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## Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades installed

BY TIM JOHNSON AND KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend opened a new chapter in its history on Jan. 13 as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was installed as its ninth bishop at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Just before the Mass of Installation, outside of the cathedral, Bishop Rhoades was greeted by well-wishers, offered blessings and answered the media's questions.

"I feel calm," Bishop Rhoades shared with *Today's Catholic* just moments before the ancient Church tradition, a knock on the cathedral door. He was greeted by Msgr. Robert Schulte, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception who said, "Welcome."

Inside the cathedral before the Mass, the standing-room-only congregation of family, friends, diocesan parishioners and others from around the world waited in hushed anticipation as the diocesan choir and the Cathedral Brass, under the direction of Michael Dulac, performed a heavenly prelude. The overflow crowd was directed to the Grand Wayne Center where they could witness the installation via a big screen TV.

As the Mass of Installation began, 175 priests from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and from the Diocese of Harrisburg and Maryland processed to the sanctuary robed in cream and gold vestments. The procession included 23 bishops, three archbishops and three cardinals: Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington D.C.; Cardinal Justin F. Rigali, archbishop of Philadelphia; and Cardinal William H. Keeler, retired archbishop of Baltimore. All processed to the sanctuary flanked by the honor guard of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.



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TIM JOHNSON

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades knocks on the cathedral door in an ancient Church tradition that began his official installation as ninth bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

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## CRS distributes food from Haitian warehouses, Dominican Republic

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although getting basic supplies such as food and water to the hundreds of thousands left homeless by Haiti's Jan. 12 earthquake has been a Herculean task, aid workers were finding ways around traffic blockades, crowds of people and the country's lack of infrastructure.

Baltimore-based Catholic Relief Services, which is coordinating the church's relief and recovery efforts in Haiti, was able to get a jump-start on distributing aid because it already had warehouses filled with supplies in Haiti set up after the

2008 hurricanes in the region.

After it distributed plastic sheeting, water storage containers, mosquito nets, and hygiene kits from the Port-au-Prince warehouse Jan 14, the agency began distributing supplies from one of its other warehouses in Les Cayes, about 90 miles from Port-au-Prince.

CRS volunteers and staff in the Dominican Republic were purchasing and assembling boxes of food, including sardines and peanut butter, to deliver to Port-au-Prince. The ultimate goal was to have enough boxes of prepared food to feed 50,000.

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## YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



### FATHER THOMAS LOMBARDI

"Mom, I want to go back." Father Thomas Lombardi remembers saying these words after visiting a vocation fair held in the basement of St. John the Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

As an eighth grader at St. Vincent's in Fort Wayne, he and his mother attended the

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# Homily by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Diocesan Pro-Life Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral, Jan. 17

## Love of neighbor does not admit of exceptions

I am very happy to be here at St. Matthew Cathedral to offer this diocesan pro-life Mass on this, my first Sunday as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I wish to thank you for your presence at this Mass and for your prayers on behalf of life. This coming Friday, Jan. 22, is the 37th anniversary of the tragic day in 1973 when the Supreme Court of the United States took away our nation's protection of the life of innocent unborn children. Many of us will gather on Friday at the March for Life in Washington, D.C., to bear witness to the Gospel of Life and to express our opposition to the Roe v. Wade decision.

Throughout all these years, the Catholic Church in the United States has called on our nation to restore love and protection to our unborn brothers and sisters. Faithful to the Gospel of Life, the Church proclaims the sanctity of all human life, from the moment of conception until natural death, as a precious gift from our loving Creator.

The destruction of human life in the womb, legal now for 37 years in the United States, continues to erode the moral fabric of our nation. The Church, in fidelity to the Gospel, proclaims that "human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception." — CCC 2270. The catechism states: "The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation." — CCC 2273. Therefore, we are committed to working for the full protection in law of the lives of every human person, including the unborn. In his great encyclical, "The Gospel of Life," Pope John Paul II reminded us that "human life finds itself most vulnerable when it enters the world and when it leaves the realm of time to embark upon eternity." How true this is! The acceptance of abortion and euthanasia have made the unborn and the disabled, the sick and the dying the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters whom we are called to love, respect and defend. At the same time, the Church's consistent ethic of life calls us to love, respect and defend all those whose life and dignity is threatened: the hungry and poor, the victims of war and violence, refugees and immigrants, all created in God's image. To love our neighbor does not admit of exceptions.

In this context, today we cannot help but think of our suffering brothers and sisters in Haiti. Watching the news this week, we cannot help but be moved with great compassion as we see the terrible devastation from the earthquake there this past Tuesday. Let us pray fervently for all the victims of that terrible tragedy and for their families. Next Sunday, we will have a special collection in all our parishes for the Church's relief efforts in Haiti. I ask all the faithful of our diocese to be generous, to make a truly sacrificial gift to aid our Haitian brothers and sisters.

In the Gospel today, Jesus is in his hometown synagogue in Nazareth. There he reads the passage from the prophet Isaiah which describes the anointing and mission of the Messiah. Jesus tells the people: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus is the long-awaited



TOM UEBBING

The Mass for Life at St. Matthew Cathedral was the occasion of Bishop Rhoades' first Mass in South Bend. In his homily the bishop said that "The love of neighbor does not admit of exceptions" and that there should be "no division in our pro-life witness." He reminded the congregation that our love of neighbor must include the unborn, the earthquake victims in Haiti, those in persistent "vegetative" state, prisoners and refugees. The bishop said that in order to bring the Gospel of Life to every part of our culture and build a civilization of love we must draw our strength from Christ who nourishes us with his body and blood. Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated the Mass for Life in Fort Wayne on Jan. 17. Below, at right, Bishop Rhoades prays before the Blessed Sacrament.

Messiah, anointed by the Spirit "to bring glad tidings to the poor," sent "to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." The Church continues this mission of Jesus through the centuries and in the world today. The Church's proclamation of the Gospel of Life is indeed glad tidings for the poor. Our work to defend human life is indeed a work on behalf of freedom for the oppressed, those whose lives and dignity are threatened in a culture of death. Our service of life also means bringing sight to those blinded by pro-choice propaganda and by secularist and relativistic currents of thought, which deny the innate and inviolable dignity of the human person.

St. Paul, in our second reading, describes the Church as the one body of Christ made up of many members. He writes about each part of the body being necessary and says that there should be no division in the body. Paul explains that "if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it" and "if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy." This reminds us of what I said earlier: To love our neighbor does not admit of exceptions. We are not free to exclude anyone from our love. We must be concerned for one another, especially the weakest and most vulnerable in our midst.

St. Paul goes on to list the different offices and gifts among the members of the Church. There are apostles, prophets, teachers; workers of mighty deeds; gifts of healing, assistance, administration and tongues. This can remind us of our respective roles in the Church and also of our common commitment to proclaim, celebrate and serve the Gospel of life. We need everyone's gift and contribution. We need those who pray for the pro-life cause. We need teachers and educators, doctors and nurses.



We need activists and counselors. We need social and political advocates. There should be no division in the body, but all united in the cause of life. Pope John Paul II said that we are the people of life and for life and that "everyone has an obligation to be at the service of life." This is our common responsibility as members of Christ's body. As Pope John Paul wrote: "We need to bring the Gospel of Life to the heart of every man and woman and to make it penetrate every part of society."

In all this, we draw our strength from Christ, who nourishes us with His life-giving Body and Blood. At every Mass, we celebrate His victory over sin and death. We celebrate the triumph of grace and life. Jesus, by His death and resurrection, has destroyed death and restored life. The Lamb who was slain is alive and proclaims the power of life over death. This we celebrate at every Mass. And thus, at the end of every Mass, we go forth in confidence and with courage to bear witness to the Gospel of Life in order to build a civilization of truth and charity.

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Bill Canny, CRS' director of emergency operations, spoke to Catholic News Service while traveling from the Dominican Republic to Haiti. He said some of the relief efforts were still a work in progress, for instance, distribution of food from the U.S. government that arrived in Port-au-Prince via ship Jan. 15.

"We're waiting to see how that develops," he said.

The agency was sending additional supplies from the Dominican Republic: water storage containers and water purification tablets for 2,000 families; and plastic sheeting, water storage containers, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to serve an additional 500 families.

"We're moving additional emergency staff in as quickly as possible," Canny said. "We know it's chaos in Port-au-Prince and help is needed immediately."

Donal Reilly, CRS' regional technical adviser for emergencies, said that the food shipment would begin to fulfill the most pressing needs of Haitians, whose recovery is hampered by their poverty.

Amid the work of distributing basic supplies, CRS also has experts on the ground to determine how to respond to water and sanitation conditions, shelter and medical needs.

Karel Zelenka, CRS' country representative in Haiti, said in a report on the CRS Web site that staff arriving in Haiti will join the CRS staff sleeping outside, in tents or cars, as aftershocks continue in Port-au-Prince. CRS' Haiti headquarters building was damaged but did not collapse.

"Our main office building shows many cracks and people just sort of run in, pick up things that they need, and we do everything outside," Zelenka said. "We have a table set up outside, we pulled out electric cables, we bring computers there and so cannot ask our staff to go in until we have some assurance it is structurally sound."

CRS, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency, pledged an initial \$5 million for earthquake relief. The agency has been working in Haiti for 55 years. Prior to the earthquake, more than 300 staffers were already in Haiti and more than 100 were based in Port-au-Prince.

CRS President Ken Hackett, appearing on CNN Jan. 13, said that the fact that Haiti is a predominantly Catholic country affects the agency's work there.

"It gives us a network of effective partners in the Catholic Church in their schools and their mission and their hospitals and their health centers, so that network in Port-au-Prince is what will be activated first," he said.

Other Catholic relief agencies have also been getting basic supplies ready to ship or have begun



CNS PHOTO/EDUARDO MUNOZ, REUTERS

**Injured people rest outside the destroyed cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Jan. 13. Thousands of people were feared dead following the massive earthquake that struck late in the afternoon Jan. 12. The cathedral, presidential palace, schools, hospitals and hillside shanties collapsed in the disaster.**

distributing them.

Cross International Catholic Outreach, a Catholic aid agency based in Pompano Beach, Fla., distributed food Jan. 13 from 10 trailers containing turkey, soup, canned food, protein drinks and nutritional food packets.

The agency also was assessing earthquake damage in Leogane, a rural area west of Port-au-Prince, that runs along a fault line. Mike Henry, the agency's project officer, was working out of his car in Port-au-Prince.

Food For The Poor, an international Christian relief organization based in Coconut Creek, Fla., has prepared nearly 100 containers of medical supplies, rice and canned food to be distributed in Haiti, where it has a long history of work.

"Our hearts are broken watching this news about the country that we care so much about and have worked in for so long," said Robin Mahfood, the organization's president, in a statement.

On Jan. 15, U.S. military helicopters were ferrying water and other humanitarian relief supplies from an American aircraft carrier to crowds in Port-au-Prince. Volunteers and government workers were occupied with the task of burying the country's dead, which the Red Cross estimated at 45,000-50,000.

## Congregation of Holy Cross grieves the death of seminarian, assesses status of ministries

NOTRE DAME — Last Tuesday's devastating earthquake in Haiti has had a ripple effect on communities across the globe, including the Congregation of Holy Cross. There is a large number of religious priests, sisters and brothers residing and ministering in the country.

This past Wednesday in a statement from Rome, Italy; Holy Cross Father Hugh W. Cleary, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, encouraged Holy Cross religious

throughout the world, "Let us pray that the people of Haiti not lose hope; may they know the comfort of our solidarity with them and the peace of God deep within to give them the strength and courage to go on. May Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti, be their refuge."

Provincial Superior Holy Cross Father Michel Eugene of the Haiti Province reported early Friday morning that massive damage has destroyed the congregation's school, Ensemble Scolaire Basile Moreau, and provincial house in Haiti. Several hundred students in both grade school and high school attend Ensemble Scolaire Basile Moreau, which opened in 1989 to serve the poor in Port-au-Prince. One member of the Holy Cross Order, a seminarian who recently took his vows, has been confirmed dead. The young religious was taking a course at Quiqueya University, which did not survive the quake.

"The Congregation of Holy Cross has served with the people of Haiti for many years and our commitment to our ministries must remain steadfast during this time of grave crisis," said Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial superior of the Indiana Province. "We know that communities there will need aid and assistance to recover from this tragedy for many months and years to come. We pray in a special way for those members of the Holy Cross community — including students, faculty, staff and parishioners — who have been personally touched by this tragedy."

Connections to the tragedy can be felt at Holy Cross schools, parishes and missions around the world.

Holy Cross Father Tom Streit, program director and assistant professor of biological sciences at the University of Notre Dame, has been serving in Haiti for many years and was present during the earthquake. He is in the process of returning to the United States with other University of Notre Dame students, faculty and staff known to be serving in Haiti.

LETTER FROM BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

## Collections aid Haiti

Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. The 7.0 magnitude earthquake that ravaged Haiti on Jan. 12, 2010, has already claimed thousands of lives including the Archbishop of Port-au-Prince. It has destroyed countless homes, churches, seminaries, schools and other buildings and has left millions without the most basic necessities of life. Our faith compels us to pray for and reach out to our brothers and sisters in their time of suffering.

I ask you to take up a second collection for the people and Church of Haiti on the weekend of Jan. 23-24. These funds will be used to support the efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S., as they respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care, as well as to the long-term need to rebuild after widespread destruction, and to the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in Haiti.

Catholic Relief Services is already mounting a major emergency response to this severe disaster and has committed an initial \$5 million to fund relief efforts, which are likely to go on for some time. Your help and the help of the Catholic people of the United States are urgently needed.

