

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Bishop Rhoades on childhood, interests

BY TIM JOHNSON

HARRISBURG, Pa. — As the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend puts final touches on the installation of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as the ninth bishop of the diocese, Bishop Rhoades has moved into his Fort Wayne residence and received farewell wishes from the Harrisburg Diocese on Jan. 3.

Bishop Rhoades was born Nov. 26, 1957, in the coal regions of Pennsylvania in Mahanoy City. "That's where my family's roots are. ... A lot of my ancestors worked in the mines," Bishop Rhoades told *Today's Catholic* from his offices in Harrisburg in early December.

When he was about 1 year old, the family moved to Lebanon, Pa., where his father Charles took a job working at Indian Town Gap, a U.S. Army installation. But many weekends and holidays were spent in Mahanoy City.

His father was Lutheran and of English and German descent. His mother Mary was Irish and Greek descent. Both are deceased. "My father was not Catholic, but he was very supportive of us receiving a Catholic education."

Bishop Rhoades credited his strong Catholic upbringing to his mother. "My mother was a very devout Catholic. I learned the faith from her," he said.

Bishop Rhoades attended St. Mary's School and Lebanon Catholic High School. "I look back and it was a really wonderful childhood," he said.

He grew up in a very close-knit family with a brother, Chuck, who is four years older, and a sister, Robin, who is five years younger.

"We lived in the city of Lebanon. We walked to school downtown in the morning seven blocks," he said. Fond early childhood memories include stopping at church to pray every time the family walked



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at his ordination as bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg.

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Bishop D'Arcy celebrates Mass of thanks for years of episcopacy

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — On the morning of Jan. 3, Bishop John M. D'Arcy received a phone call from his sister asking about the inclement weather she had heard about for his Mass of thanksgiving at St. Matthew Cathedral.

"I said we had 13 inches of snow. She said that no one would be at Mass. I said in South Bend they're tough," he replied.

And so began a day of reflection filled with hope, joy, somber memories and laughter, to a standing-room-only crowd at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend to mark Bishop D'Arcy's last Mass as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. On Jan. 13, Bishop D'Arcy will assume the role of bishop emeritus.

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YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



MSGR. ROBERT SCHULTE

Individuals who see priests as desirable models for Christian life may not realize that the priest sees the

seeker as his example.

Such is the case of Msgr. Robert Schulte, diocesan chancellor, who says, "My main heroes are my parents and other family

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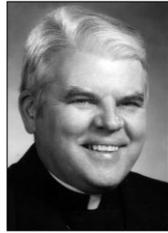
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Reflection on the past and future



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BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Some final reflections

The Office of Bishop, said St. Augustine, is not the name of the honor, but a work. I think the great Church father and who was Bishop of Hippo in Africa could also have written that it is a source of joy. The bishop wears a cross to remind him that he must share the cross of Christ. Indeed we are all called to this — to share in His sufferings and contribute in our small way to the work of redemption, which is always going on and the bishop must set the example.

While you do not see many comments on it, it is true that the Second Vatican Council was a council for the reform and the renewal of the Office of Bishop. It was a return to the bishop as was understood by the Fathers of the Church and in the Scriptures relative to the apostles. Here is an example:

Sent as he is by the Father to govern his family, bishop should keep before his eyes the example of the Good Shepherd: "I have come not to be waited upon, but to serve." — Mt. 20, 28 and Mk. 10, 45 To lay down his life for his sheep.

"Destined to render their souls to God by prayer, preaching and all the good works of charity, he should be solicitous both for their welfare and for that too of those who do not belong to the unique flock, but whom he should regard as entrusted to him by the Lord."
— Constitution on the Church

No wonder then that in the midst of its profound reflection and its historic constitution on the Church, a document most central to the teaching of that great council, the fathers chose to present these words of the great Augustine.

What I am for you frightens me, what I share with you brings me consolation. For you I am bishop; with you I am a Christian. The former is the name of a duty I have received; the latter I am by grace. The former implies potential danger; the latter offers salvation. ... Assist me by your prayerful support, so that my joy will be in serving you, rather than in being over you.
— St. Augustine, Sermon 340

Why would the great Augustine be frightened by his office? He knew, and taught that the office was supposed to represent Christ.

Accordingly, as Christ lay down his life for the flock, so will the bishop be judged on whether or not he has followed this example in his life.

Some memories

As I reflect on these days, I think often of a certain scene from the past. As always,

among priests there were rumors as to whom would be appointed bishop. It was generally thought that there would be more than one. In fact, there were four of us ordained on the same day, 35 years ago — on Feb. 11, 1975, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Hearing such rumors, I asked a priest-friend about it. He said, "You should read everything about a bishop and then make a decision, in case it comes. If not, your reading and prayer may help you assist others in this way." So I read extensively how the bishop is understood in the Church. I knew much about it already from my doctoral dissertation, which centered on the Second Vatican Council. But reading for study and reading for prayer is sometimes different. Having absorbed such teaching mostly from the teaching of the Second Vatican Council on the Office of Bishop, I realized it was a pastoral and spiritual office. I can remember sitting by the Atlantic Ocean outside a church used only in the summertime and telling the Lord that if it came, I would accept it and would try to live it as I have read it in the pages of the great council, and as lived by St. Augustine. The merciful Lord will be the judge.

A great consolation and joy came when the call came. The decision was easy. I had prepared over many weeks of reading and prayer. The Lord was very close at that time.

A great responsibility

As I reflect on these beautiful 24 years plus, I am thankful to God. Somehow at

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moments like this, I think of my dear parents — immigrants from Ireland, and what they gave me, by example of their great faith. I believe I am a priest and the bishop of this diocese under God's grace because of their example and their holiness. But it was always a holiness marked by joy. I can still hear their laughter.

What lies ahead

Our new bishop will preside at a Mass for Life at the Sacred Heart Basilica on Jan. 19, along with Father Jenkins, the president of Notre Dame, and others, and Bishop Rhoades has kindly asked me to preach. It will be a joy to do this. There will be many young people there who will be going to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Included will be many of the young students who gave such fine example last spring. Bishop Rhoades and I will go as well, with many young people from our diocese. All four of our high schools will be

represented, under the direction of Fred and Lisa Everett, co-directors of our Pro-life Office. After celebrating a large Mass at a large stadium, then later a Mass with just the young people from our diocese, I will go to Boston for a few weeks.

Boston?!

Bishop, why don't you go to Florida and spring training. Well, maybe some day. I always find the home where I grew up and visiting with my sisters and with the priests with whom I was ordained 53 years ago to be restorative.

I will be back to preach at several parish missions and do Confirmations and help Bishop Rhoades in whatever way he wishes. I will give a retreat to the bishops of Michigan and Ohio in May.

A responsibility for all of us

The council in its great teaching about bishops, place a responsibility that all of us should have in mind — priests, laity and religious and a retiring bishop in a special way.

As to the faithful, they should be closely attached to the bishop, as the Church is to Jesus Christ and Jesus Christ is to the Father, so that all things may conspire to harmonious unity and bring forth abundant fruit unto the glory of God.

This union with the bishop, openness to his teaching, the spirit of joyous welcome and promise of collaboration is now asked of all of us. As we live this historic moment together, let us be grateful to Christ for sending us not only a new shepherd, but one with much experience, who comes to us with many gifts. It should be a time for all of us of thanksgiving to God, and the promise of fidelity and love to our new shepherd.

A great day at St. Matthew's

A beautiful Mass on the feast of the Epiphany, my final Mass as bishop at our co-cathedral. A full church and a beautiful reception afterwards. How could such a moment of separation not

be filled with joy? It is a sign surely of the presence of Christ. Many thanks to Msgr. Mike Heintz, the umpire, and his worthy staff.

Special gratitude

Special gratitude to my good friends, Msgr. Peter Martocchio and Father Paul McPartland, who took the train from old South Station in Boston, Mass., and came across country to be with us. My friends of a lifetime.

I will pray for all of you. Let us pray for our new bishop and accompany him, especially in his early days. And I know as a matter of faith, you will show him the love and the joy and the acceptance that you always gave to me.

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in downtown Lebanon.

Bishop Rhoades had to deal with childhood asthma, which he outgrew in high school and college, and he was then able to do much more physical activity such as sports.

The struggles as an asthmatic were significant in his childhood. "I was very much into the academics. I enjoyed school. I was a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout," Bishop Rhoades said. He would play basketball, but that was tough for him because he would have asthma attacks.

He had a lot of friends and enjoyed swimming and riding his bicycle in the summer.

At Lebanon Catholic, he was very involved in plays, the German language and German Club and student council where he served as council representative, officer and council vice president his senior year. "Those were great years that I look back at with a lot of joy," he said.

"I started thinking of the priesthood when I was in seventh grade," Bishop Rhoades said, "but I wasn't really ready to enter the seminary after high school. While studying political science at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md., "when I was a sophomore in college is when I really sensed the call to the priesthood. And it was when I was praying at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is above Mount Saint Mary's College in the mountain there," he said. He attributes his calling to the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

Bishop Rhoades studied for the priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Overbrook, Pa., and earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy there in 1979. He did his theological studies at the North American College and the Pontifical Gregorian University, both in Rome, from 1979-1983.

Cardinal Terence Cooke ordained Bishop Rhoades a deacon at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City in 1982. Bishop Rhoades was

ordained a priest in July 1983 by then-Auxiliary Bishop William H. Keeler of Harrisburg at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Lebanon.

His first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. Patrick Parish in York, Pa. He worked part-time in Hispanic ministry in the early years.

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

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

Bishop Rhoades was appointed pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Harrisburg, in 1990. He served there until 1995, when he accepted a full-time faculty position with Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. While there, he taught courses in systematic theology, canon law and Hispanic ministry. In March 1997, he was named rector of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, a role he fulfilled until his appointment by Pope John Paul II as Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg on Oct. 14, 2004.

He was ordained a bishop on Dec. 9, 2004, by Cardinal Justin Rigali, archbishop of Philadelphia.

Likes and interests

Bishop Rhoades enjoys sports. "Probably the sport I play the most and enjoy the most at this time of my life is tennis," he commented.

He was a basketball and racquetball player when he was a pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Harrisburg, but those sports have been replaced with vigorous walks and hikes today. "In the summer I like to swim," he said.

Since he was a child, the New York Yankees have been his favorite baseball team. With professional football, Bishop Rhoades enjoys the Philadelphia Eagles.

With college football, "I've always been a Notre Dame football fan — No. 1," he said. "And Penn State has always been No. 2 for me."

Bishop Rhoades said, "I love to read. Probably the most enjoyable thing for me is history."

He said, "In spare time, I like to get together with friends and family. Missing them — that's going to be tough. But I'm sure I'll make many new friends in the diocese."

Bishop Rhoades' musical selections are eclectic. He likes the music of the '70s, the era in which he graduated from high school. "I still listen to some of that," he said, but he also likes to listen to contemporary Christian, praise and worship-type of music, and classical music. His iPod also has a few of his favorite showtunes from "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" and others.

"I kind of appreciate almost all music," he said.

He took piano lessons as a youngster, "but I never persevered in it," he said.

In daily life, Bishop Rhoades said "I fend for myself for meals. I eat very healthy because there is heart disease in the family. ... I try to eat a very heart-healthy diet and I need to do better with my exercise. ... Not that I cook. I'll heat things up. I'll eat fruit, vegetables, chicken, fish, that kind of food, and I'll heat it up in the microwave."

His favorite food, he quipped, "is all the food I'm not allowed to eat. I really like seafood," and Italian food, but no creamy sauces. "I'm pretty well-disciplined," he noted.

Bishop Rhoades has strong organizational skills. "I am maybe a little too obsessive about it sometimes," he said. "I do have to work with a plan."

Spiritual life

A daily Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament, the Liturgy of the Hours, daily Mass and the rosary are the routine of Bishop Rhoades' prayer life.

He likes to pray the rosary while exercising, especially on vigorous walks or while driving.

He also prays each day for "the people God has called me to serve," he said. "It's just as important as my preaching and other things I do, to pray for the people."

"As bishop it is not about me, it is about Christ," he said.

OP-ED FROM BISHOP JOHN M. D'ARCY

Gambling

Sometime ago, a number of pastors of other Christian churches along with members of their flocks have approached me or their friends in the Catholic community and asked if I would consider weighing in on the proposal for a gambling casino in our community. While moved by their respect for the Episcopal Office, I felt the need to study the matter before taking a position. The Catechism of the Catholic Church makes a brief, but clear, presentation of Catholic teaching.

"Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement."

So we must look at the effects. Some would claim that since the vast majority of people who gamble do it for entertainment and do not become addicted, that such gambling casinos should be approved. In my judgment, after serious study, such a position does not hold up.

