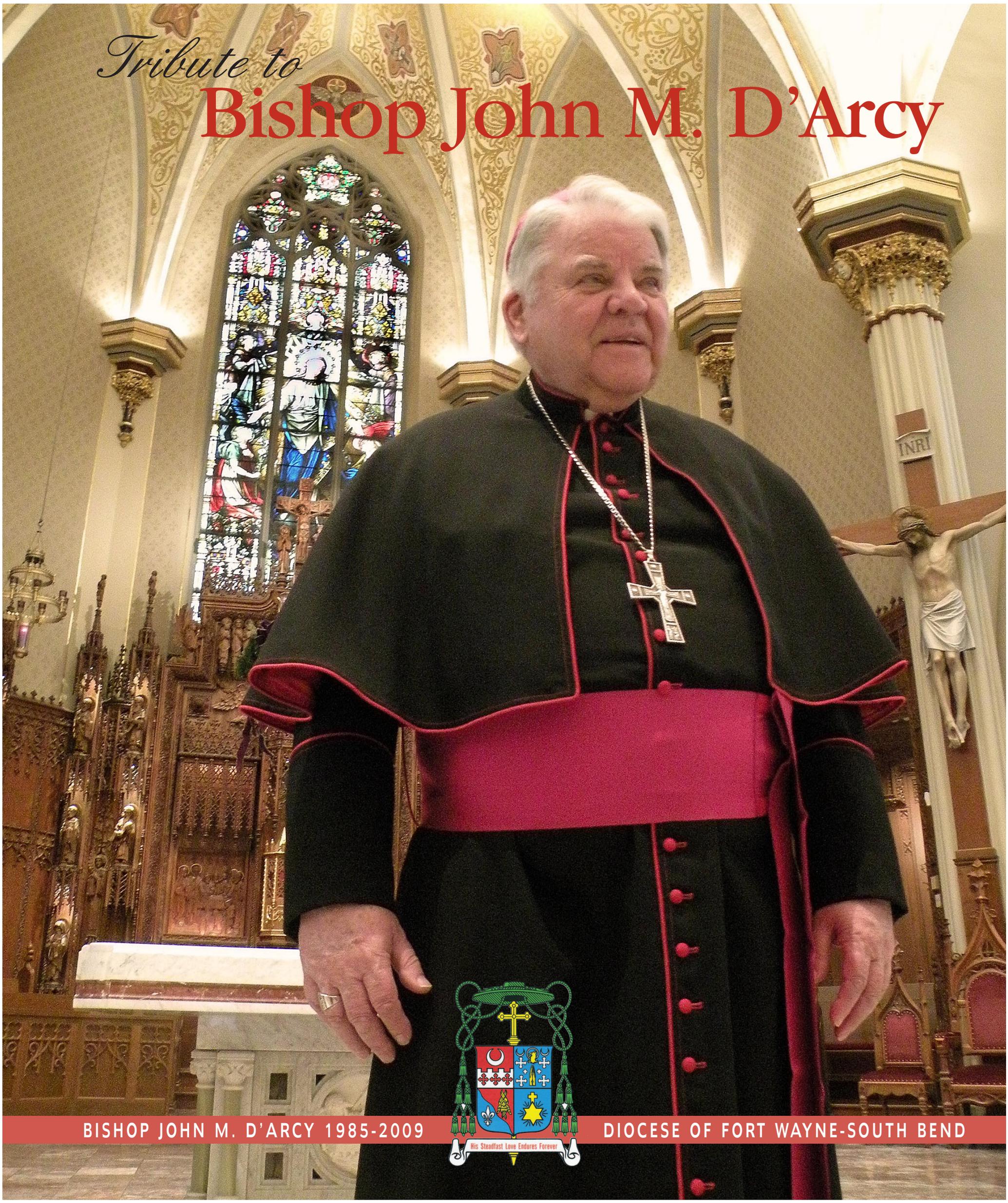


Tribute to
Bishop John M. D'Arcy



BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY 1985-2009



DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

D'Arcy sisters laud brother in his retirement

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — With the announcement in November of the acceptance of the resignation of Bishop John M. D'Arcy by Pope Benedict XVI, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend bids farewell to the man who faithfully shepherded this flock for over 24 years.

In his remarks at a press conference, when asked what he would be doing in his retirement, the bishop expressed his desire to spend more time with his family. His two remaining sisters, Sister of St. Joseph Sister Anne D'Arcy and Joan Sheridan share their delight.

"It's bittersweet," says Sister Anne of her brother's retirement. "He loves the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He's given his heart and soul to it. He loves the people and has made many good friends."

But she and sister Joan are ready for more regular visits from their busy brother, both back east and in Fort Wayne.

"I'm hoping he might take a little longer vacation and we might see him a little more," says Joan, who adds that they plan to visit the bishop in Indiana more regularly as well. Both express their anticipation of Bishop D'Arcy spending more time with his nieces and nephews.

"I hope when he comes home he will be able to visit my son John in New Jersey. He hasn't seen his house yet," says Joan.

Though the family always enjoyed Bishop D'Arcy's annual holiday call, when he spoke with every member of the family

gathering, their hope is that he will be able to join them in person during the holidays in the years to come.

The four D'Arcy children, born of faithful Irish Catholic immigrants, were raised with a strong faith foundation attending daily Mass, praying the rosary nightly and regularly engaging in community service. The sisters both agree that it is by their parents' example that their love of God was passed on.

"I think what they did was live their faith," recalls Joan, adding, "Both my parents knew that passing on the faith was most important." The entire family was delighted when John D'Arcy was ordained into the priesthood and then consecrated as bishop.

Most of the D'Arcy clan, including bishop's now deceased mother and older sister Mary, was able to attend the installation celebration of 52-year-old Bishop D'Arcy in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in May of 1986. It was difficult for the family to see him leave their home diocese, but they knew there was no question of his obedience to the church. And though it was an adjustment to move from the urban Boston area to the relative countryside of north-east Indiana, Sister Anne says, "He's fallen in love with living in Indiana."

As she had for her brother those 24 years ago, Joan has great admiration for the new Bishop Kevin Rhoades, who will be installed in the diocese on Jan. 13. "I was so impressed how Bishop Rhoades was the bishop of his home diocese and ... like the apostles, when he was



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A young John D'Arcy, circa 1940, sits with his sisters Joan, Anne and Mary.

sent to Indiana he did God's will and went."

With the death of their oldest sister Mary in 2007, the siblings reflect on life.

"When Mary died two years ago, it brought us closer. We realize life is short," says Sister Anne. Mary, says her sister Joan, would be "thrilled with the

appointment of the new bishop." She says of her sister, "Mary was always so involved. She would probably be going out there now to visit."

While bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, his sisters felt Bishop D'Arcy shepherded with honor and grace.

"John loves the church, loves Christ. He prays. He's given his whole heart and soul ... his whole life to Christ and the church," says Sister Anne. She adds with commitment, "But he's not afraid to do tough things. He has acted with integrity."

His sisters' hopes for him in retirement?

"I can't imagine him being retired," quips Sister Anne. But as she realizes this is a "new time in his life," she says, "I hope he'll be able to enjoy the ministry of it without the administration tasks. He loves people. He loves priests and giving priests' retreats. And he loves confession. At heart he is a parish priest."

She adds that her brother has always enjoyed "giving the sacraments and reaching out to the hungry and poor."

Joan agrees adding, "I think my brother will be very busy in retirement. I know he will pray a lot. I think he will do a great job giving retreats to priests. ... I expect him to be busy with friends ... but I think he will be happiest helping out in a parish in Indiana and helping with confessions."

Both sisters hope that Bishop D'Arcy will be able to make a visit to Ireland soon, a dream he has not had the time to fulfill until now.

OSV Board awards retirement gifts to Bishop D'Arcy's favorite charities

BY VINCE LABARBERA

HUNTINGTON — Bishop John M. D'Arcy recently received gifts from Our Sunday Visitor, (OSV) Inc., Huntington, prior to his official retirement as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"OSV made two gifts in honor of bishop's long and extremely effective service to the church and our diocese — and, of course, his service to OSV, for which he has served as chairman of the board for the

past 24 years," said Thomas J. Blee, a member of the OSV board.

"He is an unselfish man," Blee continued, "so the board determined that any retirement gifts should be given, in his name, to his most favorite charities."

The Women's Care Center recently established a new care center on Coliseum Boulevard in Fort Wayne, directly opposite a new abortion clinic. John Tippmann purchased the Women's Care Center building, but \$100,000 was needed to equip it, Blee explained. OSV donated the needed amount,



with the request that the new facility be named the Bishop John D'Arcy Center.

"Another heartfelt interest of Bishop D'Arcy is Catholic edu-

cation," Blee continued. "He has been absolutely heroic in his efforts to adequately fund diocesan schools. His personal participation in the high schools' fund-raising dinners/auctions is a testament to this. OSV therefore decided to give \$4 million to the John M. D'Arcy High School Financial Assistance Fund — \$1 million to each diocesan high school — payable to the schools over a period not to exceed three years."

The award is in addition to a similar \$4 million grant to the four diocesan high schools two

years ago by OSV in honor of Bishop D'Arcy's 50 years as a priest. The endowments — known as the Bishop John M. D'Arcy Golden Jubilee Fund — also are being used to grant tuition assistance to qualified students seeking financial aid.

Founded in Huntington in 1912 by Archbishop John F. Noll, the fifth bishop of the local diocese, OSV is a non-profit corporation devoted to publishing Catholic periodicals, offering envelopes, stewardship programs and materials, and religious education materials and books.

Diocesan departments assist in bishop's ministry

One man cannot do it alone. That is why Bishop John M. D'Arcy relies on diocesan departments, those who work with Bishop D'Arcy day to day, to assist him with the ministries of the Office of Bishop and serve parishes. *Today's Catholic* invited department heads to offer some words about the shepherd who will soon retire as the eighth bishop of the diocese.

Msgr. Robert Schulte, diocesan vicar general and chancellor

In my experience serving as vicar general and chancellor of the diocese as well as pastor under Bishop D'Arcy, I found that he is easy to work with, consults widely, prays and considers major decisions carefully.

His prudence has been a gift for our diocese. I have enjoyed his insights and his spiritual perspective, which often appears along with his sense of humor.

He has a great knack of lightening a ponderous discussion with a little humor from time to time. This greatly helps us all to keep the right attitude. I have appreciated his visionary leadership.

Mary Glowaski, director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry and victim assistance coordinator of the Safe Environment Program

As victim's assistant for the diocese I have witnessed first hand the pain of the scandal that rocked our church. This pain has been borne most profoundly by the victims of abuse, their families and friends, but also by our faithful priests, by our parish communities and, in a profound and personal way, by our faithful bishops. This has certainly been the case for Bishop D'Arcy.

I have witnessed the pain he feels over the violation so many have experienced and the aftermath of the pain. I have also been privileged to witness his care for those who have been so deeply wounded by the betrayal of abuse.

As he listens to their story, his eyes never stray from theirs and his humble resolve to receive their anguish never falters. I will forever remember and be moved

by the love he expresses as he, with humility and sincerity, offers a simple "I'm sorry."

Since the announcement of his retirement, I have received calls and e-mails from some of our victims asking that I express their gratitude and love to him.

Anguish has been held, hearts have been moved and deep unyielding wounds have been healed by the power of the Holy Spirit though Bishop D'Arcy.

Cathie Cicchiello, coordinator of the Safe Environment Program

As safe environment coordinator for the diocese, I am in my second stint as a diocesan employee.

My first came in 1986, fresh out of college and filled with enthusiasm. Back then, I began the youth program in the Office of Spiritual Development. Some of the days were challenging as they often are when you are trying to launch a new initiative.

I recall one thing that would always boost my spirits and fill me with energy. That was to listen to Bishop D'Arcy preach or speak about the spiritual life. His words would resonate deep with-

ment about "abandoning him" whenever we would meet again. As I shrugged the comment off, I would remember how devoted and loyal he is to others. It is only natural for him to draw the same out of us.

Fast forward 18 years. After moving to three different cities, completing two advanced degrees, many jobs, marrying and having three children, our family found ourselves in Fort Wayne again.

Bishop's kindness and love reached out to me first during my chemotherapy treatments. During Mass, he anointed me. I know for sure that my remission is due to all the prayer and spiritual therapies as well as the drug therapies. He touched me with devotion and affection for me and my family.

My current work finds me coordinating the program of background checks and safe environment education/training for all those who minister in the diocese, especially to children and young people. His record on handling abuse cases is well known. I do not have to convince him of the need for the work. He offers regularly to assist with anything that is needed.



Bishop John M. D'Arcy banters with high school students gathered on the lawn of the University of Notre Dame in August 2005 in preparation for the 150th anniversary of the diocese in 2007.

in, and I would dive into the work with renewed vigor.

Bishop does not take too kindly to a person's decision to leave employment with the diocese, even if the reason is an advanced degree. For years after I left, I had to endure his com-

The work is not easy, but I find encouragement in knowing that I work as part of the church, the people of God. Bishop D'Arcy has offered me many opportunities to do just that. For his openness, faith and trust in me, I will be forever grateful.

Jim Tighe, director of the Office of Catechesis

Not long after I began working in the Office of Catechesis, I heard Bishop D'Arcy tell a group of new catechists, "If you're going to teach, get it right!" That sums up his position for teaching the doctrine of the church ... get it right!

With that in mind, Bishop D'Arcy leaves us having built a strong foundation, so that catechists can get it right. The Notre Dame-Our Sunday Visitor masters program, Education for Ministry, Catechetical Institute Day and now a thorough curriculum based on the National Directory for Catechesis are just a few of the building blocks Bishop D'Arcy leaves us with ... all the tools and opportunities for us who are catechists to "get it right."

going to be successful in securing employment with the diocese. I soon realized, however, here was a man who is very serious about spiritual matters as well as the financial justification of adding another full-time salary to the payroll. And despite several letters of praise on my behalf, Bishop D'Arcy was and continues to be no pushover. I was going to have to convince him I was a worthy candidate, sincere in the practice of the Catholic faith, and proficient at being able to address the communications and marketing needs of the diocese.

More than 13 years have passed since that formal meeting. I am proud to say Bishop D'Arcy evidently has continued to have confidence in me and, in fact, entrusted the position of communications director to me nearly six years ago. And I have



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The televised Mass has reached the homebound each Sunday for 23 years in the Fort Wayne and South Bend communities. Above is a scene from the South Bend TV Mass.

Vince LaBarbera, director of the Catholic Communications Office

Aside from meeting Bishop D'Arcy briefly after he confirmed two of our four children, I first met him on a personal basis in July 1996 when I interviewed for a position with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as associate director of the Catholic Communications Office.

Bishop D'Arcy's immediate warm and friendly manner buoyed my confidence that I was

since come to appreciate what a sincere and worthy shepherd he has been, leading the diocese into and through its sesquicentennial and jubilee-year celebrations.

There are three areas directly under the communications umbrella in which Bishop D'Arcy has demonstrated an unprecedented zeal for evangelization using modern methods and technology.

"Thanks to a remarkable development of the communications media, the word 'participa-

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tion' has taken on a broader meaning in recent decades. We all gladly acknowledge that the media also have opened up new possibilities for the celebration of the Eucharist." — Pope Benedict XVI, "The Sacrament of Charity"

Bishop D'Arcy has taken Pope Benedict's words to heart as well as the message of Pope John Paul II regarding "the importance of the communications media in transmitting and promoting human and religious values" (Message of the 1995 World Day of Communications, May 28).

The TV Masses — Not long after his installation as the eighth bishop of our diocese, Bishop D'Arcy began two live television Masses airing every Sunday morning independently from both South Bend and Fort Wayne. The spiritual value of this ministry for the past 23 years to the thousands of viewers confined to nursing homes, care facilities, hospital beds and even their own homes is immeasurable.

The Catholic Communications Office yearly receives hundreds of letters and donations testifying to the importance of the broadcast of the 30-minute TV Mass for those no longer able to attend Mass in their parish. And thanks to Bishop D'Arcy, these viewers cherish the occasional opportunity to again hear a Mass celebrated by their pastor with fellow ministers and parishioners in attendance.

Also, in Fort Wayne, Christmas midnight Mass is televised live annually from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception along with a Christmas morning Mass from the University of Saint Francis, both with the bishop presiding. In addition, a pre-taped Christmas Morning Mass airs in South Bend.

ABA Video — For the past 23 years, the Annual Bishops Appeal (ABA) has helped the diocese to "reach out" to do God's work from the education and training of priests and catechists and preparation of people for marriage to reaching out to the poor and offering programs of religious instruction to teens and young adults, to name but a few ways the annual appeal helps the diocese to meet its pastoral and spiritual needs through the generosity of parishes.

