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# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## No sleep, little aid: Salesian nun pleads for more help for Haitians

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (CNS) — Sister Maria Sylvita Elie hasn't eaten all day, and the tiredness shows on her face as she pleads with a Brazilian non-governmental organization for some tents for the homeless families who have camped out on the convent patio of her religious order, the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco.

Tents are in short supply in the Haitian capital these days, and she has to argue forcefully. Her persistence finally pays off, and she fills her pickup with two loads of tents.

"I'm going to hide them until dark, otherwise people will swarm all over us to get them. After it's dark I'll give them quietly to families that have small children," said Sister Sylvie, as she's known.

A Salesian nun who lives in one of the roughest areas of Port-au-Prince, Sister Sylvie has been sleeping under the stars since the Jan. 12 quake collapsed most of the church sanctuary and other buildings they used for educating neighborhood children.

"We're a center of reference for the community, and people come to us for help in solving their problems. Our job is to find the resources and people to solve those problems," she told Catholic News Service.

That has not been an easy task. With the exception of frequent shipments of medical supplies and food from her congregation's sisters in the neighboring Dominican Republic, few relief supplies have arrived here.

"While the people are dying, the international organizations are passing their time in meetings, in studies and planning. People fly around in helicopters looking at us, making the houses shake once again. But while they're planning, the people are dying. We've now gone more than two weeks without any help, and

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Salesian Sister Maria Sylvita Elie walks through the patio of her convent, where neighborhood children are living in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Jan. 23, following the country's earthquake. The nun pleaded for assistance, saying that while international aid organizations spend time in planning meetings, Haitians are dying.

## Life speaker offers inside view of pro-life efforts

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Rally for Life speaker Abby Johnson gave her listeners an "inside view" of the effectiveness of pro-life efforts around the nation during her remarks Saturday, Jan. 30, at the annual Rally for Life at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in downtown Fort Wayne.

Johnson, a former director of a Planned Parenthood facility in Bryan, Texas, exclaimed, "What a difference a year makes," in her conversion to a pro-life attitude. She noted that "God began to open my heart and open my eyes" when the facility where she worked began gearing up to do

late-term abortions — as late as 24-weeks gestation. When she challenged that plan and suggested that prevention services should reduce the number of abortions and that perhaps those babies should be carried to term, she was horrified to hear, "Abby, you need to get your priorities straight — abortion is our priority." At that point Johnson began to question her career with Planned Parenthood.

She said she soon realized that "Planned Parenthood is based on lies." As a counselor, she was advised to rely on carefully scripted answers to "tough questions" from young women seeking abortions. Those women often asked for spiritual reassurance to sup-

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## YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



### FATHER ANTHONY STEINACKER

What a week for one Catholic family; a son is ordained and a daughter is

married. That really happened to the Schmitt family, parishioners of St. Peter Parish in Fort Wayne. On May 25, 1957, Adam Schmitt was ordained to the holy

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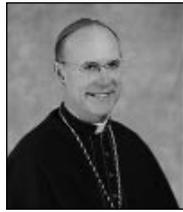
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# Bishop Rhoades' talk at You Can Lend a Hand luncheons



BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

It is a joy to be with you today to celebrate our Catholic schools during this Catholic Schools Week. I am very grateful to the Fitzpatrick Family and Quality Dining for providing this opportunity to celebrate our Catholic schools and to honor our teachers with the Light of Learning Award. I appreciate your extraordinary commitment to Catholic education. Thank you for your generosity to our schools!

I also offer my personal congratulations to our teachers being recognized at this luncheon. Our Catholic school teachers are true partners in the Church's mission of educating the whole person and of transmitting the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ to our children and young people. Our teachers are not merely employees of the Church. They share in the mission of the Church, called by the grace of God to the apostolate of Catholic education. I thank all of our teachers and our principals for their extraordinary commitment to the Church and her mission. It is their generosity, intelligent creativity and pursuit of excellence that make our schools so successful.

Supporting, promoting and strengthening Catholic schools was one of my top priorities as Bishop of Harrisburg. It will be one of my top priorities here in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Why are Catholic schools so important to me and to you?

Many of us received a Catholic school education and know firsthand its great value. I was educated for eight years at St. Mary's School in Lebanon, Pa., then for

four years at Lebanon Catholic High School. I am very grateful for that education — my life as a child and as a teenage youth was enriched by the schooling I received. It was truly an education not only of my mind and body, but also my soul. That is why Catholic education is such a noble enterprise. It is the education of the whole person, an education imparted not only through excellence in teaching, but also through the experience of school as a genuine Christian community of faith, hope and charity.

A Catholic school is not just a physical place. It is a spiritual reality where children's lives are enriched by hearing and experiencing the fullness of Christ's message, where they learn to trust all persons as brothers and sisters created by God and redeemed by Christ.

Another reason why I am such a strong proponent of Catholic schools is because they play a vital role in the Church's mission of evangelization. In 2005, the bishops of the United States reaffirmed our commitment to Catholic elementary and secondary schools. Though we continue to face many challenges in making Catholic schools available, accessible and affordable, we seek ways to meet these challenges because of the critical role Catholic schools fill in the life of the Church. The bishops' document states that "we must move forward with faith, courage and enthusiasm because Catholic schools are so important to our future." I certainly believe this is true for our diocese. Catholic schools are of great importance for our future and we must persevere with faith, courage and enthusiasm, even when facing at times difficult challenges.

Our bishops' statement explains why we value our Catholic elementary and secondary schools. "Catholic schools provide young people with sound Church teaching through a broad-based curriculum, where faith and culture are intertwined in all areas of a school's life. By equipping our young

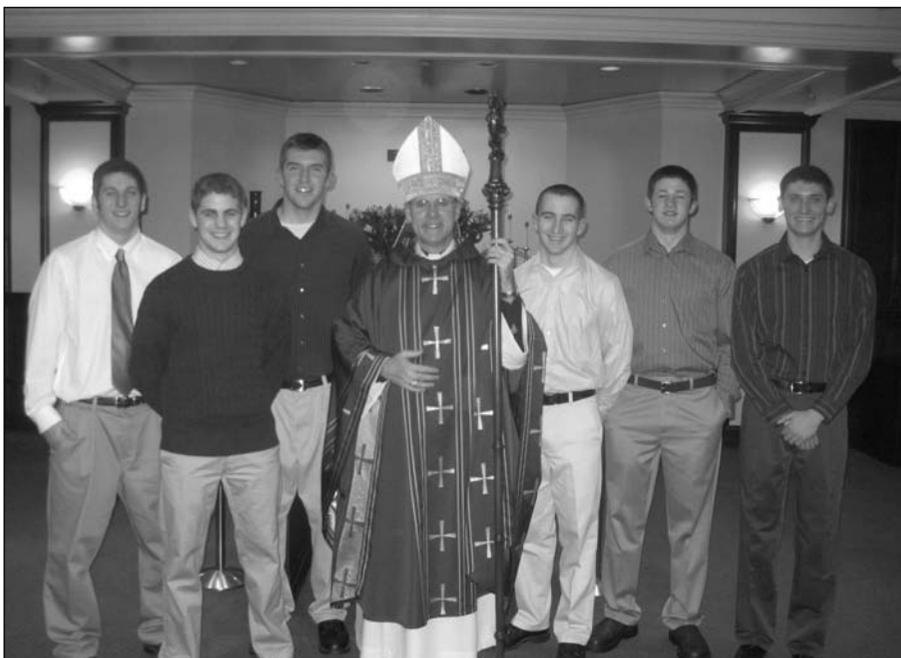
people with a sound education, rooted in the Gospel message, the Person of Jesus Christ, and rich in the cherished traditions and liturgical practices of our faith, we ensure that they have the foundation to live morally and uprightly in our complex modern world."

I am really looking forward to visiting the schools of our diocese. School visits were one of my most enjoyable activities as bishop of Harrisburg. I know already that the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has a strong Catholic school system. I thank all of you who so generously support our Catholic schools. I ask you to continue to be generous in your support of our schools. It is only because of the generosity of our people that our Catholic schools are able to exist and to flourish. Your investment in our schools is an investment in the lives of our children and young people and an investment in the Church's holy mission. Your spiritual and financial support makes you real partners in the Catholic educational enterprise, an enterprise that embraces the formation of the whole person and that imparts a vision, founded in faith and reason, of the world and society, of human life and dignity, a vision for life regarding what is true, beautiful and good. It has as its ultimate goal the same goal as the Church's whole evangelizing mission: eternal salvation. I can't think of anything more important in our lives than that goal.

I pray that the Church's evangelizing mission will flourish in our diocese, especially through good, vibrant, faithful and strong Catholic schools. May we all fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the Lord with faith, courage and enthusiasm! May our Lord bless all of you with His abundant grace!

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## BISHOP RHOADES CELEBRATES MASS AT SIEGFRIED HALL



CLAIRE KENNEY

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visited with students from Siegfried Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame after presiding at a Mass at the hall on Jan. 31. The bishop's visit to Siegfried Hall was one of the first invitations to celebrate a hall Mass of his new assignment. He is shown with Notre Dame students from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the Diocese of Harrisburg. From left are John Aversa, Kevin Ortensio, David Rudy, Bishop Rhoades, Brian Patterson, Sam Fenker and John Heid. Ortensio, Rudy and Patterson are students from the Diocese of Harrisburg who invited Bishop Rhoades to celebrate Mass in the hall. Aversa is from South Bend and Fenker is from Fort Wayne.