Most of the money realized from gambling for the private companies who sponsor it, as well as the funds realized by the government, comes from problem gamblers; from the addicted; and it is the addict whose family is harmed, because he has lost his free will to a machine.

The gambling addict repeatedly uses up his or her salary to feed his addiction. The very people that Catholic social teaching requires us to put at the forefront and whose dignity we are bound to try to restore are the most seriously injured by this addiction.

It is the machines, the video games, which have brought technology in a massive degree to the gambling industry. The machines are programmed to intensify the addiction. The Vanier Institute on the Family estimates that "4 percent of the population with a serious gambling problem contributed 23 percent of the revenues." The same Vanier Institute reports that, "The personal cost of pathological gambling can include bankruptcy, family break up, domestic abuse, assault, fraud, theft, homelessness and even suicide. Up to 90 percent of pathological gamblers have considered suicide, and 20 percent of those in treatment actually attempted it."

Some would say that since only 2 to 5 percent of those who gamble are addicted, that it is appropriate for the government to sponsor casino gambling. But with the increases of machine gambling, seem to indicate that such a position is not consistent with Catholic social teaching.

The increase of machine gambling, machines programmed to support the addict, makes clear that there is a moral issue here that many choose to avoid. For example, a 1998 study commissioned by the State of Montana, found that problem and pathological gamblers account for 36 percent of electronic gambling device revenues. A Louisiana study found that 30 percent of all spending on river boat casinos came from problem and pathological gamblers.

The Catholic Bishops of the state of Kentucky came to a similar conclusion. Here is what their report says:

"The Catholic Conference of Kentucky opposes expanded gambling because the social costs are intolerable and the common good suffers in such significant ways when gambling becomes highly professionalized. Research indicates that families and communities are hurt by false profit of professional gambling occurs through casinos and machine gambling. These vehicles bring about gambling in excess with harm caused to people and communities. The American Psychological Association recognizes compulsive gambling as a disease."

In other words, the government and the private companies make their money on the backs of the poor and addicted.

Another principal of Catholic social teaching is the common good. People in government take an oath of office for the well-being of all. They should not gain necessary revenues on the backs of those who have already lost their human dignity through serious addiction.

As is often the case, Americans turn to something basic in our culture to defend gambling; namely, freedom. But freedom must always be subjected to the rights of others and to truth and to the common good.

The proper understanding of freedom. The dignity of the human person and the responsibility of duly elected leaders to seek the common good when coupled with the terrible effects of gambling indicate, that the introduction of casino gambling in our community is a moral issue, and in my judgment such introduction will be seriously harmful to many in our community and many others who will come from nearby cities and towns. We should learn from countless other communities and keep our wonderful community away from casinos, which intensify the experience of addiction.

Installation of Bishop Kevin Rhoades

Solemn vespers, installation services updated

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend announced Jan. 4 everyone is welcome to attend the special installation services of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as the ninth bishop of the local diocese to be held in both South Bend and Fort Wayne on Jan. 12 and 13 respectively.

Invited guests who have responded to date that they plan to attend one or both liturgies are being sent tickets for reserved seating. Everyone else is welcome to attend the services on a first come, first served basis, the diocese said.

At St. Matthew Cathedral, 1701 Miami St., South Bend, a solemn vespers service will be held on

Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Retiring Bishop John M. D'Arcy will preside at the evening prayer and Bishop Rhoades will give the homily. All are welcome to attend a light reception, which will immediately follow the ceremony.

In Fort Wayne, the installation Mass will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. A reception will follow at the nearby Grand Wayne Center to which all are welcome to attend.

Planning is underway to accommodate an expected overflow crowd in Fort Wayne at the

nearby Grand Wayne Center where the installation Mass can be viewed on a large screen.

The installation liturgy will be simulcast live by IndianasNewsCenter, Fort Wayne, on both NBC Channel 33.1 and My TV, digital Channel 33.2. Comcast subscribers can view the telecasts on either Channel 13 or 252 while Verizon FIOS customers can see it on either Channel 4 or Channel 9.

Plans are underway to stream both the installation liturgy and the solemn vespers prayer service on the diocesan Web site www.diocesefwsb.org and possibly on WNDU.com in South Bend.

Pope begins new year with call for respect for creation, trust in God

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Having respect for every human being and for all of creation as God's handiwork and having trust in God's overwhelming love are the keys to peace and to a better future, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Marking the new year with the celebration Jan. 1 of the feast of Mary Mother of God and of World Peace Day and with Angelus recitations Jan. 1 and 3, Pope Benedict reminded Christians that God's promises require a response.

"The divine plan is not accomplished automatically, because it is a plan of love and love generates freedom and asks for freedom," he said during his Angelus address Jan. 3.

While God's kingdom of peace and justice already is being realized on earth, he said, "every man and woman is responsible for welcoming it into his or her own life day by day. So 2010 will be better or worse to the extent that people, accepting their own responsibility, learn to collaborate with the grace of God."

"There are problems in the church and in the world, as well as in the daily lives of families, but thanks to God our hope does not depend on improbable prognostications and even less on economic forecasts. Our hope is in God," he

said.

The pope also spoke about personal responsibility Jan. 1 when he was commenting on the theme he chose for World Peace Day 2010: "If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation."

The resources of the earth must be used with justice and wisdom, he said during his Angelus address Jan. 1.

"I want to underline the importance that the choices of individuals, families and local administrations have in protecting the environment," he said.

In educating people to respect creation, the pope said, they must be helped to recognize that the human beings God created in his own image and likeness require special respect and protection.

"If we must take care of the creatures around us, how much more care must we have for people — our brothers and sisters," he said. "On the first day of the year, I want to appeal to the consciences of those who are part of any kind of armed group. To each and every one I say: Stop, reflect and abandon the path of violence."

In his homily during the morning Mass in St. Peter's Basilica Jan. 1, Pope Benedict said people will respect the environment only to the extent that they respect themselves and others, because true respect for creation means seeing all creation as a reflection of God, the creator.

Teaching people to respect others must begin early in childhood, he said.

"From the time they are small, it is important to educate children to respect others, even when they are different from us," he said.

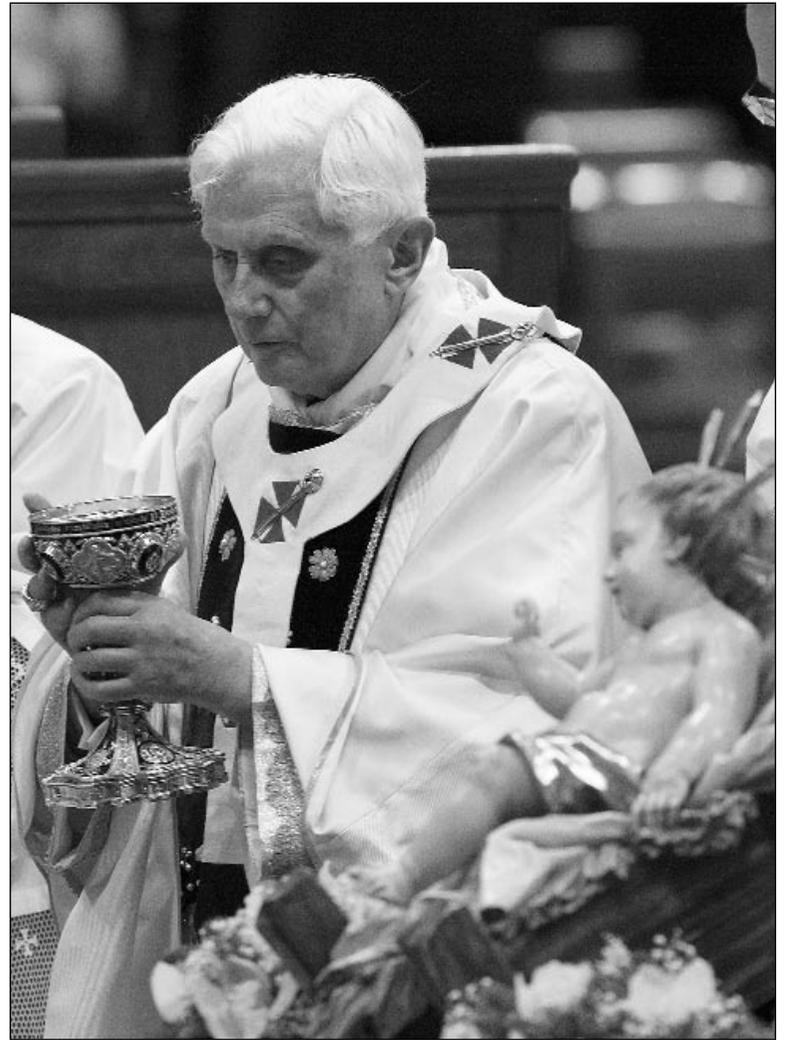
Children who are part of multi-ethnic classes have an advantage, he said, because the faces of the children "are a prophecy of the humanity we are called to form: a family of families and peoples."

"The smaller these children are, the more they elicit from us tenderness and joy for an innocence and brotherhood that is evident: despite their differences they cry and laugh in the same way, they have the same needs, they communicate spontaneously and play together," he said.

However, the pope said, the smiles of too many children are extinguished by suffering and their hearts are poisoned by violence.

In them, one can see "faces lined by hunger and disease, faces disfigured by pain and desperation. The faces of these innocent little ones are a silent appeal to our responsibility," the pope said.

Recognizing their helplessness, "all the false justifications for war and violence fall away. We simply must convert to projects of peace, lay down weapons of every kind and, all of us together, make a commitment to building a world more worthy of humanity."



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Pope Benedict XVI carries the Eucharist near a figurine of the baby Jesus during Mass on the feast of Mary Mother of God in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Jan. 1.

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members who have been faithful spouses and parents to the families. Day in and day out, they provide meals, direction and guidance, knowledge for the future, faith. I am also inspired by other people who live good lives, not selfishly but in service to others and with an eye toward helping the Church and society to improve. Those are my real heroes."

As a youngster at St. Peter Parish in Fort Wayne, attendance at daily Mass and serving Mass; Sunday Masses and Forty Hours

devotions with his family sparked an interest in the Church that brought him to consider more fully God's call to serve as a priest.

Now as a priest of 35 years and recently named monsignor, the Sunday Eucharist is the highlight of his week and favorite activity as a priest, providing a rich spiritual experience.

The last lines of Edna St. Vincent Millay's poem, Travel, "... there isn't a train I wouldn't take, no matter where its going," must appeal to Msgr. Schulte. Long train trips, made annually, are a favorite vacation pursuit. As the train takes him away from liturgical responsibilities, the sight of new places, new people and the opportunity to pray the office as he travels, is spiritually refreshing,

and energizing.

Monsignor Schulte's vacations, by necessity, include a return ticket, which bring him back to a daily routine and challenges facing the Church; of these, the greatest, he says, "are the forces of secular society which put an emphasis on material possessions and self identity to the exclusion of God and the sense of mystery that is all around us. Modern science without faith is dead, and those who believe that there is no God or Creator have an extremely limited and negative view of our world, which I believe leads to anger, violence and hopelessness. I see the greatest hope in the message of the Church and faithful Catholics and Christians living their faith fully, positively and openly each day."

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Twelve U.S. bishops could retire for age reasons in 2010

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Up to 24 U.S. bishops, including two cardinals, could retire because of age this year.

There are 11 active U.S. bishops, including one cardinal, who have already turned 75. Thirteen more will celebrate their 75th birthday in 2010.

At age 75 bishops are requested to submit their resignation to the pope.

Cardinal Bernard F. Law, archpriest of St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome and a cardinal since 1985, turned 75 Nov. 4, 2006. A former bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Mo., he was archbishop of Boston from 1984 until his resignation from that post in 2002 in the wake of controversy over his handling of cases of clergy sex abuse there. He was named to his Rome post in 2004.

Turning 75 on April 19 this year is Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia. Born in Los Angeles, he was ordained an archbishop in 1985 while serving as head of the school that educates future Vatican diplomats. He returned to the United States in 1994 to become archbishop of St. Louis, holding that post until his appointment as archbishop of Philadelphia in 2003. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals that same year.

Pope Benedict XVI, like his predecessor Pope John Paul II, often asked cardinals to stay on the job after they reached the age of 75. Even when a cardinal retires in his 70s, he remains an active member of the College of Cardinals, eligible to enter a conclave and vote for a new pope, until age 80.

The 10 other active U.S. bishops who are already 75 and the dates of their 75th birthday are:

- Bishop Manuel Batakian of

the Eparchy of Our Lady of Nareg in New York for Armenian Catholics; Nov. 5, 2004.