On the weekend of Jan. 30-31, we are scheduled to take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. This collection is vitally important for our ability to respond to the pastoral needs of the Church in Haiti and other parts of Latin America in the weeks and months ahead. I urge that you use both of these opportunities to express our solidarity and our loving support for our brothers and sisters in Haiti and ask you not to substitute one collection for the other.

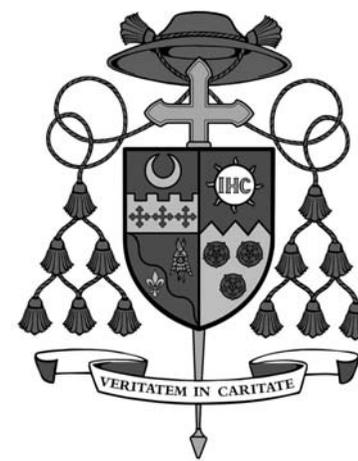
Additional information on the U.S. Catholic community's response to this emergency and how U.S. Catholics can help can be found at [www.CRS.org](http://www.CRS.org) and [www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org).

Many thanks for your support of these efforts to assist our suffering brothers and sisters. May God bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Kevin C. Rhoades*

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades  
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend



### BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES PUBLIC SCHEDULE

- Friday, Jan. 22, 10 a.m. — Youth Mass at the Verizon Center, Washington, D.C.
- Friday, Jan. 22, 12 p.m. — March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- Saturday, Jan. 23, 9 a.m. — Mass for March for Life participants from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, St. Ann Church, Arlington, Va.
- Sunday, Jan. 24, 1:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Holy Cross Church, South Bend
- Wednesday, Jan. 27 — Meeting of Our Sunday Visitor Institute, Detroit, Mich.
- Thursday, Jan. 28, 7 p.m. — Theology on Tap, Columbia Street West, 135 W. Columbia St., Fort Wayne.
- Saturday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m. — Legacy Auction and Dinner benefiting St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Fort Wayne.

# Visiting Rome synagogue, pope honors memory of Holocaust victims

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — Laying a wreath at a memorial to Roman Jews rounded up by the Nazis in 1943 and joining in a standing ovation to a dwindling group of Holocaust survivors, Pope Benedict XVI broke the ice with Rome's Jewish community even before he began to speak.

The pope made his first visit to Rome's main synagogue Jan. 17, strongly affirming the Catholic Church's commitment to improving Catholic-Jewish relations, its respect and appreciation for Jewish faith, its condemnation of anti-Semitism and his own hope that Catholics and Jews can work together to bring biblical values back to society.

The pope began by telling some 1,500 people packed into the synagogue that he came to "confirm and deepen" the dialogue and to demonstrate "the esteem and the affection which the bishop and the Church of Rome, as well as the entire Catholic Church, have towards this community and all Jewish communities around the world."

But he also responded to a widespread impression within the Jewish community, especially the community in Rome, that Pope Pius XII did not do enough to speak out against the Holocaust. Pope Benedict's decision in December to advance the sainthood cause of Pope Pius led for calls within the Rome community for the visit to be cancelled and some people boycotted the meeting.

The pope said he could not come to the synagogue without remembering the Jews of Rome "who were snatched from their homes, before these very walls, and who with tremendous brutality were killed at Auschwitz."

"How could one ever forget their faces, their names, their tears, the desperation faced by these men, women and children?" he asked.



CNS PHOTO/L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO VIA REUTERS

**Pope Benedict XVI visits Rome's main synagogue Jan. 17. During his visit the pope strongly reaffirmed the Church's commitment to dialogue with the Jews and its modern teachings against anti-Semitism. At left is German Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. From right is Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen, the chief rabbi of Haifa, Israel, and Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni, the chief rabbi of Rome.**

While many people remained indifferent to Hitler's attempt to exterminate the Jews, he said, "many, including Italian Catholics, sustained by their faith and by Christian teaching, reacted with courage, often at risk of their lives, opening their arms to assist the Jewish fugitives who were being hunted down, and earning perennial gratitude."

Throughout the meeting, Holocaust survivors, wearing light and dark blue striped scarves, and their children wept at mentions of the Nazi attempt to exterminate the Jews.

Without mentioning Pope Pius by name, Pope Benedict told them, "the Apostolic See itself provided assistance, often in a hidden and discreet way."

Welcoming the pope to the syn-

agogue, Riccardo Pacifici, president of Rome's Jewish Community, said the only reason he was born was because his father had been hidden by nuns in a convent in Florence, but many others were not so lucky.

"The weight of history is felt even at today's event because there are wounds that are still open and cannot be ignored. For this reason, we also respect those who decided not to be here today," he said.

Pacifici told the pope, "The silence of Pius XII during the Shoah is still painful today."

If Pope Pius had spoken out more loudly, he said, "maybe he would not have been able to stop the death trains, but he would have sent a signal, a word of comfort, of human solidarity, for our brothers and sisters who were transported to the chimneys of Auschwitz."

Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni, the chief rabbi of Rome, spoke about the responsibility of people of faith to protect God's creation, starting with human life and human dignity.

"The silence of God or our own

incapacity to hear his voice in the face of the world's evils is an inscrutable mystery," the rabbi said. "But the silence of man is on a different level; it makes us wonder, it challenges us, and it does not escape justice."

The rabbi said that despite continuing tensions, Catholics and Jews must move forward in their dialogue.

All of the speakers mentioned Pope John Paul II's visit to the synagogue in 1986 and every mention was met with clapping, but the longest applause came when Pope Benedict greeted the retired chief rabbi, 94-year-old Elio Toaff, who had hosted Pope John Paul's visit.

In his speech, Pope Benedict said that "the closeness and spiritual fraternity" of Catholics and Jews flows from sharing the Hebrew Scriptures or Old Testament.

"It is in pondering her own mystery that the Church, the People of God of the New Covenant, discovers her own profound bond with the Jews, who were chosen by the Lord before all others to receive his word," he

said.

Pope Benedict said the Ten Commandments are central to the values that Christians and Jews share with each other and must share with an increasingly secularized world.

Acknowledging one God as the creator of the universe, calling for respect for human life and upholding the dignity of the traditional family, the Ten Commandments are "a beacon and a norm of life in justice and love, a 'great ethical code' for all humanity," he said.

The pope told his audience that while Christians and Jews pray to the same God, "they often remain unknown to each other. It is our duty, in response to God's call, to strive to keep open the space for dialogue, for reciprocal respect, for growth in friendship, for a common witness in the face of the challenges of our time, which invite us to cooperate for the good of humanity in this world created by God."

After the pope's visit, Rabbi Di Segni told reporters, "I think the speech calmed the atmosphere," which was tense after Pope Benedict advanced the cause of Pope Pius. "My first reaction is decisively positive," the rabbi said.

Pacifici, the president of the Rome community, said, "I think he understood what we were saying."

Renzo Gattegna, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, told reporters that Catholics and Jews still have many issues to discuss and resolve, but the pope's visit marked a strong step forward.

Anna Foa, a member of the community and a historian who regularly contributes articles to the Vatican newspaper, said, "I was very content. I think it went really well. I believe the pope's speech marked an opening on several points," including "the irrevocable nature" of the Jews' covenant with God, the horror of the Holocaust and his firm commitment to the Second Vatican Council's teaching of respect for the Jews.

"I think it was a speech filled with great openness and I hope it means it will be possible to leave behind us all these misunderstandings and these real differences, which exist on many points. But you engage in dialogue with people who disagree," she said.



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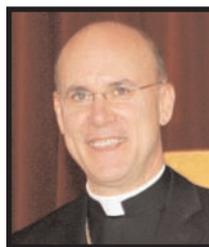
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# Knights host right to life rally in South Bend

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — South Bend area pro-lifers have remained undeterred in the struggle to end abortion as the U.S. enters the 37th year since Roe v. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton, which legalized abortion. The Knights of Columbus annual march and program on Jan. 17 drew 115 participants who came to offer a public witness to life and to become more informed about local pro-life efforts.

Attendees processed from K of C Council 553 to nearby St. Joseph Catholic Church for a brief prayer service led by Holy Cross Deacon Kevin Grove.

Referring to Bishop Rhoades' episcopal motto, "veritatem in caritate" ("the truth in charity"), Deacon Grove said that at his recent installation the bishop explained that the truth without love is not the truth; and reciprocally love without the truth of Jesus Christ is not love. The deacon emphasized that "our witness to truth can only be legitimate if it is a witness of love."

Back at the council, St. Joseph County Right to Life President Tom Gill outlined the current situation. On the negative side, the number of highly respectable organizations that have affirmed their support of or have policies that support abortion or embryo destructive research is increasing. If pending healthcare legislation is passed it is estimated an additional 400,000 Americans will be killed by abortion each year. Pro-abortion organizations are well financed.

On the positive side, however, Gill noted that for the first time since polling began, a majority of Americans describe themselves as pro-life. The abortion issue has

been forced into the public forum more than ever before. More and more post-abortive women are speaking out. The number of abortions is trending downward, both nationally and locally.

Bobby Williams, founder and director of the Women's Care Center Foundation, detailed the care centers' astounding accomplishments. Since 1984, 110,000 women have been served — more than any other crisis pregnancy group in America. There are 15 Women's Care Centers in four Great Lakes states. In 2009 alone, 14,000 women were served, making 70,000 visits. In one year 816,000 diapers were distributed. Williams attributed this success to the servant leadership of WCC President Ann Manion and adhering to the founding vision of unconditional love and support,



Holy Cross Transitional Deacon Kevin Grove leads a prayer service in St. Joseph Church, South Bend.

will be holding a benefit spaghetti supper from 4 -7 p.m. Feb. 13 to raise funds for Hannah's House.

Mary Akre, director of the South Bend-Mishawaka 40 Days for Life campaign announced the spring campaign will begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, and conclude Palm Sunday, March 31. A 12-hour daily vigil will be kept at the Women's Pavilion abortion business from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Akre stressed that prayer and fasting is something everyone can do.

Post-abortion healing is a key component to the integral pastoral plan established by the American Catholic bishops in 1975. Lisa Everett, co-director of the diocese's Family Life Office described how Vicki Thorn set out to help a friend recover after her abortion. Putting her education in psychology and personal experience to work, she eventually began Project Rachel, which has developed into a national ministry that reaches out to post-abortive women offering them hope and healing. Locally, Margarita Rodriguez, a bilingual former Women's Care Center counselor, will be taking the Project Rachel hotline calls.

Concluding the afternoon Tom Gill encouraged everyone to vote pro-life, participate in pro-life events, volunteer to help pro-life initiatives, boycott pro-abortion corporations and donate to the cause.



Shown are over 100 participants at the South Bend rally for life held on Jan. 17.

providing hope to women in need.

Karen DeLucenay, director of Hannah's House for unwed mothers since 1997, said the outreach served 27 young mothers in 2009. The ministry provides a Christian environment where the young women can realize their own dignity and worth. Hannah's House provides these women with counseling, educational opportunities to earn their G.E.D, parenting classes, assistance with goal setting and future employment, and prenatal care for their babies. K of C Council 553 at Hill and Washington streets in South Bend

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fair and upon arriving home, Thomas told his mother he wanted to return, which they did.

After the second visit, he said out loud, "I want to be a priest." And with support of his parents and pastor, plans were made to attend Our Lady of the Lake Seminary at Lake Wawasee.

Then came the first snag in the vocational plans of Thomas Lombardi; he developed health problems that needed continued medical care. So the family doctor suggested that Thomas go to high school in Fort Wayne, where he graduated with the first senior class of Bishop Dwenger High School.

During his high school years, the scent of perfume sometimes

diminished his desire to sniff incense as a celebrant but by his senior year, the "priest idea" continued to beckon as a faint voice from a distant shore.

So Thomas Lombardi went to St. Meinrad Seminary to answer the question, "Do I want to be a priest?"

The answer was not in the curriculum. Some days were great and some days he wanted to leave, and eventually in his junior year, it was the machinery of fate or the hand of God that gave him his answer; Thom's father died.

This was a shocking and soul searching experience which made Thomas realize two things: The first was that Christ must be the center of his life; and the second was that "Do I want to be a priest?" was the wrong question and should be reframed as, "Does the Lord want me?" With that approach, he no longer had doubts about his calling and moved on in a positive way.

Father Thomas Lombardi has been a priest for 35 years ... and without going into detail, it can be said that in various diocesan assignments as an associate pastor, high school chaplain, high school principal and pastor, he has touched many lives in a spiritually rewarding way, including the thousands who continue to benefit from his establishment of a food pantry, a clothing closet and a free health clinic when he was pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Garrett.

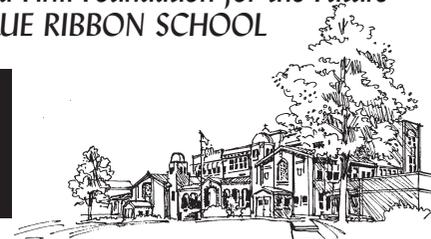
Overlooked perhaps in the well rounded life of this happy priest whose spiritual energy is restored by daily Mass, who loves cocker spaniels and Italian cooking, is the fact that his successful priestly vocation came about largely through the efforts of others because someone arranged a vocation fair — once again supporting the statement that "vocations are everyone's business."

As the crozier changes hands from the eighth to ninth bishop of our diocese, we thank Bishop John D'Arcy for his devotion and leadership to the faithful, and we welcome Bishop Kevin Rhoades with heartfelt prayers as he becomes our shepherd. Ad Multos Annos!