Bishop's willing, patient participation in the writing and production of the ABA video has contributed greatly to the success of the yearly campaign. His inspiration and diligence to produce a quality finished product worthy of the message of the Gospel has been responsible for the success of each individual campaign. Whether the video is shown to the clergy at an advance gift or parish leadership dinner or to parishioners in the parishes, the overall response year after year, is: "It's better than last year's video!" This is due in part to Bishop D'Arcy's

and bishop before God and humanity to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church. And, he uses every opportunity to evangelize — even technologies such as e-mail and the Internet he is not skilled at using, yet — making sure his message nevertheless is communicated by all means possible.

We truly have been blessed for the past quarter of a century to have had a man of Bishop D'Arcy's spiritual caliber as the shepherd of our diocese. We wish him all the best for years to come.



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Students gather for an all-school Mass at the Joyce Athletic Center at the University of Notre Dame. The annual event, held in South Bend and Fort Wayne, draws Catholic school students from across the diocese.

ability to adapt his message to the medium, both in English and Spanish of late.

The media — Meeting an anxious news reporter on deadline while he or she thrusts a microphone and/or a camera in your face is not an easy task even for the best professional. But throughout nearly 25 years as the spiritual head of our diocese, Bishop D'Arcy has handled the media's many probing questions and inquiries with both aplomb and diplomacy.

Whether the interview involves good news or a difficulty, into a telephone, microphone or camera, live or recorded, Bishop D'Arcy treats the inquirer with courtesy, respect and sincerity. His ability to confront the situation with the truth and the message of Christ has gained the respect of both local and national media personnel, who often turn to him for his counsel on matters of faith and morals.

It is evident in everything he does and with every word he speaks that Bishop D'Arcy holds true to a responsibility as priest

Dr. Mark D. Myers, superintendent Catholic Schools

Though my time has been rather short with Bishop D'Arcy, he has made an impression on me that will last a lifetime. Bishop D'Arcy's depth on school matters astounds me; in 35 years in education, I have not ever met anyone who has his capacity to scan for information about a particular issue and then process data like bishop.

And those eyes: they confirm, they evaluate, they encourage, they inspire, they convey God's grace, they reveal compassion, they show mercy; and yet in all ways, Bishop's eyes share his love for people, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the church and Christ.

Bishop D'Arcy simply brings out the best in people — his grace and holiness are most evident to me when he is among children.

At the recent All Schools Mass at the Memorial Coliseum,

over 3,500 children attended from the Fort Wayne area. After the conclusion of Mass and a rather demanding morning, bishop — as tired as he must have been — with his miter and crosier in tact, walked down to the rows of children and gave all the time the children wanted for discussion, sharing and even pictures. When the children approached bishop that day, it brought forth images from the Scriptures. Children walked up to him freely; it was, what we used to call, a "Kodak moment."

Bishop is so widely respected. A few years ago, long before I came to the diocese, I was talking to a friend from out of state about the various national Catholic school issues. During the course of the conversation my friend commented, "But you have Bishop D'Arcy."

Without question, my fondest memory of bishop occurred at the press conference in South Bend when he reported his decision on the future plans for the Saint Joseph's High School building project. After most people left the event, bishop called out to a friend to join him in the front of the room. Then spontaneously, Bishop D'Arcy and his longtime friend began to sing an Irish ballad from the 18th century. I will never forget that day; to me it was and will remain, in a very profound way, a great gift from Bishop D'Arcy.

on prayer and the acceptance of God's grace; then one must give a response. That response is a response to the question: "What is God asking to do through me?"

In prayer we open ourselves up to God's grace, and it is by his grace we are able to engage in living the Christian life.

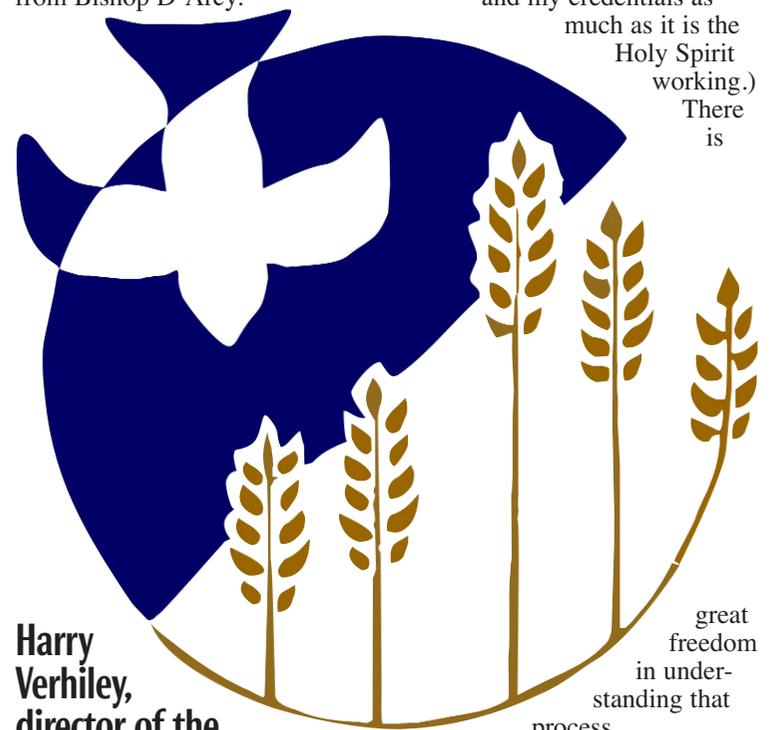
In his teachings and example, Bishop D'Arcy has pointed out that prayer is the means by which we know the will of God. Oftentimes when bishop is with the youth, he asks them to remember the vocation prayer: "Lord, teach me and show me my vocation in life."

Not only have I quizzed my children about this prayer, but I too have often said it and have received clarity of God's will for my vocation as development director for our diocese.

It has been a great joy to serve Bishop D'Arcy, and I am grateful to him for the opportunity.

When bishop offered the position to me, I asked, "Bishop, are you asking me because of coaxing of the Holy Spirit, or a matter of convenience? Because I'm inexperienced and do not know what I'm doing." He said, "Harry, this is the work of the Holy Spirit, you're my guy."

Those words have stayed with me — "this is the work of the Holy Spirit." (It is not about me and my credentials as much as it is the Holy Spirit working.) There is



Harry Verhiley, director of the Development Office

The Development Office coordinates the Annual Bishop's Appeal and provides counsel to parishes and schools regarding development and fundraising issues.

One very important area of our work is stewardship. Christian stewardship is hinged

great freedom in understanding that process. Bishop D'Arcy accepted, and lived, his role as bishop seriously and he knew that that role had everything to do with his cooperation with God's plan for him (his flock). He applied himself as bishop ordinarily, day-to-day, down-to earth; always himself. His commitment was to follow and trust Christ and to teach and encourage others to do the same.

As I have reviewed various high points of bishop's last 25 years, it is evident that he has made a series of commitments to God's will. God was the point of his decision making. One significant statement that will remain with me in my development work, in short, states:

Financial generosity is no longer sufficient for the membership of the boards of great universities, if indeed it ever was ... they are asked to make serious decisions before God.

I take from that statement that the criteria of the development work that we are engaged in must always be God, before money. Bishop D'Arcy has applied that philosophy to every development effort of the diocese. I am most grateful for his teaching of that priority to me.

Bishop D'Arcy, I am forever grateful for your love and commitment to our Lord and his church.

Fred Everett, JD, director of the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and diocesan coordinator of the Indiana Catholic Conference

It was May of 1985 and we were at the Notre Dame baccalaureate Mass sitting among our fellow graduates and our families as the new bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend was introduced and said a few words in a thick Boston accent. Little did Lisa and I know then that after we got married a year later, we would both have the privilege of working for this shepherd sent to us by Christ for over 20 years.

Looking back over those years, we have much for which to be grateful. Our working relationship was one of an active and respectful collaboration.

The bishop was always very affirming of our work. Since we have directed the diocesan Office of Family Life as a husband-wife team since 1988 when we gave birth to our first child, we have always been very appreciative of the fact that Bishop D'Arcy realized and respected that the good of our own family came first.

He afforded Lisa the flexibility of working from home as our seven children came along over the years and he accommodated our need to harmonize our work for the diocese with our primary vocation as parents.

In fact, we can remember one occasion in our first year work-

ing for him in which the bishop had called impromptu press conferences in South Bend and Fort Wayne in order to give our reactions to the Supreme Court's Webster decision, which had allowed for greater state regulation of abortion. The three of us were to appear together for these press conferences. We had, however, a toddler in tow and we can still remember the bishop working the phone to help us out to see if someone could baby-sit him for a few hours. For the bishop, this was simply a natural expression of his human concern and understanding.

Over the years, the quality that we have found most admirable about Bishop D'Arcy is his unshakable commitment to Christ — his earnest desire to do the will of God, whatever the context, whatever the cost. In our experience, it did not matter so much whether a decision he made would be controversial or

many situations. While in some dioceses, department heads like us are bureaucratically removed from direct and collaborative interaction with their bishop, Bishop D'Arcy has always made himself accessible and available to us, as he has to our diocesan colleagues. We knew that if we needed to speak with him on a particular matter that he was never more than a phone call away.

Finally, having met a number of prelates in our years working for the church, we appreciate all the more that Bishop D'Arcy is above all a genuinely humble man. He's typically anxious to deflect attention from himself and quick to give credit to others for the good things going on in the diocese. He often credits the Holy Spirit, Our Lady, the priests, religious and the active lay people of the diocese for the good that has been accomplished.



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Pro-life advocates gather in Fort Wayne in 2008 to show their support for the sanctity of life, especially the unborn.

unpopular — what really mattered to him was doing what he believed to be God's will in a given situation. In fact, the areas of pastoral ministry which our office covers — marriage, family life, pro-life, human sexuality and bioethics — offer numerous opportunities for taking public stands that are not always popular. Bishop D'Arcy has consistently affirmed the truths expressed in the teachings of the church in these areas in order to defend the sanctity of human life and human love.

It is also remarkable that the bishop has shepherded our diocese in a very "hands on" manner, knowing that there is no substitute for the personal attention and presence of a bishop in

For almost 25 years, he has lived humbly in a modest home in an ordinary neighborhood, driving his own car for countless miles, not only between Fort Wayne and South Bend, but to all the outlying parishes in our diocese.

It is telling that Bishop D'Arcy once mentioned to us that he has never been able to bring himself to refer to the beautifully renovated Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as "my cathedral" because he believes that, like the church itself, it is not his, but Christ's. Although his retirement means that he will no longer be entrusted with the care of our diocese, the fact that Bishop D'Arcy will continue to reside here is further

proof that, like Christ, he will love this flock to the end.

To both of us, Bishop D'Arcy has been so much more than our boss, more even than our bishop — he has become a dear friend, and we are profoundly grateful to God for giving us the privilege of being able to work closely alongside this shepherd sent to us by Christ these many years.

Janice Cantrell, archivist for Diocesan Archives

The Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church states in a circular letter on the pastoral function of church archives that "archives are places of church memory, which must be preserved, transmitted, renewed, appreciated because they represent the most direct connection with the heritage of the church community."

During my time working here as the archivist for the diocese, I feel that Bishop D'Arcy recognizes this important aspect of our church history. This is most evident in the fact that Bishop D'Arcy established the archive department and hired the first full time archivist for the Diocese in 2002.

His commitment to the history of our diocese is also evident in his commission of the diocesan history written by Dr. Joseph White for the 150th anniversary of the diocese. His continued commitment to our history is apparent to me by his genuine interest and encouragement in my work, helping people and parishes to connect with their past. It has been a true pleasure to work for a bishop who recognizes that our past plays an important role in our future.

Nancy Cavadini, South Bend coordinator of the Diocesan Ecumenical Office

It has been my joy to serve the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as the ecumenical officer for the South Bend area.

Bishop D'Arcy is fondly described by those who work for him as a bishop to whom it is difficult to say "No" when he asks you for something. That he is described this way with affection is an indication of the awareness of so many in this diocese that bishop has always served us enthusiastically in fulfilling his office as shepherd of Christ's flock here in northern Indiana. His service has been characterized by a solicitude which has marked him, above all, as eminently a pastoral bish-

op.

It was this solicitude which I remember most vividly from the day several years ago when he asked me to serve as ecumenical officer in South Bend. The work had not been done for several years, the contacts had all gone cold, and the work, to be done on so many fronts, seemed more than one person could manage. But how could I say "No," and to bishop? He gave me his reasons why I should be the one to do this work, but finally added, "If you should ever find that this work does not give you joy, you should no longer do it."

Bishop's final admonition that joy itself would indicate to me whether to continue this work for the diocese has remained with me, remarkably, and has continued to teach me how to think about ecumenical work.

I remember asking bishop at one point if he didn't have something I could do that didn't have to deal with sinfulness and failure, which is the background against which ecumenical work labors. But joy in our work is related to the rest and joy which we will hopefully know in the fullness of the kingdom of God — something for which we labor now, and in which we mysteriously participate in hope.

I am certain bishop has himself found joy in his years as our bishop. He has alluded to this in his homilies. May grace and strength be given him as he begins his life as our bishop emeritus. I am certain we will witness there as well the joy which is the result of a life of faith lived in the hope of the coming of the kingdom of God.

"Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice."

— Ps 105:3.

Msgr. Bruce Piechocki, judicial vicar for the Marriage Tribunal

The Marriage Tribunal exercises a demanding and sensitive ministry within the diocese. While charged with upholding the indissolubility of marriage, the tribunal attempts to help persons touched by the tragedy of divorce obtain a declaration of nullity, which permits them to be married within the church and/or reconciled to her.

Bishop D'Arcy has always insisted that while the tribunal must give people every break entitled them in the law and teaching of the church, it is a false compassion that refuses to tell people when they have failed to prove a prior marriage invalid.

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Over the years, this has caused a great deal of anger, often directed to the bishop himself. It was my experience that he took every complaint seriously. But he never wavered in his support of our mission to seek the truth. For example, when we had a serious backlog of cases, he was untiring in finding the resources and personnel necessary to get the cases moving — sometimes even using his own Notre Dame football tickets to get us the help we needed.



PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

One day retreats are one of the many services offered by the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization.

Jennifer Kohrman, interim director of the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization

The Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization (OSD) was instituted by Bishop D'Arcy shortly after he came to our diocese. He firmly believed that a strong faith life was the bedrock for ongoing faith development and the spiritual growth of our diocese. His vision for the OSD was to always serve the parishes, encouraging them to grow closer to God through prayer, reconciliation and the Eucharist.

By facilitating missions, enrichments, retreats and other evangelization efforts, OSD has been able to nourish and empower the lay people and to help them carry out their baptismal

call to faith, discipleship and evangelization. Some examples include: Disciples in Mission, Wells of Hope and the annual Lenten faith-sharing series. And who can forget the yellow umbrellas, clearly visible signs of the sacrament of reconciliation at both jubilee celebrations at the University of Notre Dame?

On bishop's night of the missions and many other occasions with the people of our diocese, Bishop D'Arcy has been very approachable and keenly interested in each person as an individual. He is always concerned for those who have wandered away or are struggling with their faith. He has a special place in his heart for children and believes in the importance of

families in their spiritual development.

His sense of humor and wit with the people has been endearing. The recent Women's Day of Prayer is a perfect example. The women who attended will never forget his delightful banter with his sister, Sister Anne D'Arcy. They just loved it.

As a deeply faithful and prayerful man, Bishop D'Arcy, you have been an inspiration and an example to us all. You have showered us with your wisdom, years of experience and sense of humor. You have demonstrated over and over again how much you care for us as individuals and how much you love the diocese. You have truly been a shepherd to our flock. We want to give you a special thank you for the years of support and encouragement in our work. We wish you many blessings in your retirement years. God bless you!

Cindy Black, director of Youth Ministry and Spiritual Formation

Like Jesus, Bishop D'Arcy has a heart for youth. He shows this by always making diocesan youth events a priority in his full schedule. A favorite session at FaithFest, our high school youth rally, and the confirmation rally is "Ask the Bishop." He proclaims the truth of our faith in love, sets high standards, challenges them and exudes love of Christ in his responses.

Young people appreciate how approachable and genuine he is with them. I won't mention here how many times the popularity of this session and bishop's thorough answers have changed the schedule for the day — we've learned to be flexible.