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port their decisions. They worried whether they would go to hell for seeking an abortion and what would happen to their baby's soul.

A frequent query was whether the baby would feel any pain during the procedure. After witnessing one tiny baby's fruitless struggle to avoid the suction instrument being used during its abortion Johnson perceived that "the baby felt it." And she knew that she had personally lied to hundreds of women who asked those questions. She began to wonder, had she not lied to them, whether those mothers would have chosen life for their babies. She remarked on similar spiritual struggles going on in the minds of other women and in the clinic staffers who serve them.

"We never know what God's plans are," said Johnson. "I'm here to encourage you. ... From an insider's perspective the work that you do, does make a difference."

She cited especially the prayerful protests she saw each day at her clinic and how she felt not anger or judgment from those protestors, but love. And that loving attitude helped her to find the right path for herself, she pointed out.

Johnson noted that the more legislative barriers are erected, the harder it is for abortion clinics to continue their daily activities, so it is especially important for pro-life proponents to continue to work with their elected officials. Johnson affirmed that centers across the nation are closing their doors due to the difficulty of doing business but that information is kept from the general public.



TESS STEFFEN

**Parishioners of the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Latin Mass community march through downtown Fort Wayne at the Jan. 30 Rally for Life and March in Fort Wayne. They were among the 1,500 who took part in the day's activities, which began with a rally and talk by Abby Johnson at the Scottish Rite Auditorium.**

Dozens of pro-life elected officials in attendance were introduced and their legislative work applauded by the crowd. Two had held a news conference in advance of the rally to provide updates at the state and federal level. State Senator Marlin Stutzman, R-Howe, reported on legislation to defund Planned Parenthood in Indiana and U.S. 3rd Dist. Congressman Mark Souder commented on the impact of healthcare reform on life issues.

Listeners were reminded of the legislative forum scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 18, at Concordia Seminary for the latest information on pro-life efforts.

Allen County Right to Life Executive Director Cathie Humbarger summed up the prevailing pro-life attitude in calling it her "sad privilege" to open the 36th annual event in Fort Wayne. She remarked, "Some day we will celebrate that no unborn child will face abortion."

The rally was followed by the annual March for Life through the streets of downtown Fort Wayne. The rally and march, which drew nearly 1,500 people, was the largest event in Indiana marking the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision on Jan. 22, 1973.

## Ralph McNerny, ND professor, dies

**SOUTH BEND (CNS)** — Ralph McNerny, a retired University of Notre Dame professor and prominent Catholic author, perhaps best known for writing the Father Dowling mystery series, died Jan. 29 of complications from esophageal cancer at Our Lady of Peace Hospital in Mishawaka. He was 80.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 1 at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame followed by burial at Notre Dame's Cedar Grove Cemetery.

McNerny, a Notre Dame professor from 1955 until he retired last June, was the Michael P. Grace professor of medieval studies and a professor of philosophy. For many years, he directed Notre Dame's Medieval Institute and the university's Jacques Maritain Center.

McNerny, a Minneapolis native, held degrees from the St. Paul Seminary in Minnesota, the University of Minnesota and Laval University in Quebec.

An expert in the work of St. Thomas Aquinas and philosophers Maritain and Soren Kierkegaard, McNerny wrote and lectured

extensively about ethics, philosophy of religion, and medieval philosophy.

In 1982, he co-founded *Crisis* magazine with Michael Novak of the American Enterprise Institute. The publication, a journal of lay Catholic opinion, is now known as *InsideCatholic*.

In 2006, McNerny published his autobiography: "I Alone Have Escaped to Tell You: My Life and Pastimes."

McNerny also wrote more than 80 novels. His book "The Priest," published in 1973, became a best-seller. His popular Father Dowling series included 29 books and aired as a television mystery series from 1987-91, first on NBC and then ABC.

In the series "Father Dowling Mysteries," a Chicago priest played by Tom Bosley works with a nun to solve neighborhood crimes and murders.

In a 1978 interview with Catholic News Service, McNerny said his goal in writing was to "tell a story, to entertain people."

"If you don't tell a story, nothing else is going to come through. That's the sense of the French

expression: 'Le style, c'est l'homme.' The style is the man. If you are someone, that's going to come through if you do the main thing: tell a story."

In addition to his written work, McNerny appeared on William F. Buckley's "Firing Line" and was a member of President George W. Bush's Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

Last year, McNerny wrote an essay for "The Catholic Thing," a forum for Catholic commentary, criticizing Notre Dame's decision to invite President Barack Obama to speak and receive an honorary doctor of laws degree at the 2009 commencement. He and other critics of the decision said Obama's support of legal abortion and embryonic stem-cell research made him an inappropriate choice by a Catholic university.

An obituary on McNerny in the *South Bend Tribune* stated that his "devotion to his Catholic faith and the Catholic intellectual life was an inspiration to countless students, colleagues and faithful throughout the world. His legendary wit, his

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### BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES PUBLIC SCHEDULE

- Sunday Feb. 7, 11 a.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Therese Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Feb. 8, 12:30 p.m. — Speech at Ethics Week Conference at University of Notre Dame
- Tuesday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. — All Schools' Mass in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center, University of Notre Dame
- Tuesday, Feb. 9, 5:15 p.m. — Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica, University of Notre Dame — welcoming of Bishop Rhoades by Notre Dame Community
- Wednesday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Feb. 10, 5:05 p.m. — Mass and dinner with Holy Cross Community at University of Notre Dame
- Thursday, Feb. 11, 11 a.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Investment Committee, Holiday Inn, Warsaw
- Thursday, Feb. 11, 1 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Finance Council, Holiday Inn, Warsaw
- Friday, Feb. 12, 10:30 a.m. — Mass at Saint Anne Home, Fort Wayne, followed by luncheon with retired priests

## BISHOP RHOADES ATTENDS AUCTION



CORINE ERLANDSON

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades attended the St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School Legacy Auction on Jan. 30. The Legacy Auction is the joint school's annual fundraiser and festive dinner and auction. Bishop Rhoades said the grace and spoke briefly, saying how welcomed he has been made to feel during his first two weeks as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Pictured, from left, are St. Elizabeth Ann Seton associate pastor Father Drew Curry; Assistant Principal Stan Liponoga; Assistant Principal Nancy Potchka; St. Joseph, Fort Wayne, pastor Father Tim Wrozek; Principal Lois Widner; Bishop Kevin Rhoades; and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton pastor Father Jim Shafer.

# Stronger relations urged between Catholic college presidents, bishops

BY CHAZ MUTH

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After a year of public clashes between bishops and some Catholic colleges, U.S. Catholic university presidents were urged to forge stronger relationships with their local bishop.

During his plenary address Jan. 31 at the annual meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Washington, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick told college presidents they should reach out to their bishops for more than just good will.

The 79-year-old retired archbishop of Washington — a former college president himself — told the presidents they would get better cooperation from their dioceses and experience less friction with the hierarchy if they welcomed their local bishops onto campus and included them in the academic fold of their institutions.

Though he never mentioned the 2009 controversy over the commencement address by President Barack Obama at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, Cardinal McCarrick alluded to it in his address. He said it is “naive” for college presidents to believe they can invite to campus speakers who advocate divisive positions on abortion and same-sex marriage contrary to church teaching and expect a productive debate.

The decision of Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, president of Notre Dame, to invite Obama to deliver the May commencement speech and present him with an



CNS PHOTO/NANCY WIECHEC

**Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame, talks with Catholic News Service during the annual meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Jan. 31 in Washington.**

honorary law degree set off a firestorm of criticism by at least 70 U.S. bishops, and ignited a national debate on the university's status as a Catholic institution.

Critics said Obama's support of legal abortion and embryonic stem-cell research made him an inappropriate choice to be commencement speaker at a Catholic university.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, the recently retired bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, boycotted the commencement.

Other public disputes between a

bishop and Catholic college included criticism by now-retired Bishop Joseph F. Martino of Scranton of Misericordia University's decision to invite a gay rights advocate to speak on campus. Also, the University of San Francisco angered some Catholics by giving Irish President Mary McAleese an honorary degree. She has publicly supported gay rights and women's ordination in the Catholic Church.

Cardinal McCarrick, who from 1965 to 1969 was president of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, said the nation currently has a polarized “partisan society.” But the U.S. bishops should be optimistic about Catholic higher education, he said, and if they are not, they “don't know what is going on” academically or spiritually on the campuses.

But he also said the college presidents should be making an effort to include the local bishops in the campus community. They would find the bishops to be formidable advocates if they felt like they belonged, he said.

Father Jenkins told Catholic News Service Jan. 31 that Cardinal McCarrick was absolutely right on this point and set the “right tone” with the college presidents. The priest said he was laying the foundation for a solid relationship with newly installed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

“Our bishop is coming to campus Feb. 8 and 9 — it was the earliest date we could get him — and we're going to have a Mass at the basilica with our Holy Cross com-

munity and I will speak with him at that time,” he said. “I think we will make every effort to build those bridges, to deepen that dialogue, to strengthen what is a common goal.”

“I mean that's the thing, we have a common goal,” he continued. “We may disagree on this or that particular, but the common goal and how we can achieve that goal more effectively, is (for the greater) good and I'm committed to it. I'm so pleased with Bishop Rhoades and his willingness to talk and engage.”