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## Haitian archbishop who died in quake portrayed as a humble man

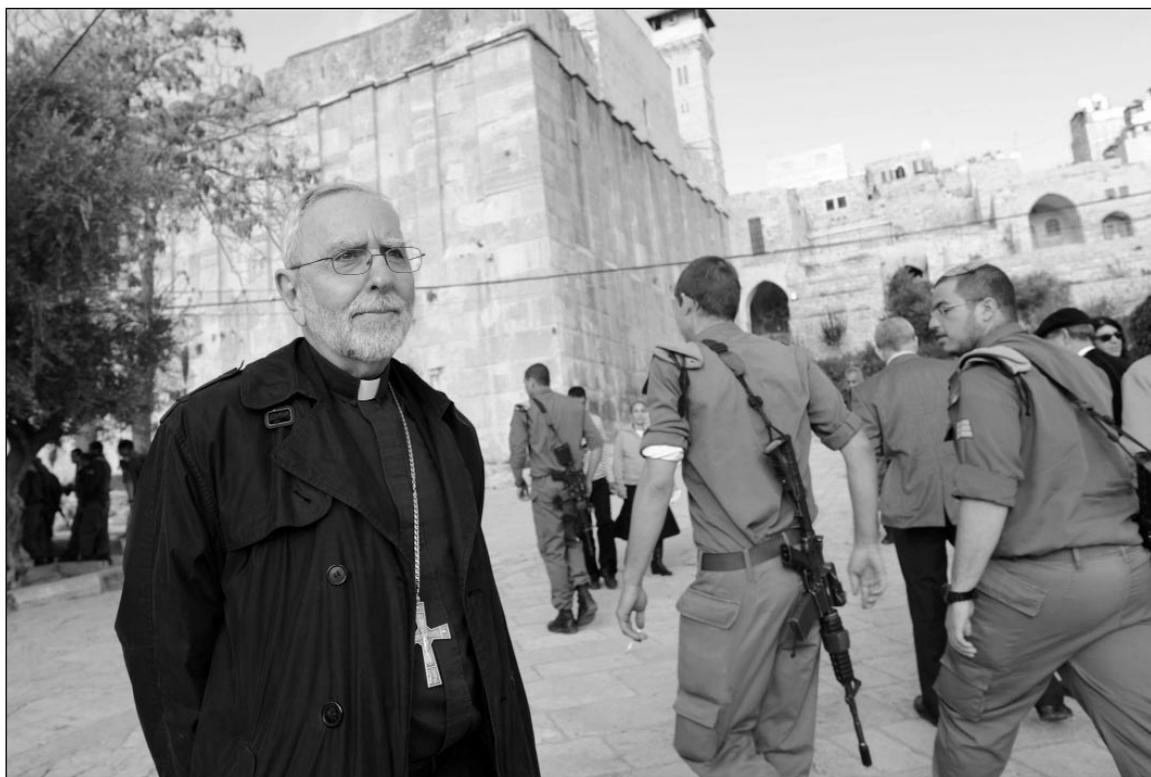
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Haitian Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot was known as a humble man who was close to the poor in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince. Archbishop Miot, 63, was among tens of thousands of Haitians who died in the Jan. 12 earthquake. For years he served as president of the Haitian bishops' justice and peace commission, and he often spoke of the need to help the citizens of the Western Hemisphere's most-impooverished nation. "The misery is so great," Archbishop Miot told Catholic News Service in New York in May 1998. "Things have never been as bad as they are now. People who could not make a living in the rural areas have moved to the cities, and they are piling up in the slums." In a Jan. 14 e-mail to Catholic News Service, Archbishop Bernardito Auza, papal nuncio to Haiti, said the archbishop "was hurled from the balcony outside his room while he was waiting for another person on their way to a ceremony. The force of the earthquake threw him head-first off the balcony and he died, it seems, from the impact." Because there was no electricity in the city, church officials took Archbishop Miot's body to the coastal city of St. Marc, said the nuncio. He said he asked that the body be buried immediately, which is not the normal Haitian tradition.

## At funeral Mass Bishop Pelotte credited for making 'mark in history'

GALLUP, N.M. (CNS) — Hundreds of priests, religious and laity gathered Jan. 14 at Sacred Heart Cathedral for the funeral Mass of retired Bishop Donald E. Pelotte of Gallup, who died Jan. 7 at age 64. When he was named a bishop in 1986, the appointment was remarkable for his youth — he was 40 years old — and for the fact he was the first American Indian to be named a Catholic bishop in the United States. He was a member of the Abenaki tribe from Maine. "History was being made," said homilist Msgr. Leo Gomez. The priest noted the challenges inherited by Bishop Pelotte and said he met them with both verve and vision. Bishop Pelotte, who was coadjutor of Gallup for four years and became head of the diocese in 1990, "was well prepared through the Second Vatican Council to accept the responsibility and leadership of our missionary diocese," said Msgr. Gomez, a retired Gallup diocesan priest. "And he did a wonderful job." The homilist recalled how shocked everyone was by the bishop's first chrisem Mass homily where he outlined an ambitious plan to strengthen ministries and empower laypeople to help lead parishes and missions.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## U.S. BISHOP GERALD KICANAS OUTSIDE CAVE IN HEBRON



CNS PHOTO/DEBBIE HILL

Bishop Gerald Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., stands outside the Cave of Machpelah in the West Bank city of Hebron Jan. 13. The site, revered by Jews, Christians and Muslims, is believed to be the burial place of the biblical patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Bishop Kicanas, vice president of the U.S. bishops' conference, was in the Holy Land with other church prelates on an annual mission to promote peace and justice for all people in the region.

## Bishop Carmody retires; Austin administrator named to succeed him

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Bishop Edmond Carmody of Corpus Christi, Texas, and named Msgr. W. Michael Mulvey, administrator of the Diocese of Austin, Texas, to succeed him. The changes were announced in Washington Jan. 18 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop Carmody, a 76-year-old native of Ireland, has been a bishop since 1988 and head of the Corpus Christi Diocese since 2000. Bishop-designate Mulvey, 60, has administered the Austin Diocese since Bishop Gregory M. Aymond left the diocese in August to become archbishop of New Orleans.

## Pope says young people need help avoiding trivial sense of love, sex

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Young people need help in avoiding a lifestyle where relationships and sexuality are trivialized, Pope Benedict XVI said. "The church asks for everyone's collaboration, in particular from those who work

in schools, to teach a lofty view of love and human sexuality," the pope said Jan. 14 in a speech to officials from the city and province of Rome and the Lazio region of Italy. Young people today are looking for answers that can explain the human condition and the future of humanity as well as "for answers that can show them how to base their life on timeless values," he said. Christianity offers a "loftier vision of humanity" and the church can contribute much to the urgent task of teaching young people about relationships and sexuality, he said. "It's necessary to avoid exposing adolescents and young people to ways that promote the trivialization of these fundamental dimensions of human existence," that is, the dimensions of human sexuality and love, he said. The pope said when the church says "no" to particular behaviors and lifestyles, "in reality it is saying 'yes' to life, to love lived in the truth of giving oneself to another, and to love that is open to life and is not closed up in a narcissistic view of the couple."

## 'Avatar' gets mixed review by Vatican newspaper

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The movie "Avatar" got a mixed

review from the Vatican newspaper, which praised the "magic" of its high-tech, sci-fi imagery but said the film lacked real human emotion. The film's visual impact is fascinating, and opens a new frontier in the realm of science fiction cinema, the newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, said in a review Jan. 9, a few days before the movie opened in Italian theaters. The results of director James Cameron's innovative 3-D imagery make the movie "worth the price of a ticket," it said. But the film's story is "bland," the newspaper said. "It narrates without going very deep, and ends up falling into sentimentalism. Everything is reduced to an overly simple anti-imperialistic and anti-militaristic parable," it said. It added the movie also "gets stuck in a spiritualism tied to the worship of nature."

## Pope meets, forgives Christmas Eve attacker

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — As a sign of his forgiveness, Pope Benedict XVI met with the woman responsible for knocking him down during a Christmas Eve Mass, a papal spokesman said. The pope met with Susanna Maiolo after leading his weekly general audience Jan. 13 in the Vatican's Paul VI hall, Father

Federico Lombardi said in a written statement. In a private room of the audience hall, the pope held a brief meeting with Maiolo and members of her family in order to "demonstrate his forgiveness," to see how she was doing and to "wish her good health," the statement said. Maiolo told the pope she was sorry for what had happened during the Christmas Eve Mass, the Vatican said. Maiolo, 25, jumped a security barrier at the start of the Dec. 24 liturgy as Pope Benedict processed into St. Peter's Basilica. As Vatican guards tackled her, she was able to grab the pope's vestments, causing him to lose his balance and tumble to the floor. She was taken for mandatory psychiatric evaluation to a hospital in Subiaco outside of Rome and released Jan. 9. While hospitalized, she received a visit from the pope's secretary, Msgr. Georg Ganswein, who wished to show the pope's concern for her situation, according to a Vatican statement.

## Jean Biden, mother of vice president, remembered as family's strength

WILMINGTON, Del. (CNS) — The Jan. 12 funeral Mass for Jean Biden, the 92-year-old mother of Vice President Joe Biden, was like all other funeral Masses, with prayers of hope for the soul of the faithful departed, but it also was a Mass of Christian burial like the Diocese of Wilmington has never seen. Those attending the funeral Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Wilmington included President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama, former President Bill Clinton, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and several other national and state dignitaries. The uncommon congregation, however, did not distract from the sense of the day and the theme of the funeral Mass. At the start of his homily, Msgr. J. Thomas Cini, a longtime Biden family friend and the main celebrant of the funeral Mass, acknowledged the family's grief but said they also must feel a sense of gratitude for the life of their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother: Catherine Eugenia (Jean) Finnegan Biden. "You remember her as the choicest of God's blessings in your lifetime," said Msgr. Cini, a vicar general of the Wilmington Diocese. "She was not only the mother who brought you into this world and gave you life, but she was also your rock, your safe harbor in time of challenge and trouble." In his eulogy, the vice president recalled his mother as "the spirit and essence of what it meant to be an Irish-American mother." He said she taught the family that they are defined by their "sense of honor" and loyalty. "Mom is back in Dad's embrace where she belongs," he added, "and we are all at peace."

## Bishop Rhoades to inaugurate Marriage and Family Conference in March

NOTRE DAME — The diocesan Office of Family Life will be hosting an inaugural Diocesan Marriage and Family Conference on Saturday, March 20, at the Notre Dame Conference Center (McKenna Hall). The conference will begin at 10 a.m. and will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. for a 5 p.m. Mass. There will be a closing reception and banquet beginning at 6:15 p.m..

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will open the conference with a keynote address on the vocation of marriage. Bishop Rhoades is now also the chair-elect of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. Professor Janet Smith will give the second keynote on "Life-Giving Love." Smith holds the Chair of Life Ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and is an internationally recognized writer and speaker on subjects related to marriage and human sexuality.

The conference will also feature three workshop sessions. Each workshop session will include five workshops from which to choose, including one in Spanish. Topics will include theology of the body, NaProTechnology and dealing with infertility, communication in marriage, challenges in the early years of marriage, parenting teens, and finances in marriage. Workshop speakers include Fred and Lisa Everett, Margarita Rodriguez, John and Monica Sikorski, Father Bob Lengerich, Cindy Black, Harry Verhiley, Lisa Marino, Tom and Mary Akre, Suzy Younger and Bill and Elizabeth Kirk.

The vigil Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John M. D'Arcy. In addition, Professor Smith will give a light-hearted talk on the topic of seeking holiness in marriage and family life at the closing banquet.

To register for either or both the day conference and the evening closing banquet, go directly to the conference Web site at [cce.nd.edu](http://cce.nd.edu) or call the Notre Dame Conference Center at (574) 631-6691 for more information. The cost for the day conference, which includes continental breakfast, a boxed lunch and afternoon snacks, is \$35 per person. The cost of the closing banquet is \$25 per person.

## 'NBC Nightly News' anchor Brian Williams to deliver 2010 Notre Dame commencement address

NOTRE DAME — Brian Williams, anchor and managing editor of "NBC Nightly News," will be the principal speaker and recipient of an honorary degree at the University of Notre Dame's 165th University Commencement

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## ST. VINCENT FIFTH GRADERS DONATE TO ST. MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN IN FORT WAYNE



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Fifth graders at St. Vincent de Paul School, Fort Wayne, collected \$100 in honor of their pastor Msgr. John Kuzmich and associate pastor Father Jason Freiburger, which was donated to the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen. Msgr. Kuzmich and Father Freiburger were each presented with a can of soup and a note about the special donation in their name. The students making the presentation were Robin Smith, Joe Hunnicutt and Kirstin Kinniry.

Ceremony on Sunday, May 16, at Notre Dame Stadium.

"Mr. Williams is one of this country's most respected and trusted journalists, and we are absolutely delighted that he has accepted our invitation," said Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, Notre Dame's president. "He has tremendous insight into the current state of our world, and I know his perspectives will be of great interest to our graduating Class of 2010."

Williams became the seventh anchor and managing editor of the "Nightly News" in December 2004. Since then, he has reported from the field in New Orleans before and in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina; in Rome for the funeral of Pope John Paul II; in Iraq for war and elections coverage; in Africa to focus on issues such as HIV/AIDS, poverty, disease and debt; and in Indonesia after the devastating tsunami of 2004.

He has received numerous awards for his work as both an anchor and reporter for NBC, including four Edward R. Murrow awards, five Emmy Awards, the duPont-Columbia University Award, the 2009 Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Journalism, and the industry's highest honor, the George Foster Peabody Award.

Williams is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in

New York and a member of the Board of Directors of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation. He attended George Washington University and the Catholic University of America and previously has received six honorary degrees. He and his wife, Jane Stoddard Williams, have two children.