- Bishop William L. Higi of Lafayette, Ind.; Aug. 29, 2008.

• Bishop Tomas A. Camacho of Chalan Kanoa, Northern Marianas; Sept. 18, 2008.

• Auxiliary Bishop Robert P. Maginnis of Philadelphia; Dec. 22, 2008.

• Bishop Edmond Carmody of Corpus Christi, Texas, Jan. 12, 2009.

• Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett of Seattle, Jan. 17, 2009.

• Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., March 2, 2009.

• Auxiliary Bishop Robert J. Hermann of St. Louis, Aug. 12, 2009.

• Archbishop Eusebius J. Beltran of Oklahoma City, Aug. 31, 2009.

• Auxiliary Bishop Guy Sansaricq of Brooklyn, N.Y., Oct. 6, 2009.

The 12 currently active bishops who will turn 75 in 2010 and their birthdays are:

• Auxiliary Bishop Peter A. Rosazza of Hartford, Conn., Feb. 13.

• Auxiliary Bishop Emilio S. Allue of Boston, Feb. 18.

• Bishop J. Kevin Boland of Savannah, Ga., April 25.

• Bishop John M. Smith of Trenton, N.J., June 23.

• Bishop Carlos A. Sevilla of Yakima, Wash., Aug. 9.

• Bishop John B. McCormack of Manchester, N.H., Aug. 12.

• Bishop Joseph V. Adamec of Altoona-Johnstown, Aug. 13.

• Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 6.

• Auxiliary Bishop Richard J. Sklba of Milwaukee, Sept. 11.

• Bishop Paul A. Zipfel of Bismarck, N.D., Sept. 22.

• Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville, Ind., Oct. 20.

• Archbishop John C. Favalora of Miami, Dec. 5.

University buys former corporate property to expand research institute

DAYTON, Ohio (CNS) — With the purchase of 115 acres, the University of Dayton plans to move its expanding research institute into a building that formerly housed the world headquarters of a global technology company.

The Catholic university paid \$18 million for the NCR Corp. property, and leaders of the school said its new building will become the signature facility for the University of Dayton Research Institute, which conducts nearly \$100 million annually in sponsored research.

The institute recently received its largest contract in its history — \$49.5 million to develop advanced jet fuels and combustion technologies for the U.S. Air Force.

Daniel Curran, University of Dayton president, called the acquisition “a bold move for a private, Catholic university” and said in a statement that it gives the university much-needed space to expand.

Approximately 260 researchers, support personnel and students are expected to move into the building during the next three years, and about 160 researchers will continue to work at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base outside of Dayton, and in leased space around the Ohio city, university officials said.

NCR is moving its operations to Georgia, according to a report



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This is an aerial view of the former NCR Corp. headquarters in Dayton, Ohio, recently purchased by the University of Dayton along with 115 additional acres. The Catholic university plans to move its expanding research institute into the building that formerly housed the world headquarters of the global technology company.

in the *Dayton Business Journal*.

University officials said the new property also will provide its graduate school with more classroom space and parking and will be the new home for its proposed alumni center.

The primary focus of the facility will be on the school's research institute, allowing it to build momentum in research growth, university officials said.

The university is ranked as a national research school and its

sponsored research has nearly tripled in the past decade — rising from \$37.1 million to \$96.5 million. It remains second in the nation in materials research, according to the National Science Foundation.

No other Catholic university performs more sponsored engineering research, university officials said.

With the purchase, the campus now covers 373 acres, university officials said.



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Papal secretary visits pope's Christmas attacker

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI's personal secretary visited the woman responsible for knocking the pope down during a Christmas Eve Mass. Msgr. Georg Ganswein, papal secretary, visited Susanna Maiolo at the psychiatric hospital in Subiaco, outside of Rome, where she was transferred Dec. 25. The papal secretary made the private visit to Maiolo "to show her the Holy Father's interest in her situation," the papal spokesman, Father Federico Lombardi, said in a written statement Jan. 3. While the Vatican did not specify when the visit occurred, the Italian daily *Il Giornale* said Msgr. Ganswein met with Maiolo Dec. 31. The newspaper said the monsignor brought her a rosary and told her that the pope had forgiven her and believed she hadn't meant any harm. It added Maiolo, a dual Italian-Swiss citizen, had previously received extensive psychiatric care in Switzerland. The Vatican statement said the legal proceedings against Maiolo, which were being carried out by the Vatican's judicial system, would continue until it came to a conclusion.

Outspoken cardinal who pushed for peace in Northern Ireland dies

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Cardinal Cahal B. Daly, the former primate of all Ireland and an outspoken critic of paramilitary violence and poverty in Northern Ireland, died Dec. 31 at the age of 92. In a telegram released Jan. 2, Pope Benedict XVI recalled the cardinal's "long years of devoted pastoral service to the church" and expressed gratitude for his "sustained efforts in the promotion of justice and peace in Northern Ireland." His death leaves the College of Cardinals with 183 members, 112 of whom are under age 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave. Cardinal Daly was best remembered for his contribution to ecumenical relations at a time when sectarian violence increased in Northern Ireland. As the former bishop of Down and Connor — the Northern Ireland diocese which includes the province's main city of Belfast — he witnessed firsthand the bloodshed waged by the Irish Republican Army. At his installation as archbishop Armagh and primate of Ireland in 1990, he called on the IRA to end its strategy of terror and urged a government-sponsored "new deal" to aid economically depressed Catholic neighborhoods in west Belfast.

Vatican agency says at least 37 church workers killed in 2009

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — An uptick of violence against Catholic Church workers in the

CHILDREN TAKE PART IN EPIPHANY PROCESSION



CNS PHOTO/KACPER PEMPEL, REUTERS

Children take part in a Catholic procession on the feast of the Epiphany Jan. 3 in Warsaw, Poland.

Americas contributed to almost doubling the number of missionaries who were murdered in 2009 compared to the previous year, the Vatican's Fides agency said. The agency said 37 people working for the church were killed in 2009, up from 20 people in 2008. It is also the highest number of deaths in the last 10 years, it added. Each year, Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, publishes a list of pastoral workers who died violently. The 2009 list released Dec. 30 includes two priests and one nun from the United States: Oblate Father Lawrence Rosebaugh, a 74-year-old U.S. priest, killed in a highway robbery in Guatemala in May; Father Edward Hinds stabbed 32 times in a brutal murder in the rectory of St. Patrick Church, in Chatham, N.J., in October. Prosecutors said the parish janitor confessed to the crime; and Blessed Sacrament Sister Marguerite Bartz, found dead in her Navajo, N.M., home in November. An 18-year-old man found driving the car the nun used was charged in connection with her death. Fides also highlighted the case of a Mexican priest and two seminarians who were killed in the southern state of Guerrero as they were traveling to a religious retreat. Father Habacuc Hernandez, Eduardo Oregon Benitez and Silvestre Gonzalez were shot dead by gunmen while they traveled through a violence-plagued area where drug-cartel activities have been on the increase.

Terror, war, politics dominate headlines over decade

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Terrorist actions that left physical scars on many world cities and psychological scars on those affected dominated much of the headlines over the first decade of the third millennium, as did the wars fought in the name of quashing terrorism. Fractious U.S. politics also had a hand to play in shaping headlines over much of the decade. In the Catholic Church, the clergy sexual abuse scandals that had simmered in decades past exploded into public consciousness in 2002, with its repercussions still felt as the decade neared its end. The death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI in 2005 resonated in the world's consciousness throughout that April as a dying pope breathed his last and a conclave, the first in more than 26 years, fascinated Catholics and others across the globe. Popes have reliably been top newsmakers year in and year out, and regularly make most lists of most admired men in the world. The 2000s were no different, as a world watched in fascination as Pope John Paul gave a lesson in how to die a happy death and Pope Benedict ascended to the chair of Peter, seeking during his pontificate to mend fences with those who have not been in full communion with the Catholic Church. Both popes preached peace to world leaders, but all too often in vain. After the Sept. 11, 2001, ter-

ror attacks, the United States first led a multinational effort in Afghanistan to capture al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, the mastermind of the terror plot.

Parish hostels form 'powerhouse' of church in Indian district

RAIKIA, India (CNS) — Father Vijay Pradhan has one place to credit for his decision to become a priest. "I do not know whether I would have been a priest had I not studied in the church hostels here," said Father Pradhan, a parish priest serving in the town of Raikia in Orissa state's Kandhamal district. Such parish-run hostels are credited by clergy and women religious alike for fueling a rise in vocations in the violence-plagued district. The hostels provide education, spiritual formation and dormitory-style living for students of various ages. "My father was a schoolteacher and there were several others in the family who were also teachers," recalled the 51-year-old priest, who studied at a hostel in Mondosore, a village in Kandhamal. "So it was likely that I, too, would have become a teacher. But the five-year stay in the church hostel changed the course of my life." Father Mrutyunjay Diga, secretary to Archbishop Raphael Cheenath of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar, said nearly 80 percent of the archdiocese's priests have been educated in hostels. "I am, myself, a product of the hostel system," Father Diga told Catholic News Service in a

recent interview. Almost every Kandhamal parish has hostels for boys, while hostels for girls are managed by nuns belonging to various congregations.

Extension Society commits \$3 million to seminarian education

CHICAGO (CNS) — The Catholic Church Extension Society has awarded more than \$3 million in grants to educate 509 seminarians from the most underfunded dioceses in the United States during the 2010 fiscal year. The grants represent an increase in funding at a time when other foundations have reduced their giving during the recession. On average, the 84 dioceses designated as U.S. "mission dioceses" spend \$30,000 a year per seminarian for seminary tuition, room and board, books, health insurance and related expenses. If distributed evenly, the Extension Society's grants would pay for about 20 percent of a seminarian's education-related costs for 2010. The number of seminarians to be helped make up about 15 percent of the U.S. total.

Bishop says Nazareth Christians joyful about find of Jesus-era house

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Giacinto-Boulos Marcuzzo of Jerusalem said the Christian community in Nazareth was joyful at the recent discovery of the remains of a first-century dwelling. "This belongs to the time of Jesus and we can now see how (people lived)," said Bishop Marcuzzo, noting that the dwelling had remained largely intact throughout the ages. "The ruins ... were not destroyed during history. There were lots of (wars and battles) which destroyed buildings but that house was kept safe. Why? We don't know why, but certainly there is a reason why that house was kept safe." As the first dwelling from the period to be discovered in Nazareth, the remains are of "utmost importance" and reveal new information about how people lived during Jesus' lifetime, said Yardena Alexandre, excavation director at the Israel Antiquities Authority. She said several tombs from that time period had been found in earlier digs but, until this house, no evidence of a human settlement had been uncovered. The structure was found next to the Basilica of the Annunciation, where the floor of a former convent was being removed in a salvage excavation conducted by the antiquities authority to prepare for the construction of the International Marian Center of Nazareth. The Association Mary of Nazareth said it would incorporate the archaeological remains inside its planned center. Nazareth is where Mary received the revelation from the angel Gabriel that she would conceive a child. Jesus spent the majority of his life in Nazareth, preaching throughout the Galilee region.

12-step retreat at Lindenwood

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being taken for a Men's 12-step retreat to be held at Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center. The program is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 22, from 6 p.m. to Sunday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. The program fee is \$170 for single occupancy, \$140 for a double occupancy room, per person, and \$90 for commuters.

The weekend away from work and home will focus on 12-step living and spirituality for men. Through conferences, small group discussion, prayer and meditation, participants will examine life and recovery. There will also be a meeting Saturday evening — weather permitting, it will be held 'round the campfire. Take the opportunity to meet other recovering men and revitalize recovery. The retreat will be led by Father Ed of Chicago, Ill. Deadline to register is Jan. 15.

For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1763 weekdays, e-mail rvanactorpoorhandmaids.org, or visit www.lindenwood.org

Lindenwood is an ecumenical center offering quiet meeting spaces and innovative programs for spiritual and artistic growth and personal enrichment. The center is located in Donaldson, eight miles west of Plymouth and 40 miles south of South Bend.

Bishop Dwenger sets freshmen registration dates

FORT WAYNE — Registration for incoming ninth-grade students to Bishop Dwenger High School will take place on Jan. 25, 26 and 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., and on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9-11 a.m. For more information call (260) 496-4703, or e-mail jscully@bish-opedwenger.com.

University of Saint Francis day of service announced

FORT WAYNE — Students, faculty, alumni and staff of the University of Saint Francis (USF) will host events and volunteer at various community and religious organizations in the Fort Wayne area to honor the life, ideas and values of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as part of the seventh annual "Acting on the Dream" event on Jan. 18.