Father Jenkins acknowledged his relationship with Bishop D'Arcy had been strained in the last months of his tenure over the Obama controversy. But he also said they still agreed on more topics than they disagreed.

He said he regretted the dissension the Obama address created. But he is convinced the president left Notre Dame with a deeper appreciation of the pro-life movement and that a small step may have been made in dialogue on the issue of abortion.

Other Catholic college presidents agreed that it's in their best interest to create meaningful relationships with the bishops of their dioceses. They said the 2009 public quarrels between university leaders and bishops — most notably Notre Dame — was the topic most discussed at the Jan. 30-Feb. 1 ACCU meeting.

Mary Pat Seurkamp, president of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland in Baltimore, said her institution had been confused with the Indiana university during the

Obama controversy and received many angry e-mails about it. But she expressed confidence that any acrimony between the bishops and Catholic academic world will dissipate with time and that allegiances would flourish in the future.

“I think (all) of us know that when you are in highly charged arenas and when there are difficult issues to be discussed, the more public they are the more difficult it is to work through them,” Seurkamp said. “So, if you can create the environment where people can really have serious conversation, where they are focused on trying to find a solution, that's what was needed in (the University of Notre Dame) situation. Not to have all of this public attention and outcry on both sides, that really didn't serve to help fruitful discussions in any way.”

Richard A. Yanikoski, president of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, said one lesson learned in 2009 is to keep frustration about political outcomes in its proper forum.

Internal Revenue Service restrictions bar tax-exempt organizations, including churches, from speaking publicly about candidates in a campaign, though they can talk about issues, he explained.

“So, in a way,” he said, “the situation that arose at Notre Dame created the first national flash point for a whole lot of people who wanted to comment specifically on Barack Obama to do that at the expense of the commencement at Notre Dame.”

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charm, and the joyful confidence with which he pursued every aspect of his multi-faceted calling made him an extraordinary husband, father, teacher, writer and friend.”

McInerney was “was an example of faith fully and joyfully lived,” said U.S. Ambassador to

Malta Doug Kmiec in a statement. “Despite remarkable erudition, he never acted with the pretense, haughtiness, or narrow-mindedness too often found in higher education today.”

“Ralph's passing in the arc of the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas hardly seems coincidence. ... At last, he is home.”

McInerney, a father of seven, is survived by six children and 17 grandchildren. His wife, Connie, died in 2002.

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priesthood at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and one week later he performed his first marriage ceremony at the wedding of his sister Mary to James Steinacker.

The Steinackers were blessed

with six children, and the youngest, Tony, would follow in the footsteps of his uncle, Father Adam.

“He was a huge influence on my life ... I served Mass for him in the summertime and went golfing and bowling with him and other priests his age, allowing me to observe the human side of priesthood,” says Father Steinacker.

This influence plus his education at St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne and high school at Bishop Luers, directed Tony Steinacker towards Holy Orders.

Today, as an associate pastor at St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne, his priestly life is built around the Eucharist and teaching children.

It is an enriching experience for Father Steinacker to celebrate a “teaching Mass” for fifth graders once a year. Held in the chapel, this is an intimate experience where time is taken to pause and explain in detail what the celebrant is doing.

For younger children, there is a mock baptism, where a doll is used to explain and demonstrate the sacrament of Baptism.

Father is also a chaplain at Bishop Dwenger High School, where his classes cover the sacra-

ments, social ethics and Scripture.

At Fort Wayne's Catholic high schools, he finds that students are closely in tune with their faith and take much from periods of adoration and the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation. “Students feel the need and know the need to go to confession ... and they make the sacrifice to do so on their lunch hour.”

The range of religious instruction, from the mock baptisms and teaching Masses to the high school classes all provide a quiet background for increased consideration of a religious vocation, believes Father Steinacker, who emphasizes the advantage of having seminarians spend summers serving a parish. “This is vital,” he says, “this is where you observe the ins and outs of parish life, and see if it's for you.”

Now, more than a half century after that glorious week that included two life-changing events, Jim, Mary and Father Adam, each on the cusp of a new vocational life at the time, can take a long look back and see how things played out. As for Father Tony, who was one of the chapters in their saga, he will pray and wonder what the next 50 years holds for him.



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they haven't contacted those of us who could be most helpful in organizing the people. We've got to make the solidarity more concrete. We need fewer studies and plans while the people suffer and die," she said, beginning to cry.

"I'm sorry," she said after a moment. "But this is urgent."

Sister Sylvie's complex, now a collection of jumbled buildings around a patio filled with makeshift shelters, sits at the confluence of the Haitian capital's three most notorious neighborhoods: La Saline, Cite Soleil, and Belair. Before the quake, the seven sisters here ran a primary school and a jobs training program for more than 1,000 youths. Their special passion, however, was a residential school with 96 young women students. Sister Sylvie, who is 62, was in that building, walking down a hallway, when the quake struck.

"The building started shaking and I found a column and hugged it. The bottom of the column came loose from the floor and it started dancing around, but I asked God for mercy and held on. I heard the cries of the students who were studying.

"The building started to fall on one sister, and the girls screamed louder, but the wall stopped before it fell over completely on the sister, and the girls dragged her outside, where I found them on the patio. Since then we've been sleeping on the patio, with no wall to separate the convent from the street. I sleep covered with a towel from UNICEF," she said.

The two-story residential school didn't collapse, but it has huge cracks, and Sister Sylvie gives a reporter a hurried tour of the ground floor. School papers still lie on desks and the floor. Everything is covered with a fine dust and chunks of walls and ceiling material that shook loose in the quake.

Sister Sylvie has obtained water from the Brazilian non-governmental organization down the street, which also gave her the tents, donated by Norwegian Church Aid. She spends part of each day sorting the food and medicines that come from the Dominican Republic, shipping most off to other parishes where her congregation is serving similar homeless populations.

"I can't explain how the people have survived. The international community hasn't done much for them. We have to buy rice and beans and cooking gas, which is much higher priced now, and we have to try to control who gets in here. People wander the streets looking for something to drink and eat. People are getting frustrated; they're angry and will easily start shouting at you," she said.

She says she was particularly worried as the end of the month was approaching. With no work there will be no pay.

"I can't get that out of my head. Besides dealing with all the material needs, how do I lift up the faith of the community? How are they supposed to go out to animate and cheer up the groups? These questions won't let me rest. I didn't really sleep until two nights ago, when I finally collapsed. People told me the next day my face looked better," she said.

An aftershock rattles the ground. Sister Sylvie stops for a moment, staring straight ahead. Then she breathes again.

"Despite all our difficulties, the people have an extraordinary faith. Since the moment the earth started shaking they called out to Jesus to save them," she said. "It has been like a permanent retreat around here. The people don't sleep. They lie awake and pray. And they sing with even more faith than before. They don't see this as a curse, but know that the Lord wants to tell us something."

"Some of our people, including some of our students, are going to the countryside. But that's not the best solution. They're just going to make life in the countryside difficult for the people who already live there," she said.

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## Bishops to Congress: Set aside partisanship for genuine health reform

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Three leading U.S. bishops called on members of Congress Jan. 26 to “set aside partisan divisions and special-interest pressures” to achieve genuine health reform. “The health care debate, with all its political and ideological conflict, seems to have lost its central moral focus and policy priority, which is to ensure that affordable, quality, life-giving care is available to all,” said a letter signed by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston and Bishops William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., and John C. Wester of Salt Lake City. The three chair the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ committees on Pro-Life Activities, on Domestic Justice and Human Development and on Migration, respectively. Although the letter did not refer specifically to the Jan. 19 election of Republican Scott Brown of Massachusetts to the U.S. Senate, the bishops said, “Although political contexts have changed, the moral and policy failure that leaves tens of millions of our sisters and brothers without access to health care still remains.”

## Vatican making final review of English liturgical translations

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments is pulling together the final version of the English translation of the complete Roman Missal, the book of prayers used at Mass. The Vox Clara Committee, an international group of bishops established to advise the congregation about the translation of the Roman Missal into English, met in Rome Jan. 26-29. A statement released at the end of the meeting said members “reviewed various reports on the steps being taken for editing, coordination of manuscripts and reviews for internal consistency of the English-language translation” of the Roman Missal. Marist Father Anthony Ward, an official of the congregation for worship, said that because bishops’ conferences approved the Roman Missal in sections over a period of years, a final review and minor edits were needed to ensure consistency. For instance, he said, the same Latin prayer may be used in two different Masses and may have been translated slightly differently during the bishops’ approval process. The Vox Clara statement said committee members reviewed the last two sections of the Roman Missal translation to be approved by bishops’ conferences in English-speaking countries: The proper of saints, a collection of specific prayers related to each saint in the universal liturgical calendar; and the common of saints, general prayers for celebrating saints listed in the “Roman Martyrology,” but not in the universal calendar.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## TEEN SETS UP TENT NEAR PORT-AU-PRINCE AIRPORT



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Peterson Merville, 17, sets up a makeshift tent across from the international airport in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Jan. 30, more than two weeks after a major earthquake struck the Caribbean nation. The quake left up to 1 million people homeless.