Tom Brokaw, Williams' predecessor as anchor of the "Nightly News," was the Notre Dame Commencement speaker in 1993, and his colleague at NBC, the late Tim Russert, spoke to Notre Dame's graduating class of 2002. Other prominent journalists who have served as Notre Dame's Commencement speaker include William F. Buckley Jr. in 1978 and Mark Shields in 1997.

## Greek Melkite Archbishop Chacour to visit Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — Archbishop Elias Chacour (known as Abuna), the Greek Melkite archbishop of the Galilee who was consecrated as archbishop by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006, will be speaking in Fort Wayne at Life Bridge Church, Friday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. Archbishop Chacour is a three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee, and recipient of the Niwano Peace Award, French Legion of Honor

and the Dante Alighieri Peace Award. He is also the author of the highly acclaimed books, "Blood Brothers," and "We Belong to the Land."

The Indiana Center for Middle East Peace, as well as Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County are co-sponsors of Archbishop Chacour's visit to Fort Wayne.

## Student Nurses Association hosts blood drive

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis Student Nurses Association will host a blood drive with the local American Red Cross organization on Thursday, Jan. 28.

The blood drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the North Campus gymnasium, 2702 Spring St. The public is welcome, but an appointment is necessary.

For more information or to make an appointment to donate, contact René DePew at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8512 or [rdepew@sf.edu](mailto:rdepew@sf.edu).

## Holy Cross College announces tuition-rate freeze

NOTRE DAME — One of the most difficult things about paying for a college education is anticipat-

ing yearly tuition increases. Due to increases over the last four years at U.S. colleges and universities, 2010 graduates throughout the country can expect to pay at least 20 percent more in tuition in their final year than they paid as a freshman.

Holy Cross College is putting an end to those difficult increases by making a promise of tuition rate continuity for all current and future students. The college announced Jan. 14 that it will guarantee a tuition-rate freeze for each new class of students entering the college. What this means in practice is that all students will start and finish with the same tuition rate for as long as they remain continuously enrolled in a four-year degree program.

## President of Holy Cross College, Holy Cross Brother Richard Gilman announces retirement

NOTRE DAME, — After 17 years as the President of Holy Cross College, Holy Cross Brother Richard Gilman, announced Jan. 15 his retirement from the post of president of the college to be effective in 2010. Brother Gilman has led Holy Cross through a time of dynamic change and growth.



BROTHER RICHARD GILMAN

Brother Gilman has been an architect of progress. Under his leadership, the college has been transformed from a two-year community college into a vibrant Catholic Liberal Arts College, offering baccalaureate degrees in nine majors. Brother Gilman oversaw the construction of the Vincent Academic Center with 17 new classrooms and labs. To celebrate the Millennium, he suggested the construction of the Millennium Arch and Hardesty Plaza, which provided a new iconic entranceway for the school. He led the development of a residential life program, remodeling two buildings as student dormitories and building two new residence halls. He initiated the office of Campus Ministry and started the International Experience program that encourages students to travel to one four countries served by the Congregation of Holy Cross — Ghana, Peru, Mexico or India — to broaden students' cultural perspectives. He also spearheaded the development and completion of the Pfeil Recreation and Student Center. Twelve athletic teams have also been added in the past five years.

During his tenure he has received many honors including the degree of Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa from Saint Mary's College.

Brother Richard Gilman's successor, announced Jan. 20, will be Holy Cross Brother John R. Paige.

# Natalie Kohrman named director of Office of Spiritual Development

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Natalie Kohrman stepped into the director's role in the diocesan Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization on Jan. 4. She succeeds former director Ginny Kohrman. The Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization provides parish-oriented programs of personal renewal and evangelization for parishioners of all ages.

Natalie Kohrman brings a strong sense of spiritual development with her from her work as religious education coordinator for preschool and kindergarten students and subsequently director of religious education (DRE) at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne.

"In working with the children ... I saw kids with a hunger for the faith. But some of the parents would say they didn't feel qualified to help their children with their faith," she reports.

Her draw to apply for the position of office director was the need to provide spiritual development opportunities for "parents and the church at large — for the kids," says Kohrman. "If they don't have it (faith) themselves, they couldn't give it away."

The office's mission, she says, is to help parents with their own faith, "so when kids come home, they can try it." She is excited



KAY COZAD

Natalie Kohrman joined the Office of Spiritual Development this month as the new director.

about the parish missions that are already offered as well as the women's spiritual development opportunities and the ideas for opportunities for men.

"I do know that the women (of

the diocese) have responded well to the Women's Day of Prayer, conferences and retreats. And men are hungry for it too. We will work to see what fits men best," she says.

Kohrman, who holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in social work, is a convert to Catholicism. She came into the faith in 2002 after she and her husband Steve had their

first child. They are both active members of Our Lady of Good Hope, involved in RCIA, LifeTeen and marriage preparation. Kohrman completed the diocesan Education for Ministry course in 2005.

Kohrman and her husband have five children, from ages eight to six months and own their own business. When the position became available, Kohrman spoke with her husband, who she says was very supportive.

"I want everyone to know how wonderful my husband is. He feels very strongly about this and has rearranged his schedule for me to do this," says Kohrman, adding, "I prayed about it and God said 'Trust me, it'll work out.'"

While she has regular office hours, Kohrman is looking forward to being out in the parishes, "seeing what they need and want, and serving as a resource."

"We must engage people where they are. I think that's the hardest thing — parishes have people at various spots on the (faith) path. We have to find ways to reach as many as possible without ignoring anyone," Kohrman says, adding that she looks forward to working collaboratively with not only the other diocesan offices but the new Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in meeting the needs of the faithful of the diocese.

## Notre Dame task force on life makes preliminary recommendations

BY DENNIS BROWN

NOTRE DAME — The University of Notre Dame's Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life has submitted an interim progress report to Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, university president, with preliminary recommendations that are designed to "broaden and deepen the pro-life culture in and among various constituencies in order to strengthen the Notre Dame community's witness to Catholic teaching on life."

The task force was convened by Father Jenkins in early September to consider and recommend ways in which the university can support the sanctity of life. It is co-chaired by Margaret Brinig, Fritz Duda Family Professor of Law; and John Cavadini, associate professor and chair of theology and McGrath-Cavadini Director of the Institute for Church Life.

"My charge to the task force in September was to make recommendations on ways in which the university could increase and manifest its own commitment to a culture of life across our campus and in partnership with other constituencies in the Notre Dame family, including our alumni,"

Father Jenkins said. "I am pleased to report that the task force has been at work, engaging various of these constituencies in conversation and studying ways in which the university can articulate its commitment effectively and can encourage programming which furthers this commitment."

"The task force has now offered me a series of recommendations and expects, after further study, to refine them by the end of the academic year."

Several task force recommendations already have borne fruit, including a statement on the university's unequivocal support of Catholic teaching on the sanctity of human life that appeared in a "What Would You Fight For?" commercial on adult stem-cell research that aired nationally Nov. 7 on NBC and co-sponsorship with Notre Dame Law School of a panel presentation Dec. 3 on the development of a conscience clause for healthcare providers informed by Catholic teaching.

The preliminary recommendations include the following:

- That the university formulate and adopt a policy statement indicating its support for Catholic teaching on the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.

- That the university formulate and adopt a policy statement on charitable gifts or investments in order to avoid formal or immediate material complicity in evils such as abortion and torture.

- That the university adopt strategies to make its current supportive policies toward pregnant students better known to the student body, the faculty and other members of the Notre Dame community.

- That the president continue to witness for life through attending or sending a delegate to participate in the March for Life or a similar event focusing on the right to life beginning at conception, as well as analogous forms of witness across the spectrum of life issues.

- That undergraduate research opportunities be made available through "witness to life research opportunities" (or a similar idea), with topics in theology, law, philosophy, sociology, biology and other disciplines across the spectrum of life issues.

- That the university find ways to encourage the work of students explicitly engaged in pro-life activities across the spectrum of life issues. Further, that the university create and support educational efforts on campus — such as conferences, consultations and

courses — intended to inform the campus community on issues pertaining to life, and to form an academic culture of witness to life as appropriate to any given academic venue.

- That the university encourage alumni in pro-life witness, for example, in helping them to mobilize their own parish communities in support of women in crisis pregnancies or in assisting adoptions.

- The task force, for the remainder of its charge, will serve to initiate collaborations with specific Notre Dame constituencies as appropriate in order to further the implementation of the recommendations above and consider further recommendations.

In addition to Brinig and Cavadini, members of the task force are Ann Astell, theology; Kathleen Kelley, student; Mary Ellen Konieczny, sociology; Holy Cross Father William Lies, Center for Social Concerns; and Holy Cross Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs. Frances Shavers, chief of staff and special assistant to the president; and Todd Woodward, associate vice president for marketing communications, serve as task force liaisons.

Father Jenkins and several task

force members will join Notre Dame students, faculty, staff and alumni Jan. 22 at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Father Jenkins concelebrated a send-off Mass for March for Life participants at 9 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on campus.

On the day of the march, Notre Dame participants will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1910 N. Randolph St. in Arlington, Va. A Rally for Life will be held at noon at 7th Street and Jefferson Drive. The march, beginning at 1 p.m., will proceed from Constitution Avenue and 7th Street to the Supreme Court building, and a student and alumni reception will follow from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Smith & Wollensky restaurant, 1112 19th St., N.W., in Washington.

Eucharistic adoration from noon to 4:45 p.m. and a Mass at 5:15 p.m. Jan. 22 at the basilica will be open to members of the Notre Dame community who are unable to travel to Washington for the march.

# Marriage Amendment banning same-sex unions considered in Senate

INDIANAPOLIS — A proposal to amend Indiana's Constitution to protect the traditional definition of marriage is being considered by the Indiana Senate and expected to pass the Senate before Valentine's Day — an action the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) is supporting.

Sen. Carlin Yoder, R-Middlebury, author of the marriage amendment, Senate Joint Resolution 13, said, "I think it's important to protect the institution of marriage. We simply want to make it clear what marriage means and this resolution will do that. It is a call to strengthen marriage."

"As we've seen in other states across the country, there is a continued effort to try to change the traditional definition of marriage through the court system," said Yoder. "Even though state law defines marriage in the traditional way between one man and one woman, the sooner we get a definition in Indiana's Constitution the better off the State of Indiana will be," he said.

"The new language in Senate Joint Resolution 13 is better than the marriage amendment language, which passed the Senate in 2007, because it shores-up any concern that same-sex couples would be denied access to their partners in hospital visits or other situations," said Yoder. "The legislation is not an attack on gays and lesbians. The approach to this is fair. It still allows access for same-sex couples to see each other, but makes clear what marriage is."

Glenn Tebbe, ICC executive director, who serves as the official representative of the Catholic Church in Indiana in public policy matters testified in support of the bill this week before the Senate Judiciary Committee and reiterated the Church's position on same-sex unions.

In a 2003 document published by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on "Considerations regarding proposals to give legal recognition to unions between homosexual persons," it concluded, "The Church teaches that respect for homosexual persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behavior or to legal recognition of

homosexual unions.

"The common good requires that laws recognize, promote and protect marriage as the basis of the family, the primary unit of society," the document said. "The Church cannot fail to defend these values, for the good of men and women, and for the good of society itself."

Tebbe agrees with Sen. Yoder and others that while the Indiana Court of Appeals upheld the legislative intent of marriage when the law was challenged in January of 2007, in the case of Morrison vs. Sadler, future challenges to Indiana's marriage law might result in it being overturned. "A constitutional amendment, such as, Senate Joint Resolution 13, would keep the definition of marriage intact, and that's why the Church is supporting it," said Tebbe.

A marriage amendment passed the Senate in 2007, but failed to get a hearing in the Indiana House.

In 1996, Congress passed the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which bars the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriage and allows the states to do the same. Under DOMA, Indiana does not have to recognize same-sex unions granted in other states like Massachusetts, which allow same-sex marriages. Neither current statute, nor DOMA protects against the reinterpretation of the statute by a legal challenge.

According to the Alliance Defense Fund, a nonprofit organization promoting traditional marriage, 30 states have adopted marriage amendments as part of their constitutions. The average pass rate vote by the people in states where marriage amendments exist was nearly 70 percent. Only five states have neither a statute nor a constitutional provision prohibiting same-sex marriage including: Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York and Rhode Island.

Iowa, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Vermont are the only states that have legalized same-sex marriage. Iowa, Massachusetts and Connecticut legalized same-sex marriage as a result of high court decisions: Varnum (Iowa); Goodridge (Mass.); Kerrigan

## INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

(Conn.). Vermont and New Hampshire legalized same-sex marriage as a result of legislation.

When asked if he thought the legislation would pass the committee Sen. Yoder said, "I'm very confident we will get a vote and the Senate Judiciary Committee will pass the amendment, and that it will pass the full Senate. But I am not at all confident that the House will act on it."

To amend the Indiana Constitution, a proposal must pass two separately-elected General Assemblies and be supported by a majority of Hoosiers in a referen-

dum vote. Sen. Yoder said the soonest the marriage amendment could be put on a referendum for Hoosier voters would be in 2011. For it to reach the ballot, the Indiana General Assembly would have to pass a marriage amendment in 2010 and 2011. The amendments would have to pass in identical form both years.

To keep up with the Church's legislative action at the Statehouse go to the ICC Web page [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org) and click "Legislative Updates" to view the most current information.

### Church position on same-sex unions

In a 2003 document published by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on "Considerations regarding proposals to give legal recognition to unions between homosexual persons," it concluded, "The Church teaches that respect for homosexu-

al persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behavior or to legal recognition of homosexual unions.