The public is invited to attend these events on campus:

- Opening Prayer Service — 11 a.m. at Gunderson Auditorium in Achatz Hall of Science, off of Leesburg Road.
- Linus Project — to make fleece blankets for seriously ill children in northeast Indiana, 1-4 p.m., North Campus Gymnasium, 2702 Spring St.
- Celebrate the Dream: We Can All Play Together — games and crafts, 1-4 p.m. in the North Campus Gymnasium.
- Volunteers from USF will

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BRIAN EICHMAN

Seminarian Royce Gregerson speaks at the Andrew Dinner held Dec. 29 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne, as Msgr. Bernard Galic, director of the diocesan Vocation Office, observes. Msgr. Galic noted that the dinner was one of the largest gatherings they have had. The dinner is for men who may be interested in learning more about the seminary and the priesthood. Another Andrew dinner was held in South Bend on Dec. 30.

also work from 1-4 p.m. at these locations off campus: St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Lutheran Hospital Children's Wing, Vincent Village, Children's Hope Hospitality House, NeighborLink Fort Wayne and Love Community Center.

For more information, contact Sister Anita Holzmer at (260) 399-7700, ext. 6705, or aholzmer@sf.edu. View the complete schedule of events on the Web site at www.sf.edu/mlk.

Redeemer Radio to broadcast installation live

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, will broadcast live coverage of the installation of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Wednesday, Jan. 13. Coverage begins the preceding evening at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12, with solemn vespers at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend. The installation at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne begins at 2 p.m. on Jan. 13.

For complete diocesan coverage Redeemer Radio AM 1450 will simulcast solemn evening vespers and the installation to South Bend listeners on Holy Radio WHLY 1580 AM. Both events will also be streamed live

on the Internet at www.RedeemerRadio.com.

Both broadcasts will be anchored by Redeemer Radio announcer Sean McBride, with commentary provided by Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of Corpus Christi Church in South Bend. Dr. Matthew Bunson, lecturer on Church history, the papacy and Catholic culture, and senior fellow of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, will offer commentary throughout the broadcasts. Dr. Bunson also serves as general editor of Our Sunday Visitor's "Catholic Almanac" and hosts Redeemer Radio's "Faithworks" program.

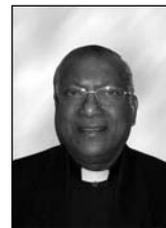
Dave Stevens, executive director of Redeemer Radio, observed, "The arrival and installation of a new bishop is one of the truly significant events in the faith life of every diocese. Redeemer Radio is blessed to be able to broadcast the diocese's truly fond farewell to our beloved shepherd, Bishop John D'Arcy, and the joyous welcome to our new shepherd, Bishop Kevin Rhoades."

Leading up to the installation, Redeemer Radio will air features to help educate listeners on the installation process and liturgies, to showcase the legacy of Bishop D'Arcy, and to help illuminate the life of Bishop Rhoades. On the morning of the installation, Redeemer Radio will suspend reg-

ular programming to present special interviews and discussion designed to prepare listeners for the historic event. As a service to listeners, Redeemer Radio will continue to broadcast up-to-the-minute news on the upcoming installation.

Father Lourdino Fernandes celebrates 40th anniversary

ALBION — Father Lourdino Fernandes celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Dec. 20, 2009. The anniversary was celebrated



FATHER LOURDINO FERNANDES

with a Mass followed by a dinner reception at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Albion where Father Fernandes was recently installed as pastor.

Bishop Luers senior Xavier Serrani runner-up in contest

FORT WAYNE — Xavier Serrani, senior at Bishop Luers High School, was named runner up in the Mary Penrose Wayne Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American

Revolution) Good Citizenship Scholarship and Awards contest. The DAR Good Citizens Program and scholarship contest is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. The senior class selected Serrani to represent Bishop Luers based on the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Serrani was honored at a ceremony held at the Fort Wayne Public Library Friday, Dec. 11.

Bishop Luers Alum, Mary Hathaway, named women's basketball freshman of the week

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mary Hathaway, a 2009 graduate of Bishop Luers High School and freshman at Winthrop University, has been named the Crons Brand Freshman of the Week.

Hathaway, a guard from Fort Wayne, scored a career-high 13 points to push Winthrop to a 62-53 win over USC Aiken on Dec. 5. She drilled 4-of-5 from the floor to finish with an 80 percent clip and connected on 3-of-3 from long range and 2-of-2 from the charity stripe. Hathaway also ripped down a career-best seven boards and dished out two assists in the win.

It is the second double-figure game for Hathaway, who set a previous career-high with 10 points at Towson in the preseason WNIT. She also has the third highest total of assists on the team with nine and is second in blocks with three.

Artist Armin Mersmann to speak at lecture series

FORT WAYNE — As part of the Closer Look lecture series, the School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis will host an artist's lecture by Armin Mersmann on Thursday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium. This program, presented in part by Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne; the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency; and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency, is free to the public.

A nationally recognized artist, Armin Mersmann has work in more than 350 corporate, public and private collections. He was named a Top 100 American Portrait Artist by Artist Magazine in 1990 and 1994. Known for his intense naturalistic graphite drawings, he describes his work as narrative and symbolic.

Mersmann's Contemporary Drawings exhibit will be on display from Jan. 23 through Feb. 28, at the John P. Weatherhead Gallery in the Mimi and Ian Rolland Art and Visual Communication Center on Leesburg Road. The opening reception will be held on Jan. 23 from 7-9 p.m.

Correction

In the Jan. 3, issue of *Today's Catholic* that contained the tribute section to Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Lisa Everett and Fred Everett should have been listed as co-directors of the Office of Family Life.

Five Sisters of Providence celebrate 75th anniversary

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Five Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods recently celebrated their 75th anniversary. They are Sisters Theresa Rose Butts, Maureen Loonam, Ellen Marie Stafford, Rosalie Marie Weller and Anne Marita Wynne.

Three of the sisters ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Sister Theresa Rose Butts is a native of Galesburg, Ill. She currently ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister Theresa Rose entered the Sisters of Providence July 15, 1934, from Corpus Christi Parish in Galesburg, and professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1942. She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in biology and received a master's degree in English from Xavier University. Sister Theresa Rose was a teacher at St. Jude School in Fort Wayne from 1942-1948.



SISTER THERESA ROSE BUTTS

Sister Rosalie Marie Weller is a native of Earl Park, Ind. She currently ministers in residential services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister entered



SISTER ROSALIE MARIE WELLER

the Sisters of Providence July 15, 1934 and professed perpetual vows Jan. 23, 1942. In Fort Wayne she was a cook at Central Catholic Parish from 1959-1961, and at St. John the Baptist Parish, served in parish ministry (1975-1978), ministry to senior citizens (1978-1981) and was coordinator for senior citizens (1981-1984).

Sister Ann Marita Wynne is a native of St. Augustine, Ill. She currently ministers in residential services at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister Ann Marita entered the Sisters of Providence July 15, 1934, from St. Patrick Parish in Galesburg and professed perpetual vows Jan. 23, 1943.



SISTER ANN MARITA WYNNE

She graduated from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College with a bachelor's degree in English and received a master's degree in education from Indiana State University. Sister was teacher and principal of Cathedral School in Fort Wayne from 1958-1964.

The Sisters of Providence, a congregation of more than 400 women religious, have their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located northwest of Terre Haute. St. Mother Theodore Guérin founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 19 states, the District of Columbia, Taiwan and China.

Christmas luncheon honors seminarians



KAY COZAD

Those in attendance at the Serra Club luncheon are from left, back row, Father Bernard Galic, director of the Vocations Office; seminarians Jacob Meyer, Brandon McCaffery, Matt Coonan, Royce Gregerson and Ben Muhlenkamp; Deacon Andrew Budzinski; seminarians Terrance Coonan, Matthew Soberalski, Cristian Reyes and Thomas Zehr. Seated are seminarians Joseph Becker and Zachary Barry; Bishop John M. D'Arcy; and seminarians Daniel Davis, Nathan Maskal and Jonathan Norton. Not pictured is seminarian Christopher Sinderlar.

FORT WAYNE — The Fort Wayne Serra Club sponsored a luncheon to honor the seminarians of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Dec. 29. The Serra Club has sponsored the luncheon for several years. Fifteen of the 16 seminarians were present at the luncheon that hosted 75 people.

Steve Smith emceed the event and Father Tony Steinacker, co-chaplain of the club, lead the Serra

prayer for vocations. Father Bernard Galic introduced the seminarians, who then introduced their parents, family members and pastor.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy spoke on vocations and reported a possibility of 10 new candidates within the next year. The Andrew Dinner, a dinner that introduces young men to the religious life, was held in both Fort Wayne and South Bend. Sixty people were in atten-

dance in Fort Wayne and 40 from South Bend.

Following Bishop D'Arcy's talk, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, bishop-designate for the diocese, spoke on his past involvement with seminarians and the Serra Club in the Diocese of Harrisburg. Gifts were presented to each of the seminarians with a closing prayer by Father Jason Freiburger, co-chaplain of the club.

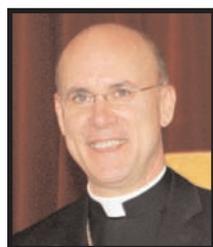
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Declining revenue, 2010 election set stage for short legislative session says ICC director

INDIANAPOLIS — “Short, but not necessarily sweet,” says Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference’s executive director. “That is the general consensus among state lawmakers who headed back to the statehouse Jan. 5, for a two-and-a-half-month ‘short’ legislative session.”

The 150 state lawmakers, 50 Senators and 100 House members who make up the Indiana General Assembly, are expected to raise a myriad of important issues to the Church this session, says Tebbe, who serves as the official spokesman and representative for the five Indiana bishops on public policy matters. “but all of the issues will be filtered through two lenses — the problem of declining state revenue and the 2010 election,” says Tebbe.

Hints of the two looming issues and how these issues will color the 2010 legislative agenda have been made by Gov. Mitch Daniels, Republican leaders in the Senate and Democratic leaders in the House in statements released in late 2009.

Gov. Daniels, who discussed the state’s fiscal concerns in a Dec. 15 news conference at the statehouse, said, “For over a year, I’ve cautioned that the revenue forecast used by the legislature seemed too rosy and out of touch with the severity of the national recession. Today forecasters faced the reality we’ve been dealing with every day.” The governor has offered several cost-cutting legislative proposals for the General Assembly to consider beginning 2010.

Since July 1, general fund revenues are \$475 million or 9 percent below the May forecast, according to the State Budget Committee’s report released last month.

Speaker of the House, Rep.

Patrick Bauer (D-South Bend) said in a statement released Dec. 4, “Indiana House Democrats will seriously review and consider the legislation that contains the cost savings proposed by the governor.”

While the Senate will also be concerned with the state’s fiscal constraints, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Sen. David Long (R-Fort Wayne) and other Senate Republicans will be pushing for legislation to create an independent redistricting commission to draw the new state legislative and Congressional district boundaries. Long detailed the initiative in a letter to the editor released statewide Dec. 14.

Even though these two issues will overshadow the 2010 session, Tebbe says, “there will be several large issues that will dominate the 2010 session, many of which are a continuation of previous session fights.” They include property tax caps; constitutional amendment and adjustments in assessment; local government reform especially trustees, townships and consolidation; gaming industry seeking adjustments and expansion; adjustments in providing social services; and lobbying reforms. Other issues to be addressed include a Constitutional Amendment to define marriage and abortion-related issues.

“Given the wide range of issues, their moral implications and impact on families and children, the Indiana Catholic Conference will be present inside the capitol dome watching these issues, talking with lawmakers, and offering a moral perspective,” said Tebbe. “But we can’t do it alone. We need input and involvement from Catholics in the pew all across the state to work in unison with the Church’s

INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

voice to make a real impact on lawmakers and the lawmaking process.

“I hope everyone will visit our Web page at www.indianacc.org and use our new Legislative Action Center to be engaged in 2010 and beyond,” said Tebbe. “We welcome your involvement and look forward to working together for the benefit of the common in good in Indiana.”

Indiana Catholic Conference makes political action easier than ever for Hoosier Catholics in 2010

Looking for a New Year’s resolution? Glenn Tebbe, the Indiana Catholic Conference’s executive director, has one for all Catholics to consider this year-political engagement. “It’s quick, easy and believe it or not, it’s actually part of our baptismal call and duty as Catholics to be engaged in the process,” says Tebbe.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) reminds us “It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent to the dignity of the human person. ... As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life.” (Nos.1913-1915)

Getting involved in the public policy making process has never been easier than it is now. The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), the Church’s official representative in public policy mat-

ters, launched an electronic Legislative Action Center available on its Web page, which allows visitors to identify and contact state and national public officials quickly and easily using a few keystrokes.