## Desire for sacraments not sufficient reason for annulment, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — True pastoral charity and concern can never lead the Church to grant an annulment to a Catholic whose marriage is valid according to church law, Pope Benedict XVI said. “One must shun pseudo-pastoral claims” that look only at the desire of divorced Catholics to return to the sacraments, the pope said Jan. 29 in his annual speech to officials of the Roman Rota, a tribunal that mainly deals with appeals filed in marriage annulment cases. The pope said helping Catholics be able to go to Confession and receive the Eucharist is important, but it cannot be done without taking into account the truth about their Church marriage. The Church cannot act charitably toward its faithful without upholding justice and truth, he said. Charity without justice is “only a forgery because charity requires that objectivity that is typical of justice and which must not be confused with inhumane coldness,” the pope said. For the Catholic Church, he said, a marriage celebrated with the full consent of the couple and following the correct form is always presumed to be valid, and a valid marriage is indissoluble. Pastors and those who work in Church tribunals must beware of “the widespread and deeply rooted tendency” to see justice and charity as totally competing values, the pope said.

## Scott Roeder convicted of murdering Kansas abortion doctor

WICHITA, Kan. (CNS) — A Kansas jury deliberated just under 40 minutes before convicting a man of first-degree murder for killing an abortion provider. The jury found Scott Roeder, 51, guilty of murdering Dr. George Tiller, a Kansas abortion doctor who operated a clinic in Wichita where late-term abortions were performed. Roeder faces life in prison, with the possibility of parole after 25 years; he is to be sentenced March 9. Roeder had confessed publicly before the trial and admitted again on the witness stand, according to The Associated Press, that he shot Tiller in the head in the foyer of Reformation Lutheran Church in Wichita where the doctor was serving as an usher. He testified that he believed the lives of unborn children were in “immediate danger” because of Tiller. Roeder also was convicted of aggravated assault for pointing a gun at two ushers at Tiller’s church after the shooting. AP reported that Roeder sat straightforward as the verdict was read and showed no visible reaction. Pro-life advocates universally condemned Tiller’s murder of a Kansas abortion doctor and officials from several U.S. right-to-life groups said such extreme acts only hurt the pro-life cause.

## Some think Scott Brown is pro-life Catholic, but it's not so

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The positive views expressed by some Catholics and pro-life advocates following the election of Republican Scott Brown to the U.S. Senate led many to believe that Brown is a Catholic who takes a 100 percent pro-life stand. Neither is the case. Brown and his family attend New England Chapel in Franklin, Mass., part of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, which has roots in the Protestant Reformation. And although Brown opposes partial-birth abortion and supports parental notification before a minor can receive an abortion, he believes the decision on abortion “should ultimately be made by the woman in consultation with her doctor,” according to his campaign Web site. “I believe we need to reduce the number of abortions in America,” the Web site adds. “I also believe there are people of good will on both sides of the issue and we ought to work together to support and promote adoption as an alternative to abortion.” In the Jan. 19 special election to fill the Senate seat occupied since 1962 by Democratic Sen. Ted Kennedy, Brown defeated Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley, a Catholic who supports legal abortion, by a 52 to 47 percent margin.

## U.S. bishops call for a long-term strategy in Haiti to reduce poverty

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The United States needs “a long-term coherent strategy for recovery, development and poverty reduction in Haiti,” said the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on International Justice and Peace in a Jan. 26 letter to officials in the Obama administration. Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, N.Y., said the strategy for rebuilding Haiti after the devastation of the Jan. 12 earthquake should combine efforts of U.S. government agencies with groups that have expertise and experience with Haiti. He sent the letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Ambassador Ron Kirk, U.S. trade representative. Key elements in rebuilding Haiti, he said, include: debt relief and an expansion of trade; an extension of temporary protected status that has been granted to Haitians living in the United States; and sustained reconstruction and development assistance. “How our nation responds in the near and long term is a test of who we are as a neighbor,” the bishop said.

## Remembering Holocaust, pope prays for respect for all people

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Marking International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Pope Benedict XVI prayed that honoring the memory of the 6 million Jews who died in the Nazi death camps would lead everyone to greater respect for each human being. “Deeply moved, we remember the innumerable victims of the blind racial and religious hatred, who suffered deportation, prison and death in those repugnant and inhuman places,” he said Jan. 27 at the end of his weekly general audience. Reading his prepared remarks in both German and Italian, the pope told the estimated 5,000 people at the general audience that Jan. 27 marked the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp at Oswiecim, Poland, and the rescue of “the few survivors.” “That event and the testimony of the survivors revealed to the world the heinous crimes of an unheard-of cruelty that were committed in the extermination camps created by Nazi Germany,” he said. Holocaust Remembrance Day, he said, is a time to “remember all the victims of those crimes, especially the planned annihilation of the Jews, and to honor those who, risking their own lives, protected the persecuted, opposing the homicidal madness.”

## Fifth annual Edith Stein Project conference offered at University of Notre Dame

NOTRE DAME — The fifth annual Edith Stein Project conference “No Man is an Island: Creature, Culture and Community” will be held Feb. 12-13 at McKenna Hall on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Register at <http://www.nd.edu/~idnd/edith-stein/index.html>.

The Edith Stein Project is an annual, student-run conference at the University of Notre Dame that sprung from a recognition of widespread degradation of the dignity of women and aims to both identify these degradations and recover a true understanding of masculinity and femininity.

St. Edith Stein, the patroness of the conference, took an interest in the philosophical study of human identity, gender and relationships, writing about the nature of men and woman, the individual and community, and human empathy.

This year, the Edith Stein Project will examine the role of human relationships in the unique identity of each person, considering what it truly means to be a man or a woman while utilizing the riches of the Catholic Church's teachings on sexuality and authentic personhood. The conference will include presentations on a wide variety of topics, including marriage, the family, sexual violence and eating disorders.

## Adult faith formation at two area parishes

FORT WAYNE — The diocesan Office of Catechesis is sponsoring a three-week session on Franciscan Spirituality — the Lives of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi, facilitated by Sister Anita Holzmer, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. on March 15, 22, and 29 at St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne.

Sister Anita will facilitate and guide participants through a brief overview of the lives of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi before discussing the spirituality of the two saints found in their writings: Such as the Franciscan virtues of penance/conversion, obedience, poverty, humility, simplicity, chastity, prayer and joy, as well as demonstrating how these are lived and expressed.

Another three-week adult faith formation session on the ancient prayer of the Church, *Lectio Divina*, will be held on Feb. 24, March 3 and 10, from 7-9 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish in Kendallville. Debbie Baum will help those who are approaching a scriptural prayer life for the first time or who are looking for a new dimension to their prayer life learn how to approach and meet Jesus in sacred Scripture. The sessions answer the call of the Holy Father to renew this ancient prayer within the life of the Church.

Baum will be using the book

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CREATE CASTLES



LISA KOCHANOWSKI

Pictured from left are Saint Joseph's High School's freshman Kathleen Caldwell, sophomore Xavier Remmo-Long, freshman Ryan Rompola, and freshman Taylor Ratkay holding their castle creation for world history class. Teacher Kristie Alter asked her students to do a special hands-on project following a chapter on emerging Europe and the Middle Ages. “In my opinion, when we do notes, essays and tests they (the students) don't hold on to it for long. But I think with this project they will hold onto what they learned creating their castle for a long time,” said Alter.

“Too Deep for Words: Rediscovering *Lectio Divina*,” by Thelma Hall, during this session. Participants are encouraged to contact the Cathedral Bookstore at (260) 422-4611 to purchase this resource; however, the purchase of this book is not required.

All sessions are free to attend, however registration is required. Register online at [www.diocesefwsb.org/OC](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/OC) under “Adult Education”; call Janice Martin at (260) 399-1411 or by e-mail at [jmartin@fw.diocesefwsb.org](mailto:jmartin@fw.diocesefwsb.org)

## University of Saint Francis hosts play

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis (USF) will perform “You Can't Take It with You,” a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedic play in three acts by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, on March 19, 20, 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. and March 21 and 28 at 2 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium, 2702 Spring St. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. Doors will open 30 minutes before show time for general seating.

In his *New York Times* review,

Brooks Atkinson described “You Can't Take It with You” as “a spontaneous piece of hilarity” composed with “a dash of affection to season the humor” by two writers with “a knack for extravagances of word and episode and an eye for hilarious incongruities.”

For more information call (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001.

## Ancilla College announces increased spring enrollment

DONALDSON — Spring 2010 enrollment for Ancilla College has increased over 7 percent compared to 2009 spring enrollment figures, the college recently announced.

According to official figures, there are currently 540 students enrolled in 6,411 credit hours, compared to 501 students enrolled in 5,591 credit hours one year ago.

“We are gratified that students and their families continue to show confidence in Ancilla College as evidenced by our continued enrollment growth,” said Dr. Ron May, Ancilla College president. “Our faculty and staff take great pride in providing high quality experiences

to the students we serve while working with the students and their families in assuring affordability.”

Data also shows the college's “We Believe in You” program has remained successful.

Designed for prospective students 21 years and older who have never attended college, “We Believe in You” allows a student to take up to three credit hours free of charge.

There are currently 21 students enrolled in the “We Believe in You” program, compared to just six students enrolled in spring 2008.

## VNHH offers bereavement education

FORT WAYNE — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home will offer its spring bereavement series beginning Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 5-7 p.m. with “Learning to Live after the Death of a Spouse.” Kay Cozad, grief and loss educator, will lead the discussion of healing after loss.

Dar Richardson, grief and loss counselor, will present an overview of loss and its affects in “Understanding Your Grief,” on Tuesday, March 23, from 5-7 p.m.