"The common good requires that laws recognize, promote and protect marriage as the basis of the family, the primary unit of society," the document said. "Legal recognition of homosexual unions or placing them on the same level as marriage would mean not only the approval of deviant behavior, with the consequence of making it a model in present-day society, but would also obscure basic values which belong to the common inheritance of humanity."

"The Church cannot fail to defend these values, for the good of men and women, and for the good of society itself."

#### Web Resources

Alliance Defense Fund — Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) Watch [www.DOMAwatch.org](http://www.DOMAwatch.org)  
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# THE NINTH BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE



Above, during the reception of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the cathedral doors, the bishop sprinkles holy water on those present. In the procession is Archbishop Pietro Sambì, apostolic nuncio to the U.S., who stands behind.

At top right, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, seated in the cathedra, receives applause from those present at the installation, including Archbishop Sambì, second from right and Archbishop Daniel Buechlein of Indianapolis, after taking possession of the diocese.



At bottom right, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades holds his crosier, once belonging to Archbishop John F. Noll, fifth bishop of the diocese, during the Installation Mass held on Jan. 13.

## INSTALL

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Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, metropolitan archbishop of Indianapolis, opened the Mass and presided at the installation rite.

### Welcome

Retiring Bishop John M. D'Arcy offered the welcome, and said, "This is a great joy, a special moment for our diocese. ..."

Bishop D'Arcy spoke of living in a moment of faith, "experiencing a great catechetical lesson of the nature of the church and the ancient Office of Bishop." He said the presence of Archbishop Pietro Sambì, the apostolic nuncio who is the official representative of Pope Benedict XVI, brings the diocese close to Pope Benedict XVI, Successor of Peter. It was an opportunity, Bishop D'Arcy said, to learn about the episcopal office. He quoted St. Augustine that the role of a bishop is not the name of an honor but is a work or a great service.

Bishop D'Arcy cited Vatican II and said the council lays out for us "our response, the response of this total church, to a new bishop — one sent by God. As for the faith-

ful, it says, they should be closely attached to the bishop as the church is to Jesus Christ and as Jesus Christ is to the Father."

Following Bishop D'Arcy's welcome remarks, Archbishop Buechlein wished Bishop D'Arcy well in his retirement and extended a Hoosier welcome to Bishop Rhoades. He then welcomed Archbishop Sambì, who greeted those present and spoke of St. Hilary of Poitiers, a great bishop of the early Church whose feast day was celebrated Jan. 13.

Archbishop Sambì said St. Hilary defended "the divinity of that Child (Jesus), writing works of wisdom and learning to strengthen the Catholic faith and interpret sacred Scripture."

Archbishop Sambì recounted Pope Benedict's words to bishops two years ago when he visited the U.S.: "People today need to be reminded of the ultimate purpose of their lives. They need to recognize that implanted within them is a deep thirst for God. They need to be given opportunities to drink from the wells of his infinite love. ..."

The nuncio congratulated Bishop Rhoades for "accepting the call to serve. ... Indeed, we are confident that, through your zealous episcopal ministry and the prayerful intercession of St. Hilary, you will be an effective proclaimer of the saving truth of the Gospel

and a faithful witness to Christ our hope, bringing many blessing to your clergy, religious and laity and also to the community at large."

Archbishop Sambì also thanked Bishop D'Arcy "for your faithful priestly-episcopal ministry: 53 years a priest, 35 years a bishop, almost 25 years bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and, more recently, this diocese's apostolic administrator. Your excellency, may your apostolic labors for the sake of the Gospel continue to bear abundant fruit for the people of God."

Following the reading of the apostolic letter proclaiming the appointment, Msgr. Schulte offered the letter to the diocesan College of Consulters and notarized by the chancellor of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Bishop Rhoades was then escorted to the cathedra, the bishop's chair, by Archbishop Sambì and Archbishop Buechlein, and handed his crosier, a pastoral staff of gold, thus assuming the episcopacy of the diocese. Several representatives from the community greeted the new bishop in welcome to his pastoral post.

### Homily

During Bishop Rhoades' homily he began by asking the faithful to pray a Hail Mary for "our broth-

ers and sisters in Haiti who are suffering from yesterday's (Jan. 12) devastating earthquake. Let us pray together for the victims and their families."

Bishop Rhoades spoke of the day's Gospel from Mark 1:14-20 when Jesus called the apostles: they were "fishermen casting and mending their nets along the Sea of Galilee. They were ordinary men, busy with their daily work, but suddenly their lives changed. They met Jesus of Nazareth who said to them: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

He spoke of his 26 and a half years as a priest and five years in episcopal ministry mostly in his home diocese of Harrisburg.

"I thank our Lord for the many joys and blessings of those years and for the privilege I had of serving His Church in that beautiful portion of the Lord's vineyard," he said. "But just as through the years, Peter, Andrew, James and John were called to proclaim the Gospel and carry on their apostolic mission in new lands, so too I have been called to serve in a new diocese and a new state. It is certainly a privilege to have been appointed by Pope Benedict, the successor of St. Peter, to be the bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, another beautiful portion of the vineyard of the Lord."

He spoke of his sadness over leaving his family and friends

from the Harrisburg area. But "I come here with excitement and enthusiasm to promote the new evangelization in this wonderful diocese where I have been so warmly welcomed."

Bishop Rhoades reaffirmed his commitment to his episcopal motto, "to proclaim the truth in charity." He said, "These words of St. Paul remind us of our mission: to profess the truth in charity."

Bishop Rhoades said, "Our duty is to bear witness to the truth of the apostolic faith we have received and to act as witnesses of the Gospel in word and deed. I am reminded of the words of the Apostle Paul to one of his successors, one of the first bishops of the Church, St. Timothy: 'Never be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord.'"

"This is an important exhortation for us today, living in a culture of increasing secularism and relativism, a society in which the Catholic faith is increasingly countercultural," he added.

He spoke of St. Hilary of Poitiers, a bishop who lived in one of the most challenging times in the history of the Church, when the heresy of Arianism was spreading rapidly throughout the world. Bishop Hilary devoted his whole life to fighting the scourge of this heresy and to defending the truth of the divinity of Jesus Christ. He was forced to leave his diocese

# EPISE OF FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND



Robin McCracken, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades' sister, center, her daughter MaryKate, left, her husband, William, second from right and son Johnny, far right, kneel in prayer awaiting the procession that begins the Installation Mass. The family traveled from Pennsylvania to witness the bishop's installation.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades spoke of truth in charity during his homily at the Installation Mass. Cardinals William Keeler and Justin Rigali look on from behind.

when he was sentenced to exile by the emperor who was Arian. When Bishop Hilary was released from exile, he returned to his diocese where he was received with great joy. There he restored discipline, peace and the purity of the Catholic faith.

Bishop Rhoades said, "As I begin my episcopal ministry in Fort Wayne-South Bend, I wish to reaffirm our mission as Catholics and my mission as shepherd of this local Church: the mission of professing the truth in charity. Ultimately, that mission is to lead people to an encounter with the living person of Jesus Christ. In its essence, the truth of the Gospel is a Person — the Lord Jesus Himself. He is the Truth that sets us free. We are to proclaim Him in our words and actions. We are called to be instruments of His presence and action in the world. We are called to evangelize, to share with others the truth about God, about the human person, and about the world. The Church is the seed and the beginning of the kingdom of God and the place where we enter into true communion and friendship with Jesus Christ."

## Gratitude

At the conclusion of the Mass, Bishop Rhoades expressed his gratitude: "I am grateful to all who helped nourish my faith and my vocation through the years, beginning with my beloved parents who I pray are sharing in my joy today from heaven." He thanked all for their presence, his friends from

Pennsylvania and other places, as well as his new friends from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

He thanked Archbishop Sambini and asked him to convey to Pope Benedict XVI the prayerful support of his flock in Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Bishop Rhoades was honored by the presence of the three cardinals. Archbishop William Keeler ordained Bishop Rhoades to the priesthood in 1983. At that time, Cardinal Keeler was the auxiliary bishop of Harrisburg. The two of them share the same diocese, the same home parish and the same schools in Lebanon, Pa.

He thanked Cardinal Justin Rigali, the archbishop of Philadelphia, who ordained Bishop Rhoades a bishop in 2004. "I have been so blessed to serve with Cardinal Rigali in Pennsylvania and to learn so much from him these past five years. Your Eminence, thank you for your example to me, your faithfulness to God's will, and love for Christ's Church," Bishop Rhoades said.

He also thanked Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, retired archbishop of Washington, D.C. "He was a strong supporter of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary when I was rector there. ..."

To Archbishop Buechlein, who installed Bishop Rhoades, he noted, "I look forward with joyful anticipation to serving with you in this wonderful province of Indiana. Thank you for your warm welcome to me."

And Bishop Rhoades added, "I

could not have received a warmer and more gracious welcome than that which I received from our beloved bishop, John D'Arcy. ... I can honestly say that in the last two months we have become very good friends and I look forward to that friendship growing in years ahead, and I look forward to Bishop D'Arcy's help and ministry here in many years to come."

To the priests who serve in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Rhoades said, "I offer you my prayerful support as your new spiritual father and brother. And I look forward to getting to know you and to support you as my coworkers in the vineyard of the Lord." He thanked the priests from Harrisburg, the religious order priests — the Congregation of Holy Cross and all the other religious communities who serve in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. In this Year for Priests, he encouraged all to show their love and support for priests.

He also thanked the men and women in consecrated life, seminarians and the lay faithful: "Thank you for your witness to the Lord Jesus and for your active participation as members of the body of the Church.

He thanked brothers and sisters of other Christian communities, the Jewish community and civic leaders. "I look forward to working together for the good of our community," he noted, "especially on behalf of the poor and those in need."

After thanking the Installation Committee and the choir, he also thanked his family and cousins:

"Thank you for your beautiful love and support."

## Reception

Bishop Rhoades greeted media and well-wishers at the Grand Wayne Center where a reception, open to the public, was held following the installation. A light dinner was served as those gathered expressed their delight at the inspiring day.

Theresa Schortgen from St. John Parish in New Haven proclaimed that the "Mass was beautiful and historic. There was so much to learn about church history and the brotherhood of priests."

She added, "We've been blessed for so many years with Bishop D'Arcy. I think with Bishop Rhoades it'll be like a seamless garment. They both embrace the Catholic faith, are scholars and great teachers."

Monica Sikorski and her family and friends traveled from South Bend for the solemn occasion, where they attend St. Matthew Cathedral. They all agreed it was worth the trip. Sikorski said, "The installation was extremely encouraging and inspiring. We have a successor (to Bishop D'Arcy) of his caliber who will watch over us."

Nancy Henry from St. Charles Parish in Fort Wayne added, "It's just what our diocese needs."

Robin McCracken said joyfully that seeing her brother installed in Fort Wayne was both beautiful and humbling. "Seeing my brother up there ... my tears were because I'll miss him, but I can't imagine anything better for him."

Bill, McCracken's husband agreed and said, "It's happy and sad. He looks really excited."

The McCracken family was able to join Bishop Rhoades in South Bend for a tour of the University of Notre Dame as well as the solemn vespers service on Tuesday evening, Jan. 12. True to her tradition of lighting a candle in every new church she visits since their mother's death, McCracken lit a candle in St. Matthew Cathedral.

Molly McCracken, bishop's niece said of her uncle's installation and move to the Midwest, "I love him, but he has to follow what God wants. I think he'll do a great job!"

James Gallogly, by far the person who traveled the furthest distance to witness this historic event, is the principal of St. Benedict Primary School in Handforth, England. After meeting then-Father Rhoades in 1987, the pair became "firm friends" spending holidays together, traveling and working side by side in ministry work over the years. Of the solemn event Gallogly said, "It was a moving and beautiful occasion. The liturgy was outstanding and the music was well chosen and poignant. It was an absolute delight."

Gallogly continued, "It's a wonderful opportunity for Bishop Rhoades in his personal journey and for the diocese. It'll be the meeting of minds and hearts."

**Diane Freeby** contributed to this article.

# Bishop Rhoades introduced to the northern community at Solemn Vespers

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

**SOUTH BEND** — With the Knights of Columbus flanking them, Bishop John M. D'Arcy and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades processed into St. Matthew Cathedral for solemn vespers on the eve of the installation of Bishop Rhoades, as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. For both bishops, it was a walk into new beginnings. Bishop D'Arcy, who shepherded the diocese for nearly 25 years, will enter retirement, but he plans to assist the new bishop however he is needed. And Bishop Rhoades set forth a path for the diocese under his episcopacy.

In his opening remarks, Bishop D'Arcy welcomed the new bishop and those in attendance by asking for prayer as Bishop Rhoades goes forward: "Over these days, we are asked to enter more deeply into a moment of faith and intense prayer for this shepherd who has been sent to us by Christ through the successor of Peter."

Bishop D'Arcy also outlined the criteria of a bishop as set forth by Vatican II: "The bishop is sent, as he is, by the Father to govern his family. The bishop should keep before his eyes the example of the Good Shepherd who came not to be served but serve and to lay down his life for his sheep. Taken from among men and oppressed by the weakness that surrounds him, he can have compassion for those that are ignorant and arrogant."

Vatican II also sets forth the responsibilities of the faithful in helping its shepherd. "They should be as closely attached to the bishop as the Church is to Jesus Christ and as Jesus Christ is to the Father, so that all things may conspire in harmonious unity and bring forth abundant fruit to the glory of God."

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades outlined the role of the bishop as the continuation of the apostolic succession to "teach, sanctify and govern in Christ's name." Bishop Rhoades emphasized that the bishop is to serve, not to be served.