Visitors to the center also have the option to join the ICC’s Legislative Action Network. By joining the network, members will begin receiving a weekly electronic newsletter called I-CAN Update when the Indiana General Assembly is in session during the months of January through March 2010. Network members also receive periodic electronic “Action Alerts” to assist the Church’s legislative efforts at the statehouse by contacting lawmakers.

“When the Indiana General Assembly is in session, getting input from constituents is vital to the process,” said Tebbe. “The Church can be more effective in shaping morally sound public policy when Catholics work together with one voice.”

To explore the ICC’s new,

Web resources

Indiana Catholic Conference Web page
www.indianacc.org

Legislative Action Center www.indianacc.org click “Legislative Action Center”

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Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States. www.faithfulcitizenship.org

Legislative Calendar at a Glance

Jan. 5: Indiana General Assembly reconvenes

Feb. 1: Crossover — deadline for House and Senate bills to pass first chamber.

March 14: Indiana General Assembly adjournment deadline for the 2010 session

online, public policy tool, go to the ICC Web page at www.indianacc.org. Click “Action Alerts,” which takes visitors to the Legislative Action Center.

What is the Indiana Catholic Conference?

Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) is the statewide coordinating body for the five Roman Catholic dioceses in Indiana. Its basic purpose is to serve the spiritual, moral and material well-being of the people of the state:

- By serving as the official spokesperson for the bishops and Catholic faithful regarding state and national matters
- By representing the Church and developing cooperative relationship where common public policy interests exist with religious and civic, social and governmental units
- By serving as liaison between the Catholic Church in Indiana and national Catholic groups in areas of common public policy interests.

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A new year's resolution

BY JENNIFER KOHRMAN

Living a devout life in an un-devout world

Opening prayer

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father."

— Jn 15: 12-15

Transitions

For all of us a new year signifies transitions. It is, literally, a new year; and that fact alone seems to make us pause and reflect on the past year. While it is important to consider the joys and struggles of the previous year, we also feel a welling of hopefulness and anticipation for the year to come.

It seems appropriate that, as we begin a new calendar year, our own diocese is in the midst of transition, too. In the spirit of Christ and in loving friendship, we welcome Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as he becomes the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Jan. 13. He succeeds Bishop John M. D'Arcy who faithfully served this diocese for nearly 25 years.

It is very popular at the beginning of a new year to come up with a few resolutions. It seems that most resolutions involve self-improvement of some variation, such as exercise, eating healthier, etc. For the past couple of years, I have two resolutions that are important to me. The first resolution involves a spiritual commitment of spending more time in prayer, and a new year is the perfect time to energize our faith

life.

St. Francis de Sales gives us many options and recommends several methods of prayer including: reciting the Morning Offering (or Hail Mary, Our Father, etc.) each day; simply thanking God — repeatedly throughout the day — for creating you, for His unconditional love; and offering petitions for people who have particular needs.

Life's simple treasures

While there are a multitude of prayer techniques available, one of the simplest ways to pray is to begin or end the day by counting blessings. It is a way of opening up one's heart in humblest gratitude for the ways God demonstrates His love. One of the greatest blessings that God has bestowed on us is the gift of friendship. The gift of friendship leads into my second resolution: the importance of cherishing friendships and taking the time to reconnect with those special individuals who have influenced our lives but with whom we may have inadvertently lost touch.

The opening stanza from the famous New Year's Eve song, "Auld Lang Syne": "Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?" recognizes the importance of remembering long-standing friendships. Jesus had friends, including a special relationship with His apostles and with Martha, Mary and Lazarus. St. Francis de Sales also had a long-standing friendship with St. Jane de Chantel, and they corresponded often by writing letters.



Sharing Faith

More Shared Faith literature can be found at www.diocesefwsb.org/OSD

There are certain people who make you become a better person simply for having known them. One of the most inspiring persons in my life was one of my former coworkers — Dave. I can't really explain how one can immediately click with someone, but that's what happened with Dave and me. We had a mutual respect for each other and talked about many things. Dave did not attend college, but he was naturally smart and had a profound wisdom based on life experiences. Dave lived a life of great simplicity but was richly blest with a deep faith in God and a loving family. He was dedicated to working hard with fellow coworkers and to serving customers. We worked together for a couple of years before Dave was promoted to another store. We gradually lost track of each other; that is, until a few years ago when cir-

cumstances led to both of us working at the same store again. It seemed like old times ... except that Dave had been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

The advice of a friend

He continued working despite his illness. One day, Dave and I engaged in a conversation about life, faith and the afterlife. The conversation had a profound effect on me, and I'd like to share three pieces of advice I received from Dave:

- Count your blessings each day. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and not merely on Thanksgiving Day. Let it become a habit to consider the riches in your life, not so much riches as in monetary wealth

but in whatever is deeply cherished.

Dave repeatedly said how blest he felt knowing that God and his family loved him and that he was able to work with people who truly cared about

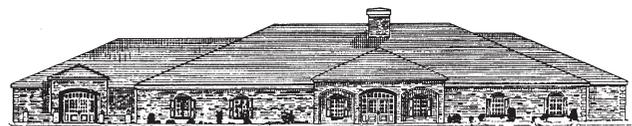
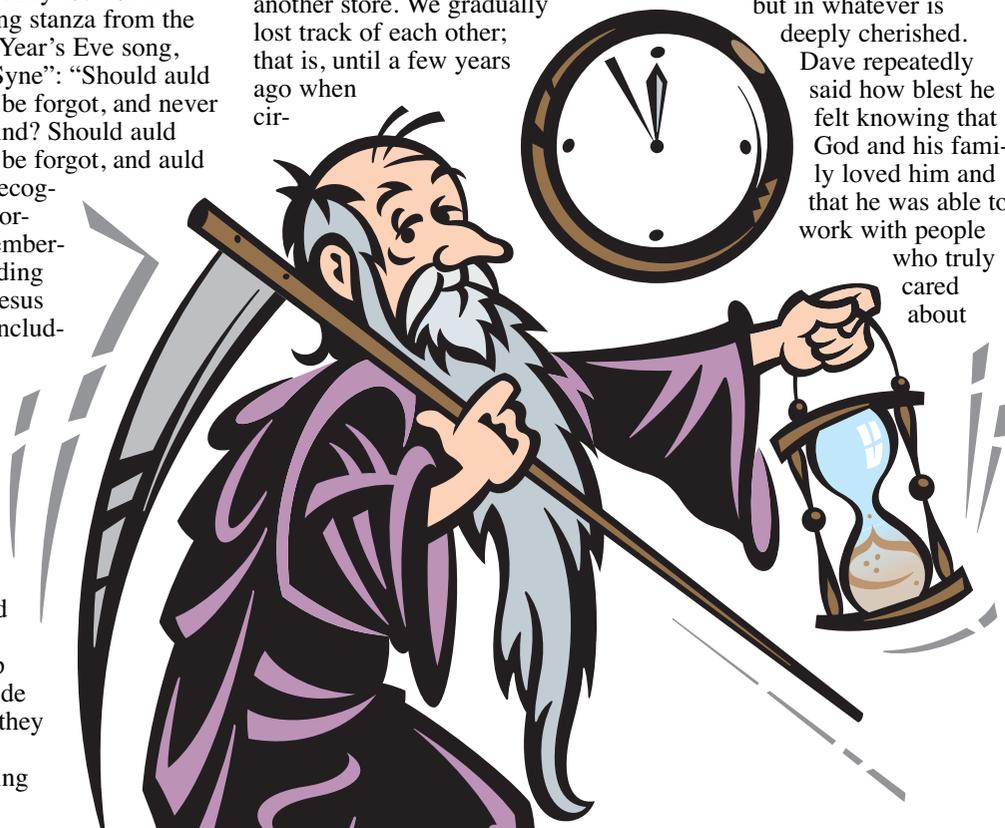
each other. Dave often referred to his fellow coworkers as his second family.

- Spend more time with your loved ones. Dave and his wife would set aside Friday evening as a date night with their entire family. Each Friday one of their three children would pick what they wanted for dinner and select an activity for the entire family.

- Reconnect with someone with whom you've lost touch. I have to admit that, when I pulled out my Christmas card list this year, I was surprised to realize how many of those people I've hardly seen in person in the past few years. Certainly, some live far away, but many live close by, and how easily time escapes us. I am so thankful that Dave and I were able to reconnect.

If we are resolute in the new year, we can always begin again — or continue — to enjoy the company of our friends. St. Francis de Sales' list of prayer methods gives us suggestions for advancing our friendship with God. We can also look to others in our lives to inspire us with their friendship with God. One example is that of our parish priests. This is the Year for Priests.

In Lent 2010, the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization will offer parishes and individuals a Lenten Series for faith-sharing and personal reflection. Each of seven articles in the series will highlight a sentence from Pope Benedict's letter to the priests and a short commentary from one of the priests serving in our diocese. It is our hope that these Lenten faith-sharing articles will help you advance your personal friendships, both with God and with your friends and neighbors.



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EDITORIAL

We welcome Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades with joy

When we profess in the Apostles' Creed our belief in the apostolicity of the Church, this is more than a mere acknowledgment of the remote historical origins of the faith. It reflects also a present reality: The Church's continuity here and how, in our own diocese and within our own parishes and even in our Catholic homes, with the risen and glorified Lord — a continuity made possible through those whom he commissioned to proclaim his Gospel and to whom he imparted his gift of the Spirit, the apostles and their successors.

The doctrine of apostolic succession, not usually a topic of lively conversation at the dinner table, but itself the condition of possibility for our faithful reception of the Gospel and our personal and communal embrace of it, is one of the most beautiful and reassuring convictions of Catholic faith. As an early bishop, Ignatius of Antioch, assured the first generations of Christians at Smyrna around A.D. 107, if you want to find the Church, if you want to identify the community of those living in continuity and communion with the Risen Lord, you should look for the bishop, the living witness and guarantor of the apostolic faith.

For nearly 25 years, our diocese has been blessed by the apostolic leadership provided by Bishop John M. D'Arcy. His deep commitment to the spiritual welfare of the souls entrusted to his care, his active support of the Church's works of active charity, education and catechesis, his guiding hand in assuring that the sacred liturgy in our diocese is celebrated according to the mind of the Church, his devotion to his priests and to the formation of wholesome and mature candidates for the priesthood, and his genuine love for his people have left his mark on our diocese, and we will remain forever grateful.

We now welcome with great joy his successor, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, and look forward to his apostolic leadership and pastoral care. Bishop Rhoades, beloved and deeply respected in his own diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., comes to us, like his predecessor, with considerable experience in seminary formation, and no doubt his enthusiasm for and his commitment to fostering priestly vocations will continue to enrich our diocese for generations to come. We welcome him warmly and we assure him of our prayers and support as our new shepherd and successor of the apostles, our link to the Holy Father and the Church universal, and our chief teacher and liturgist. Ad multos annos!

Coverage of the vespers, installation

Today's Catholic readers are encouraged to visit the diocesan Web site, www.diocesefwsb.org, and the newspaper Web site, www.todayscatholicnews.org, for the latest updates about both the solemn vespers and installation Mass.

The diocesan Communications Office has announced that everyone is welcome to attend the special installation services of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as the ninth bishop of the local diocese to be held in both South Bend and Fort Wayne on Jan. 12 and 13 respectively. Invited guests who have responded to date that they plan to attend one or both liturgies are being sent tickets for reserved seating. Everyone else is welcome to attend the services on a first come, first served basis, the diocese said.

The solemn vespers service will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. All are welcome to attend a light reception, which will immediately follow the ceremony.

The Mass of Installation will begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13. Planning is underway to accommodate an expected overflow crowd in Fort Wayne at the Grand Wayne Center where the installation Mass can be viewed on a large screen.

A reception will follow the Mass of Installation at the nearby Grand Wayne Center to which all are welcome to attend.

The installation Mass will be simulcast live by IndianasNewsCenter, Fort Wayne, on both NBC Channel 33.1 and My TV, digital Channel 33.2. Comcast subscribers can view the telecasts on either Channel 13 or 252, while Verizon FIOS customers can see it on either Channel 4 or Channel 9.

Plans are underway to stream both the installation liturgy and the solemn vespers prayer service on the diocesan Web site www.diocesefwsb.org and possibly on www.WNDU.com in South Bend.

Redeemer Radio is planning a live broadcast of both services, which can be heard in South Bend on Holy Radio WHLY (1580 AM) and in Fort Wayne on WLYV (1450 AM).

Installation ceremonies will be featured in the Jan. 24 issue of *Today's Catholic*. The Jan. 17 issue, which goes to press before the installation, will feature our annual pro-life section.