Bishop D'Arcy is willing to do whatever it takes to lead young people to Christ ... I'm fairly certain he is the only bishop featured in a video using a light saber! How cute it was when bishop turned to me and asked, "Cindy, will the teens know what a light saber is?" He may not always be up with pop culture, but that's okay, because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. And as our shepherd, he leads us to Christ.

On a personal note, when I would meet with bishop about youth ministry, our conversations were always open and frank. Although we had much to discuss, he also asked about me, my prayer life and our family. He cares deeply for each and every soul entrusted to him.

Bishop, you often borrow the words of John Paul II and tell us

that it is not the bishop who draws young people to events, but rather the young people draw the bishop to such gatherings — I would say that it is love that draws us all together — we can tell that you love us and we pray that you know how much we all love you.

and his encouragement. Whenever technology aided evangelization — such as the Web site, digitalization of the newspaper, podcasting — he would support our team, even if he didn't understand how the technology worked.

Whether it is covering a story with the bishop in LaGrange or in Rome, Italy, I have come to



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy and diocesan staff visit with three German youths on a bus ride to World Youth Day 2002 in Toronto, Canada.

Tim Johnson, editor of Today's Catholic

As publisher of *Today's Catholic*, Bishop D'Arcy has made communications with the people of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend a priority. As editor for the last six years, I appreciate his approachability

see how people — young and old — are attracted to his words and message. I see how he reaches out the immigrant, to the fast-growing Hispanic population and how they love him.

He is an advocate for the truth — always — even when the truth is countercultural and not popular with society's values.

I remember riding the bus with Bishop D'Arcy at World Youth Day in Toronto in 2002. Some German girls on the bus were talking with our diocesan group, including Bishop D'Arcy, who introduced himself as "John." We slipped in that he was our bishop. They had a look of surprise that they were talking to an American bishop.

I have fond memories of the days that our diocesan priests and staff spent at the Vatican for the canonization of St. Mother Theodore Guérin. Once the Vatican authorities discovered Bishop D'Arcy was in town, they wanted to meet with him. We may think that the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is off the radar of the Vatican officials, but that isn't so.

And Bishop D'Arcy's Italian is impressive too. He was really good at helping us order Italian food.



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Diocesan youth leaders gather in 2001 for the Young Church Leadership Institute.

One of my most endearing memories goes back to 2005, at the blessing of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center. Bishop D'Arcy came into our new *Today's Catholic* office, and the next thing I see and hear is Bishop D'Arcy and my daughter, Heather, who was 3 years old at the time, singing "Jingle Bells" outside my office door. I wish I had that moment on video.

Kathy Denice, business manager for *Today's Catholic* newspaper

I have known Bishop D'Arcy for over 20 years. We first met in the Fort Wayne Airport on a flight to Los Angeles.

After inviting him to pass the long layover time in Chicago with me, bishop asked me to have our seats changed to be together so we could continue our conversation. From that point on we were friends and kept in touch by way of diocesan travel directed to my travel agency.

Following the retirement of the former business manager of *Today's Catholic* seven years ago, I stepped in to the diocesan position with bishop's blessing and I have to say it's been a joy to work for bishop. His love and dedication to his vocation has inspired us all to be better Catholics. In his retirement, I wish for him good health and a chance to breathe. And to enjoy the rest of his journey.

Brian MacMichael, director of the Office of Worship

I am very grateful to Bishop D'Arcy for giving me the opportunity to serve the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in the area of sacred liturgy. In the diocesan Office of Worship, my staff and I have been impressed by Bishop D'Arcy's love for the holy Mass and the care with which he fulfills his role as chief liturgist of the diocese.

Bishop D'Arcy offers a fine example of attentiveness to the documents and teachings of the church as well as to the words of our Holy Father. He has also been a tremendous model and mentor for me when it comes to providing assistance to our priests and in providing for the needs of the faithful in our parishes — all through a pastoral and catechetical manner. Above all, he always has in mind the good of souls and the importance of giving proper glory to God, which, of course, are the

goals of the liturgical life.

Even outside liturgical matters, I have gained a great respect for Bishop D'Arcy's work with diocesan youth and toward the promotion of vocations. He recognizes that they are the future of the church, and he is a great proponent of the new evangelization and the "new springtime," as described by the late Pope John Paul II.

Most importantly, Bishop D'Arcy's selfless and tireless dedication to this diocese has been an inspiration to so many of all ages and backgrounds. I have learned many reasons why he is one of the most highly respected bishops in this country and have personally come to see that he is a very holy man. We are all truly blessed to have had such a shepherd, and those of us in the Office of Worship have considered it a great joy and honor to assist him in his liturgical mission. We thank him for this opportunity and wish him all the best in the years to come.



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Latino dance was displayed at the Eucharistic Congress held on the campus of the University of Notre Dame in the Year of the Great Jubilee 2000.

Linda Furge, jubilee coordinator

While the world watched, waited and worried about Y2K and the threat of widespread failures because of the two-digit rollover, the universal church and our diocese looked to celebrate the 2,000th anniversary of Christ's birth and the entrance of a new millennium in an entirely different way: Jubilee 2000. It was a four-year process (1997-2000) with three years of prepa-

ration devoted to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and then the Jubilee Year itself.

Both parishes and diocese celebrated their past and looked at how they could implement Pope John Paul II's call to welcome in the new millennium by "Opening Wide the Doors to Christ." The outline of diocesan Jubilee 2000 "happenings" was impressive: two pages, single-spaced, full of special events, sacramental occasions and pastoral initiatives. From everything that was accomplished during Jubilee 2000, two highlights stand out.

Pope John Paul II asked that local churches make their jubilee celebration visible and joyful. A generous grant from Our Sunday Visitor Foundation made possible a Eucharistic Congress, the highlight of our jubilee celebration: a day-long, diocesan-wide pilgrimage and celebration at the University of Notre Dame on Aug. 26, 2000. The diocese, parishes and university worked together to plan a day that, literally, had something for every-

Bishops D'Arcy, Jenky and Crowley. The music and singing were joyful and full; Communion was offered under both species to the almost 10,000 people present; attendance for the day was estimated to be close to 15,000. It was truly a memorable moment in the history of our diocese.

As an enduring testament of Jubilee 2000, the Jubilee Solidarity Project was designed to assist the Hispanic parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in building a suitable worship space. For years the small rural church had been worshipping in a converted garage, which on Sundays and feast days overflowed with people. With the Jubilee Solidarity Project, the diocese entered the new millennium by welcoming, in a very visible and concrete way, the changing face of the Catholic Church in northeastern Indiana. Since Pope John Paul II dedicated all of America to Our Lady of Guadalupe and with our diocese consecrated to Our Lady, it seemed fitting to designate the new church as a diocesan parish and shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In fall 1999 we began with an international design competition that drew entries from around the country and from all corners of the world. Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine was formally dedicated Oct. 23, 2005.

Similarly, bishop initiated another jubilee celebration in 2007, the 150th Sesquicentennial Jubilee of our diocese: "Behold the Face of Christ — His Steadfast Love Endures Forever." In many ways the Sesquicentennial Jubilee built upon and extended the Jubilee 2000 celebration. Again, it witnessed to the vitality and spirit evident throughout the diocese. Again, there were numerous

jubilee events and sacramental celebrations during the jubilee year. Again, the highlight of the year was another hugely successful Eucharistic Congress at Notre Dame.

Working with Bishop D'Arcy during Jubilee 2000 and the Sesquicentennial Jubilee was an absolute delight, especially as everyone involved witnessed his great love and dedication to this diocese. The frequently heard phrase, "We'll find the resources somewhere," exemplified his unwavering faith in God and the parishes. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is forever grateful for Bishop D'Arcy's devoted care, his faith-filled leadership and his inspiring hope for the future!

Enid Roman DeJesús and Lourdes E. Silva, director and codirector of the Office of Hispanic Ministry

We want to thank you, "Gracias," for all the years of support, prayer, sacrifice and pastoral guidance you have so selflessly given to our Hispanic and Latino Catholic community.

When Bishop D'Arcy arrived to Fort Wayne and South Bend, Indiana, there were few parishes with service to our Hispanic population. Today, the number has grown to 14 parishes, all of this under the guidance of Bishop D'Arcy and the persons he assigned to carry out the Hispanic ministry with the collaboration of dedicated laity. He believes in serving all children of God equally, because in the house of our Lord there is true equality.

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Parishioners of St. Stephen and St. Adalbert-St. Casimir churches process as the South Bend parishes merge in 2003.

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Many times Bishop D'Arcy pressed forth efforts for the immigrants in the midst of great challenges; he even marched down the streets of Fort Wayne and South Bend in silence, yet powerfully demonstrating that a bishop is here to serve the people, the princes and princesses of our heavenly Father. What a great and unique example of a Father's immeasurable love and dedication, Bishop D'Arcy has been for us.

Bishop D'Arcy has gone to the extent of sharing intimate family stories of how he saw his mother raise him, under circumstances very similar to the experiences of the Hispanics in our diocese today. With this he related to the people's personal struggles, hardships and sufferings, in other words he let them know he was also among them in their trials.

He has participated every year offering Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe and played the part of Bishop Zumárraga who was the bishop who tested Juan Diego and later was convinced by the sign Our Lady sent. In this drama with great elation Bishop D'Arcy would stand up from his chair and proclaim, "Milagro," meaning "miracle." The Hispanic population would feel great connection with our bishop. How many other bishops have we seen go to these extents to make a people feel welcomed, valued and loved? Meanwhile, he has set an example for all of us to carry out a true message of our Savior, "Love your neighbor as yourself," for in this you love God in return.

Our Bishop D'Arcy has gone through great strides to include the Hispanic children of immigrants to participate in a fine and sound Catholic education, not only intellectually but spiritually. He is a pastor with profound spiritual insight of what it truly means to be the body of Christ.

Only a few days ago, Bishop D'Arcy extended three more years to Our Lady of Hungary School in South Bend. At the verge of closing, a small immigrant family asked for permission to serve within this parish, and in only four months time this past Dec. 12, the church was filled with people, and many children in procession adorned the altar with roses in honor of the Mother of Jesus. Truly there is reason to rejoice and all under

the guidance of Bishop D'Arcy.

A year ago, last April, Bishop D'Arcy gave a new project for two offices to come together, the Office for Hispanic Ministry and the Office of Catechesis, united in collaboration for a new formation program for Hispanic Adults within our diocese.

To date, only a year later, over 100 people have participated in the program. We now have, under Bishop D'Arcy's support, a two-year program with graduation set in the summer of 2011.

In a young adult retreat about 10 years ago, the Office for Hispanic Ministry was interpreting the whole retreat with a sound system for the Hispanic Young Adults. Interpretation takes a few seconds to process, sometimes causing an overlap in reactions or answers from the retreat participants. On this one particular occasion, Bishop D'Arcy asked English and Spanish speaking participants to raise their hand if they were content with the subject being interpreted. Within the seconds that passed by, Bishop D'Arcy had moved on to another subject, when all the Hispanic young adults raised their hands, his reaction was to say "well, that was a first." The Hispanic young adults have fond regard and love for our bishop because he has always included them in the yearly activities of our diocese.

Volumes could be written, and all moments will be cherished.

Obispo John Michael D'Arcy, please accept our deep appreciation, respect and love. Know that we will never forget you who made room at the inn. You gave us "Posada" (entry) into the house of our Lord, because in your deep insight you have remembered that in our Father's home there are many mansions, many rooms for all of us in one body of Christ.

Mostly, know that our Hispanic people are very grateful to you for your true love expressed to everyone. Our nation has been, and continues to be built by immigrants, and oh, what an awesome experience it has been, because in great part this has been made possible to our people by the pastoral and spiritual guidance of a great shepherd, Bishop John Michael D'Arcy.

May our Holy Trinity and Blessed Mother Mary, the Immaculate Conception, be with you always, and may we continue our journey always practicing the ineffable love you have modeled for us in order to reach the reign of God.



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With the guidance of Bishop John D'Arcy, vocations in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have provided men of quality for the priesthood.

Msgr. Bernard J. Galic, director of the Vocation Office

Bishop D'Arcy's support of and involvement in the work of the Vocation Office, from the composition of vocation-promotion material, to the screening of candidates, and the ongoing support of the seminarians through their years of study has been legendary.

He has always made it a point to know each of the men personally and to remain in touch with them.

Wherever our seminarians are studying, we continually hear from the seminary administration that Bishop D'Arcy "knows how to pick them."

Thanks to the bishop's careful selection, our seminarians have consistently proven to be an asset to the seminaries in which they are studying and a credit to our diocese. Furthermore, the hospitality that the bishop has extended to the seminarians and their families and friends, including visiting seminarians and priests, on the occasions of ordinations has earned him the reputation of being a most gracious host.

The priority that the bishop has always given to the work of attracting and nurturing priestly vocations is one of the hallmarks of his years of service in our diocese and a blessing to the diocese for many years to come.

My associate Mary Szymczak and I, along with the seminarians and the recently ordained priests, remain personally very grateful for the support the Vocation Office has received from Bishop D'Arcy throughout his years as our shepherd.

Mary Szymczak, director of the Permanent Diaconate

Four years ago Bishop D'Arcy asked me to direct/coordinate the new permanent diacon program for the diocese.

After 22 years of no program he had decided it was time to start again. After much praying and talking with my husband, I accepted the challenge. I don't know what prompted Bishop D'Arcy to ask me to do this program, but I want to thank him for his confidence and faith in me to do the job.

I have been given the opportunity to work with 11 men who are studying for the diaconate. These men and their wives have worked hard to prove they are worthy servants of the church. I have also had the opportunity to meet our older deacons and witness their faith. They have all touched my life in a way that is hard to explain.

I want to thank Bishop D'Arcy for his constant support and the opportunity to work with the permanent deacons of our diocese.

Debbie Schmidt, director of Catholic Charities

The staff, board and clients of Catholic Charities are greatly in debt to Bishop D'Arcy for everything he has provided to our agency and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and through that, the gift given to the whole church.

We have enjoyed him and been most blessed to have his guidance. We wish him every goodness and every blessing in the years ahead.

Elisa Smith, director of Planned Giving

I met Bishop D'Arcy in 2002 while I was working on the financial audit for the diocese. When I told him that my background was in estate planning, he asked if we could meet and talk. A year later he created the Office of Planned Giving and asked me to coordinate and manage this ministry. Throughout the past seven years, he has always been very supportive and involved in the efforts of planned giving and endowments. I have felt truly blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to work with bishop in serving the church.

One of my favorite quotes, by David Trueblood, goes like this ... "It takes a noble man to plant a seed for a tree that will someday give shade to people he may never meet." Bishop D'Arcy, you have truly planted the seed for the ministry of planned giving in our diocese. Through your guidance and support, many people throughout the diocese have learned about stewardship and how to properly plan their estates and their charitable gifts. Through your devotion to helping those in need, future generations will benefit from the endowment funds held in the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana.

I wish you continued blessings as you enter this new chapter of your life.

WCC Fort Wayne to open new center honoring Bishop D'Arcy

BY DIANE FREEBY

FORT WAYNE — When providence knocks, it's always best to answer. That's just what the Women's Care Center does as opportunities to help more women continue to present themselves.

A third care center opened its doors Dec. 14 in Fort Wayne, at 921 W. Coliseum Blvd., just weeks after a serious need was identified.

A volunteer leafing through the phone book noticed a chemical abortion provider was open for business nearby. She alerted Anne Koehl, Women's Care Center director in Allen County and a registered nurse. Koehl recalls the day she and Women's Care Center President Ann Manion and Foundation Director Bobby Williams were in Fort Wayne for a meeting. Manion suggested they drive around town to see if any office space might be available for another care center. When the trio located the chemical abortion clinic, they also saw a building for sale, just across the street. Koehl realized she passed it every day on her way to work and church.

"I had stopped by this building four or five times before," remembers Koehl, "and I had never seen it for sale or lease, until we stopped by that day with Ann and Bobby."

They discussed it at the board meeting that evening, and everyone agreed the timing was perfect.

"A local family, who wishes to remain anonymous, stepped up to buy the building," says Manion. "They generously donated it to Women's Care Center, and renovated it with support from Bishop (John M.) D'Arcy and Our Sunday Visitor."

Six weeks later, Women's Care Center opened for business on one of the busiest roads in Fort Wayne.

"Being on Coliseum opens up opportunities to serve all kinds of women," says Manion elaborating on the importance of helping women before they are in a crisis. "We serve one out of every three women in the Michiana area. I think being in this new location will have a huge impact on our numbers in Fort Wayne."

Koehl says Women's Care Center, which has served in Fort Wayne since 2004, currently serves about 10 percent of women in that area. She'd like to



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A third Women's Care Center opened its doors Dec. 14 in Fort Wayne, at 921 W. Coliseum Blvd., just weeks after a serious need was identified.