"So I come to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend not as a new CEO, not even as the elected governor of the diocese. I come as a successor of the apostles, an ambassador for Christ, a steward of the mysteries of God. I come as a servant of Christ and as your servant."

St. Luke highlights key elements of life in the church: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' instruction and the communal life, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Bishop Rhoades offered insight into where he wants to see these same four areas applied to the Church in this diocese.

The early Christian community's strong reliance on spreading the word of Christ, Bishop Rhoades stressed, is as important



DIANE FREEBY

**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, left and Bishop John D'Arcy preside at the Vespers Service held on Jan. 12 in South Bend.**



KAREN CLIFFORD

**Holy Cross Father John DeRiso, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, and Holy Cross Deacon Kevin Grove of Holy Cross Parish of South Bend, thank Bishop John M. D'Arcy for his nearly 25-year service to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.**

to the Church today as it was then. The Church's mission of evangelization says Bishop Rhoades; "is the proclamation of Christ in our diocese and in our world today. I hope and pray that we will have that zeal and enthusiasm of the early Christians and have that passion expressed by Peter and John, 'we cannot but speak of what we have seen or heard.'"

He continued, "Clearly this will be one of my first priorities since this is the Church's fundamental mission. I invite you and all the people in our diocese to be renewed in this holy task of spreading the faith and inviting others to enter into the joy of our Catholic faith." An emphasis on the importance of Catholic education will fall within this area.

The second area Bishop Rhoades addressed is the importance of communion and fellowship. "We are called to be of one heart and one soul, to be united in a communion of love." God calls us to attend to each other's needs, and to extend this love to every

human being. "Our mission of charity necessarily includes a deep commitment to respect for life of every human being from conception until natural death."

The breaking of the bread, the holy Eucharist, is the third area that Bishop Rhoades stressed as the vital center of our lives and that "the Eucharist is Christ himself." He referred to the final encyclical of Pope John Paul II which states "the Church draws her life from the Eucharist."

To that end, Bishop Rhoades appealed to Catholics in the diocese who do not regularly attend Mass to "start anew and make the Eucharist the heart of their observance on Sunday." He further called on priests and parishes in the diocese to "make the promotion of Sunday Mass attendance a priority in their mission of evangelization."

Prayer was the fourth point that Bishop Rhoades emphasized. "Prayer reminds us of the truth that without Christ, we can do nothing. He is the vine and we are



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**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offers four points of interest during his homily at the Vespers Service held at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Jan. 12.**



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**Sister Mary Elizabeth Schmidt, who cooked for Bishop Rhoades for five years while he was Bishop in Harrisburg, Pa., offers Bishop Rhoades her best wishes for his new assignment.**

the branches. Our works will not bear fruit unless we are grafted onto the vine who is Jesus."

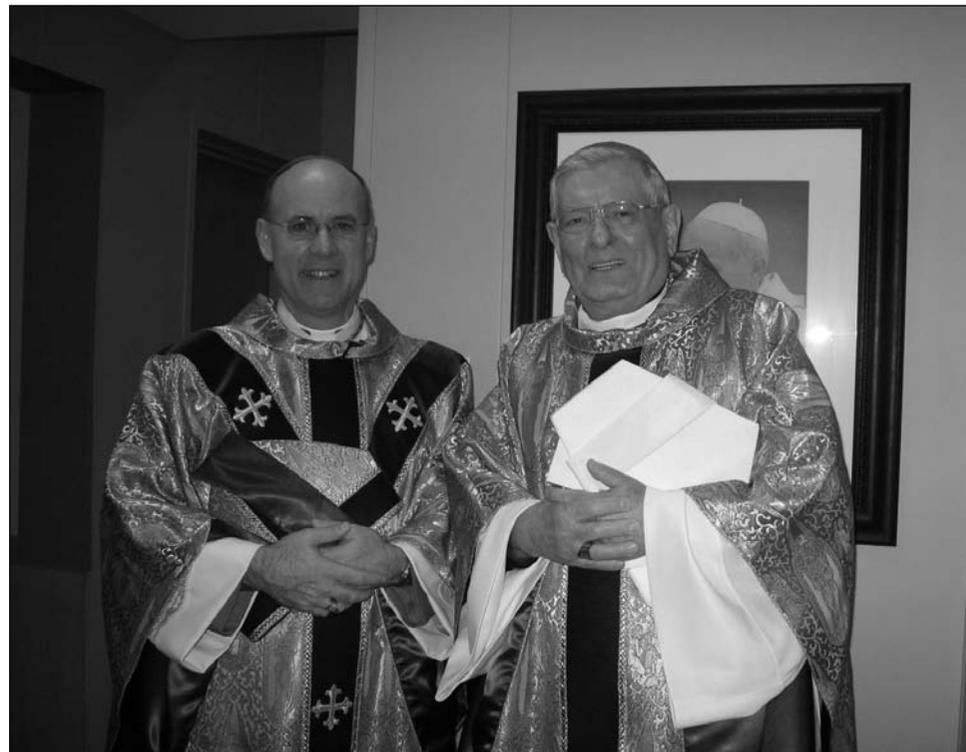
Bishop Rhoades concluded that solemn vespers or evening prayer are a beautiful part of Catholic traditions which include Eucharistic Adoration, the Liturgy of the Hours, Prayer of the Scriptures, and the rosary.

"God wills our sanctification. He calls each of us to holiness, according to our different states in life. ... We will not really progress along the journey of holiness unless we are men and women of prayer. Let us help one another on this journey by praying often for one another."



KAY COZAD

From left Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Bishop John M. D'Arcy gather with guests, priests, bishops, archbishops and cardinals for a luncheon before the Installation Mass on Jan. 13 in the Fort Wayne Grand Wayne Center.



MARK WEBER

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades poses with Cardinal Pietro Sambini, apostolic nuncio to the U.S., after vesting in the chancery building prior to the Mass of Installation.



KAY COZAD

Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general, displays the apostolic letter declaring Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to be the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, during the examination of the letter.



MARK WEBER

A procession carries the Eucharist from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to the Grand Wayne Center where over 200 people witnessed the Mass of Installation on big screen TV.



MARK WEBER

Members of the Franciscan Brothers Minor, a Franciscan association, gather with religious at the Grand Wayne Center, where they wait to greet the new bishop of the diocese, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

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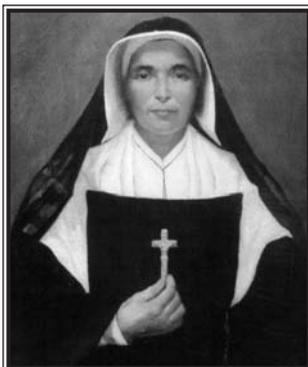
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## EDITORIAL

## Bishop Rhoades' vision for the future

It was another splendid moment in the 152-year history of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend when Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was escorted by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the U.S., and Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, metropolitan of Indianapolis, to the cathedra, where Bishop Rhoades took possession of the diocese as its ninth bishop. Succeeding Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who served the diocese faithfully for over 24 years, Bishop Rhoades comes to this diocese in this generational event, with considerable experience, talent and vision.

The faithful of the diocese hold great expectations as we begin this new chapter of church history — in part due to the very rich history of pastoral leadership found in its annals. Beginning with Bishop John H. Luers in 1857, in the continuation of the apostolic succession, each of the succeeding bishops shepherded the faithful of the diocese to a new level.

Bishop Rhoades comes to the diocese, a multilingual scholar, teacher and champion of the poor and disabled. As he plans for the future of the diocese his vision holds the promise of the Church's mission to bring Christ's spirit to all. He wholeheartedly embraces the pro-life mission, vocations, Catholic education and meeting the needs of the poor and disabled.

Evangelization is "the proclamation of Christ in our diocese and in our world today," Bishop Rhoades offered during his homily at the Vesper Service in South Bend on Jan. 12. The diocese is on the cutting edge of technology, using all forms of media available to reach out to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. *Today's Catholic* remains a vital aspect of the new evangelization. The task of spreading the message of Jesus Christ falls to us all.

Catholic education is the hope for our future as we educate our children with deeply committed and well trained catechists and teachers who will pass the truth of the Church to our children. And Bishop Rhoades is committed to a continuation of planting the seeds of vocation as he meets the young people of the diocese.

Communion and fellowship are also vital to area Catholics as this diocese moves into the future. We are called to attend to the needs of others, especially the poor, offering respect for the life of each member of society.

But Bishop Rhoades stresses that the Eucharist is the center of our lives as Christians and the Church itself. Attending Sunday Mass and daily Mass if possible gives us the opportunity to experience Christ more deeply.

And to step into the promising future of this diocese we must always begin with prayer. A commitment to prayer is the mark of our new bishop, who began his homily during the Mass of Installation with a request to pray together for those involved in the earthquake in Haiti.

As we welcome our newly installed bishop, let us remember to pray for him in his new and challenging role as shepherd of this diocese as well as for all the faithful and those in need of our help.

### Haitian relief

It's become a worldwide effort to bring relief to those suffering from a magnitude 7 earthquake on Jan. 12 that devastated Haiti, a nation already faced with extreme poverty and difficulties.

Already the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has urged collections. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at the request of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, will be holding a diocesan-wide collection on Jan. 23-24.

Bishop Rhoades writes in a letter to priests, published on page 3 of this week's issue, "These funds will be used to support the efforts of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S., as they respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter and medical care, as well as to the long-term need to rebuild after widespread destruction, and to the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church in Haiti."

Your generosity is much appreciated with this collection and another collection, Jan. 30-31, which assists the Church in Latin America. Haiti is a beneficiary of that collection as well.

In addition to our financial support, Haitians particularly need our prayers. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit sustains these people and helps them find hope in their struggles.

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## Using healthcare reform to promote abortions

Given an historic opportunity to expand access to affordable health care, Congressional leadership is at risk of undermining whatever good they could have accomplished. If abortion provisions in the recently passed Senate bill make it into the final "melded" bill, healthcare reform could die in the House or, surviving, could usher in the most massive expansion of the abortion license since *Roe v. Wade*.

Efforts to improve access to health care do not have to end in a choice between promoting a pro-abortion agenda and no reform. As of this writing, there's still hope that Congressional leadership will embrace the "abortion neutral" approach they claimed to support throughout 2009. This means maintaining the status quo with respect to abortion funding, i.e., retaining the longstanding policy of the Hyde Amendment and other statutes that bar federal funds from being used to pay for elective abortions or health plans that include them.

The House bill, the "Affordable Health Care for America Act" (H.R. 3962), meets that commitment thanks to the Stupak Amendment, which was supported by a bipartisan majori-

ty of House members (240-194).

Regrettably, the Senate rejected an amendment by Sen. Ben Nelson (D-NE) very similar to the Stupak Amendment. Instead, under the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (Senate substitute for H.R. 3590), the government would help subsidize and promote health plans that cover elective abortions.

Supporters say they have segregated funds covering elective abortions from the general federal subsidy, but the end result is that many purchasers of federally subsidized plans will be forced to make two premium payments every month, the second solely to pay for other people's abortions!

During floor debate, pro-choice Senators cited two main reasons for rejecting the Nelson Amendment. Neither argument holds water.

They claimed that the Nelson Amendment was not "abortion neutral," but instead imposed new and completely unacceptable restrictions on abortion coverage. This is ludicrous. The Nelson Amendment is essentially identical to the relevant passages of the Hyde Amendment and the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP). Only five days after rejecting the sup-

### LIFE ISSUES FORUM



BY SUSAN E. WILLIS

posedly "restrictive" Nelson Amendment, the Senate readily passed an unrelated bill, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, which contains both these abortion funding prohibitions, in language virtually identical to Nelson's.

Visit [www.usccb.org/health-care](http://www.usccb.org/health-care) for a detailed analysis of the current health care bills. Through this Web site, you can let your Senators and Representative know that if the final bill funds elective abortions and health plans that promote them, it should be rejected.

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## Health care and the Knights

As news progresses regarding the current healthcare legislation being considered by our lawmakers, all members of the Indiana Knights of Columbus are asked to contact Sen. Evan Bayh and Sen.

Richard Lugar and vocalize their objection to passage of any law that promotes the funding of abortion and the right of healthcare workers to refuse to participate in the ending of any life.

Brother Knights we must stand by Brother Knight Bart Stupak (D-Md.) who is the author of language voicing opposition to federal funding of abortion. We must call and demand that we be heard.

It is insulting our representatives are buying and selling votes and using taxpayer money to ram through bad healthcare reform as a matter of controlling you and me. We do need healthcare reform before the system is broken beyond repair. But do we really need back room deals and pork barrel attachments to drive



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BY ROBERT HARTENSTEIN

up the costs?

Any legislation allowing the subsidizing of pregnancy termination, euthanasia, embryonic stem-cell research and clauses that fail to protect the conscience of healthcare workers is not responsible healthcare, its death care.

Attacking the Catholic Church for standing up to this immoral minority is a reflection of a fear permeating public officials who must feel they are losing control of the masses. Inviting any of these public officials or candidates for public office who do not support the protection of life should not be allowed to be honored at or speak at any Knights event. All of our elected officials need to be held accountable for

their vote on this very serious life-altering course our nation is on. Enough is enough!

We Knights must pray and pray often to be heard. We must pray Our Lord will intervene and through the Holy Spirit, bring moral truth to lawmakers. Knights need to keep writing and calling our representatives to express our opposition to current reform as written. Remember long which of our representatives voted against life and responsible health care. Remember well Brother Knights, remember well.

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# The bishop as chief priest

Sixteen documents came out of the Second Vatican Council. There were four constitutions, three declarations and nine decrees. One of those decrees concerned “the pastoral office of bishops in the Church.” That is its English title.