Ken Prather, founder of

Reaching for Joy, will offer ways to use memories to honor lost loved ones in “Memories: Healing From Within and Reaching for Joy,” held on Tuesday, May 25, from 5-7 p.m.

Each of the programs will be held at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Rd. in Fort Wayne. The series is free and open to anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one.

A light lunch will be served. RSVP by calling (260) 435-3222 or e-mail [bonniedavis@vnhh.org](mailto:bonniedavis@vnhh.org).

## Pro-life CD benefits many

FORT WAYNE — Twelve-year-old Emma MacDonald has written the music and lyrics to a song about how abortion has touched her mother and their family. MacDonald's mother, Jennifer, is an abortion survivor.

When asked how she came to write her song, Emma explains, “One night I woke up suddenly because of a gruesome dream about abortion. A few weeks later, I woke up singing the tune that is now ‘You Are There.’ I was inspired toward the end of the 2008 40 Days For Life prayer campaign.

“In spring, 2009, I submitted my song to Susan B. Anthony List's Lia's Challenge, a pro-life youth contest,” Emma says. “I was so excited to be a finalist. When I didn't win I thought that was the end of my career as a songwriter and warrior for life. I didn't know it was really just the beginning.”

With the encouragement of several people, MacDonald recorded “You Are There” along with eight original instrumentals she has written.

MacDonald's CD is now available at [www.cdbaby.com/Artist/EmmaMacDonald](http://www.cdbaby.com/Artist/EmmaMacDonald). A portion of sales of this CD is donated to pro-life organizations.

## Lecture series to be held at Saint Mary's College

NOTRE DAME — The Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's College has announced the 2010 Endowed Spring Lecture Series: Catholicism at the Crossroads.

The first lecture, titled “How the Laity Can Save the Church,” will be presented by Paul Lakeland, the Jesuit Father Aloysius P. Kelley, chair in Catholic studies and professor of religious studies, Fairfield University on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m. on campus in Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall.

The second lecture, titled “Near Occasions of Grace: The Gift and Task of Thinking Catholic,” will be presented by Dominican Sister Colleen M. Mallon, assistant professor of theology and director of formation, Vocare Center, Aquinas Institute of Theology, St. Louis, Mo., on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall.

The final lecture, “The Eucharist and a Decade of Liturgical Reform: 1999-2010,” will be presented by Father Michael S. Driscoll, associate professor of theology, University of Notre Dame, on Thursday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Carroll Auditorium, Madeleva Hall.

# Church opposes proposal to delay school choice credit

INDIANAPOLIS — Should school choice be an option only for the wealthy? The Church doesn't think so. This explains why the Indiana Catholic Conference is opposing a bill which would place a two-year delay in the implementation of a new parental choice tax credit, which passed during the special budget session of the Indiana General Assembly in June 2009.

Rep. Greg Porter, D-Indianapolis, chairman of the House Education Committee, unexpectedly inserted language into House Bill 1367 during a Jan. 25, committee meeting. Rep. Porter's action, he explained to the committee, was due in part to a concern that funding for public education is being cut. The bill passed the panel, 6-5.

There is also a perceived fear among school choice opponents, including the Indiana State Teachers Association, the primary supporter of the bill, that any reduction of state money especially one that could benefit nonpublic schools could be detrimental to public education.

Rep. Robert Behning, R-Indianapolis, who serves as the ranking minority member on the House Education Committee, said, "I believe we need to be giving our parents and students more options, not fewer. This bill goes after charter schools, virtual charter schools, which we piloted, and it goes after the scholarship tax credit, which we've worked long and so hard to put in place. For the first time in history, Hoosier families have a real choice in education, especially those of lower incomes will have options they have never had before."

"The scholarship tax credit saves taxpayers money," said Rep. Behning. "The argument was made that those supporting the bill were looking for ways to help the state save money and help public schools. But there is no logical reason why these would be included on the list, other than there is a philosophical opposition to them."

In addition to concerns raised by the Indiana Catholic

Conference, other groups testifying in opposition to the bill included: the Charter Schools Association; the Indiana Chamber of Commerce; the Archdiocese of Indianapolis; the Indiana Non-Public Schools Association; the Friedman Foundation; the Indiana Department of Education; and the Governor's office.

"All children should have the opportunity to attend the school of their parent's choice regardless of the family's financial means," said Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director who serves as the official spokesman for the Catholic Church in Indiana on matters of public policy.

Since June 2009, education officials in each diocese have been actively working with community members to create a Scholarship Granting Organization, SGO, so that children could be awarded scholarships beginning in the fall of 2010.

"If this bill passes, it will be a real setback to those who have been working to award scholarships to families who wish to attend a public or nonpublic school of their choice," said Tebbe. "The bigger disappointment would be for the hundreds of families with school children who had hoped to receive a scholarship this fall 2010 and the chance at a better educational fit for their children."

In the Diocese of Evansville, Linda Cox, executive director for the Catholic Foundation for Southwestern Indiana, said, "All of the private accredited schools in Southwestern Indiana have come together to form a SGO for our area called the Tuition Assistance Fund of Southwestern Indiana."

"We have established a formal corporation, have a board, advisory committees and volunteers to put this legislation into effect immediately," said Cox. "We are currently soliciting donations, working on applications for students and have communicated this information to the community within our 12 county geographical area."

Cox said they are looking at awarding scholarships this first

year at a maximum amount of \$3,000 to as many students as donations will allow. "We have received calls from families who are already looking to apply for these scholarships."

"If this legislation is repealed or delayed, it will mean that hundreds of families will be denied the opportunity to attend their choice of private education," said Cox.

The scholarship tax credit would offer a 50 percent tax credit incentive to corporations or individuals for donations made to qualified SGOs. These SGOs would then provide grants to qualifying families for school tuition or other school related costs, at the public or private school of the parents' choice.

Scholarship eligibility is based primarily on a families' income. Income eligibility is based on 200 percent or twice the income for the federal free and reduced lunch program. For example a family of four could have an annual maximum income level of \$78,000. Larger families with higher income levels may also be eligible. A student must be enrolling in kindergarten or enrolled in a public school during the preceding school year to be eligible. If a student has received a scholarship in the previous year from a qualifying SGO they may also be eligible.

House Bill 1367 is eligible for second reading in the House. All bills must be passed by their house of origin by Feb. 3, to move forward in the process.

## Church position

The Church supports school choice. Tebbe said, "The Church has long been an advocate for the economically disadvantaged and promoting the common good of all. We recognize that lower income families often times have the fewest educational opportunities and in many instances are the group that needs them the most. Scholarship tax credits would provide access to a parochial education for low income families. We oppose any legislation that would delay this educational opportunity."

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BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

### Scholarship Tax Credits program summary

#### How would it work?

Individuals and corporations who contribute to a qualified scholarship program would be able to deduct 50 percent of the amount of that donation from their state tax liability.

**Example:** A donor who gave \$5,000 to a participating scholarship program would be able to claim a \$2,500 credit against what they owed in state income tax liability.

The SGO program received \$5,000 in the private donation, which would then be used to fund scholarships for lower-income students.

A \$2,500 state tax credit helped leverage \$5,000 in private scholarship donations.

Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) would establish their own eligibility rules, application procedures, and scholarship amounts within the income limits and other administrative rules within the legislation. The state department of revenue would establish procedures for reporting and monitoring participation in the program, as well as tax credit application processes for private donors to the SGOs.

#### What would this produce as far as scholarships?

The School Scholarship Tax Credit program is designed to provide a powerful incentive for charitable donations for education for lower-income children. Consider the following example:

The program's \$5 million statewide cap would allow for ... \$5 million in total private contributions to participating SGOs (\$5 million donations x 50 percent credit = \$2.5 million program cap.)

— Source: School Choice Indiana Network

## Educators honored with Light of Learning Award

MISHAWAKA — The annual Luncheon in Celebration of Excellence in Catholic Education sponsored by Quality Dining, Inc. took place on Feb. 1 at the Hilton Garden Inn on the campus of Saint Mary's College in the Gillespie Conference Center, and Feb. 4 in the Marquis Ballroom at the Fort Wayne Marriott.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades served as the luncheon's keynote speaker.

Twenty educators from the South Bend area received the Light of Learning award in recognition of their positive impact on Catholic education. Those teachers were: Kathleen Murphy, Christ the King School; Kathleen Leyes, Corpus Christi School; Mallory Schoenle, Holy Family School; Melissa Wroblewski-Jay, Our Lady of Hungary School; Annette Romans, St. Adalbert School; Linda Maenhout, St. Anthony de Padua; Marilyn Williams, St. John the Baptist School; Mary Sue Lamie, St. Joseph School, South Bend; Randi Dillon, St. Jude School; Theresa Lolmaugh, St. Matthew Cathedral School; Mary Korzan, Queen of Peace School; Gina Mynsberge, St. Bavo School; Mary Lucchese, St. Thomas the Apostle School; Brigid Byrne, St. Vincent de Paul School; Ruth Newell, St. John the Evangelist School; Stacy Wall, St. Pius X School; Laura Popielski, St. Michael School; Anne Marie Ganser, Marian High School; and Lorie Fournier-Norem, Saint Joseph's High School. This year's Light of Learning administrative recipient is Carl Loesch, Marian High School.

In addition, Msgr. William Schooler from St. Pius X School, Granger, was presented as a special Light of Learning honoree.