Today's Catholic editorial board consists of Kay Cozad, Fred and Lisa Everett, Father Mark Gurtner, Msgr. Michael Heintz, Tim Johnson and Vince LaBarbera.

COMMENTARY

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People as pollution?

Pesticides, oil spills, litter — everyone agrees that these pollute the environment. But what about ... babies? Environmental groups have long argued that population growth causes a host of environmental problems, but many of these groups have traditionally avoided the controversial promotion of birth control as a solution.

Recently, though, a brazen new group of environmentalists has become more vocal in their promotion of birth control as the most efficient and cost effective means of reversing the degradation of the earth's resources, the pollution of our water and air, and even global "warming." People are seen as the threats to the environment instead of stewards of creation.

A writer for Canada's *Financial Post* has been hailed for her candor in calling for a "planetary law, such as China's one-child policy, (as) the only way to reverse the disastrous global birthrate" and "prevent the destruction of the world's other species, vegetation, resources, oceans, arable land, water supplies and atmosphere."

Earlier this year, the London School of Economics published a paper noting that, by breathing, human beings emit on average 2.3 pounds of carbon dioxide every day. The authors claim that the most efficient way to reduce global warming is to make "family planning" even more widely available in the developing world. In population control circles, family planning can mean forced contraception, coercive sterilization and even coerced abortions.

Statisticians at Oregon State University have calculated that "the carbon legacy and greenhouse gas impact of an extra child is almost 20 times more important than some of the other environmentally sensitive practices people might employ their entire lives — things like driving a (fuel-efficient) car, recycling or using energy-efficient appliances and light bulbs." They urge

Americans to take into account the global impact of an "extra child," which they calculate to be five times higher than the impact of a child born in China because of Americans' longer life spans and higher standard of living. Compounding the problem in their eyes, the "extra" American child — whom you should think twice about having — is likely to beget more than one future emitter of carbon dioxide (otherwise known as grandchildren).

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people to save the earth in which people dwell, they reveal their disturbing priorities and muddled thinking. Happily, Catholic social and moral teaching provides a clear

vision to follow. Pope Benedict discussed this in his Message for the World Day of Peace (January 1, 2010):

"Our duties towards the environment flow from our duties towards the person, considered both individually and in relation to others" (no. 12). Ecological responsibility must "safeguard an authentic 'human

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BY MARY MCCLUSKY

ecology' and thus forcefully reaffirm the inviolability of human life at every stage and in every condition, the dignity of the person and the unique mission of the family, where one is trained in love of neighbor and respect for nature." (no. 12).

The Holy Father therefore advocates "the adoption of a model of development based on the centrality of the human person, on the promotion and sharing of the common good, on responsibility, on a realization of our need for a changed life-style, and on prudence ..." (no. 9)

As we seek solutions to environmental concerns, let's remember that we must never eliminate human problems by eliminating human beings.

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Elizabeth Ann Seton

1774-1821
January 4

Raised Episcopalian in New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had five children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. After becoming a Catholic in New York in 1805, the now poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975.

Synod, saints, shroud on papal calendar

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As Pope Benedict XVI says goodbye to 2009, his 2010 calendar is already being filled.

On the horizon for the next 12 months are four papal trips; a Middle East Synod of Bishops; the expected publication of a document on the Bible and the second volume of "Jesus of Nazareth"; a major gathering of the world's priests; a pilgrimage to the Shroud of Turin; a probable consistory and several likely canonizations and beatifications — including that of Pope John Paul II.

In April Pope Benedict marks five years in office, and the event will no doubt be marked by modest festivities and lots of analysis on the accomplishments and priorities of the German pontiff, who turns 83 the same month.

Several of his endeavors are works in progress, like the ongoing negotiations with the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X and the effort to bring its leaders back into

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JOHN THAVIS

full communion. No breakthrough is guaranteed in 2010, but Vatican officials say that, at the very least, the picture should be much clearer as twice-a-month meetings proceed.

January brings traditional papal liturgies and meetings, including an encounter Jan. 11 with the diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican. Six days later, Pope Benedict will visit Rome's synagogue for the first time, an event that has added drama since the pope's recent decision to advance Pope Pius XII's sainthood cause.

The new year also means a new slate of "ad limina" visits by groups of bishops around the world. Although the visits traditionally are made every five years, the interval has grown longer recently, and it now appears that U.S. bishops, who last came in 2004, will not be making their "ad limina" visits until 2011 — or even later.

The pope's second volume on the life of Jesus is expected to be released in the spring, although translations may take a little longer. It's expected to cover Christ's childhood, passion, death and resurrection.

Pope Benedict will make at least four foreign trips in 2010: to Malta in April, to the Marian shrine at Fatima in Portugal in May, to Cyprus in early June and to England in mid-September. The fact that all four will take place in Europe or the Mediterranean gave

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Union comes in and through Jesus



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Baptism of the Lord Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is very important to the Church's process of bringing us to Christ. It both reveals the identity of the Lord and begins the Gospel revelation of the Lord's work of salvation.

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. The three Synoptic Gospels — Matthew, Mark and Luke — report this event. It is not recorded in John, although John's Gospel eludes to John the Baptist's baptisms in the Jordan, and in John's Gospel John the Baptist gives Jesus the title "Lamb of God."

The first reading is one of the four Suffering Servant Songs of Isaiah. These very poetic passages are prominent in the liturgies of Lent and indeed of Good Friday. There is an ominous over-tone. Who was this Suffering Servant? Was it the future Messiah? Was it one of the prophets? Was it the author? Was it a collective reference to the people of Israel? No one knows.

Regardless, the Christian liturgies over the centuries have seen Jesus in the Suffering Servant Songs. Certainly this is the message for this feast. In this Scripture, God reveals that a faithful and pure servant will

come. This loyal servant will endure an outrageous fortune. Many will turn against him, yet he will be steadfast.

The second reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. After Easter, almost every liturgy contains a reading from the Acts of the Apostles, but this source rarely furnishes readings at Mass in any other time. So the appearance of Acts on this weekend is unusual.

The reading is important. Peter speaks in behalf of all the apostles. He speaks to Cornelius, a Roman officer, a foreigner and pagan. Peter proclaims Jesus, declaring that the saving ministry of Jesus began with the Lord's baptism.

Peter's own identity is revealed. He is chief among the apostles. His message is the continuation of the Lord's message.

St. Luke's Gospel provides the last reading. Luke's report of the baptism, like Mark's, highlights the Lord's divine identity and mission of salvation. In Luke, as in Mark, God announces that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is serving the plan of God.

Certain images are important. There is a distant echo of creation. Life comes from the water. Noah survived the flood. Jesus emerges from the water to begin the mission of redemption. Looking ahead, it prefigures Christian baptism.

Another image is that of the sky. God speaks from the sky. This is an ancient image of divinity in the Old Testament.

Reflection

The Church joyfully has led us to Christmas, the anniversary of the Lord's birth. In Advent, it called us to renew ourselves in

holiness and grace. If we responded, then Christmas was much more than a commemoration. It was a personal event in which Christ was admitted into faithful hearts and souls to restore, to heal and to eliminate dying.

In the great revelation of the Epiphany, celebrated last week, the Church continued to tell us about Jesus. The Son of Mary and therefore human, the Lord also is God. The Magi recognized this fact.

Now, on this feast, the Church instructs us further about Jesus. He is the instrument of God's love for us. Doomed by our sins, we find another chance in Jesus. He is our Savior. It was, and is, God's will that we be one with God. We achieve this union with God in and through Jesus. We must be inseparably bonded to Christ. He is God. God is love. God forgives us and restores us to eternal life.

Furthermore, he comes to us through Peter and the apostles, the Lord's students, commissioned by Jesus to further the divine plan of salvation.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Ps 29:1-4,9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16,21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Ps 40:2,5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1 Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17

CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

As we enter the year 2010, we look at a famous 10 that is not only in the past, but lost: the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel

1. Where do we first get the idea of 12 tribes (10 lost, plus two known)?

- from the 12 apostles
- the 12 sons of Jacob
- the 12 Commandments

2. What is one difficulty with knowing which tribes are which?

- All their names are spelled the same in Hebrew.
- Only four of them had names, the rest used numerology.
- Different lists of tribes include different names.

3. What is distinctive about the tribe of Levi?

- It was the only one that was named after a real person.
- This tribe was not allotted land, but was assigned authority over several cities.
- This is the only one known to be authentic to historians.

4. Where does the Bible tell the detailed history of the Ten Lost Tribes?

- Only in the Essenes version of the Book of Jubilees
- It does not directly mention "ten lost tribes" but does describe how many Jews became separated from their land.
- It is in the Book of Daniel, which discusses the Exile.

5. Even references to Ten Tribes do not help clarify the history because

- it is often unclear which 10 are included
- there were by this stage 6,412 tribes recognized
- all Jews had by the 13th century BC become one tribe and would remain in one kingdom

6. In which period did the tribes get "lost"?

- BC
- during the life of Christ
- between the second and the fourth century AD

7. What was the immediate cause of their predicament?

- They wandered in the desert so long that they got lost and were recaptured by Pharaoh.
- They rebelled against the Assyrians and their kingdom was destroyed.
- They opposed the Greek Hellenists and were defeated by the Maccabees.

8. Which kingdom succumbed to the stronger military powers?

- the Southern Kingdom of Judah
- the Central Kingdom of Galilee
- the Northern Kingdom of Israel

9. Which one managed to remain intact, at least for a while?

- the Southern Kingdom of Judah
- the Central Kingdom of Galilee
- the Northern Kingdom of Israel

10. What led to this disaster becoming a population changer?

- The Egyptians needed them in Kemet to build pyramids.
- The Assyrians had a deliberate policy of deporting recalcitrant subjects.
- The Greeks always killed off their opponents.

11. How did this translate into a state of being "lost"?

- They settled somewhere in the area of Nubia and gradually assimilated into the Arab Egyptians.
- After being deported to the Eastern Assyrian Empire they gradually assimilated into the population of those regions.
- They became culturally Greek and then soon Persian.

12. To determine which tribes were lost, can't we just subtract those that were left?

- Yes, we know that the two tribes left were Dan and Judah, so we can extrapolate the 10 that are lost.
- No, the tribes changed names as subterfuge to fool the Egyptians and became Rajas, Pendragons, etc.
- No, there were more than 12 tribes listed so that does not help.

ANSWERS:

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

Find solace in the Psalms

What a busy and tumultuous time of year it is for our family! Today is my daughter's birthday. Yesterday was my father-in-law's birthday. Cake and presents twice, and a 40-minute drive once were squeezed into just a 24-hour period. Just the week before two of my siblings were hospitalized (they've both since been released and are doing well, thank goodness). Extra prayers and a pan of lasagna was the best I could manage to help them. That same week, sadly, one sister experienced a miscarriage, and happily a new niece was baptized. It's been hard to process and participate in sharing everything that's been happening so quickly. But that's not all that's been going on.

Our three college kids are briefly home, so I've been spending a great deal of time over the stove, more so because I've recently begun seeing a nutritionist and I can't stand the idea of serving cold cuts for lunch. Right now the family is getting ready for an afternoon of bowling (trying to fit in some fun and some family togetherness while we can, you see), and I'm cajoling my four year old into putting on some footwear. She is, however, insisting that I picked out the "wrong socks" for her. I would try to find the "right ones" (those declared "without lumps") but they no doubt are separated from each other in a huge laundry tub, which desperately needs to be sorted. The laundry is backed up, and expectations for what this post-Christmas break should be are different for each of our nine offspring.

These little glitches and large events are not at all what I imagined on the first day of Christmas break, when carols hummed on the stereo and sparkling snow

gently floated down on the lawn. I am ashamed to say that I have not always responded with calmness and kindness when events unfolded differently than I anticipated, but I have been trying my best. Truth is, life is never dull when you come from a family of 15, marry into a family of seven, and have nine children of your own. Let's face it — even with one child, days can be challenging!

Did you too start the Christmas season with visions of sugarplums dancing in your head, of peaceful visits to the living room Nativity set or serene, uplifting, prayerful Masses with the entire family and instead end up with that six letter "s" word — s-t-r-e-s-s?

Well join the club and welcome to the imperfect world. But there's no need to be disillusioned.

Here it is January and maybe you haven't even thought about resolutions for the new year. Or perhaps you have made them and fallen short already. If you think that serenity is incompatible with your busy life, have I got some Psalms for you.

"Happy are all who fear the Lord, who walk in the ways of God. What your hands provide you will enjoy; you will be happy and prosper." (Psalm 128:2-4) With our goal of heaven clearly before us, we can be confident that God is all we need to get through our demanding days. He will bless our work when we try hard and offer all to Him. What a relief.