The decree is more commonly known by its Latin title, “Christus Dominus.” It contains the teaching of the Church concerning bishops — who they are, what they do, what responsibilities they have. We would like to look at the content of this document here.

The Church is not a business organization, and bishops are not regional managers working for Rome. They have “been appointed by the Holy Spirit” and are “successors of the Apostles as pastors of souls.” — paragraph 2. Each bishop is the chief pastor of the local Church, the diocese. He “possesses all the authority



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required for the exercise of his pastoral office in the diocese.” — paragraph 8.

Bishops are, however, bound in relationship with several other bodies in the Church. This is strongly emphasized in “Christus Dominus.”

First, the bishop is in communion with the Roman pontiff. The pope is the successor of Peter. He is “sent to provide for the common good of the universal Church and for the good of individual churches.” — para-

graph 2. In other words, he exercises the ministry of Peter (a Petrine ministry) to unify the Church.

Peter was one of the apostles, but with a special ministry to his fellow apostles. So also the pope is the bishop of Rome, but with a special ministry to his brother bishops.

Second, the bishops are united in an episcopal college. The college is a preexisting body into

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# Salvation is the gift of God's love



THE  
SUNDAY  
GOSPEL

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## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 1:1-14, 4:14-21

The Book of Nehemiah furnishes the first reading for this weekend. At one time in Hebrew editions of the Bible this book and the Book of Ezra formed one volume. In time they were separated, and today in English versions they remain separated.

Although some Old Testament books tell the history of the people of Israel, all are chiefly concerned with inspiring God's people to be faithful and eager in their religious practice. In this reading, Ezra, who was a priest, called together men, women and children old enough to comprehend precisely to this end. He admonished this gathering to listen carefully to the Scripture.

After hearing the reading of the Scriptures, the people in this audience affirmed their faith. Ezra continued by interpreting what he had read.

Finally, Ezra and Nehemiah called the people to rejoice. God had spoken to them. God was guiding them.

For the next reading, the liturgy presents St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians. The Christian community in Corinth especially challenged Paul. Corinth was an important commercial center, in fact one of the major markets and distribution centers in the empire, and it was a very large city.

Troubling for Paul was not that Corinth was large and rich, but that its size and wealth produced an atmosphere in which vice and greed reigned supreme. Indeed, throughout the Mediterranean world in which license and exploitation was commonplace, Corinthians had the reputation of being exceedingly licentious. The evils in this atmosphere were contagious, drawing to them many Christians.

The Christians vied with each other, even in the Church. They quarreled with each other. They schemed against each other. They gossiped about each other. They toyed with pagan practices and customs.

Paul constantly called the Corinthian Christians away from the temptations the pagan environment pressed upon them. In particular, he scorned the competitiveness among the Christians.

In this reading, Paul insists that all the baptized are in the Body of Christ. However, the Body has many members. Each has a vocation.

Finally, St. Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. Midway in this reading, the Gospel directly addresses Theophilus, using the honorific “Your Excellency.” Luke's Gospel seemingly was written for one person and to one person.

Scholars debate if this person had the name of Theophilus, or was it the Gospel's title, since “Theophilus” in Greek means “friend of God.” In any case, the person apparently enjoyed some prestige, hence the use of the words “Your Excellency.”

In this reading, Jesus appears in the synagogue of Nazareth to explain the mission of salvation. Salvation, unfolding in Jesus, was the gift of God's love, the final chapter in the long record of the

merciful deeds of God among God's people.

## Reflection

The Church has celebrated Christmas, the feast of the birth of Jesus, as well as the feasts of the Epiphany of the Lord, and of the Baptism of the Lord. In the lessons of these great liturgical events, the Church has introduced us to Jesus. It has identified Jesus. He is the son of Mary, so Jesus was a human. He was the Son of God. He was the Redeemer.

Now the Church begins to tell us about salvation. It tells us how we personally should respond to salvation.

First Corinthians sets the stage. If we have accepted Christ into our hearts, we belong to God. Each of us has a personal vocation, although we may consider this term too lofty or too suggestive of a religious life. Nothing matters more than being faithful to God and to the Christian vocation.

God provides for us in this effort. He assists and strengthens us. He never forsakes us. But, as with the children of Israel, we must be loyal.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 31:8 Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-5, 11-14 Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

## CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

Now that we are in 2010 and 20 is double 10, we look at doubles.

**1. 1 Kings tells us that the original temple had 400 of this healthful fruit in double rows**

- a. plantains      b. pomegranates      c. beer nuts

**2. Proverbs 17 warns that a double-tongued man**

- a. falls into trouble    b. gets elected    c. gets mistaken for a snake

**3. Job refers to God (figuratively) wearing this arcane garment**

- a. a double corselet  
b. a doublet and buckler  
c. a double breasted tailored suit

**4. During the era where two men both claimed the papacy, why was double the popes not good value?**

- a. They both had to be paid.  
b. This occurred during times of schism and was never helpful to unity.  
c. It means that two Churches technically exist.

**5. When the term “double” appears on a Catholic liturgical calendar what does it usually refer to?**

- a. the priest's day off  
b. type of feast called a double feast  
c. that there will be extra doughnuts

**6. If a priest gets double the authorization and double the training, he may end up as “bi-ritual.” What does that mean?**

- a. He is a priest who can say two Masses at once.  
b. He could be a member of the Orthodox clergy as well as the Catholic clergy.  
c. He is a priest who can properly preside at two rites, such as Roman Catholic and Byzantine Catholic.

**7. Who doubled crossed Jesus?**

- a. Jude      b. Judith      c. Judas

**8. What is a double church?**

- a. a church with twice as much fervor  
b. a church with two naves, adjoining or on two floors or in to adjacent buildings  
c. a church with two different congregations, such as Catholic and Lutheran who share one pastor

**9. In theology the “double procession” refers to**

- a. the idea that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son  
b. the Eastern Christians habit of processing aloof a church twice in the liturgy  
c. the idea that both earthly and heavenly creatures sin

**10. The Principle of Double Effect relates to**

- a. Catholic cinema  
b. the binding of a Bible  
c. Catholic moral teaching

**11. In ancient times in the West the “double sacrament” referred to two sacraments administered at the same time; which were these?**

- a. Marriage and Holy Orders  
b. Extreme Unction and Viaticum  
c. Baptism and Confirmation

**12. This “double sacrament” is no longer practiced in the West. It is**

- a. practiced now only amongst heretics  
b. found in the Eastern rites, both Catholic and Orthodox where the Eucharist is also often administered at the same time  
c. extinct, though it is practiced in emergencies, but only by written permission of a bishop

**13. What is a double monastery?**

- a. A monastery with separate communities of men and women  
b. a much larger than average building  
c. a monastery that has only priests, not brothers

## ANSWERS

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

# Lord, please don't hear this prayer

This past Dec. 28, I was jolted out of my morning fog at 8 a.m. Mass when the deacon offered this petition:

"For those who are considering abortion: may our prayers and the intercession of the Holy Innocents whom we honor today help them choose life as the best option, let us pray to the Lord."

I can't remember whether I blurted "What?" loud enough to be noticed by my faithful companions at daily Mass — many of whom wear hearing aids — but I know I certainly didn't answer with the prescribed "Lord, hear our prayer."

The best option? Oh, so the decision whether to carry a child to term is a pragmatic calculation, and we're to pray that those concerned get the calculation, er, right? How did this morally degrading nonsense get written? How did it get past an editor with any theological grain of sense?

It happened because the parish I was attending, like many others, uses canned general intercessions for weekday Masses, bought from a "liturgical aids" service: the daily intercessions come with a tacky binder in a tear-'em-out-after-you-use-'em format, they fit neatly inside the ambo — so why not? Well, Dec. 28 illustrated why not: because more often than we'd like to admit, these intercessions are thoughtlessly written, reflecting the ambient cultural smog rather than the truth of Catholic faith. Moreover, they're typically organized to suggest that the world of politics is, somehow, the real world: after a brief intercessory nod to the pope, the bishops, or both, we're immediately invited to pray for sundry social and political causes, never identified as such but



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wrapped in the gauziness of feel good prayer.

And what gets omitted is often as instructive, and depressing, as what gets addressed. How often last year did you hear a general intercession petition for Christian unity? For the relief of persecuted Christians? For the conversion of non-believers? For victory in the war against terrorism? (Eight years and four months after 9/11, I'm still waiting for that one.) But I'll bet you heard a dozen or more exhorting you to environmental responsibility.

In parishes that take their liturgy seriously, the canned intercessions usually disappear on Sunday, to be replaced by intercessions composed locally by responsible parties, sometimes with the aid of thoughtful resources like *Magnificat*. The solution to the weekday problem, I suggest, is to regularize and routinize the petitions at daily Mass, making them serenely formulaic and thus immune from the temptation to political or cultural homiletics.

Here's one possible scheme for such a "reduction":

For the holy Church of God throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord.

For Benedict, Bishop of Rome, and the bishops in communion with him, let us pray to the Lord.

For this local Church of (name of diocese), for (name of bishop), its chief shepherd, and for the priests and deacons of (name of diocese), let us pray to the Lord.

For this parish of (patron of other name), its pastors and its people, let us pray to the Lord.

For an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, let us pray to the Lord.

For the unity of all Christians, for the relief of those suffering persecution for their Christian faith, and for the conversion of their persecutors, let us pray to the Lord.

For the civil authorities, that we may be governed in justice and truth, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who are sick, and for all those with special needs, let us pray to the Lord.

For our beloved dead, let us pray to the Lord.

That, I suggest, covers the most important bases. Such a scheme also locates the local parish within the broader Christian community of the diocese, and locates the diocese within the ambit of the universal Church: facts about which Catholics in America often need reminding. And such a formulaic schema avoids politics while making clear that we should pray regularly that the politics recognize both the responsibilities and limits of their power.

Try it. It is, if you'll permit me, the best option.

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## SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for January 24, 2010

Luke 1: 1-4. 4:14-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: how Jesus began his public ministry. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

UNDERTAKEN  
THEOPHILUS  
TAUGHT  
ISAIAH  
POOR  
SIGHT  
YEAR

NARRATIVE  
JESUS  
NAZARETH  
LORD  
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BLIND  
SAT DOWN

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TO READ  
ANOINTED  
CAPTIVES  
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### IN NAZARETH

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# Are Catholics disliked over the world?

Why do so many people hate Catholics?  
MF, Monroeville

Some people have hated Catholics since God the Son came to earth in Christ. King Herod the Great tried to kill the baby Jesus because he thought the infant was a threat to his rule. The Jewish authorities disliked Jesus because he worked miracles on the Sabbath and claimed to be God, so they encouraged his crucifixion. The Jews were upset with the preaching of St. Stephen the deacon, so they stoned him to death, and he became the first Christian martyr.

The Roman authorities considered the early Christians worshipping Jesus a threat to the worship of the emperor and so they persecuted the Christians intermittently from A.D. 64-313, and many more Christians shed their blood for Christ. When Mohammed (A.D. 570-632) founded the religion of Islam, it spread rapidly. What was Christian northern

Africa, where St. Augustine and St. Cyprian worked, became heavily Moslem. The Persians (Iranians) in A.D. 614 invaded the Holy Land and destroyed many of the Catholic churches, like the Church of the Holy Sepulcher built over the spot of Jesus' crucifixion and burial. They let the Church of the Nativity alone fortunately, because they saw a painting of the Magi who looked like them.

The Catholic Church then witnessed a split in its ranks in 1054, when some of the Greeks did not recognize the primacy of jurisdiction of the pope because of arguments over the creed and other concerns. Further splitting began in 1517 when the Protestants disagreed with some of the teachings of the Catholic Church. Protestants and Catholics even engaged in religious wars. Then came the Age of Reason where empirical science reigned supreme and many forsook their belief in God and saw no rele-

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vance for religion. In the modern world, Catholics were persecuted and martyred in the Far East countries of China, Japan and Korea. Practically speaking, people may be raised or trained to hate Catholics or any other group.

Father Richard Hire, pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse answered this question.

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which the bishop is constituted. Their unity here expresses the unity of the Church. It also is seen as the successor to the college of the apostles. The college of bishops always operates in communion with its head, the pope.

The ancient Greek name for a bishop was "episcopos." It comes from "epi," which means above, or over, and scopos which means to see, or watch. Telescope means to see far; microscope means to see small things; episcopo means to oversee. The bishop oversees his diocese. In Latin, the words would be super and visor.

Third, the bishop stands in relationship to those within his diocese. This includes the presbyters, or priests of the diocese. An elder in the Church was called a presbyter in Greek. "All presbyters ... participate in and

exercise with the bishop the one priesthood of Christ." — paragraph 28. They are coworkers with the bishop, who possesses the fullness of priesthood.

Fourth, the bishop is in relationship to the laity in the diocese. He exercises three offices, or duties — that of prophet, priest and king. In other words, he teaches, sanctifies and governs. We will look at each of these three offices in more detail later in this series.

The bishop therefore represents Christ's loving care for every person. "Christus Dominus" mentions many of the people for whom the bishop cares: his diocesan clergy, the faithful, Catholic associations, migrants and refugees, members of religious orders and diocesan offices.

"In exercising their office of father and pastor, bishops should stand in the midst of their people as those who serve." — paragraph 16. This is the priesthood of Christ in action.

# Sports

**BISHOP DWENGER'S JORDAN PAWLIK NAMED ALL AMERICAN AND ALL-AMERICAN SCHOLAR** Bishop Dwenger senior Jordan Pawlik has been named to the 2009 NSCAA/Adidas Girls High School All-America team. The 82 All-America selections were honored at the annual All-American luncheon held in Philadelphia, Pa, on Saturday, Jan. 16, as part of the 2010 NSCAA Convention. In addition, Pawlik was also named as one of only 36 Scholar All-America winners. Earlier this fall, she and teammate Sarah Killion were named ICGSA 1st Team All-State and NSCAA/adidas 1st Team All-Region IV (Central). Pawlik will be honored during the televised school announcements on Friday, Jan. 22.