Nineteen educators from the Fort Wayne area have received the Light of Learning award in recognition of their positive impact on Catholic education. Those teachers were: Ann Baker, Most Precious Blood School; Kimberly Berghoff, St. Jude School; Derek Boone, Huntington Catholic School; Thomas Christle, St. Charles Borromeo School; Jenna Corson, St. Louis Academy; Jason Draper, Bishop Luers High School; Brigid Frey, Queen of Angels School; Jennifer Grimm, St. Mary of the Assumption School; Cindy Kelley, St. Bernard School; Dan Loney, Bishop Dwenger High School; Michelle Miller, St. Joseph School, Decatur; Tracy Miller, St. Aloysius School; Katelin Pleus, St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne; Lili Polk, Sacred Heart School, Warsaw; Justin Pranger, St. John the Baptist School, New Haven; Carolyn Schultz, St. Therese School; Margaret Widner, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School; and Cynthia Wolf, St. Vincent de Paul School. Sister Kathleen Marie Knueven, SND, from St. Jude School, Fort Wayne, was this year's Light of Learning administrative recipient.



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## You Can Lend a Hand supports Catholic schools

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — For Dan Fitzpatrick, chairman and CEO of Quality Dining, Inc., contributing to the overall success of any business entails working to make communities a better place to live. “I’ve always been of a mind that we should not only be a good operator of our business, but that we should be a good and contributing corporate citizen.”

To that end, Fitzpatrick helped to initiate the You Can Lend a Hand fundraising campaign that to date has raised \$7.8 million dollars for Catholic schools throughout northern Indiana, western Michigan and southeastern Michigan.

The fundraising program has its origins in 1982 when Fitzpatrick bought four Burger King restaurants, three of which were located in the twin cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, Mich. With Catholic education an important part of his family life, Fitzpatrick introduced himself to the superintendent of the Catholic schools in the twin cities area and discovered there were financial needs within the school system.

“We constructed this fundraiser as a kind of a template from what

we had put together at a high school in Toledo. And we polished up that idea and made it a little bit better, bigger and easier,” said Fitzpatrick.

The fundraising campaign began in the twin cities Catholic school system in 1982 and was very successful. A few years later Fitzpatrick offered the idea to Catholic school principals in the South Bend-Mishawaka area with the encouragement of Bishop John M. D’Arcy. The program was successful in both areas and was subsequently marketed in Fort Wayne and Grand Rapids, Muskegon and suburban areas of Detroit, Mich.

The key to the fundraiser’s success is its simplicity, Fitzpatrick, notes. Catholic school students sell coupon books annually in early February that contain an assortment of coupons from restaurants such as Burger King, Chili’s and Papa Vino’s, as well as local sports venues such as the South Bend Silver Hawks, and Fort Wayne Freedom and Mad Ants. The books are sold by students for \$3, but have a retail value of over \$75.

Each participating Catholic school keeps \$2.50 of each coupon book sale, with 50 cents going into a fund to pay the costs of printing, merchandising and marketing of the program such as production



BY KAREN CLIFFORD

**Tom Hanson, director of marketing, left, chats with Dan Fitzpatrick, chairman and CEO of Quality Dining about the upcoming You Can Lend a Hand fundraising program.**

costs and billboards. The schools can use their money in any manner that best addresses the opportunities and challenges they have in the schools.

“You can use just one coupon out of the book and pay for the whole book; that’s the kind of value that we try to exchange. We believe there will be 49 schools participating in 2010, and they will sell roughly 115,000 books. They will net in the \$300,000 and change range. And it all goes to the schools to do the things that they

think are important for them,” Fitzpatrick emphasized. At St. Monica School in Mishawaka, Principal Sister Pat Gavin explained that proceeds from the fundraiser have gone into the Home and School Association (HASA) fund and helped purchase a mobile computer lab, new carpeting for the classrooms and stage curtains at the school. “The You Can Lend a Hand campaign has been really good for our school. We have been asking each student to sell 15 books and the parents

have been very supportive.”

In addition to fundraising efforts within the Catholic school system, Fitzpatrick envisioned a way for schools within the diocese to get to know each other better through an all-school Mass. Bishop D’Arcy and Fitzpatrick went to Notre Dame to see if an all-school Mass could be held at the Joyce Center.

“When you sit in a body like that it is very self awakening. We bring all the school kids together, both here, and in Fort Wayne (for their own all-school Mass). Notre Dame gives us ushers and they bring us into the Joyce Center, and the pastors and the schools participate in the liturgy.”

Fitzpatrick gives credit to the Catholic community for the schools’ successes. “I am so proud of our Catholic schools. They are one of the real assets of our community. Our Catholic schools are funded from the generosity of the parish, the generosity of the parents, through tuition, as well as other fundraising efforts and this program. This is unlike the public schools where we get direct aid in the form of taxation. We are doing it on our own.”

The You Can Lend a Hand campaign runs from Feb. 1 to March 5.

# Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province names recipients of the 2009 Spirit of Holy Cross Award

NOTRE DAME — The Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province has named the recipients of the 2009 Spirit of Holy Cross award to lay collaborators and religious who serve with the Congregation in the United States and abroad. The award was created to acknowledge the critical importance lay collaborators of Holy Cross and others play in living out the vision of Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, to make God known, loved and served in education, parish and

mission settings. The award is given each year on Sept. 15, the solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows, the feast day of the congregation.

"Thousands of lay collaborators and others assist in fulfilling the important work in Holy Cross apostolates throughout the world each year," said Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial superior, Congregation of Holy Cross, Indiana Province. "The Spirit of Holy Cross Award provides a special opportunity to recognize extraordinary effort in liv-

ing out the Holy Cross mission. We thank all who are helping to make a positive difference in the world."

Recipients for 2009 Spirit of Holy Cross Award serve in education, parish and mission settings:

- Frances Amabisca, St. John Vianney Parish, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Msgr. Cristian Precht Bañados, Santiago, Chile
- Matt and Kate Barrett, St. Joseph Parish, South Bend
- Dominican Sister Maria Ciriello, former dean of the School of Education, University of Portland, Ore.
- James Gibbons, Holy Cross House, Notre Dame
- Adelaido "Lalo" Avila Gomez, Mexico
- Andrew Noethe, Downtown Chapel, Portland, Ore.

• Susan Steibe-Pasalich, director of Student Affairs, University of Notre Dame

• Cardinal Emmanuel Wamala, District of East Africa

Recipients are recognized by the local communities of the Congregation of Holy Cross and receive a proclamation of gratitude signed by the Provincial Superior on behalf of the entire Indiana Province.

Matt and Kate Barrett have been parishioners of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend since 1994. They have four children: Kevin, Wilson, Luke and Maggie. Matt has served on the parish pastoral council, the capital campaign steering committee and the parish

development committee, and helped to formulate the parish pastoral plan. Kate was a member of the Christian Life commission, served on the parish pastoral council and shares her musical gifts as a Sunday Mass cantor and as director of the St. Joseph School Children's Choir. Matt, Kate and their children also serve the parish as hospitality ministers — greeting parishioners as they arrive at church for the Sunday 8 a.m. Mass.

James Gibbons is a long-time supporter of Holy Cross. He served as assistant vice president for university relations and director of special events and protocol at the University of Notre Dame until his retirement in 1999. He was awarded a Presidential Citation in 1979 for outstanding contributions to the university and in 1988 received the Notre Dame Alumni Association's James E. Armstrong Award, which honors a university graduate and employee for distinguished service. He regularly attends Mass at Holy Cross House and volunteers for several local charities.

Susan Steibe-Pasalich has

assisted the Holy Cross Office of Vocations in screening applicants to Holy Cross seminary programs. Father Obermiller said that she "has brought a high level of professionalism to this task

and has contributed immeasurably to ensuring that the next generation of Holy Cross religious are well-rounded and well-equipped for their lives of service."

In addition to her nearly 30 years of service as director of the University Counseling

Center, Steibe-Pasalich is a licensed clinical psychologist and a concurrent assistant professor of psychology at Notre Dame, where she also serves on several committees including the Student-Athlete Drug Testing Committee, the Committee for Academic and Student Life and the University Wellness Committee.

Steibe also serves on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) National Review Board, which was established in 2002 to assist the USCCB in preventing sexual abuse of minors by persons in the service of the Church in the United States.

## Notre Dame theologian probes the 'educated heart'

BY BILL SCHMITT

NOTRE DAME — "Lift up your hearts" is not only the introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, a Notre Dame theology professor said recently. Those liturgical words are "a call for the education of the heart" — a call similar to the mandate that Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., passed along as founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Noted faculty member and author Lawrence Cunningham, presenting the second annual Blessed Basil Moreau Lecture on Jan. 18, offered a reflection on the banners found around the campus inscribed with the words "educating the mind and the heart." He said Father Moreau's counsel to the Holy Cross order, which shapes the Notre Dame mission, expands the notion of "instruction" to include a sense of higher purpose and openness to God's grace.

"To a greater or lesser degree, the education of the heart is to link knowledge with a view towards the other," Cunningham told an audience of administrators, faculty and students. "The educated heart reaches out; it is a heart that is in communion."

He said "a Notre Dame education should not only elevate the mind but lift up the heart" in

order to form a loving relationship with God and with others.