"Trust in the Lord and do good that you may dwell in the land and live secure. Find your delight in the Lord who will give you your heart's desire. Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act ... be still before the Lord; wait for God. ... Give up



Theresa A. Thomas

EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

your anger, abandon your wrath; do not be provoked; it brings only harm." (Psalm 37) I especially like the phrase "trust that God will act." We can offer our happiness and sorrows to him and be sure that he will handle things for us. Peace.

When you are grieved you might relate best to this Psalm: "Listen, God, to my prayer; do not hide from my pleading; Hear me and give answer. I rock with grief; I groan. ... My heart pounds within me. ... I will call upon God, and the Lord will save me." — Psalm 55.

The fact is people have been experiencing busyness, frustration and disappointment for centuries. Those things are part of the human condition. As Catholics we have the sacraments to sustain us. We should take advantage of them frequently. And we also have the ancient prayers of the Psalms to soothe our souls in the midst of the most hectic days. There are 150 of these beautiful prayers in our Old Testament. They can be aids in peace amidst harried schedules. Put your Bible in a prominent place and the next time you find your daily grind a bit much, reach for the peaceful word of the Lord. Find solace in the Psalms.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for January 10, 2010

Acts 10:34-38; Luke: 3:15-16,21-22

Following is a word search based on the New Testament readings for the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

PARTIALITY	PEACE	JESUS CHRIST
LORD OF ALL	JUDEA	GALILEE
POWER	DOING GOOD	OPPRESSED
DEVIL	PEOPLE	ANSWERED
MIGHTIER	SANDALS	FIRE
PRAYING	BODILY	A DOVE
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A city set on a hill cannot be hidden

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says "a city set on a hill cannot be hidden." What city is Jesus referring to? Anonymous



Father Richard Hire

HIRE HISTORY

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus delivers his sermon on the mount traditionally set on the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Here Jesus could look over the lake and see other towns nestled around. Jesus then tells his disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ... Your light must shine before men so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to your heavenly Father."

Jesus is telling the disciples that they should enlighten the world with the light of God's word, which they preach by word and example.

Obviously an ancient city set on a hill would be noticeable in

the daylight and also at night if it were lit up with many candles and oil lamps. We are not sure which particular city, if any, Jesus was referring to, but some people think he may be referring to the city of Tzfat or Safed, since this is Israel's highest city at 3,000 feet above sea level. Tzfat lies north of the Sea of Galilee and is 20 miles northwest of Tiberias, the main town on the lake. Tzfat is the center of Jewish mysticism and is considered a holy city in Israel, along with Jerusalem,

Tiberias and Hebron. The narrow winding cobblestone streets on the hillside give Tzfat a spiritual quality. Tzfat is built on three slopes and looks down on many villages and tiered hillsides. Tzfat actually means "lookout."

Tzfat had been a Galilean stronghold in the first century. From this lookout you could view the Sea of Galilee and Mount Tabor, the scene of the Transfiguration of Jesus.

Fodor says the Crusaders built a fortress at Tzfat in A.D. 1140 and a thriving Jewish settlement grew up in the shadow of the castle walls. When the Jews were expelled from Spain in 1492, many rabbis, spiritual leaders, intellectuals and poets came to Tzfat and the town became a center of revived Kabbalah study. Kabbalah is Hebrew for "tradition." It is a method of interpreting the Old Testament.

LETTER

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rise to a rumor that the pope has decided not to make any more long-distance trips — a rumor that informed Vatican sources said was completely untrue.

During his visit to the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, the pope will present the working document for the Synod of Bishops on the Middle East, which will take place Oct. 10-24 at the Vatican. Joining him on Cyprus will be Church leaders from places like northern Africa, the Holy Land and Iraq.

The pope is still putting the finishing touches on a document from a previous synod, the 2008 assembly on the Bible. That text is expected in the first half of the year.

Pope Benedict is scheduled to make four trips in Italy in 2010, including a visit in early May to see the Shroud of Turin, which many believe is the burial cloth of Christ. In early October, he makes a one-day visit to Palermo, Sicily, to address a meeting of families and youths.

Beatifications and canonizations will loom large on the papal calendar in 2010. Romans are already planning for the possible beatification of Pope John Paul II in October — presuming that a miracle will be attributed to his intercession sometime during the next several months. On his September trip to England, the

pope is expected to preside over the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, the influential 19th-century theologian and former Anglican.

Among those due to be canonized by the pope sometime in 2010 is Blessed Mary MacKillop, the Australian founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

Pope Benedict will close the Year for Priests in June, presiding over a worldwide congress of priests in Rome June 9-11 on the theme "Fidelity of Christ, Fidelity of the Priest." The program includes an evening gathering with the pope and the priests in St. Peter's Square.

Consistories to create new cardinals are always tough to predict, but most insiders expect Pope Benedict to hand out red hats sometime in 2010. Given the limit of 120 cardinals under age 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave, the pope would have at least 12 vacancies to fill by the middle of the year, and 19 if he waits until mid-November.

There's already a lot of speculation about which U.S. prelates, if any, would be named a cardinal. While most point to the archbishops of New York and Washington as likely candidates, it should be remembered that both archdioceses still have cardinals under the age of 80. Both Washington Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick and New York Cardinal Edward M. Egan are retired from their posts as archbishops.

'The Future Church' looks at 10 trends

REVIEWED BY YORK YOUNG

For those of us who grew up hearing about the Second Vatican Council and how it has or has not changed the Church, it seems amazing that the council was called 50 years ago by Pope John XXIII. What the council hath wrought is continually debated among the Catholic press and Catholic professionals (a term for the many people who work for the Church), and even by the secular media at times. But, and I'm paraphrasing plenty of other commentators here, the Church moves at a glacial pace.

So when the announcement of a new book to be released in 2009 is titled "The Future Church," it doesn't take long to wonder, how far into the future are we talking here? John L. Allen's newest work is ambitious, reflected in the subtitle, "How Ten Trends Are Revolutionizing the Catholic Church." You may know Allen for his reporting from Rome — he's a columnist for *National Catholic Reporter* — and author of the books "Conclave," "All the Pope's Men" and "Opus Dei," all intriguing and well-reported.

Now comes "The Future Church" (Doubleday, \$28 hardback), a book that author and Doubleday publicists want to be compared to "The World Is Flat," Thomas Friedman's detailed, determined and in-depth look at how the world is changing as a result of technology and business approach-

es. One of the drawbacks of imitating Friedman is a book that may seem heavy at times and uses somewhat repetitive examples back-to-back to hit on the same point.

Nevertheless, Allen's prose, honed from years of writing in many different ways — books, articles and blogging, for starters — keeps the reader engaged.

And, he does a good job overall of being realistic. He generally is not promoting an agenda, here, but rather is reporting on what he sees and uses years of interviews, investigative reporting and observation of the Church up close to give readers an insider's view.

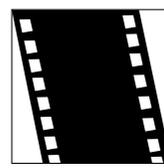
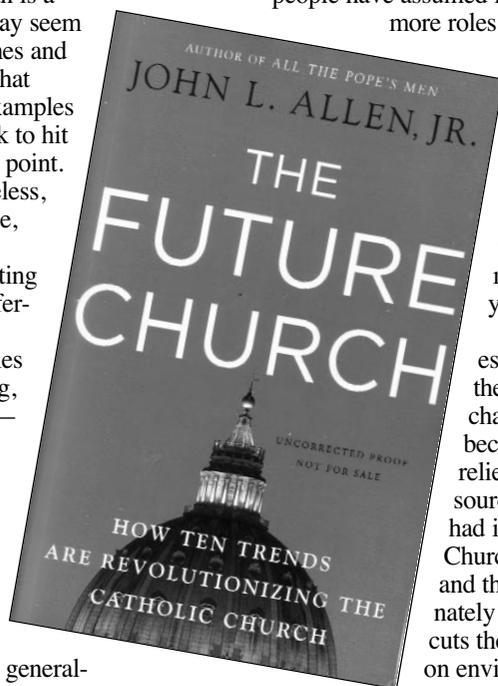
"The 10 trends?" you ask. Here they are, in order of appearance in the book: A World Church, Evangelical Catholicism, Islam, The New Demography, Expanding Lay Roles, The Biotech Revolution, Globalization, Ecology, Multipolarism, Pentecostalism. The strongest? Expanding lay roles is the elephant in the room, these days, due to an aging priesthood. Allen does an

excellent job of detailing how lay people have assumed more and more roles, especially in parishes that don't have pastors. If this issue hasn't hit your parish yet, it will — most likely in your lifetime.

The weakest: perhaps the ecology chapter, mostly because Allen relies on several sources that have had issues with Church theology, and that unfortunately often undercuts their position on environmental issues even when it is not contrary to Church teaching.

Yet, Allen explains the Vatican's efforts to be the first carbon-neutral nation, which many have recognized has happened. A great example the Church has set.

If you like to think about the future, this book is perfect for you. Allen follows each chapter with a look at consequences (near-certain, probable, possible, long-shot) and concludes the book by explaining what are not trends, because, no doubt, every reader will have at least one "what about this?" moment.



MOVIE CAPSULES

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

"The Lovely Bones" (Paramount)

Narrating from beyond the grave, a 14-year-old girl (Saoirse Ronan) recounts her murder at the hands of a psychopath (a squirm-provoking Stanley Tucci) and the effects of the crime on her devastated parents (Mark Wahlberg and Rachel Weisz), her boozy but sensible grandmother (Susan Sarandon) and her sensitive younger sister (Rose McIver), who eventually joins the obsessive dad in a determined hunt for redress. Director and co-writer Peter Jackson's adaptation of Alice Sebold's best-selling 2002 novel features a visually rich, though theologically vague vision of "the In-Between," a picturesque purgatory in which the youthful heroine is trapped as she works through her rage and desire for revenge, but the attempt to blend genres with a story that mixes elements of suspense, emotion-driven drama and a morality tale about the limits of human justice and the dangers of fixation eventually becomes scattershot. Themes of perversion and crime, gory images, scenes of harsh violence, brief nongraphic marital lovemaking, at least one

use of profanity and of the F-word, a few crude and crass terms. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

"Sherlock Holmes" (Warner Bros.)

This vigorous but frequently violent addition to the chronicles of the iconic sleuth sees Holmes (entertainingly sly Robert Downey Jr.) and his perennial sidekick Dr. Watson (Jude Law) on the trail of a Satan-worshipping homicidal aristocrat (Mark Strong) who has inspired a wave of public panic by apparently rising from the dead after his execution, while Watson's plans to abandon detective work to marry the young woman (Kelly Reilly) for whom he's fallen, as well as the appearance of a femme fatale (Rachel McAdams) who has bested and befuddled Holmes in the past, heighten the tension. As envisioned by director Guy Ritchie, this brawny Sherlock slugs his way through several bone-crunching square-offs across Victorian London while investigating the dark doings of the Masonic-style secret society to which the errant lord belonged and which may hold the key to his seemingly supernatural powers. Considerable action violence, occult themes, satanic activity, brief irreverence, a sexual situation, a few sexual references and jokes. The USCCB Office for Film & Broadcasting classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Exonerated former inmate never gave up on God while on death row

BY MARY ANN WYAND

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — Seventeen years, three months and three weeks.

That's how long wrongfully convicted Illinois death-row inmate Randy Steidl was incarcerated at the Danville Correctional Facility while awaiting execution for two murders he did not commit.

Steidl is one of 139 former death-row inmates throughout the U.S. who have been found innocent of murder charges and released from prison since 1972.

He was the keynote speaker for a recent program at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis about his wrongful conviction and lengthy imprisonment on death row in Illinois. The event was sponsored by the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry.

Steidl filed seven state appeals from prison to proclaim his innocence and endured two pending execution dates, but he wasn't exonerated until Illinois State Police investigations commander Michale Callahan, now retired, completed an in-depth investigation

of his case.

Callahan, a Terre Haute native and Indiana University graduate who majored in forensic studies, later wrote "Too Politically Sensitive: Since When Is Murder Too Politically Sensitive" about the case. His book about the July 1986 murders of newlyweds Dyke and Karen Rhoads was published in May 2009.

Investigative work by the Downstate Illinois Innocence Project and the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University in Chicago also contributed to Steidl's release from prison in May 2004. His co-defendant, Herb Whitlock, was freed in 2008.

"It's a tragic story," Steidl said of the book. "It was hard for me to read. It took me 10 days. Most people pick it up and can't put it down. It's about corruption and politics in the Illinois State Police."