This photo shows the interior of the new Women's Care Center, which will be named in honor of Bishop John M. D'Arcy.

see those numbers go up, and believes they will if early results are any indication.

"We started putting our sign up Dec. 11," explains Koehl, referring to the 30-foot sign that now stands outside the center, "and we finished putting it up on Monday, the 14th. We had five walk-ins that first day!"

The new care center will serve as the area's "super-center," with staff on hand to provide pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes in both English and Spanish, delivery preparation classes and a sexual integrity program. Designed to teach women how to make better

choices before they get into crisis situations, the program is similar to the existing chastity programs at Women's Care Center with a more personal approach to relationships.

"I think if we meet a girl and she has a negative (pregnancy) test," says Koehl, "we can begin immediately to talk with her about why she is so relieved to have that negative test and what happens next. I think this will help us really meet women wherever they're at. I think the fact that it will be more private will help them be more open."

Koehl says 14 people staff the three Fort Wayne area Women's

Child Society of Fort Wayne plans to open a third Crib Club, helping people earn coupons to put toward items like cribs, clothing and other necessities. Koehl says this is crucial as the economy forces more people to seek help.

"People who probably would never have had to come here for diapers, for instance, are coming to parenting classes so they can get three dozen diapers for the week," reveals Koehl. "I think our couples numbers are up quite a bit, and I think that's always positive when dad gets more involved."

The family who donated the building is making one request, along with Our Sunday Visitor. Manion says the Women's Care Center is more than happy to oblige.



"We started putting our sign up Friday, Dec. 11," explains Anne Koehl, Women's Care Center director in Allen County and a registered nurse, referring to the 30-foot sign that now stands outside the center, "and we finished putting it up on Monday, the 14th. We had five walk-ins that first day!"

Care Center locations, including one nurse for each site who is available to provide ultrasounds every day. In addition, 27 volunteers serve as receptionists and volunteer counselors. The Christ

"Women's Care Center on Coliseum Boulevard will be dedicated to Bishop D'Arcy. He has been so wonderful and helpful to us over the years. We couldn't have done it without him!"

Historian, writer of 'Worthy of the Gospel of Christ' offers reflection on Bishop John M. D'Arcy

BY JOSEPH M. WHITE

For a diocese the change of bishops marks a milestone in its history. The occasion prompts thoughts about the retiring bishop's contributions especially those that may be long remembered and/or have a lasting impact.

As diocesan ordinary 24 years, seven months and 12 days before his successor's installation on Jan. 13, 2010, Bishop John M. D'Arcy will complete the second longest service among the diocese's first eight bishops. Only the legendary Archbishop John F. Noll served longer — 31 years and one month — 1925-1956.

During his tenure, Bishop D'Arcy addressed a host of pastoral and administrative issues and some public controversies during a time of rapid transition in the church and the world. The 150th anniversary history of the diocese, "Worthy of the Gospel of Christ," gives this writer's preliminary narrative of the D'Arcy years along with the bishop's own chapter of reflections on his service as of 2007. Those chapters provide the specifics. What follows is a personal reflection on several outstanding characteristics of his ministry.

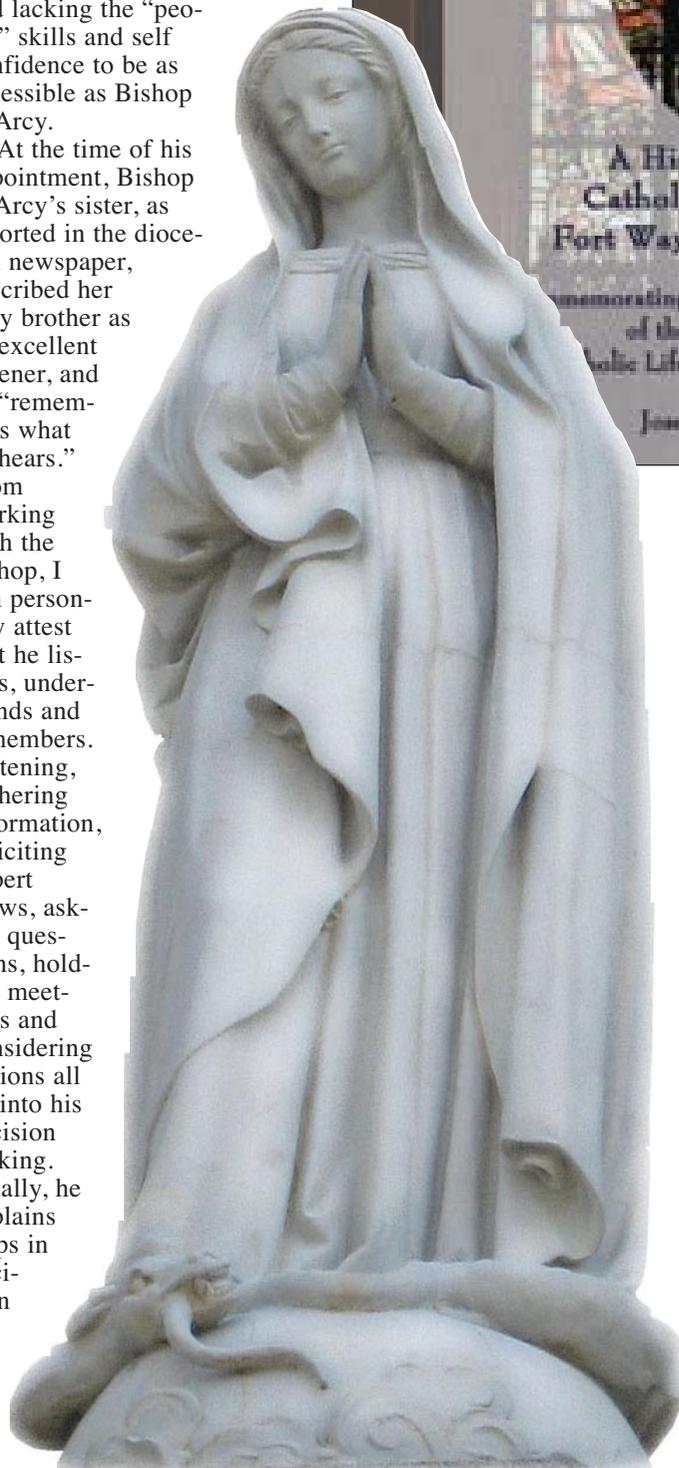
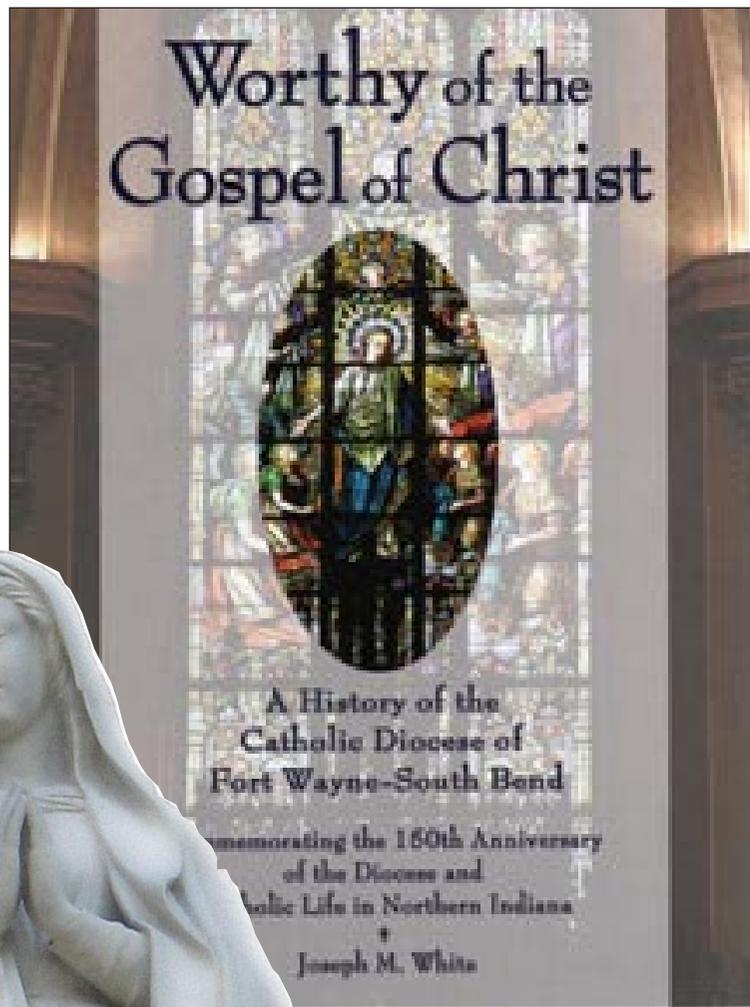
On a bright May 1, 1985, when Bishop D'Arcy was installed as diocesan ordinary at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, he quoted Pope Paul VI on the bishop's role as "not one who holds sway but one who wants to be of service. The episcopacy is not the name of an honor but of a work." The bishop would quote these words many times over the years.

Indeed, unceasing work has marked Bishop D'Arcy's service. As ordinary of a diocese with two see cities — Fort Wayne and South Bend — he has been devoted to his liturgical ministry at not one but two cathedrals. Likewise, the diocese has chancery offices and bishop's residences in both cities. In contrast, most U.S. bishops have quite enough to do — liturgical, pastoral and administrative — with one cathedral, chancery and residence in their diocese's largest city. In light of "double" duties, it is not surprising that Bishop D'Arcy has declined to accept

appointment to standing committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Attending more meetings outside the diocese would have diminished his commitment to its service.

Based in two cities, the bishop has made himself available to his flock for events of all kinds. Naturally outgoing, he is comfortable mingling freely with people. Catholics of his diocese are so accustomed to his accessibility that they may think it normal for a bishop. Actually, too many U.S. bishops, past and even present, have been remote, formal and lacking the "people" skills and self confidence to be as accessible as Bishop D'Arcy.

At the time of his appointment, Bishop D'Arcy's sister, as reported in the diocesan newspaper, described her only brother as an excellent listener, and he "remembers what he hears." From working with the bishop, I can personally attest that he listens, understands and remembers. Listening, gathering information, soliciting expert views, asking questions, holding meetings and considering options all go into his decision making. Finally, he explains steps in decision



making in his weekly column. All this comes naturally to him. But he also fulfills the requirements of canon law that the laity have a right to such information. Not many U.S. bishops, past or even present, have revealed such openness.

In the past half century, the Catholic Church and the diocese have undergone substantial changes. Appointed in 1985, 20 years after Vatican II's conclusion, the bishop came to the diocese as the church entered a second generation of renewal based on the great council. In renewing church life in the diocese, the bishop has strengthened Catholic identity. This has been evident in the initiatives in worship, spirituality, religious education, schools, youth and campus ministry, family life and the Catholic social mission.

Every diocese has characteristics that set it apart from others. As one of its outstanding features, the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese is home to the University of Notre Dame, one of the best known institutions in the Catholic world. Bishop D'Arcy's comfort in dialogue has resulted in positive rela-

tions with the university through the years, though he has found himself in disagreement with the university in a number of highly publicized cases. Divisive issues have not prevented him from a close relationship with the university at several levels. Accordingly, he did not repeat the history of one of his predecessors whose relationship with Notre Dame broke down. In particular, the bishop's relationship with Notre Dame's theology department has been a fruitful one marked by its participation in several aspects of diocesan life.

The clergy sexual abuse crisis burst into the national spotlight at the beginning of 2002. Under Cardinal Bernard Law, it was revealed, the Boston archdiocese had covered up some 70 priests' sexual abuse of boys through a pattern of reassigning those priests to parishes without revealing their past and quietly paying victims of abuse. As auxiliary bishop of Boston until 1985, Bishop D'Arcy had repeatedly warned Cardinal Law about assigning predator priests to parishes only to be ignored. Thus, Bishop D'Arcy was described as a "voice in the wilderness" in the U.S. bishops' official report on this national crisis published in 2004. Not surprisingly, the bishop as ordinary of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese removed permanently from ministry any priest with a credible allegation of sexual abuse of a minor even though that priest may have received professional treatment. From the national perspective, he was far ahead of the common thinking and practice about handling clergy sexual abuse cases, both in Boston and Fort Wayne-South Bend.

The Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese has been blessed for nearly a quarter century — almost one sixth of its history — to have a thoughtful, devoted and energetic spiritual leader. He has set a high standard for his successors. May he long be remembered for the quality of his service and the joy he brought to serving God and his flock.

Dr. Joseph M. White is the author of "Worthy of the Gospel of Christ: A History of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend."

Notre Dame theology Professor John Cavadini has collaborated with Bishop D'Arcy

BY ANN CAREY

NOTRE DAME — University of Notre Dame Professor John Cavadini is chairman of the Notre Dame Theology Department and director of the university's Institute for Church Life. He has closely collaborated with Bishop John M. D'Arcy over the years, and *Today's Catholic* asked him to discuss some of those collaborations.

Today's Catholic: When did you first get to know Bishop D'Arcy?

Professor Cavadini: I got to know Bishop D'Arcy very soon after I was appointed chair of the department of theology 13 years ago. He took the initiative to get to know me, if I remember correctly.

Today's Catholic: What are some of the projects you have collaborated with him on?

Professor Cavadini: We collaborated on a number of projects. Many of these were diocesan projects and involved continuing

education for priests. I spoke at a number of the priests' workshops that bishop had, and on three occasions also collaborated with bishop's designee or designees on designing the workshop (one on preaching, one on the early church and one on marriage). I also worked on sessions for the Eucharistic Congress, and spoke at two of the priests' days of recollection.

Another collaboration, a bigger one, was with the M.A. degree in theology for catechists (the Our Sunday Visitor program). We worked very closely together to work out the details of this major diocesan-university collaboration, I think to the benefit of both parties. Our department has enjoyed working with the diocesan catechists, and I think the catechists have benefited from our courses.

Another collaboration was with the Institute for Church Life. Our Lilly grant, Sustaining Pastoral Excellence, which is a program aimed at fostering the pastoral excellence of bishops, is administered by a steering com-



Bishop John M. D'Arcy and Professor John Cavadini greet Pope Benedict XVI at a Wednesday audience following the canonization of Mother Theodore Guerin in 2006.

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Pope Benedict XVI processes in for a Mass with the International Theological Commission on Dec. 1, 2009 in the Pauline Chapel in the Papal Palace.

mittee of which Bishop D'Arcy is the chairman. With Bishop D'Arcy's support and help, we were able to hold two major conferences for bishops here in South Bend, with most of the speakers being members of the ND Theology Department.

Finally, we have collaborated in bringing speakers to ND, sometimes successfully, sometimes unsuccessfully. One of the latter cases was my attempt, with Bishop D'Arcy's support and collaboration, to bring the then-Cardinal Ratzinger to speak.

I should also mention that with the help of Our Sunday Visitor once again, the ND Vision program was able to offer special scholarships to diocesan high school students to attend. Now that I am thinking about it, there is quite a bit of collaboration and I'm afraid I'm leaving some out!

Today's Catholic: What do you see as the most important contributions Bishop D'Arcy has made to the diocese? To the church at large?

Professor Cavadini: I'm not sure I am the best person to name the most important contributions he has made to the diocese or the church, but I think that high

among them would be his strong and caring pastoral leadership, described below. But if I were to name specifics, I would single out a.) his attention to education at all levels; b.) his recruitment of priests; c.) his establishment of the lay review board and his impeccable record in handling associated issues; d.) his ability to nurture an active ecclesial life by encouraging beautiful and dignified liturgy and by fostering a vibrant sacramental life, including the renewal of reception of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Today's Catholic: How would you characterize his style of leadership in the diocese?

Professor Cavadini: Bishop D'Arcy's style of leadership is first, consultative — he always listens before making a decision, and he listens not only to the ordained priests, but also members of the lay faithful — but when he then makes a decision, he takes responsibility for that decision himself. Bishop D'Arcy is one of the least "clerical" and at the same time most priestly bishops or priests I have ever

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met. He does not hang on clerical privilege or judge the person he is listening to by their status as ordained or not, and yet his whole demeanor and approach are priestly to the core.

Second, I guess this is the essence of the charisma of holiness that is unique to the priest — “pastoral charity.” I have always thought of Bishop D’Arcy as very closely configured to the priesthood of Christ, which is his self-gift. It means an attentiveness to the cares and concerns of everyone in his diocese as though these cares and concerns were his very own. I have never noticed any difference in the way he treats people of different rank, economic status or position in the church. At conference receptions, I have seen him (politely) stop speaking to the keynote speaker in order to hear the confession of a random student who asked him to hear his or her confession on the spot.