The Blessed Basil Moreau Lecture is a scholarly commentary on Holy Cross spirituality that constitutes part of the annual week of events called "Holy Cross: Faith in our Future." The events revolve around Blessed Basil's feast day on Jan. 20. The Holy Cross founder was beatified in 2007.

Ann Firth, the university's associate vice president for student affairs, served as discussant at the lecture and tied the education of hearts to the practice of hospitality. "To enter as stranger and become friend instead of enemy implies not only conversation but also conversion, both of the person being welcomed and the person who is welcoming," she said.

Besides the lecture and a feast day Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the events of the week also included a vespers service and a "Men in Black" presentation by a panel of Holy Cross priests. They spoke to an audience of more than 140 students and others about life in the priesthood and their individual journeys before ordination.

The panel discussion, moderated by Holy Cross Father William Lies, included Holy Cross Father Paul Doyle, Holy Cross Father Ralph Haag and Holy Cross Father Timothy Scully.



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# Quotes and photos from the Vespers reception

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

**Stephen Lueke, Mayor of South Bend.** "We are delighted to welcome Bishop Rhoades to the diocese. We have had such a wonderful relationship with Bishop (D'Arcy). The Catholic Church is such a strong part of the history of South Bend and the parishes are real anchors in our neighborhoods. The social services that are encouraged in these parishes reach out and change our community. I look forward to having a wonderful relationship with the new bishop."

**Robin McCracken, sister of Bishop Rhoades.** "The people I have met here are wonderful, and I know they are going to love him and take care of him, as he will them. It will be really nice to come here and visit, and, as Bishop D'Arcy said, he's going to make this my second home."

**Thomas H. Powell, president of Mount Saint Mary's University.** "One of the great things I've learned from Bishop Rhoades is he understands about priestly formation and making sure men have a good figure of what Christ is all about in our world, and he serves as the ultimate example, to me, of what a priest should be. When he was the rector of our seminary, all the men needed to learn Spanish. And every Wednesday we had 'Spanish Day' for the whole university, where all the Masses were in Spanish; all the homilies were in Spanish. And it was his commitment to reach out to an under-represented population, the Hispanic population, and again, served as a Christ-like example to all of us."

**Theresa Thomas of the Michiana Home School Group.** "We have read a lot about Bishop Rhoades and are thrilled. We wanted to offer him a welcome gift. We gave him

a large picture of St. John Vianney, the patron saint for priests who is looking out in adoration at the Blessed Sacrament. We heard that the bishop has a devotion to Jesus and the Blessed Sacrament."

**Father Greg Markey, a priest at St. Mary Parish in Norwalk, Conn. and one of Bishop Rhoades' former students from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary.** "I'm very proud of him, he's going to be a great bishop. The Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese is very lucky to have him."

**Pat Heiden, who plays the trumpet as a part of chamber brass at St. Matthew Cathedral.** "It's always a pleasure to play for the bishops. By hearing his homily (at vespers) Bishop Rhoades seems to be a person that is very determined to do good things like Bishop D'Arcy did."

**Kelly Miller and Sally Flask, parishioners of St. Pius X Parish in Granger.** Kelly: "I really like his new ideas for evangelization in our diocese." Sally: "I liked his idea about promoting attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. As a (religious education) teacher I've been doing that with my kids too."

**Roberta Polovick, a member of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocesan Catholic School Board.** "The mention of Catholic education (during Bishop Rhoades homily at vespers) was huge! My husband squeezed my hand when he mentioned it. He's really filled with the Holy Spirit—you can see it and you can feel it."

**Sister Mary Elizabeth Schmidt, who cooked for Bishop Rhoades for five years while he was bishop in Harrisburg, Pa.** "I would cook his food, put it in containers and put it in his freezer at his residence. When he needed more he let me know and I refilled the containers. During his second year as bishop, he came for Confirmation and there was an eighth-grade boy who was very scared because he had never met a bishop. The boy kept looking at me as he got ready to go forward, and I told him he would be fine. The bishop confirmed him, and he came to me afterwards and said 'Sister you were right. When Bishop Rhoades put his hand on my head to confirm me, I thought I was standing in front of Christ.' I thought that was awesome."



KAREN CLIFFORD

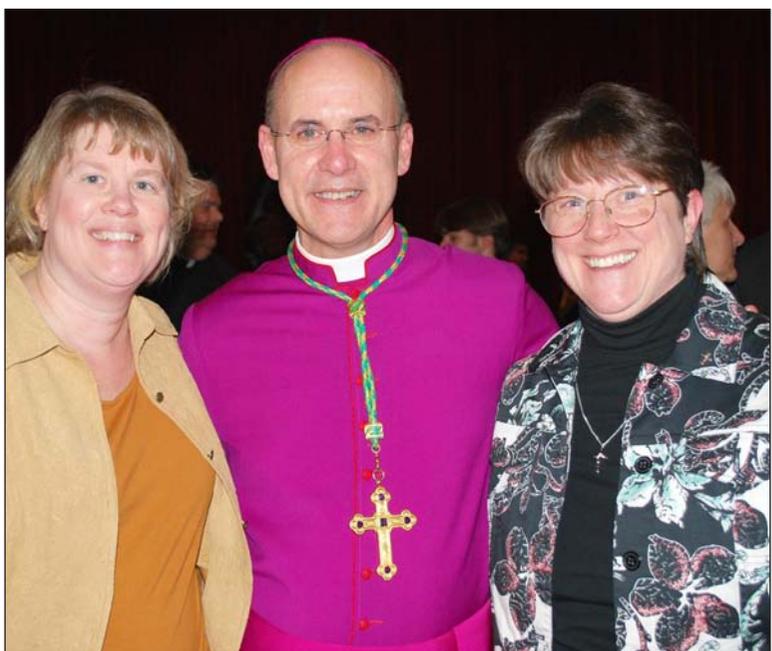
Adam Sima, parishioner at St. John the Baptist in South Bend, speaks to Bishop Rhoades about the influence of the Bishop's devotion to the Blessed Mother on his life.



Father Greg Markey, one of Bishop Rhoades former students from Mount St. Mary's Seminary, congratulates the Bishop on his new appointment. Father Markey is currently a priest at St. Mary Parish in Norwalk, Conn.



Theresa Thomas and Rebecca Fitzmorris of the Michiana Home School Group welcome Bishop Rhoades after presenting him with a gift of a picture of St. John Vianney, the patron saint for priests.



Kelly Miller, left, and Sally Flask, parishioners from St. Pius X Parish, Granger, welcome Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to the diocese.



Roberta Polovick, who serves on the diocesan school board, and her husband Randy, share their excitement about the diocese's future.

# Political dignitaries welcome Bishop Rhoades

RICHARD G. LUGAR  
UNITED STATES SENATOR  
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January 13, 2010

To Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades:

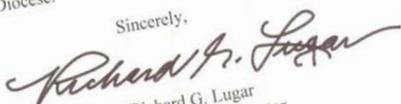
It is my pleasure to extend congratulations on your accepting the position as Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. I appreciate this opportunity to join with the citizens of Indiana in welcoming you to our state and in thanking you for accepting this new responsibility.

I am sure the parishes in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania are saddened by your leaving, but will provide you with their thoughts and prayers for your continued success in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

As you settle into your new surroundings, I am confident the priests, deacons and parishioners of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese will be of great assistance as you initiate new ideas and programs that will be of value in the Catholic communities.

Again, my congratulations and best wishes for continued success as Bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar  
United States Senator

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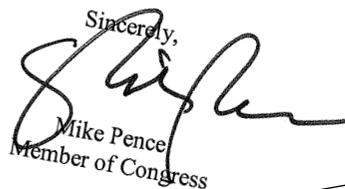
Dear Bishop Rhoades,

I want to congratulate you on your appointment as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and welcome you to Indiana.

While serving as Bishop of your home Diocese in Pennsylvania, you earned a reputation as a wise and discerning leader. And though the people of Harrisburg will undoubtedly miss your expertise, I am thankful you have been called to serve Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Mike Pence  
Member of Congress



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Dear Bishop Rhoades,

On behalf of all Hoosiers, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Indiana and to congratulate you on being installed as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Given the present times, the role of faith has never had a greater importance in our nation.

A very smart and, I think, superb new first lady of this country had something interesting to say last year. Americans, she stated, had "a hole in our souls." I think there may be some truth in that. The pursuit of the material in life often leads to a moral vacuum and a sense of emptiness. When all the wealth of the world fails to satisfy, frustration and despair result, and this affects the quality of life for all Americans. This is when good people, often as a result of deep faith, rush in to fill the void.

When I sense those "spiritual holes" in my own soul, it is not to politics or politicians that I look for comfort. I look to the promise of Sunday morning and to friends like you. For our state and our nation to be the place of freedom, the imperfect but always striving site of the best instincts in fallen humanity, we must remember from where our rights come. We must remember why we are equal--one to another. We must recall how humble is our judgment, how little of all that could be known, we know.

Over the coming years, may your episcopacy serve as a source of guidance for all Hoosiers searching for spiritual fulfillment. And may those spiritual holes caused by these difficult days be filled, in part, through your ministry to our fellow Hoosiers.

Sincerely,



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Most Reverend Kevin Rhoades, D.D.  
Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend

Dear Bishop Rhoades,

As one of the US Congressmen serving the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, I write to congratulate you on your appointment as successor to Bishop D'Arcy. I am sure I speak for my fellow Catholics in hoping for many happy, fruitful years under your leadership. You have big shoes to fill--Bishop D'Arcy has been an untiring shepherd for about as long as my now-adult children can remember. He will be missed.

