilt raffle and turkey raffle will also be offered. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for children 5-13 and children under 5 are free.

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He continued, “This appointment shows the great importance Pope Benedict XVI places on this diocese. He has sent us a well-prepared bishop, who has served five years as bishop of a diocese larger than ours — Harrisburg, Pa. . . . I know from other sources how beloved he is there, and this will be painful for them. A gift for us. A loss for them.”

“Bishop Rhoades is bishop of his home diocese. . . . He probably presumed he would be bishop there for the rest of his life, and he certainly was content there. Yet, he immediately accepted the request of Pope Benedict XVI. Like the apostles in the fifth chapter of Luke, he left everything to follow the call of Christ,” said Bishop D’Arcy, adding that the diocese must welcome him with love, to cooperate and collaborate with him and “pray for him from this moment on.”

Bishop Rhoades, who has a devotion to the Blessed Mother, said in his acceptance statement, “I am both humbled and honored by Pope Benedict XVI’s appointment of me as ninth bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I am particularly humbled to succeed Bishop John D’Arcy, who has served the faithful of this diocese with such great devotion and love for over 24 years. I am deeply grateful to Bishop D’Arcy for his very warm welcome and I look forward to learning from him about this wonderful diocese as I prepare to become your new shepherd.”

The enthusiastic new bishop requested prayers as he noted that diocesan staff members and friends, but added, “With joyful anticipation, I look forward now to serving as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I look forward to meeting the priests, deacons, men and women in consecrated life, and lay faithful of the diocese. My greatest joys as bishop have been in being with the people, teaching the faith and celebrating the sacraments. I am looking forward to visiting the parishes, schools and other communities of my new diocese.”

Bishop D’Arcy opened the floor to questions which concerned the discernment process of the appointment and Bishop D’Arcy’s thought process involved in handing the pastorate over. He spoke of the letter of retirement at age 75 that he submitted over two years ago and admitted, “Then you don’t know. He added, “I still enjoy everyday here.”

When asked about future plans the outgoing bishop reported that he will reside in Fort Wayne, in the house he occupies currently, and “help any way the new bishop wants.”

Bishop Rhoades interjected that he felt blessed to have Bishop D’Arcy remain in the diocese.

When asked about his priorities as he joins the diocese, the congenial Bishop Rhoades said his first priority would be to get to know the diocese and its people. Secondly, the new bishop, who admits to a mindset of Pope John Paul II’s new evangelization, hopes to promote vocations, support Catholic schools and religious education. He hopes to strengthen youth ministry for vocation formation and “get the priests behind it.”

“The new bishop blessed those in attendance and said, “I pledge to the people of my new diocese my love and my prayers.”

At left, Vince LaBarbera, director of communications for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend prepares to introduce Bishop John M. D’Arcy who announced Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Harrisburg as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. At right, Matthew Bunson and Sean McBride, from Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM — interview Bishop Rhoades at the Fort Wayne news conference.

South Bend press conference

A few hours later in South Bend Bishop Rhoades was asked about his other top priorities.

“Bishop D’Arcy is leaving the diocese to me in very good shape,” answered Bishop Rhoades. “I think it’s very similar to my own diocese in that some of the priorities and needs are the same. Promoting priestly vocations would be way up there . . . that’s very important. We need more priests, no question.”

He alsoaddressed financial challenges facing Catholic schools, saying he dealt with that in Harrisburg. Bishop Rhoades is in the middle of a $45-million building project in Harrisburg.

He talked about growing secularism and relativism in today’s society, and the need to “bear witness to our faith with courage.”

Bishop Rhoades is fluent in Spanish, having served the Hispanic community and participating in the culture before becoming a bishop. Enid Roman-deJesus, director of Hispanic Ministry for the diocese, says she’s excited. “I think this is going to be a great thing for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, absolutely,” said Roman-deJesus, discussing her hope that more resources might be added to the Office of Hispanic Ministry. “Hundreds of people need our services, and now that the economy is kind of run down, the people need a lot of social outreach. . . food pantry, things like that . . . (help) with problems in the family,” explained Roman-deJesus.

“The Hispanic community tends to come to the church for whatever they need . . . the church is pretty much everything for them and it’s a safe place for them to ask for help.”

Bishop Rhoades says he’s looking forward to meeting Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame, and looks forward to a “personal and pastoral relationship” with the Notre Dame community. Bishop Rhoades noted he is “very aware” of the controversy this past spring surrounding Father Jenkins’ decision to honor President Barack Obama, despite the president’s support of abortion.

“I supported the position of Bishop D’Arcy and his pastoral concerns this past year,” said Bishop Rhoades. “I feel there’s a responsibility of the bishop to promote Catholic education at Catholic universities, especially in their own dioceses, and especially to promote the strengthening of Catholic identity. I think that’s just part of the role of the bishop. And I think that Bishop D’Arcy has done that in an admirable way, and I hope that I can do the same.”

While Bishop Rhoades asked for prayers as he begins his new job, Bishop D’Arcy said his successor makes personal prayer a priority himself.

“We were looking last night for a place for him to live,” explained Bishop D’Arcy, “and he said he was thinking of where he could make his holy hour every day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. What a wonderful thing to hear.”

Bishop Rhoades says he is grateful that Bishop D’Arcy will remain in residence in Fort Wayne and, as a token of appreciation, gave him a gift from Hershey, Pa. — a five-pound chocolate bar may help make up for what Bishop D’Arcy refers to as “a cross to bear.”

“There is one thing that has to be said,” deadpanned the Boston-born Bishop D’Arcy. “No one is perfect, and I’ve always been honest with the press. The new bishop is a New York Yankees fan!”

After the laughter died down, both bishops met with members of the media, diocesan staff members and others who wished to visit. Moments earlier, Bishop Rhoades called on Our Lady to guide us all.

“I was very happy to learn that the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend,” concluded Bishop Rhoades. “Let us implore her intercession, that we may fulfill the tasks which Christ has entrusted to us, Our Blessed Mother accompanies us, with her maternal care, as we journey together on our earthly pilgrimage of faith, hope and love.”