He is just as content to sit in St. Matt’s cafeteria talking to families and parishioners as to sit in a dinner reception with wealthy benefactors and distinguished guests. I have never sensed any difference in the way



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Professor John Cavadini proclaims the word at a Mass with Pope Benedict XVI on Dec. 1, 2009 in the Pauline Chapel in the Papal Palace.



Pope Benedict XVI addresses the International Theological Commission of which Professor John Cavadini is a member, at a December gathering.

he speaks to these different groups. And, if he feels that, after careful deliberation, he must offer someone a kind of fraternal correction, he is just as likely to offer this to a very highly placed layperson or cleric as he is to someone who is more humbly placed, and in fact more likely to offer it to a highly placed person.

Bishop D’Arcy speaks the truth in love. Further, he receives criticism in the same way. I have seen him change his mind about a number of things over the years based on input from various people. Bishop D’Arcy’s sole concern in making decisions is the good of his diocese, of the people of God in Fort Wayne-South Bend, and there is no other determinant of his decisions. He works to “build up the one body,” through fostering the many gifts of the one Spirit.

Today’s Catholic: If you had to select one highlight of your relationship with Bishop D’Arcy, what would it be?

Professor Cavadini: This is really hard to say — the one highlight. I had never met or known a bishop before Bishop D’Arcy. My entire idea of what a bishop is and should be comes from my 13-year long friendship with Bishop D’Arcy. I think I am probably spoiled. Although I am a layperson, he never treated me as someone to humor while he had the important conversations with the priest in charge, so to speak. He is a real Vatican II bishop who can see the gifts of all manner of people — and I say “see” because you have to see them in order to appreciate them. I think that many bishops and priests, without meaning to, often do not really “see” the laity, and their charisms and gifts.

My highlight was attending Mass celebrated by Bishop D’Arcy in St. Peter’s Basilica with the diocesan delegation for the canonization of Mother Guérin. I thought it exemplified everything Bishop D’Arcy stood for: unity of the local church around its bishop, in communion with Peter in the one sacrifice of Christ. I can’t think of a more beautiful image, or one that sums up Bishop D’Arcy’s episcopal ministry more fully. Bishop D’Arcy might think I should mention the meeting with His Holiness Pope Benedict that he arranged at a Wednesday audience when we were there for the canonization, since Bishop D’Arcy personally introduced me to His Holiness — but for me, it was the Mass bishop celebrated with us plain old folk from the diocese, early one morning at 7 a.m. in the great Basilica of St. Peter.

Bishop reflects on the joys and challenges of almost 25 years as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese

BY TIM JOHNSON

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, as he prepares for retirement, describes his almost-25 years as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, as very joyful, beautiful, a privilege and joy, yet demanding. But he has four goals in retirement: to brush up on his Spanish; become more competent on the Internet; pray; and read more.

In an interview with *Today's Catholic*, Bishop D'Arcy reflected on his years as the eighth bishop of the diocese. Of all the diocesan bishops in the 152-year history of the diocese, Bishop D'Arcy has the second longest tenure — only Archbishop John F. Noll had a longer episcopacy of 31 years.

In the days following the installation of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on Wednesday, Jan. 13, Bishop D'Arcy plans to go home for a few weeks "to visit with my sisters and to rest in the home of my parents where I grew up. I go home there to rest and take some walks, and pray and read."

He added, "I have quite a few responsibilities beginning in mid-February with a talk with the Holy Cross seminarians."

"And I'm looking forward to the continuation of the priestly things that I love — hearing confessions, preaching, giving the sacrament of confirmation, and also doing spiritual direction, giving retreats," Bishop D'Arcy said. "I think I'll be giving the retreat to the young adults in April, which is something I started when I came — and I've been asked to give a retreat for the bishops of Ohio and Michigan. I'm looking forward to that. I looked over my schedule yesterday and it looks very busy."

Also, Bishop D'Arcy plans to take a trip to Ireland with his sister, Anne. "When my sister Mary died, I promised (Sister Anne) that I would do that," he said.

Looking back, the reception of the people

Bishop D'Arcy, looking back to his installation as bishop of



Fort Wayne-South Bend, quickly came to realize the challenges of his new diocese.

"I think the people always received the bishop well because it is an act of faith," he said. "But you know there were a lot of problems here that the new bishop had to face."

One problem was the removal of priests from ministry in the first seven to eight years of his episcopacy.

"And I think people didn't understand that," he said. "And some of the priests didn't understand that. ... There was a great division among the priests (at that time)."

But that changed in time, especially with the abuse crisis. "When the sex abuse crisis broke in the '90s and especially the early part of the century," he noted, "I began to get letters from priests thanking me for some of the things that were done."

Bishop D'Arcy made some changes in the diocesan departments when he arrived as well. "I had to look carefully at all the (diocesan) departments to make sure that they were linked with the bishop and with church teaching," he said.

"Today the bishop has to have a great many people, mostly laity, ... in the various offices — communications, catechetics, the newspaper — you have to determine early on, 'Are these the people who are very much in communion with the bishop and with the Bishop of Rome, and with the church?' And it was necessary to make some changes at that time," Bishop D'Arcy said. "People didn't always understand that. So in the early years, there were a lot of difficult things that had to be done and difficult changes."

He once told his assistant, "I wouldn't have come if I wasn't going to do those things."

Through all the misunderstanding at that time, Bishop D'Arcy said, "I think God gave great light at the time, and I

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treasure those days, looking back, because once people saw the direction that we were going there was tremendous cooperation, tremendous support, especially by priests.”

Beginning with the early years Bishop D'Arcy had collaborative meetings with the priests — the Priests Council, the Priest Personnel Board — and he said, “I always found those very supportive, very consoling and very encouraging.”

A Bostonian accent

As for Bishop D'Arcy charming the people of the local diocese with his Bostonian accent, he said, “I think it has changed some through the years. People still pick it up.”

He quipped that his two living sisters' accent “is much stronger than mine. I notice their accent now, which I never did before.”

Of his accent, he told a story of a woman he met: “A woman came to me once and said, ‘I love to hear you preach.’ I said, ‘O boy, this lady must really know the great theology that I had.’ She says, ‘Yes, my family comes from New England and you sound just like them.’ So she wasn't telling me how great my talks were.”

Diocesan surprises and challenges

Bishop D'Arcy said, “I was struck at the very beginning by the great pride that Catholic people had in the church and the schools.”

He said, there was “a great love for the Catholic faith and a real desire to grow in it.”

Surveys of the different departments, schools and parishes indicated that the priests of the diocese were devoted to schools. “In the (Boston) archdiocese that I came from, many of the priests did not want to have a school,” he said.

“I found a strong Catholic identity here,” Bishop D'Arcy said, especially in the four diocesan high schools, the former Central Catholic High School alumni, and the other Catholic institutions such as the hospitals, Saint Anne Home and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

“I think it came from being a minority,” Bishop D'Arcy said. “



I think Fort Wayne is about 22 percent Catholic. South Bend is higher.” But he noted in some areas of the diocese, the Catholic percentage is as low as 5 or 6 percent.

“I always found the small parishes very fascinating, very interesting, but a great desire for the church to do well, that the parishes be well-led,” he said.

One of his biggest challenges was to stabilize the Catholic parishes and schools. When he arrived, teachers' salaries were low, and there was a struggle with a teachers' organization, a union, called CATCH.

“The church respects the right of people to organize. Yet this organization was always opposing the bishop in public, so it was necessary to address that,” he said.

“We did that by organizing a Teachers' Council, which I promised to meet with four times a year my first two years and at least twice a year after that,” Bishop D'Arcy said.

“That has brought me closer to the teachers,” he said. “I hear their problems. I sit in their presence and hear their problems. They hear my problems and the problems of the diocese. So it's been a much better fit than with the organization that was adversarial.”

Bishop D'Arcy said, “The teachers were right. The salaries were very low. ... There was a challenge to face that, to form the Teachers' Council and improve salaries.”

He said, it's a financial struggle with Catholic schools all across the country, but, he said, “We're in much better shape financially.”

Later in the interview, Bishop D'Arcy noted, “The challenges of the schools was great. ... We will try to be equal to other Catholic schools' (teachers' salaries), which have the same burdens that we have. We have raised salaries slowly and steadily.”

“We still have schools that are struggling. But the Legacy of Faith has allowed us to give \$1.7 million to Catholic schools in the last two years and a total of \$8 million to parishes with schools or without schools.”

Annual Bishop's Appeal

And another part of the financial stability of the schools stems from the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

Bishop D'Arcy said, “I think one of the best things we ever did financially was the Annual Bishop's Appeal. I came in May and the first meeting I had with priests was in September in Warsaw. ...”

He explained, "the way the diocese was financed — 13 percent on all income, not just your Sunday offertory. Your school tuition was taxed. If you had a fundraiser for \$100,000, you had to send 13 percent to the diocese. The priests were very upset with this so we had a committee of 10 priests and six laity. ... And they recommended an Annual Bishop's Appeal, and dropping the tax on everything except offertory and take it from 10 percent down to 6 percent. Canon law allows you to have such a tax for the ministries of the bishop."

"It was a tremendous success," he said. "The first year we raised \$4.5 million. And it was done collaboratively."

Bishop D'Arcy said the appeal draws the diocese together. The campaign works with a couple from Fort Wayne and a couple from South Bend in alternating years as diocesan leadership. He added that the video, too, draws the people together.

The appeal has "stabilized the high schools because they were assured of \$1.7 million every year distributed among the high schools," he said. "I knew very early on that people really loved these four high schools because of their athletic endeavors, their academics."

"But I also knew there was an enormous amount of time and energy, time and money being put into these high schools," he said. "Were we teaching religion? It was only justified if we were teaching the faith and bringing the young people closer to the sacraments and to Christ."

Masters in theology program

Our Sunday Visitor, established by Archbishop Noll, has played a significant role in preparing catechists to bring people closer to the sacraments and to Christ.

"I need to give an enormous amount of credit to Our Sunday Visitor board, because with the help of Sister Jane Carew early on, we applied for funds to prepare catechists — first with the University of Dayton, and the last 10 years with the University of Notre Dame — to get a master's degree in catechetics or theology," Bishop D'Arcy said. "And then they can teach in our schools. We have about 65 who have completed the program, and it's still ongoing."

The masters students "don't have to pay anything," he noted. "They have to promise to teach for us at least four years. So we have this whole army of catechists in our schools and our



parishes. ... To have all these lay people and priests teaching is a great blessing for us."

Diocesan progress

Bishop D'Arcy said one of the things that has pleased him most in his years as bishop is the unity of his priests. "People who come to give Days of Recollection always talk about the unity among our priests," he said.

He also appreciates the prayerful reverence in parishes across the diocese. "The Mass is a gift," he said. "You can't manipulate the Mass. You have to celebrate the Mass as the church says you should celebrate it. And in most of our parishes that's done right and well."

He is also pleased with the evangelization efforts of the diocese. "The fact that we are able to have Mass on television in both cities. That is just amazing," he said. "Our communications, and our newspaper now going to every home — that's a great thing — and I'm proud of the newspaper."

Potential seminarians, priests

In the early days, Bishop D'Arcy was often criticized for turning down too many potential priest-candidates.

"I interview every candidate myself," he said. "And then we have a psychological screening — an excellent person. She is the head of a counseling service at Notre Dame. She gives me an excellent psychological report. This doesn't mean that we have been perfect. We have made mistakes sometimes, but generally our screening has been good."

He said, "And so (I look at) the quality of seminarians — men who would be good fathers and would be good husbands and would be successful in whatever they did. And I believe very much in the philosophy of Pope Benedict who said in his visit to this country, 'We have learned that it is more important to have good priests than to have many priests.'"

Bishop D'Arcy added, "Now we need many too, but the way to many is through quality people who will trigger other quality people."

Closing, merging and growing parishes

Bishop D'Arcy said, "One of the more difficult things has been the closing of parishes. We



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had 90 parishes when I came if you include St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, which was the parish that I started. And now we have 80.

"It was painful to close them," he said. "When my parish was closed at home, I saw what a painful thing it was for my family, for the people. So I have been slow to close parishes. The new bishop will have to merge some. I gave to the people, a year ago, a map for the future, because you have some parishes where there are five or six baptisms a year with one priest and you have St. Patrick's with 250 baptisms and two priests."

He added, "Another important factor is the increase in Hispanics, Mexican mostly but people from Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala. And that's one of the things I asked the Holy Father, to give us a bishop fluent in Spanish, and so he has."

Loving every day

Bishop D'Arcy said when people ask him how he feels about retirement, he replies, "Well, I've enjoyed everything. I



still love every day."

The work is demanding, and he said of the retirement, "There's some pain involved in giving it up, because you hold it in your heart all the time. It's like marriage. You're married to the diocese. That's an ancient concept. The church always sees the bishop as married to the diocese and staying with it and not leaving it. So you're holding it in your heart all the time and thinking about it all the time."

He said, "The office of bishop allows you to do so much good," and noted that the "best thing you ever do for a parish is send a good priest there. People know that. When you go to parishes and install pastors and the people tell you, 'Thank you, bishop, for sending us this priest,' that's the greatest consolation that I have experienced."

"I will mind giving it up," he said. "I've enjoyed everything, especially being with the people preaching, teaching. I enjoyed being with young people in the high schools. ..."

"I enjoyed the great historic things we had in the year 2000, the Year of the Great Jubilee with Pope John Paul II; and in 2007, our 150th anniversary, and especially that we tied those things to the sacraments — from the sacrament of penance to anointing," he said.

"And I loved facing the challenges, the financial challenges and the cooperation of the people," he said. "The Annual Bishop's Appeal per capita is the highest in the country — even this year, in this time, it's looking very good. It's a very generous diocese with so many good people."

The demands come in driving back and forth between the two cities, Fort Wayne and South Bend.

"I realized early on that I had to establish myself in South Bend. I had to establish a presence up there," he said. "So I began looking right away for a building and in a couple of years we had the chancery." This location includes several diocesan offices, a chapel and an office for the bishop. He said, "that gave us a strong visibility in South Bend."

But he kept a rigorous driving schedule, especially at Christmas when he celebrates the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend and then the midnight Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He does the same with the sacred triduum.

"To have one cathedral is a blessing. To have two is a double blessing," he said.

Accepting difficulties

Bishop D'Arcy said that in the early years "people did not understand the hard things that had to be done." He said, "But you have to have the cross. The hardest thing for me in life is not doing hard things, I want to do good things for the church, even if they are hard. I don't mind that. The only thing that would make me anxious is if I didn't know what the right thing was or if I found that I didn't do the right thing. When I do the right thing, whatever people say, I don't care. You mind the criticism and so forth, yes. The strength comes from Christ and from his grace. The light and strength to do the right thing has always been there. Sometimes you have to have more quiet time, you have to find time for prayer and time to ponder things, and that's difficult. It's not easy to get when you are driving back and forth all the times, but the grace and the light of the Holy Spirit to do the right thing is always there."