## ICCL tallies varsity and colors volleyball champs for 2010

BY CHUCK FREEBY

**SOUTH BEND** — Whether you're talking from season-to-season or year-to-year, it's back-to-back championships for the St. Jude Falcons.

Tony Simeri's varsity volleyball team capped a perfect 18-0 season with a 25-23, 25-20 win over Holy Family in the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) Tournament finale at a packed Holy Cross Gym Sunday. The Falcons win the varsity volleyball hardware for the second year in a row. They were also perfect during the softball season, and many of their players participated on both teams.

"They're excellent all-around athletes," marveled Simeri after the championship match. "They have great quickness and a great desire to win."

That was evident in the title tilt against the Trojans. Behind the net play of Jordan Bueter, Taylor Dolan and Shelby Siefer, Holy Family had the Falcons down, 23-19, in the opening game. St. Jude's consistent passing, and a huge block by the lanky Alyssa Hasler helped the Falcons score the last six points to win.

"They don't ever quit," said Simeri. "That's why I was still confident there. It's a total team effort and everyone executed their roles."

In the second game, consecutive aces by St. Jude's Jamie Young helped the Falcons build an 11-8 lead. A Bueter kill brought Holy Family within two at 22-20, but that's as close as the Trojans would get. A service error, a tip by Cassie Young and another Hasler kill clinched the match for St. Jude.

"Service errors (eight in total) killed us, especially against their good athletes," lamented Holy Family Coach Robin Bueter, whose team finished the season, 15-2. "We started slowly this year, but every girl on this team has grown as a player."

"I give Holy Family a lot of



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**The St. Jude Falcons capped a perfect volleyball season by winning the varsity championship Sunday at Holy Cross Gymnasium. Members of the team are, front row: Cassie Young, Ashley Simeri, Morgan Keenan and Kelsey Keilman; middle row, scorekeeper Mickey Doyle, Julianna Lizzi, Jamie Young, Devon Smith, Alyssa Hasler, Gracie Teumac and Carly Teumac; back row, Head Coach Tony Simeri, assistant coaches Mary Hasler and Nicole Simeri.**

credit," lauded Simeri. "Bueter is a terrific player, but I knew if we played our game, we'd be okay."

Mollie Kendzicky's Corpus Christi team won the third-place match over St. Joseph-Mishawaka, 25-19, 21-25, 15-5.

### Colors division

While St. Jude was unblemished through its varsity season, Corpus Christi colors division volleyball coach Kevin Shaw believes losing a game helped his squad.

"We lost the division championship game, and that was the best thing that happened to this team," explained Shaw, after Corpus Christi's

Red unit took the colors tournament title with a 25-12, 25-22 triumph over Holy Family.

"That loss got the girls focused."

Focus was not a problem for the Cougars in the championship match. Sally Kilmek served six straight points to break open the first game, then served another

five in a row to close it out. In between, Corpus Christi used terrific net play from setter Haley Shaw and hitter Kaley Mrozinski to keep Holy Family off balance.

They hit a lot more than us," admitted Trojans mentor Jessica Ryans, whose team closed the campaign with a 10-4 record. "But my girls are phenomenal. They came a long way this season."

Jessica Perrigrin tried to bring Holy Family back in the second game, serving five straight points to build an 8-3 lead. The Trojans still led by five at 20-15, when a series of unforced errors allowed Corpus Christi back in the game. The Cougars took advantage, eventually winning the game and the match on an ace by Hannah Voss, her fourth of the day.

"They played like a team today," Shaw said of his squad, who finished the season, 14-1. "There was great passing and great setting today. It's really a team thing for us, and everybody played their role well."

Corpus Christi Red survived a number of three-game matches throughout the season, including a nail biter in the semifinals against Christ the King Gold. Andy Kostielney's Kings bounced back, winning the third-place match over St. Matthew.

## CYO Rams beat the buzzer

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

**FORT WYANE** — At the half way point of the Catholic Youth League (CYO) season, the Huntington Rams are off to a solid start with a 3-1 record in the Blue League. The Rams opened with a loss to New Haven, but have had three straight wins topping St. Therese, Most Precious Blood and St. Louis/St. Rose.

In his eighth season, Coach Paul Pike and his assistant Larry Krieder, stress three things each game: concentrate, have fun and execute. Their combined roster consists of 10 boys and lists four eighth graders, three seventh graders and three sixth graders.

A pleased Pike commented, "Our eighth graders have played together in the CYO small school division since fifth grade and are finally able to experience a little bit of success."

In the win over St. Louis/St. Rose on Sunday, Jan. 17, at St. Elizabeth, the Rams jumped out to a 9-8 lead in the first quarter, but it was the Twins who turned it on in the second quarter leading by as much as seven. A quick bucket by Conner Krieder and a trey at the buzzer by Nathan Pike brought the Rams within two at the half, 17-19. St. Louis/St.

Rose kept control of the game outscoring the Rams, 12-6, in the third quarter. However, the Rams clawed their way back after being down nine in the fourth quarter to trail 34-35 with just two seconds left in regulation.

Nathan Pike's shot at the buzzer was nothing but net to squeak out the win. He finished with 14 while Krieder and Luke Schreiber added nine each. "We had some big three's and were lucky enough to end up with the ball with two seconds left," concluded Pike.



### Boys

Huntington 36-St. Louis/St. Rose 35 (Pike 14, Castleman 20)  
St. Aloysius 36-St. Therese 27 (Helmuth 15, Gardner 14)  
St. Charles 7 31-St. John 7 21 (Grove 9, Gabet 12)  
Hessen Cassel 44-New Haven 17 (Beard 16, Painter 8)

### Girls

St. Aloysius 32-St. Vincent 7 19 (Freiburger 13, Winkleton 7)  
Hessen Cassel 37-St. Charles 7 11 (Matter 10, Snider 6)  
St. Therese 27-St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth 7 5 (Brooks 10, Boretzky 4)

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# St. Joseph Eagles upset ICCL stronghold Christ the King

BY JOE KOZINSKI

**SOUTH BEND** — Upset. The big story in the Inter-City Catholic (ICCL) League may just be the most substantial happening of the season as the teams played their seventh game.

Christ the King had just about owned the league posting a perfect 6-0 record, dominating the Christmas Tournament, outscoring their opponents, 260-90, and possessing a margin of victory of almost 29 points per contest.

St. Joseph (South Bend), a veteran team with a loss already under their belt, came into the contest undaunted, confident and ready to compete as they would have to withstand the patented Christ the King pressure.

The epic encounter was more like a battle than a game, as the combatants exchanged blows and leads throughout the second half.

With about 35 seconds to go down by one, St. Joe guard Tommy Clark drove the lane took a hard foul and somehow made a

circus shot and followed with the completion of the three-point play to give the Eagles a two-point lead that they would never relinquish, winning 37-32.

"I can't really say that we had a star of the game or for that matter a highlight of the game," commented St. Joe Coach Bill Nolan. "The one thing I know is that the kids played together and were huge on the defensive end."

"We have told our kids at the Christmas break that if they played hard and really worked defensively that we could be a very good team," explained Nolan. "Our coaching staff is proud of how they all bought in to the philosophy and responded."

In other action in the St. John Bosco Division, St. Thomas held on to nip Holy Family, 34-31, as Joseph Kavanagh tossed in 13 for the victors.

St. Anthony continued its

strong 2010 campaign by beating Corpus Christi behind the balance attack of Matt Meyer, Matt Royceca and Ben Tealman all scoring in double digits.

Wesley Short had a career day scoring 18 for Holy Cross as the Crusaders beat the upstart Blazers of St. Matthew, 49-12.

In the St. Martin DePorres Division, St. Joseph (Mishawaka) remained undefeated turning back the Falcons of St. Jude, 35-24.

Matt Henry had 13 in the loss and Michael Rice netted 11 for the Wildcats.

Our Lady of Hungary rolled over St. Monica behind the duo of Tyran Ottbridge and Dominique Sanders scoring 17 and 15 points respectfully. Chris Coulter added 12 points for the Comments.

St. Pius was victorious as cousins Eric Mossey and Denton Gillis netted 14 and 12 downing Queen of Peace 42-18.



## Curl up with a good book on a winter's day

The following are recently published books that have been sent to *Today's Catholic* that can touch the fancy of Catholic and non-Catholic readers alike. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase.

**"Creating New Life, Nurturing Families,"** by Sidney Callahan is another addition to the groundbreaking series, *Called to Holiness: Spirituality for Catholic Women* by St. Anthony Messenger Press.

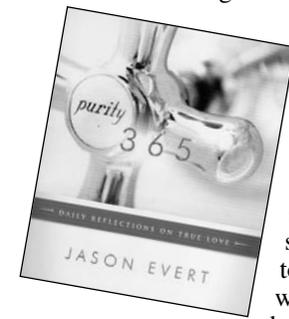
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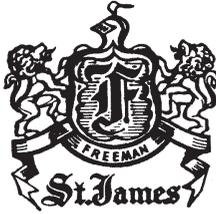
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## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### Fatima movie to be shown

**New Haven** — The World Apostolate of Fatima will host a showing of "The 13th Day," a movie based on Sister Lucia's memoirs and independent eye-witnesses, Sunday, Jan. 31, in the St. John community center. Doors open at 1 p.m. The 85-minute film starts at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free; registration is required as seating is limited. Call Emma at (260) 625-3281 for reservations.

### Open house planned

**Fort Wayne** — St. Vincent de Paul School, 1720 E. Wallen Rd., will have an open house Sunday, Jan. 31. Classroom tours by students are from 10 a.m. to noon in the parish hall. Families can visit classrooms, talk with teachers or visit special areas. The school office will also be open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to register new students or provide tuition and enrollment information. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a breakfast in the parish hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Lenten love dare parish mission

**Fort Wayne** — St. Therese Parish will be hosting a parish mission based on the movie "Fireproof" beginning Saturday, Feb. 13, and ending Wednesday, Feb. 17. The mission will run from 7-9 p.m. Saturday will be a showing of the movie "Fireproof." Sunday and Monday will be reflection, discussion and prayer. Tuesday the school children will lead living Stations and reconciliation will be available. On Ash Wednesday Mass will be celebrated with Bishop John M. D'Arcy at 7 p.m. Call (260) 747-9139 for information.

### Family planning classes

**Mishawaka** — A natural family planning class will be offered at the new Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, 5215 Holy Cross Parkway, on Tuesday, Feb. 2, beginning at 7 p.m., in the business center conference room. Sponsored by the Natural Family Planning Program of St. Joseph County, register by calling (574) 234-5411 or e-mail nfp-stjoseph@catholic.org.

### Prayer for Priests

**Mishawaka** — Join the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for a day of prayer for priests at St. Francis Convent, 1515 Dragoon Trail.

### Annual Right to Life March

**South Bend** — St. Joseph County Right to Life will hold its annual March for Life on Friday, Jan. 22, from noon until 1 p.m. in front of the Federal Courthouse at the corner of Main and Jefferson in downtown South Bend. This day will mark the 37th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in the U.S.

### March for Life planned at Scottish Rite

**Fort Wayne** — Allen County Right to Life will have a March for Life, Saturday, Jan. 30 beginning at noon at Scottish Rite Auditorium. Speaker is Abby Johnson, former abortion facility director, now pro-life advocate. Special guests include Congressman Mark Souder and State Rep. Jackie Walorski.

### DCCW to meet at St. Joseph Hospital

**Fort Wayne** — The Council of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 10 a.m. in lower level of St. Joseph

Hospital. The speaker will be Bryan Brown from the Archangel Institute in Fort Wayne. All women are welcome.

## FUNDRAISERS

### 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.

### Square dances being planned

**New Haven** — St. Louis Besancon will host a square dance on Saturday, 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.

### Pancake breakfast hosted by Knights

**Fort Wayne** — The Knights of Columbus Council 9460 will host a pancake and sausage

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Angeline R. Goeller, 97, St. Anthony de Padua

breakfast Sunday, Jan. 31, at the St. Therese Parish Hall, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A freewill donation will be accepted.

### Spaghetti dinner and silent auction benefits St. Monica

**Mishawaka** — St. Monica Parish

will have a spaghetti dinner and silent auction Saturday, Jan. 30, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Advance sale tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for K-8 and under 4 are free. Tickets at the door are \$1 more. Call (574) 255-0709 for tickets.

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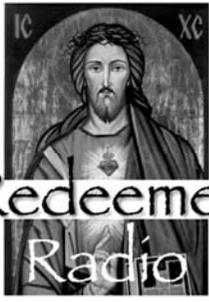
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DIANE FREEBY

At the Mass of Installation, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades elevates the host during the Eucharistic Prayer on Jan. 13 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



TIM JOHNSON

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offers a blessing to a young boy before the Mass of Installation on Jan. 13.



TIM JOHNSON

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus assemble outside the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne for the Mass of Installation. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was installed the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Jan. 13.



KAY COZAD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, left, poses with his sister and her family at the reception at the Grand Wayne Center following his installation as bishop. Robin McCracken, center, is surrounded by her daughters, Molly, right, and MaryKate, left. Her husband Bill, back right, and son, Johnny, stand behind.

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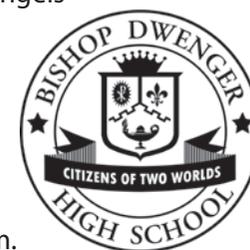


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