Before the program, Steidl talked with Sister Diane Carollo, director of the pro-life office, about the injustice of capital punishment then spent time praying before the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy Family Chapel at the Catholic Center.

"I was born and raised



CNS PHOTO/MARY ANN WYAND, THE CRITERION

Former Illinois death row inmate Randy Steidl of Paris, Ill., talks about his wrongful conviction and his lengthy incarceration during a program at the Archbishop O'Meara Catholic Center in Indianapolis Dec. 2.

Catholic," he told the gathering. "I went to a parochial school and was an altar boy until I went to high

school. Then it was kind of hard for Mom to drag me into church on Sunday. But I still believed in God, went to Mass and Confession, took Communion and said my prayers.

"But I had my dark moments when I was sitting on death row," Steidl recalled. "I said, 'How could this happen? It's not just me that they're doing this to.' They did it to my 9-year-old son, 14-year-old daughter and the rest of my family. I could see the pain in their eyes when they came to visit me on death row, and when they had to leave. No 9-year-old boy should have to go through that."

Steidl said he would often become angry and question his faith while locked in his prison cell for 23 hours every day.

"There were times I asked God, when I laid down at night in my cell, 'Please, I can't do this anymore. Just let me go to sleep and not wake up,'" he admitted. "I prayed hard to God to make it easier on my family so they wouldn't have to go through this anymore. But every morning, I woke back up to the same routine — day after day after day. I got to thinking after a while that God must have a plan for me, but he was sure taking his

time."

Steidl said he was visited in prison by "a couple of good priests" who told him, "Never abandon God. Never abandon your faith."

His mother went to Mass and prayed novenas on his behalf, pleading with God to release her son from prison.

Her prayers were answered when Callahan began investigating Steidl's case as part of allegations of police corruption.

Steidl has unanswered questions about his wrongful conviction and incarceration.

"How come we have a legal system in place that put 139 of us now on this country's death rows for crimes that we didn't commit?" he asked. "We've got a capital punishment system that is broken. How can you believe in a system like that? The death penalty is nothing more than a hate crime."

Steidl said he considers himself "one of the very, very fortunate ones" because he was finally released from prison even though he spent nearly one-third of his life in a cell for something he didn't do.

"You can release an innocent man from prison," he said, "but you can't release him from his grave."

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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DINNERS AND FISH FRIES

Spaghetti supper helps Hannah's House
South Bend — A spaghetti supper to benefit Hannah's House will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Council #553, 553 E. Washington St. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5.50 for children 5-12 and children under 5 free. A family package is available for two adults and two children for \$25. Carry-out also available. For information contact Sister Agnes Marie Regan at (574) 259-5427.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Jan. 8, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$7.50, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7.50 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, Jan. 15, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$7, children (5-12) \$3. Carry-out available.

Spaghetti dinner planned

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council #5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner, Thursday, Jan. 14, from 4-6 p.m. Adults \$7, children ages 5 to 12 \$2.50. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, bread, beverages and dessert.

Hungarian goulash and langalo dinner

South Bend — A Hungarian goulash and langalo dinner will

be Saturday, Jan. 16, at Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert St. from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per dinner and include a 16 oz. bowl of goulash and two large langalo. Carry-out available.

Fish fry, free-throw contest planned

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will be hosting a fish fry on Friday, Jan. 8, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Knights hall. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12. A free-throw contest will be held Saturday, Jan. 16, at the Sacred Heart School gymnasium. Boys and girls ages 10-14 are eligible to participate. The contest begins at 1 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Jan. 8, from 5-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Fatima movie to be shown

Fort Wayne — The World Apostolate of Fatima will host a free showing of "The 13th Day," a movie about Our Lady of Fatima based on Sister Lucia's memoirs and independent eyewitness accounts of miraculous events in 1917 on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the downtown Allen County Public Library. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The 85 minute movie starts at 7 p.m. Subtitles in Spanish. Reservations are asked as seating is limited. Call Jim at (260) 625-3281.

Young adult retreat

Mishawaka — A young adult (18-35 years) mini-retreat will be held Sunday, Jan. 17, from 1-6 p.m. at the convent of Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, 1515 W. Dragoon Trail. An afternoon of prayer, inspiration and quiet is planned. "Faith and Reason in Today's World and How Do We Bring Christ to It?" will be presented by Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart. Sunday Mass at 5 p.m. Cost \$5.

Bishop Luers alumni:

Winter homecoming

Fort Wayne — A winter homecoming party will be Saturday, Jan. 16. Boys basketball game Bishop Luers vs. Blackhawk Christian will be followed by an adult party in the café. Cost of \$5 per person includes two complimentary drink tickets and snacks.

Cash for gold

Fort Wayne — Raise cash for yourself and funds for Bishop Luers High School Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the foyer, room 139. Cash will be paid for gold and Bishop Luers earns an additional 10 percent of the total of all payouts.

St. Pius X senior group

Granger — The St. Pius X senior group (55+) meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon starting with Mass. On Jan. 12 Diane Schlatterbeck will speak on the topic "Look How Far We Have Come." For information call (574) 272-0732 or (574) 271-7853.

REST IN PEACE

Elkhart

Mary J. Moore, 88, St. Vincent de Paul

Fort Wayne

Conrad J. Cierniak, 54, St. Charles

M. Kathleen Kartholl, 83, St. Charles

Herbert Anthony Berg, 89, Sacred Heart

Florence A. Dager, St. Jude

John C. Pate Jr., 85, Our Lady of Good Hope

Ivah Jean Strong, 85, St. Charles

Robert J. Welch, 83, St. Jude

William Ross Widdifield, 90, Our Lady of Good Hope

Mary J. Gunkel, 87, St. Patrick

John K. Rosswurm, 84, St. Jude

Stephen D. Thompson, 49, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Marvin V. Basse, 73, St. Vincent de Paul

Colleen M. Spalding, 76, Our Lady of Good Hope

Garrett

Kathryn C. Winans, 75, St. Joseph

Granger

Mary B. Nowak, 88, St. Pius X

Ruth L. Brown, 86, St. Pius X

Mishawaka

Lewis P. Kobold Sr., St. Joseph

Robert R. Weber, 91, Queen of Peace

John L. Kedik, 84, Queen of Peace

Leo E. Roberts, 47, St. Monica

New Haven

Ruth Ann Hapner, 79, St. John the Baptist

Nix Settlement

Charles R. Kumfer, 78, St. Catherine of Alexandria

Notre Dame

Father Eugene A. Burke, CSC, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Francis Xavier Bradley Jr., 93, St. Joseph Chapel

Pauline Billitteri, 88, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

South Bend

Thomas R. Gray, 85, St. Matthew Cathedral

Richard G. Fischer, 69, St. Patrick

James L. Anastos Sr., 81, Holy Family

Stella M. Pyclick, 87, St. Adalbert

Theresa T. Papp, 92, St. Anthony de Padua

Sister Mary Gilbert, 92, Church of the Immaculate

Conception. Sister served at St. Jude and Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne.

Knights plan Sunday breakfast

Granger — The Knights Council 4263 will have a breakfast Sunday, Jan. 10, after the 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses at St. Pius X in the gymnasium.

Free throw contest announced

Granger — The Knights of Columbus Council 4263 will have a free-throw contest Saturday, Jan. 9, at the St. Pius X School gymnasium. Registration for boys and girls begins at noon with the contest at 1 p.m.

Cabaret Knight

Fort Wayne — An evening of fundraising will be held Sunday, Jan. 10, at the Bishop Luers High School gymnasium. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with entertainment from 6-8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and youths over 10 and \$8 for children 4-10. Children under 3 are free. For tickets contact Sue Mathias at (260) 456-1261 ext. 3114.

Square dances being planned

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will host a square dance on Saturday, Jan. 9, and Feb. 13 in the hall. Music by Bill Werling and Breakaway. Tickets are \$10 and include one beer and snacks. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with dancing from 8-11 p.m. All proceeds benefit the St. Louis Academy Home and School Association.

Theology of the body series for young adults planned

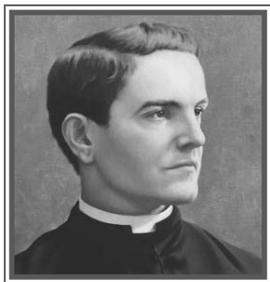
South Bend — St. Joseph Parish Center will host a theology of the body series on Mondays beginning Jan. 11 to Monday, Feb. 8, from 7-9 p.m. This five-week series is for all young adults, single or married. Dr. Mary Healy's book, "Men and Women are from Eden," will guide discussions and can be purchased for \$10 at the initial session if requested in advance. This event is co-hosted by the diocesan Office for Campus and Young Adult Ministry, the Office of Family Life and St. Joseph Parish.

Special day of prayer for priests

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

Luers to hold Trivia Knight

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a Trivia Knight, Saturday, Jan. 23, in the Bishop Luers gym. The price is \$100 per table with a maximum of 10 people per table. To reserve a table e-mail tplandon@msn.com or call (260) 747-6110.



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D'ARCY

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The bishop celebrated the feast of the Epiphany by proclaiming it "as the manifestation of the universality of the church of Jesus Christ coming for everyone enjoining the gentiles to Israel. Paul said the gentiles are coheirs of the body and copartners of the promise of Christ Jesus through the Gospel."

Bishop D'Arcy reminded those in attendance that in the Gospel of Matthew, the Magi prostrate themselves and adore the divinity of the Christ Child. In turn, Christ calls on us to reach out to every heart. But the bishop noted that following Christ is not always easy.

"The cross is seen in Epiphany. Those that follow the light and that seek the truth will suffer. But evil will never have the last word," he said.

Acknowledging Christ's divinity is not limited to the Magi, but should be incorporated in daily life, Bishop D'Arcy recalled reading his mother's beautiful words in a letter to him while he studied in Rome about seeing Jesus' crib for the last time for the year at Epiphany.

"She was evangelizing to me across the miles. The first evangelizers are the parents. I see the parents and grandparents bringing their children to the crib at Christmas Eve and passing on the faith and truth and teaching. Through the preaching of the Gospel people are saved and brought to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is God and like the Magi we adore him when we receive the Eucharist. This is the joy that never ends," he stressed.

Near the end of the Mass, St. Matthew parishioner John Cavadini read a letter he had written to the bishop for this occasion. "Twenty years ago when I came to this diocese, I did not know that the Boston Red Sox was the greatest and most beloved baseball team in North America. I have all these years thought it was the Yankees," Cavadini joked.

"Luckily I was able to read Bishop D'Arcy's column in



PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD

Bishop John M. D'Arcy stands with Coley Quinn, William Tiller and Paul Cline, who portrayed the Magi for the feast of the Epiphany at St. Matthew Cathedral on Jan. 3.



Bishop John M. D'Arcy chats with parishioners at the reception following the Mass of thanksgiving he celebrated at St. Matthew Cathedral for his over-24 years of episcopacy in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Jan. 3.

Today's Catholic. I do really care now about how the Red Sox are doing because I know he cares," he continued.

Cavadini emphasized the bishop's countless Confirmations, parish dedications, visits to the soup kitchens and press conferences on both ends of the diocese showed the bishop's love for his parishioners. Even the often dark and solitary drive on Highway 30 between Fort Wayne and South Bend was met with challenges and "unfortunately a speed limit."

"The beneficiaries of his attention were us — the real Church of flesh and blood, of saint and sinner. You made us feel that Christ really did die out of love for us, here in South Bend on the banks of the St. Joseph River, far from Washington, Rome and Fenway Park," said Cavadini.

Bishop D'Arcy's concluding remarks looked from the past to future of the diocese. "It has been a privilege to be a bishop here for almost 25 years. I know that with all my heart the appointment of Bishop (Kevin C.) Rhoades is an appointment of the Holy Spirit."

A reception in the school gym celebrated the bishop's gifts of love and leadership in the diocese.

Anna Stein, who is a sacristan at St. Matthew, reflected on the bishop's tenure with fondness. "His retirement is bittersweet. I'm happy for him, but I'm sad that I won't see him on a routine basis. I've always loved his presence, especially at Easter. He always gives me a hug."

St. Matthew associate pastor, Father Jacob Runyon, credits Bishop D'Arcy with his decision to become a priest. "Bishop D'Arcy has really been a father figure to me. He has helped me to grow in holiness and continue on the path towards the priesthood. He's really been a great spiritual mentor to me; part bishop, part spiritual director. He has helped me to pray and grow closer to the Lord Jesus."

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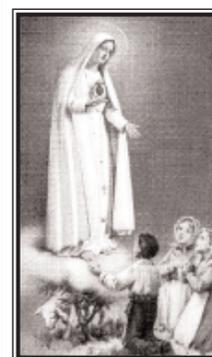
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