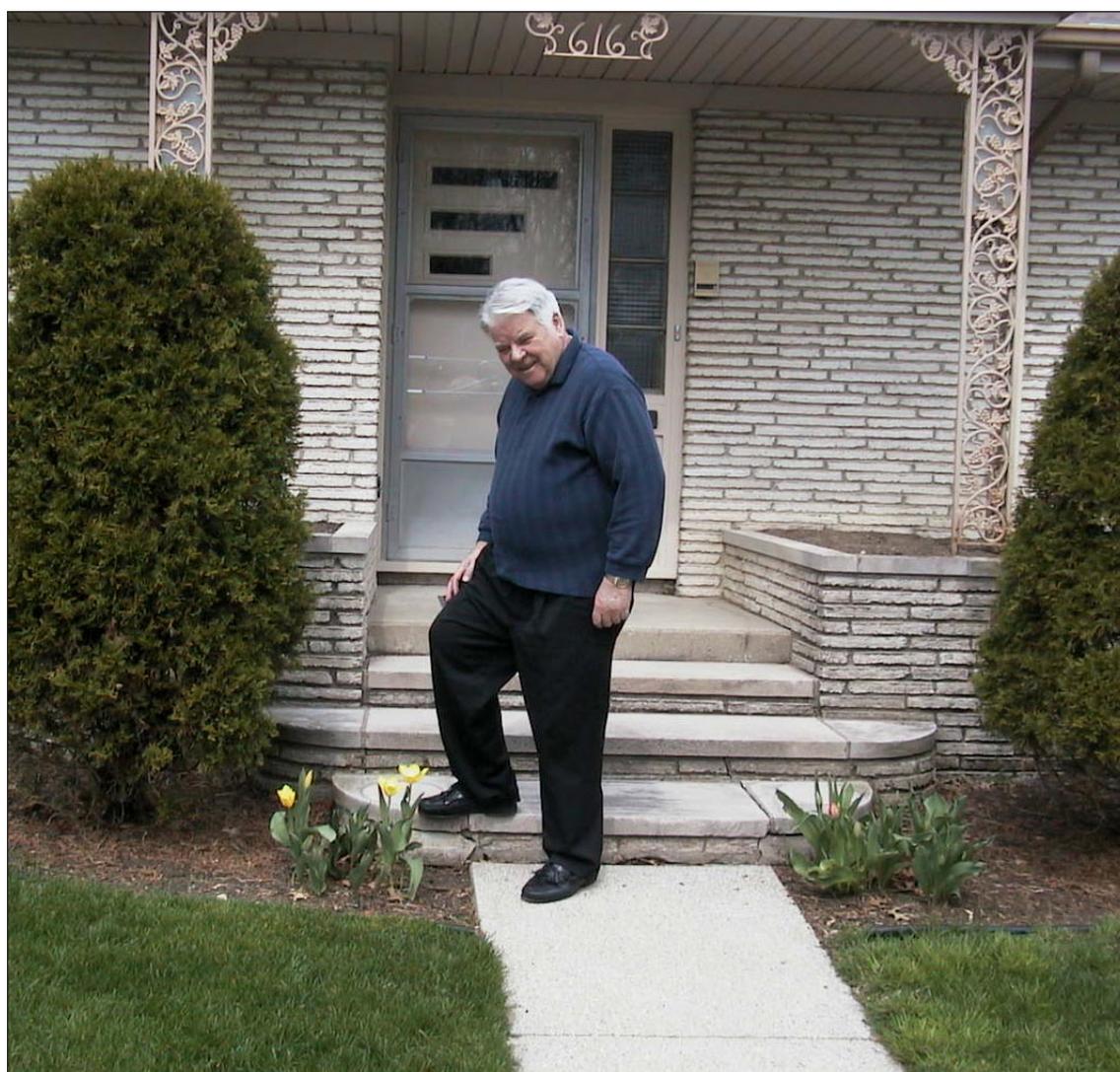
The University of Notre Dame and controversy

"Even though this is a small diocese, it is a high profile diocese because there are five Catholic institutions of higher education," Bishop D'Arcy said. "You also have several (religious) communities that have their motherhouses here."

He noted, "It's been a joy to have been affiliated with these Catholic universities and certainly with Notre Dame. I've enjoyed all aspects of it with the Holy Cross priests, with the young people and the administration and the many fine professors there."

He said, "The results of last spring were painful, so there is a painful aspect as I leave, a painful experience. You wear a cross if you're going to do the right thing and be faithful to Christ, as you promised on your day of ordination. There are several promises that you make and one of them is to be devoted to the truth as found in the Gospel and the preaching of the truth."

"I have great consolation (knowing) that everything I did last spring and since then and over the years, I was always trying to do what was right for the church. So that brings me great peace, but it is tinged by sadness," he said.



The privilege of being bishop

"I still love every day," Bishop D'Arcy noted about being the bishop of the diocese, "but I know, reluctantly, you face the aging process. The change, especially getting such an excellent bishop coming in, is best for the diocese. I am convinced of that."

"Would I stay six months if they wanted me to?" he asked, "Sure. But it's best for the diocese. And the bishop has to think of that. It's the best for the diocese."

"So the most beautiful thing I think is just the privilege of being bishop," he said, "the privilege of carrying it out, the relationship with the priests and the ability to make a difference in people's lives."

And Bishop D'Arcy noted, "The most important thing to me is still the priestly work — hearing confessions, celebrating Mass, preaching — and I'm going to have that after I'm retired."



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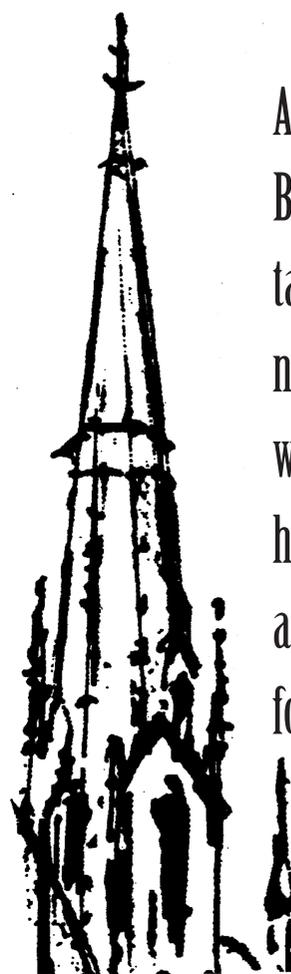
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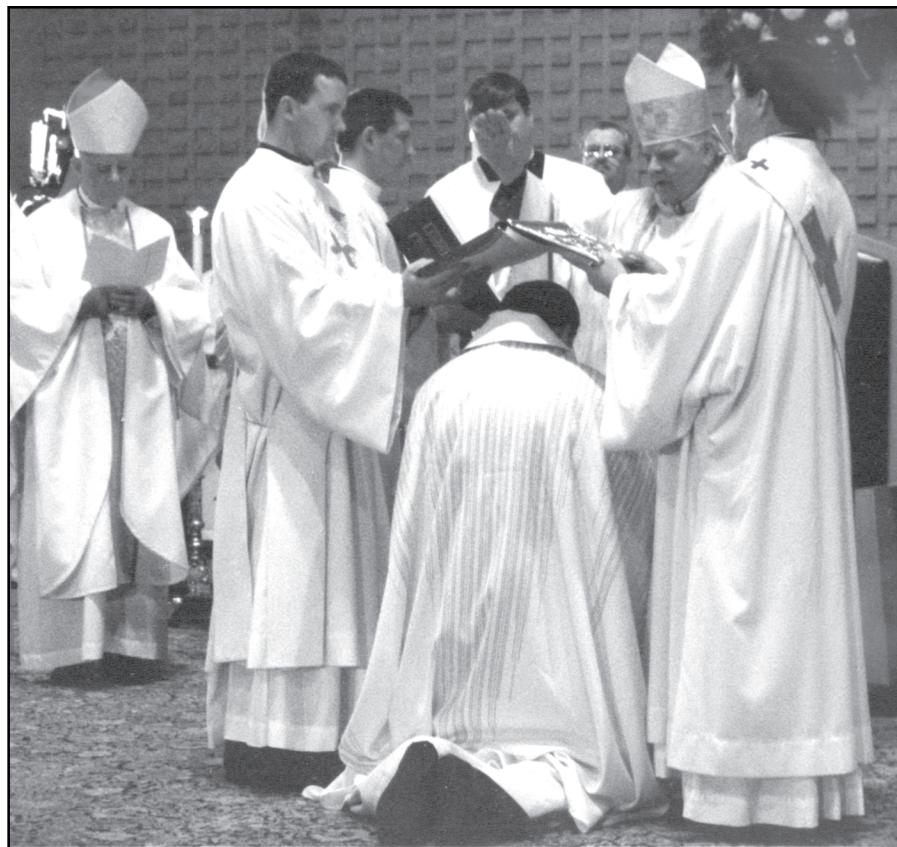
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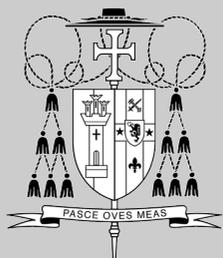


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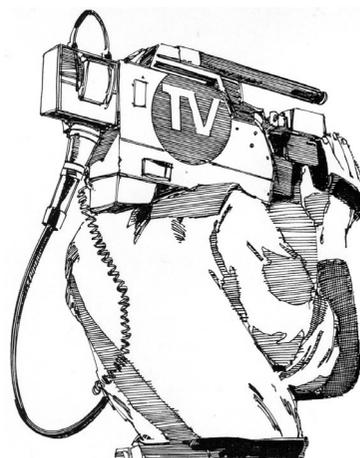
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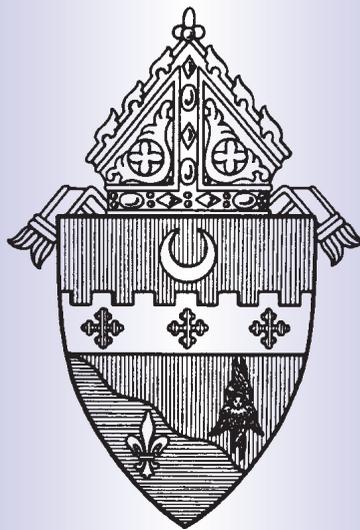
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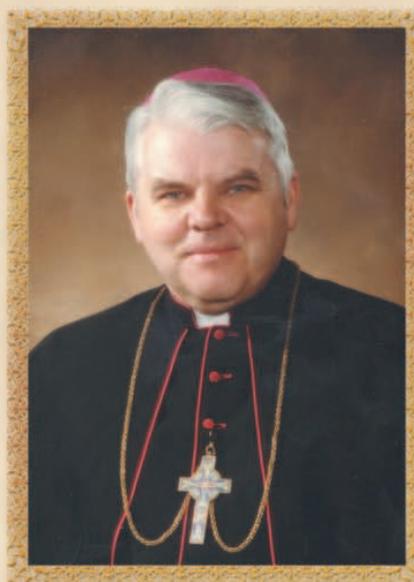
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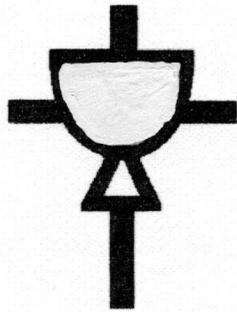
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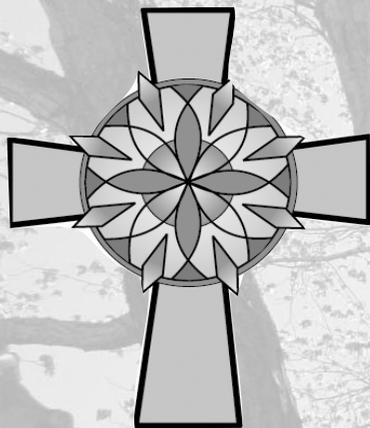
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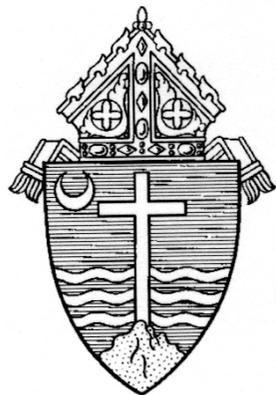
In hoc signo vinces.

In the sign of the cross, he has triumphed. And those of us who have been blessed
by his priesthood will forever delight in our memories of him and his work.

Bishop John, thank you for the church you have renewed.
Thank you for your service to the families of our diocese.
Most of all, thank you for the precious gift of your friendship.

With fond appreciation,

Art & Pat Decio



*With gratitude to God
for your faithful service
to God's people...
and for a happy retirement.*

Most Reverend Thomas G. Doran, D.D., J.C.D.
and the faithful of The Diocese of Rockford

Thank You, Bishop D'Arcy

For all the big things and
all the "Little Ways" you
made a difference in our
Diocese.

Saint Therese Parish

**Thank You,
BISHOP D'ARCY**

Bill and Peggy Dotterweich



*with
pride, love
and best wishes
on your retirement
from one of your
Philadelphia cousins.*

Catherine and Seamus Bonner

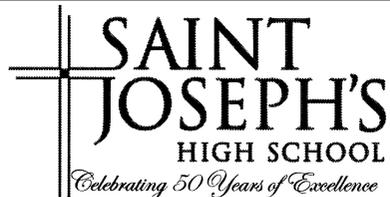
Thank You Bishop D'Arcy

*You led us with gospel values
 You fed us from the holy table
 You spread the word of his love and mercy
 You did not bury the master's talent,
 But enriched it to benefit his people.*

*May your footsteps steadfastly follow truth
 And may your prayers be in God's ear.
 May you stay in the shadow of His wings
 And remain the apple of His eye.*



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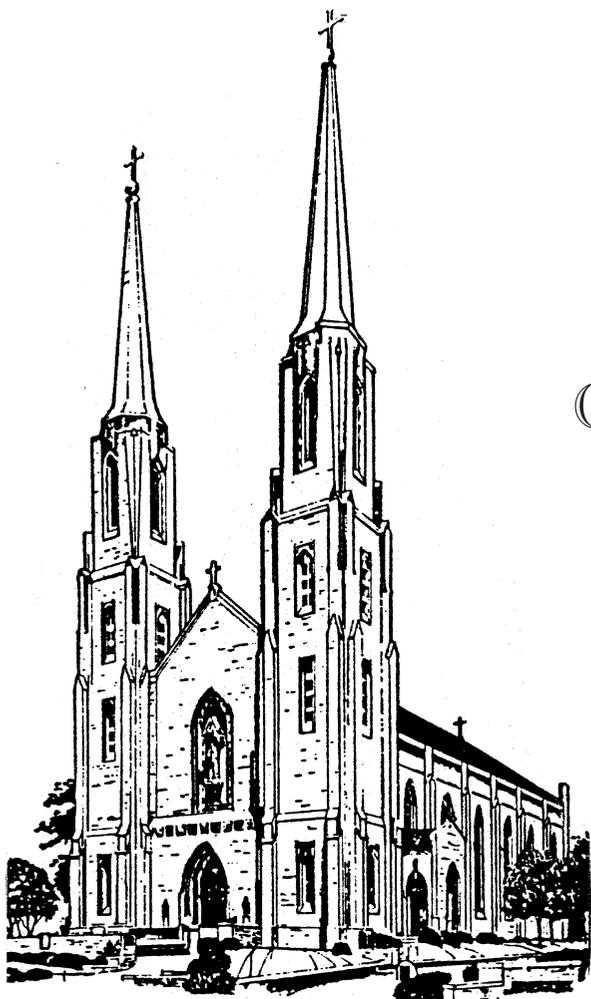
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Thank you, Bishop D'Arcy

for being a great pastor for the
 Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

We are especially grateful for
 the beautiful restoration of 1998
 and the prayerful liturgies
 you have given us.

May God bless you always!

The Cathedral Parish

The Members of The Permanent Diaconate
and Deacon Candidates of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
express their appreciation and prayerful best wishes to

Bishop John Michael D'Arcy

for his acceptance, guidance and example as they advance in their ministry.

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Thank You, Bishop D'Arcy

For your scrupulous consideration of each of us as candidates for seminary training, and for your encouragement, prayers, and most of all, for setting the example of what a priest should be.

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extend warm wishes and prayers
that the Good Shepherd will continue to bless

Bishop John Michael D'Arcy

who has been such a faithful and dedicated
shepherd over the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Congratulations to
Bishop John M. D'Arcy
with gratitude
from the
Department of Theology
University of Notre Dame

"Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15



*They left their nets
and followed him.*

Bishop D'Arcy...

As you hand off the duties of bishop
and continue in the footsteps of the fishermen,
we congratulate you for your achievements,
thank you for your leadership and friendship,
and extend prayerful best wishes
for your continued ministry.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE in ELKHART

ST. VINCENT de PAUL in ELKHART

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST in GOSHEN

and

ST. MARY of the ANNUNCIATION in BRISTOL

Thank you, Bishop D'Arcy



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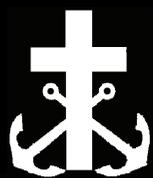
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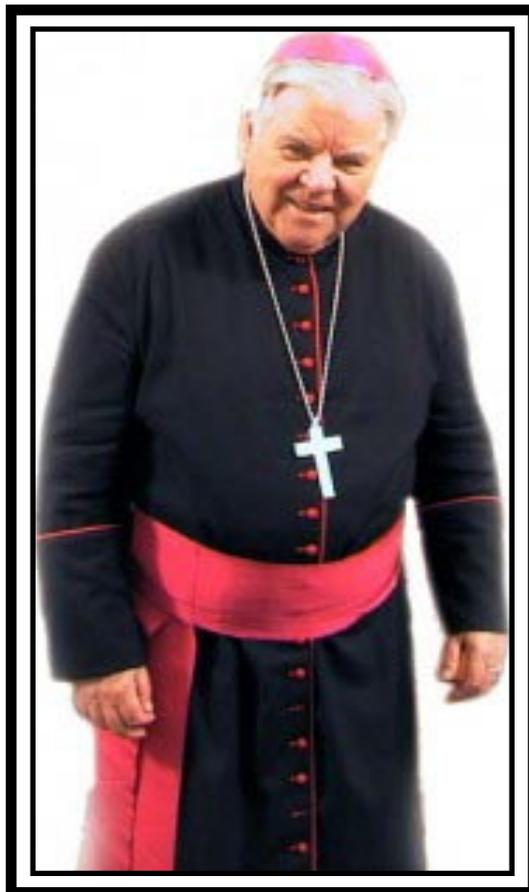
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“In regard to the suitability of a candidate for the episcopacy, it is required that he is: outstanding in solid faith, good morals, piety, zeal for souls, wisdom, prudence, and human virtues.”

-Code of Canon Law-



*Thank you,
Bishop D'Arcy,*

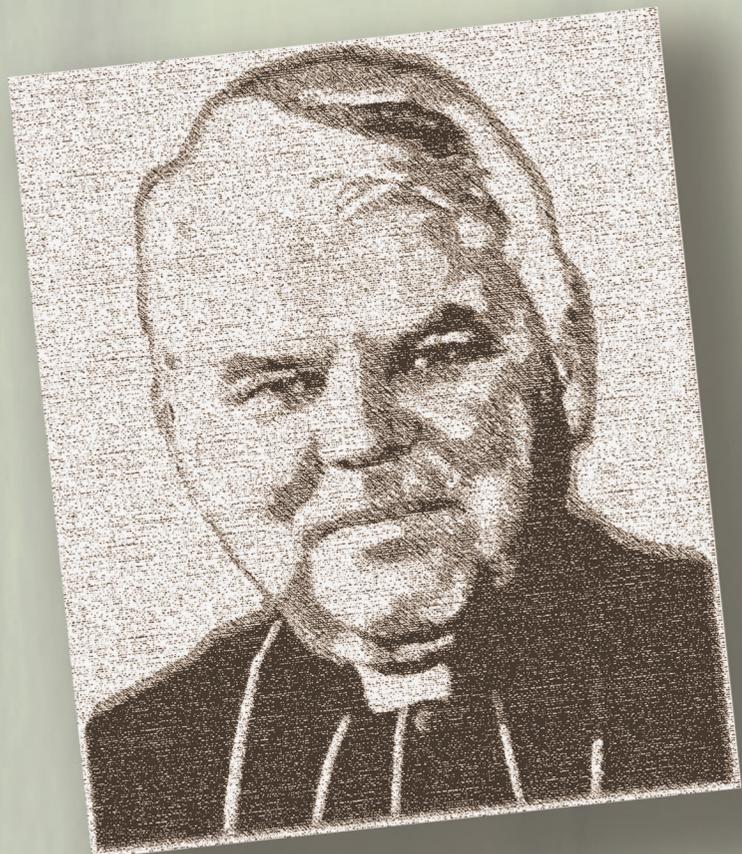
for being a shepherd for us,
after the heart of God.

May the Lord, whom you
have so faithfully served,
bless you!

With affection and
gratitude,

*Your Holy Cross
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Best Wishes!



Bishop John M. D'Arcy
for Twenty-Four
Years of Devoted
Service to the People
of the Ft. Wayne,
South Bend Diocese.

We thank you for the countless lives you have influenced, the hearts you have touched,
your faithful wisdom, and your dedication to the Church.
We will miss your wise leadership and look forward to continued friendship.

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Bishop D'Arcy
*We are grateful
 for your support
 and time spent as
 our shepherd.*


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As Chairman of the Board of
CATHOLIC CHARITIES,
Bishop D'Arcy
*You have helped us find the face of God
 in the homeless, the helpless, the hungry
 and all of those who have come to
 depend on Providence alone.*



Congratulations and Gratitude



To *Bishop John M. D'Arcy*

On the occasion of his retirement and especially in the fulfillment of 24 years of devoted Episcopal Service to the Church of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Bishop Paul S. Loverde
 and the Faithful of the Diocese of Arlington

Bishop...
*Thank you for all you have done for
 the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
 and the Fort Wayne Community.*
Best wishes in your retirement.
DOUG AND CHRIS MCKIBBEN AND FAMILY



Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters
 offer best wishes and thanks to

BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

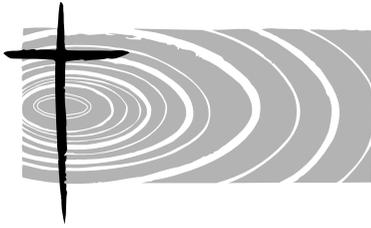


Thank you for your 24 years of dedicated service to our Diocese and to us. Our prayers are with you as you enter the next phase of priestly service.


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Thank you Bishop D'Arcy
For your support
over the years.
Best wishes for
your continued ministry.



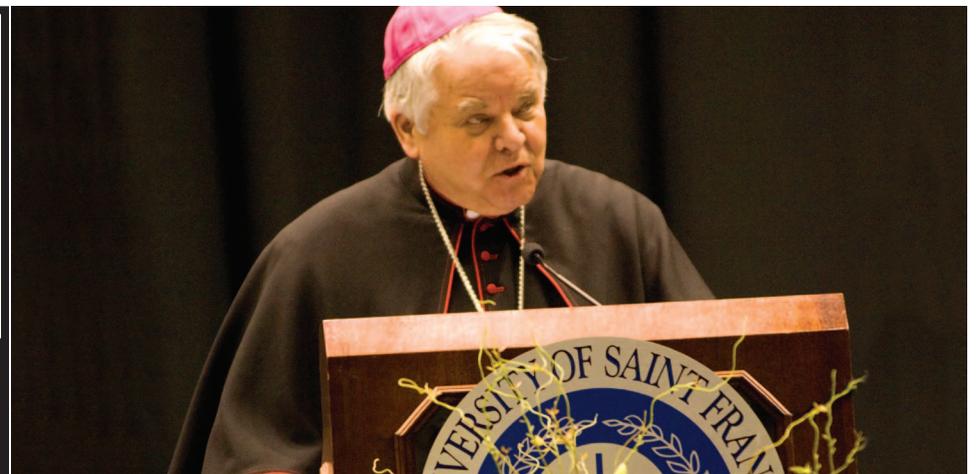
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*Thank you Bishop D'Arcy
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Bishop D'Arcy, You Have Been an Inspiration to Us

Thank you for your years of dedicated service. Best wishes in your retirement.

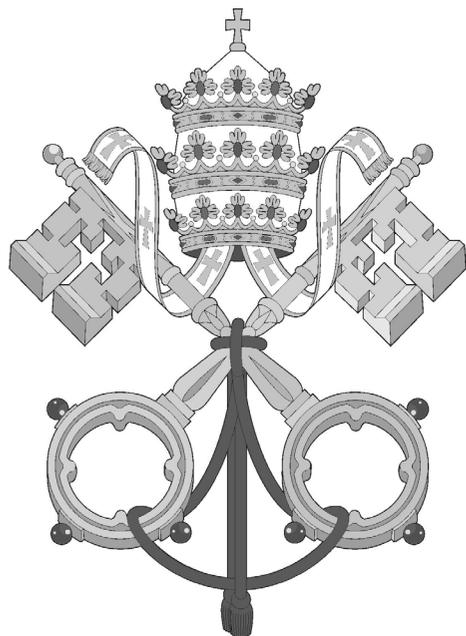
From Sister M. Elise Kriss, President, and the sisters, faculty, staff, and students
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Bishop John D'Arcy,
On this very special occasion of retirement, the faculty and seminarians of IHM Seminary congratulate you and thank you for your dedicated service to God. May He continue to bless you abundantly!

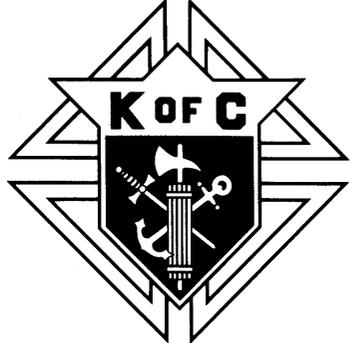
To Our Brother Knight
BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY
Your leadership and guidance for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is appreciated in every parish, school, and diocesan institution...as well as in the hearts of all of those whom you have served.
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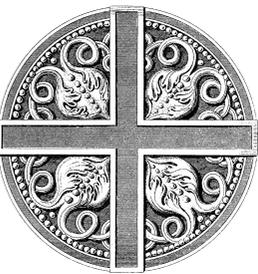
Our very best wishes to
BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY
May your retirement years be richly rewarding.
The Fort Wayne Jewish Federation and Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley
 

Bishop D'Arcy
Your leadership concerning the Dignity of Life, Vocations, Youth Activities and Family Life is deeply appreciated by your brother Knights of
**Father Tremmel Council
PLYMOUTH**
Vivat Jesus!


BISHOP D'ARCY
Your Brother Knights of Santa Maria Council #533, South Bend offer prayers that Our Lady will continue to be a constant presence in your life.

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Bishop D'Arcy
Knights of Columbus Council 451 Fort Wayne would like to wish you the best in your retirement and to thank you for your support during your time in Fort Wayne.




Bishop John M. D'Arcy
Your leadership and stewardship for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has been like seed on good soil. We salute your example and offer prayerful best wishes for a fulfilling retirement.
LEONARD J. ANDORFER & Co.,LLP
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Thank you, Bishop D'Arcy
for sharing the mission of the Marriage Tribunal. Your advice and guidance is deeply appreciated.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy
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*Thank you, Bishop D'Arcy for your years of
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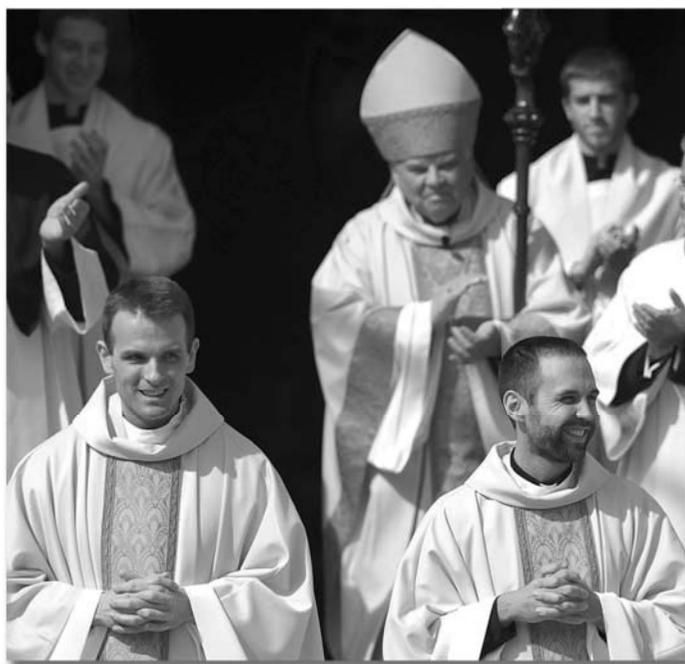
The pastor and parishioners of
Our Lady of Hungary Parish
 and all of its various societies wish
The Most Reverend John Michael D'Arcy
 (bishop Emeritus)
*a very happy retirement
 and God's blessing on a job well done!*



REV. LAWRENCE TETEH, C.S.SP (PASTOR)
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Bishop D'Arcy
 The Saint Vincent De Paul Society's
 Fort Wayne District Council
*Thanks you for your support
 and guidance throughout your
 many years of service to our diocese.
 God Bless!*

MAKING GOD KNOWN, LOVED, AND SERVED



With gratitude to you for your 24 years as
 Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.
 Please know that you have our continued friendship
 and that you will remain in our prayers.
The Indiana Province of Priests and Brothers



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With many others who express admiration and appreciation to
Bishop John M. D'Arcy

for his vision, guidance, and leadership in the 24 years of his episcopacy in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the priests and people of

Sacred Heart Parish

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and

Our Lady of Guadalupe

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wish to share in these greetings with a promise of prayers for his joyful retirement and continued ministry.



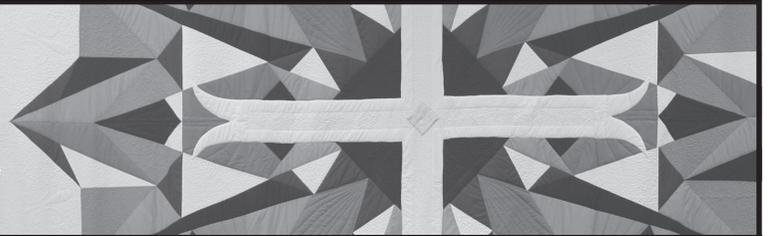
Thank You
Bishop D'Arcy
 for your ministry, witness and service to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.
May the blessings of Saints Peter and Paul be yours forever.

STs. PETER & PAUL PARISH
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The Pastor, People and Students of Saint Aloysius Parish, Yoder wish you good health, abundant blessings, and a joyful retirement

Thank You



Bishop John D'Arcy

Saint Mary's Colleges thanks Bishop John D'Arcy for his 25 years of pastoral service to our students.

Generations of Saint Mary's women have enjoyed his visits to campus, laughed at his jokes at Baccalaureate, and learned from his thoughtful reflections.

We wish him good health as he begins the next phase of his holy priesthood, and hope that he will continue to remember us in his prayers.



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy

The Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate your faithful service to the Church and your pastoral presence among us.

We pray for you with gratitude and offer these words from a traditional Irish blessing,

“May the labors of the day rest lightly upon you and may God enfold you in the mantle of God’s love.”



Thank you, Bishop D'Arcy for your steadfast support of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life... may your own ministry in retirement continue to be blessed and joyful.

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BISHOP D'ARCY

for being a regular customer and great company.

We wish him a joyful retirement and look forward to his future visits when he is in South Bend.

Peg Dalton



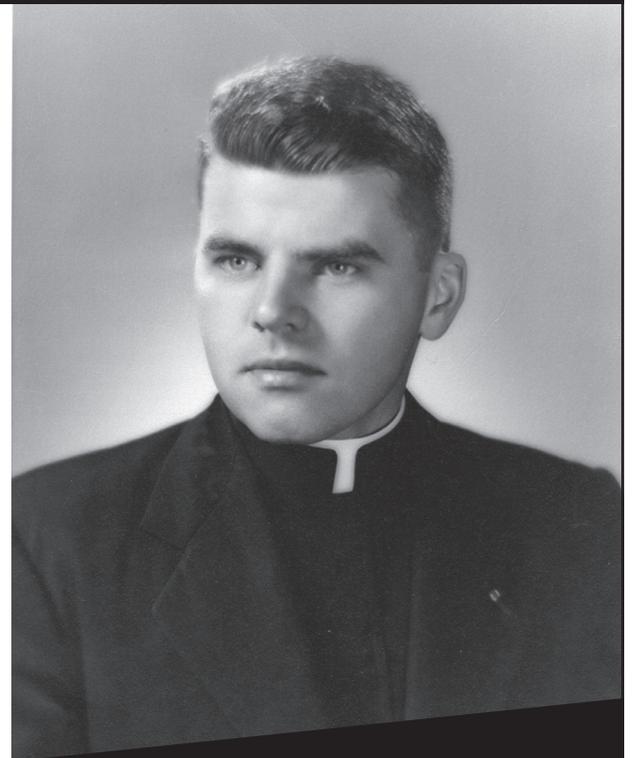
Your constant advancement of Religious Education, and unwavering defense of the Faith and the dignity of human life have been uplifting and inspirational.

We have been blessed to have you as our shepherd. May your retirement be joyful and rewarding.

Mike and DeDe Dahm

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
 express their congratulations and best wishes to
Bishop John M. D'Arcy
 on his much deserved retirement.

*We thank him for his past 24 years
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 for the Church, so have you given yourself
 as a complete gift to this Diocese; serving and
 loving her as a bridegroom loves his bride.*

*United to the steadfast love of Christ,
 may your gift continue to bear fruit.
 Know of our continued love and prayers
 for you and your beloved Diocese.*



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 - ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY*



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*Thanks Bishop D'Arcy
for his leadership and guidance to
the faithful of the
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
and wishes him well
in his retirement.*

THOU ART PETER



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Good luck BISHOP D'ARCY



*May your retirement include
happy times with family and old
friends in Boston... good reading,
a good rest, and good luck with
The Sox, all covered with the
continued blessings of Providence.*

St. Mary Parish
HUNTINGTON



Thank you, Bishop D'Arcy, for your 25 years of service to our Diocese! You have blessed MANY lives; we are grateful!

God Bless,
— St. Mary's Decatur

Thank you, BISHOP D'ARCY



for your love and care
of this diocese, as
Saint Joseph
loved and cared
for the Holy Family

St. Joseph Parish
BLUFFTON



Thank You Bishop John D'Arcy

For your support and encouragement of the Franciscan Center over the past 20 years!

We wish you all God's Blessings
as you begin a new chapter in
the journey of your life.

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**Father Barry England
and the faithful of
St. Bavo Parish
express their appreciation to
BISHOP JOHN D'ARCY
for his service to the
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
and ask that continued blessings come his way**



St. Adalbert



St. Casimir

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to
Bishop John M. D'Arcy
for his many years of compassionate
and dedicated service.
May God shower you with an
abundance of daily blessings.

St. Adalbert Church and St. Casimir Church

*We rejoice knowing that His Spirit
is woven within your life and ministry.*

*God's blessings
on your retirement,
Bishop John D'Arcy.*

You will be missed!



*from the Most Reverend Jerome E. ListECKi
and the Diocese of La Crosse*

Thank You
BISHOP D'ARCY
*For your vision, leadership,
guidance, and fulfillment
of the phrase
"Good Shepherd"*



*May your retirement
be rewarding in every
way that you hope it to be.*

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
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Bishop D'Arcy

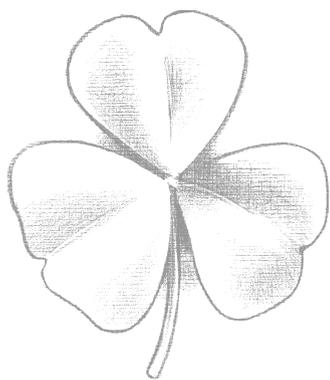
*We will always cherish your dedication,
the witness of your faith,
and the untiring gift of yourself
that you have shared with us
as our shepherd.
Our prayers and love will always be with you.*

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH
Waterloo, Indiana

May the blessings of
Saint Monica

follow the priestly ministry of
The Most Reverend John Michael D'Arcy
as we share with others, admiration and gratitude
for his dedicated service to the
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
St. Monica Parish

MISHAWAKA



Bishop D'Arcy
*May the three petals of our
shamrock represent
good luck, good health and happiness,
as well as blessings of
The Trinity, as you begin a well
deserved retirement.*

St. Patrick Parish
ARCOLA



*As you set aside some of your
burdens in His vineyard,
Bishop D'Arcy, we thank you for
your part of the harvest, with the
sincere wish that future labors for the
Master will bring joy and
continued happiness in His service.*

St. Paul of the Cross Parish
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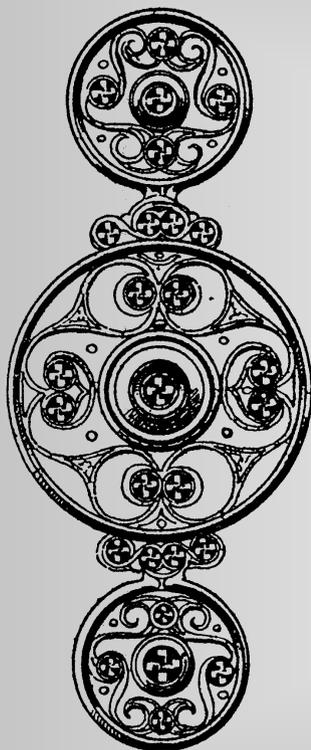
The Priests and People of SAINT MATTHEW CATHEDRAL PARISH South Bend

*With deep affection and abiding respect, offer the pledge of their continued prayers to
BISHOP JOHN MICHAEL D'ARCY*

*The bishop is the "steward of the grace of the supreme priesthood,"
especially in the Eucharist which he offers personally, or whose offering he
assures through the priests, his co-workers. The Eucharist is the center of the
life of the particular Church. The bishop and priests sanctify the Church by
their prayer and work, by their ministry of the word and of the sacraments.
They sanctify her by their example, "not as domineering over those in your
charge but being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5.3). Thus, "with the flock
entrusted to them, they may attain to eternal life."*

Catechism of the Catholic Church 893

**In heart-felt gratitude for his vocation as
priest, bishop, and our shepherd for over 24 years**



"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church..."
 -Matthew 16:18

Saint Pius X Catholic Church
 gives thanks to

Bishop John M. D'Arcy

for his many years of care and service to the
 Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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*Best wishes for a
 Happy Retirement*

*In gratitude
 for your dedicated service
 to our diocese, we pray
 that God will continue to
 bless you with good health, abundant grace,
 and lasting success in your ministry.*

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 thanks Bishop D'Arcy
 for principled leadership
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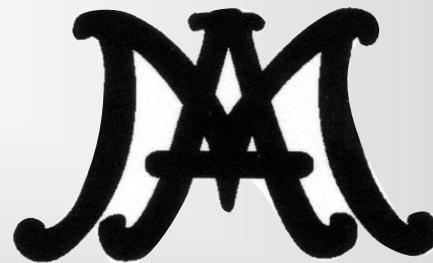
*Two venerable Fort Wayne parishes which have served the Catholic faithful
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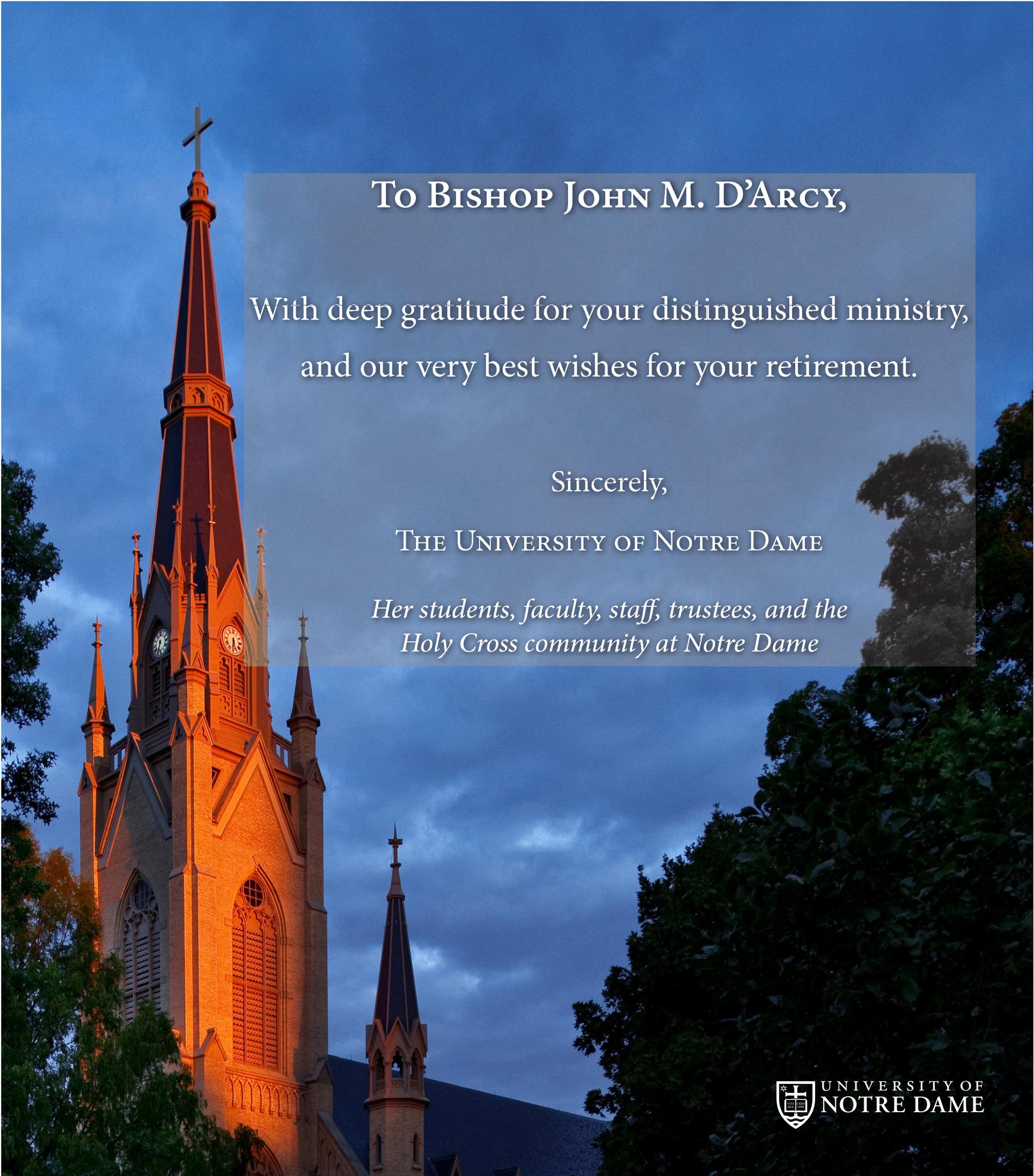
for his service as our shepherd, and wish him all the best as he retires.



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TO BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY,

With deep gratitude for your distinguished ministry,
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We at the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture are grateful to The Most Rev. John M. D’Arcy for his many years of loyalty to the Catholic heart of Notre Dame and his courageous defense of truth.

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Thank you,
Bishop D’Arcy
for your faithful service
to the young, the old,
the poor, the hungry,
the lost, the found,
and the strangers in our midst.

Chris and Shannon Tippmann



Bishop Dale J. Melczek
and the clergy, religious, and faithful
of the Diocese of Gary
extend very best wishes to
Bishop John M. D’Arcy
on the occasion of his retirement!

Bishop D’Arcy,
Thank you for your faithful years
of episcopal ministry to our neighboring diocese!



Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
and the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago
extend prayerful best wishes to

Bishop John M. D'Arcy
on your retirement as
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend



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*From a dream of 300 families and their bishop to a house for the Lord,
where more than two thousand families now gather in His glory.*

The priests and people of
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish
express their appreciation to
BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY
for his vision, support and founding of our parish in 1988.

*As we extend our best wishes for your future plans,
please be assured of our continued prayers for your ministry.*



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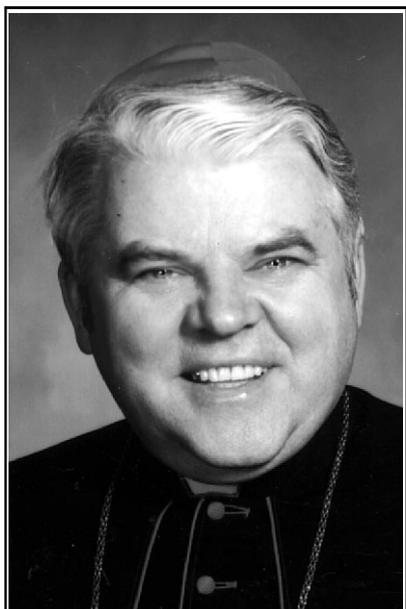
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upon his retirement as Bishop of the
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

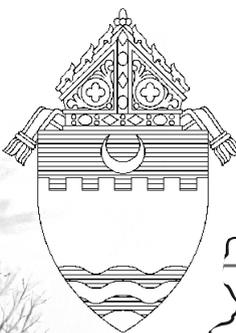


*Ad Multos Annos
et
Tanti, tanti!*



BEST WISHES
 to **Bishop John M. D'Arcy**
 on the occasion of your retirement:
 May your years ahead be blessed,
 and enriched with new endeavors!

from **Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger**
 and the People
 of the
Diocese of Evansville



The Catholic Church in Southwestern Indiana

The Messenger

*The man from Galilee preached from a boat,
spoke in the temple, and wrote in the sand.
Somehow, his words and actions survived over centuries
and inspired a boy in Boston to the point that
he longed to be one of the messengers of the good news from Galilee.
By the grace of God, he got that chance 53 years ago
and began to spread Christ's word in the pulpit, in homes,
and any place that presented the opportunity.
Today, in addition to speaking in churches,
and through the resources available to a bishop,
he sends the lessons from Galilee by audio visual
presentations, radio, television, the Internet,
and on the pages of this newspaper.*



*As beneficiaries of his guidance, leadership and love,
we wish to express our appreciation to
Bishop John Michael D'Arcy,
as well as our admiration for his achievements
as Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.*

Thomas and Phyllis Blee
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Sarah and Terry Ward
Sally and Bob Weigand

**Donations to this tribute to Bishop D'Arcy will
go to the Catholic Education Fund of the diocese**

The Shepherd has served the flock

Achievements

- Women's Care Center, Fort Wayne, organized and operational in renovated facility
- Vincent House/Village for homeless founded
- Annual Bishop's Appeal organized — 23rd appeal in 2009 — monies support parish and diocesan projects
- A \$3.6 million renovation/restoration of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, 1998
- Eucharistic Congress at University of Notre Dame, 2000
- Legacy of Faith endeavor, 2004-2005 — created endowments of more than \$48.5 million
- Initiated live Sunday television Masses, Fort Wayne and South Bend, 1986
- Wrote major article on relationship between Catholic universities and bishops — especially relating to the requirements of the man datum for Catholic theologians
- Undertook ecumenical dialogues with Methodist, Evangelical Lutheran and Jewish leaders
- Eucharistic Congress, Aug. 18, 2007

Established for diocese:

- Office of Spiritual Development
- Office for Hispanic Ministry
- Office of Catechesis
- Expanded campus ministry/young adult program; initiated annual youth and young adult retreats; retreats for disabled
- Diocesan office buildings in both downtown South Bend and Fort Wayne
- Position of archivist to preserve diocesan/parish history/documents
- Independent status for diocesan newspaper, Today's Catholic
- Commissioned "Worthy of the Gospel of Christ," compilation of diocesan history
- St. Mother Theodore Guérin Latin Mass community formed, Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP) brought to diocese for chaplaincy, 2008

New church buildings for:

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne, 1989
- St. Pius, Granger, 1989
- Blessed Sacrament, Albion, 1990
- St. Mary, Fort Wayne, following destruction of church by fire, 1996 (established St. Mary's Heritage Fund)
- Holy Family, South Bend, 1997
- St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, 1998
- St. Therese, Fort Wayne, 1999
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw, 1999

New buildings erected:

- St. Peter, Fort Wayne - parish hall, 2005 • St. Pius X, Granger - parish center
- St. Hedwig, South Bend - building addition, 1990 • St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne - school addition, 1990 • St. Hyacinth, Fort Wayne - community center
- Immaculate Conception, Kendallville - building addition, improvements, 1992
- Villa of the Woods, Fort Wayne - renovation 2003 • St. Mary, Avilla - school expansion, new classrooms • St. Dominic, Bremen - parish hall
- St. Mary of the Annunciation, Bristol - education/catechetical center, rectory • St. Joseph, Bluffton - new parish hall
- St. Thomas, Elkhart - new parish gym/activity center
- St. Mary, Geneva - parish hall • Holy Cross, South Bend - school addition • St. Joseph, LaGrange - building addition, 1993
- Queen of Peace, Mishawaka - addition to school (closed for over 30 years), restarted K-8
- St. Monica, Mishawaka - parish center • St. Bavo, Mishawaka - several new facilities • St. Paul Chapel, Clear Lake - building addition, 1998
- Sacred Heart, Notre Dame - parish center • St. John the Baptist, New Haven - parish hall • Marian High School, Mishawaka - second gym
- Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne - second gym and library
- Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend - athletic fields and new land
- Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne - infrastructure
- St. Patrick, Arcola - parish hall • Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne - activity center, 1997
- St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne - Father Hession Hall, rectory
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne - new school, rectory, religious education facility and church enlargement • St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne - activity building • St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel - restored church, school addition, 1998 • St. Michael, Plymouth - school addition, 1998
- St. Mary, Fort Wayne - rectory, 1998 • St. Martin de Porres, Syracuse - church renovation • Christ the King, South Bend - expanded school • Little Flower, South Bend - new parish hall • St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart - community building, 1994
- Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne - day-care center addition, new rectory • St. Aloysius, Yoder - new parish center and classrooms • St. Anthony, Angola - new hall • St. Casimir, South Bend - restoration, 2007 • Bishop Luers high school - renovation, 2007 • St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne - parish activities center, 2007 • Victory Noll - renovation, 2007 • Bishop Dwenger high school - addition, 2007 • St. Patrick, Arcola - catechetical center
- Holy Cross, South Bend - school addition, 2008 • St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart - Eucharistic adoration chapel, 2008 • St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart - school addition • St. Pius X, Granger - parish education center • St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne - school addition
- St. Jude, Fort Wayne - school addition • St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne - school expansion • Sacred Heart, Warsaw - church renovation, 2009
- St. Anthony, Angola - groundbreaking for new church, May 2009 • St. Peter, Fort Wayne - 17-year renovation completed
- MacDougal Chapel, Fort Wayne - renovation and rededication to St. Mother Theodore Guérin