Our diocese is large and diverse, with many languages and cultures represented. Your long experience with Hispanic ministry will prove a great gift to the many Spanish-speaking members of our Diocese. We enjoy many thriving Catholic institutions--universities, hospitals, ministries to the poor, and religious communities. Your strong leadership and support can help these institutions to flourish even more. We also have a strong tradition of pro-life action in this area, supporting life from conception to natural death. We have fine groups like the Women's Care Center and Project Gabriel that help women in crisis situations, and we also have thousands of parishioners, young and old, who fast and march for life every year. As a Congressman, I am proud of my 100% pro-life voting record.

You inherit a thriving tradition of Catholic education in our diocese. I sent my own children to St. Anthony's school and then to Marian, where I was privileged to serve as president of the school board. Our K-12 Catholic schools play an indispensable role in providing spiritual and academic formation to our children, as well as educating them for responsible citizenship. In my work as a Congressman, every single day I am impressed by our local character, so full of hope, enterprising spirit, and faith in God. We can attribute a major part of this to the strong Catholic schools and families that our diocese supports. Congratulations on your installation, and many blessings as you lead the diocese into a new era.

Sincerely,



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# Rosary offered on demand by MaryTV

BY DIANE FREEBY

**SOUTH BEND** — The Internet, like so much of today's modern technology, has the power to help promote both good and evil. While one person receives joy watching videos of a new grandchild who lives thousands of miles away, another person finds himself spiraling downward in an addiction to on-line pornography. People are bombarded with choices every time they log on. One South Bend couple wants to use the power of prayer to reclaim the Internet for God, making the holy rosary available to everyone online.

Denis and Cathy Nolan already make the rosary a part of their daily life, praying together as a couple every morning and making time for a daily family rosary. Convinced of the many graces received from praying the rosary, the Nolan's hope to make the experience available for everyone via the Internet.

"We begin each rosary, feeling like David with his little stone, consecrating the Internet to her," explains Denis.

"This rosary is like any other rosary, except for the little sharings we give between the decades," adds Cathy. "The sharings may help build our faith and focus us on the grace of that decade. Also, when people pray together, two or three are gathered, the Lord is there with them!"

The rosary is prayed daily at 11 a.m. EST, at [www.marytv.tv](http://www.marytv.tv).

Those who can't pray at that time may use the "video on demand" feature and pray at their convenience.

"The response has been incredible," says Denis. "By the second day we had already used up bandwidth intended for a month and so had to switch to a TV channel with little pop up ads (that you can delete — they aren't distracting). By the second day, several hundred people throughout the U.S. were praying with us, and people from 18 countries, including Ireland, Belgium, Portugal, Puerto Rico, India, Canada, Argentina, Bosnia Hercegovina and Australia."

The idea for using modern technology to further faith goes back several years for the Nolans, following Denis' 1986 pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

Denis founded MaryTV in order to use modern technology to help share Our Lady's messages with the world.

MaryTV has a local office and studio in Mishawaka, courtesy of a local religious order. Denis recalls 10 years ago when he had a Franciscan cardinal, a Franciscan bishop and a Franciscan priest on the MaryTV board.

"I boldly asked the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration at Mt. Alverno in Mishawaka if we could have an office there. I learned later that they made a deal with Our Lady. They'd give us space for an office, shipping room, editing suite and film studio — at no cost — and Our Lady would give them vocations.



DIANE FREEBY

**Denis and Cathy Nolan pray the rosary daily, live, via the Internet. They compare their effort to David, who was laughed at by Goliath. "Our little rosary is humble," says Denis, "prayed from the heart. It's exciting to think about people joining us every day to pray the rosary, responding to Our Lady's call for family prayer and consecrating the Internet to her."**

At the time they had none. Today they're bursting at the seams with new vocations — so much so I'm sure they could use the space we've taken over. But I don't think they are going to ask for it back. Not long ago the provincial told me they consider us their gift to Our Lady. And we feel a strong spiritual support from the sisters. ... We're very grateful."

The Nolan's say the Internet rosary is a root for MaryTV.

"What Our Lady wants to do will come to fruition only through prayer. There are some incredible television Web sites out there right now ... but it would be a mistake to compare ourselves with others. I think we're at exactly the right spot. This simple, humble little rosary on the Internet everyday is exactly what we're supposed to be doing right now — while we're waiting for funds to finish con-

struction of our television station in Medjugorje."

MaryTV, which is a nonprofit group, has already raised \$1 million to put toward the broadcast facility and another \$1 million is needed for completion. Several technical and professionals with network television experience are waiting to set up the cameras and editing equipment to begin broadcasting as soon as the building is completed.

## 'Webcatechesis' answers questions about Revised Missal translation

**NOTRE DAME** — In the jubilee year, 2000, Pope John Paul II issued the "third typical edition" of the Roman Missal. It was published officially in Latin in 2002, and since then has been undergoing translation by ICEL (the International Commission on English in the Liturgy). The U.S. bishops gave final approval to it last November. It awaits the final "recognitio" from Rome, now, and then publishers will begin printing. It could reach parish pews in the spring or summer 2011. This is a time of catechesis and preparation for its arrival.

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy, headed by Dr. David Fagerberg, has launched a Web site, <http://liturgy.nd.edu/webcatechesis/>, for the implementation of the Third Edition of the Revised Roman Missal from the Committee on Divine Worship.

Will Catholics notice distinct changes in the ritual text of the Roman Missal in Masses celebrated throughout the English-speaking world? As the USSCB Web site says, "New Words: A Deeper Meaning, but the Same Mass."

Dr. Fagerberg says, "The aver-

age Catholic will recognize the same structure, because it's the same Mass. But some words and phrases will be different, which will give us an opportunity to participate more thoughtfully in the liturgy."

At the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commission (FDLC) meeting, a speaker suggested "putting some videos up on YouTube with relevant information about the new translation," Fagerberg says, "and Msgr. Bruce Harbert, who at the time was the executive secretary of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL), and I were discussing its value. When I offered Notre Dame as a potential host site, and he seemed interested, I came back to research the options."

Unlimited storage space for streaming videos and production facilities at Notre Dame made the Notre Dame Center for Liturgy a logical host site.

Fagerberg notes, "This got me thinking that it would be great to host a number of catechetical video clips on our Web site: Call it 'Web Catechesis.'"

"We can give theological background and talk about issues in

translation, etc.," Fagerberg says.

Last fall Msgr. Harbert came to Notre Dame and recorded a talk in four segments, Fagerberg says, "and we've also received a tape from England with a recorded talk Harbert gave to the priests of Leeds, the diocese of Bishop Roche who was chairman of ICEL."

Msgr. Harbert's talks include Windows media video files about 15 minutes in length on the following topics: Geographical Catholicity; Historical Catholicity; The Roman Canon; and Third Eucharistic Prayer. The video transcripts in pdf documents are also available.

The intended WebCatechesis audience, besides anyone who happens to be interested, includes committees on divine worship in the diocese or parish, especially those which are geographically isolated, Fagerberg says. "A priest could put on the video while he's sorting mail; a committee could watch one and jump start their evening discussion, maybe doing the series over the year.

"This is especially intended for remote sites that find it difficult to come to a regional conference on

the new translation," he says.

Also contributing to the site with videos is Benedictine Father Anthony Ruff, who is the associate professor of theology at St. John's School of Theology and Seminary in Collegeville, Minn. Father Ruff is a musicologist and has written on sacred music and liturgical reform. He is the founder and director of the National Catholic Youth Choir. His talks consider the role of music in liturgy and looks at opportunities in the new translation.

Father Paul Turner, a priest from the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, offers videos and transcripts on the specific changes in

working that will come in the new translation of the Eucharistic Prayers. Father Turner holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant' Anselmo in Rome and is a frequent contributor to pastoral and academic journals.

Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, a Sister of the Most Precious Blood, also offers four videos with transcripts on the site. Sister Joyce directs the Institute for Liturgical Ministry in Dayton, Ohio and is the founding editor and a columnist for *Liturgical Ministry*. Her talks give an overview of the Eucharistic Prayer — its structure, content and theology.

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## Evangelization in a digital age

February is Catholic Press Month. It offers a time for Catholic newspapers such as *Today's Catholic* to recognize our efforts in evangelization, to examine how we evangelize and to thank all who read our newspaper.

We thank all those who generously donated money through our drives held last June and December to help with the costs of sending *Today's Catholic* to every registered Catholic household. By donating, you also are playing a role in evangelization, ensuring every registered Catholic home in the diocese has at least one Catholic publication in their home.

We are thankful to Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who agreed to this new venture, and we thank Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for his continued support and for making the new evangelization a priority in his episcopacy.

Evangelization through the media takes multiple routes today. Just a few weeks ago, Pope Benedict XVI encouraged our priests to blog and use the Internet as a tool to reach out to the masses.

As reported by Catholic News Service, "The world of digital communication, with its almost limitless expressive capacity, makes us appreciate all the more St. Paul's exclamation: 'Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel,'" the pope said in his message for the 2010 celebration of World Communications Day, which was released Jan. 23.

"Priests stand at the threshold of a new era: as new technologies create deeper forms of relationship across greater distances, they are called to respond pastorally by putting the media ever more effectively at the service of the Word," the pope said.

Many of our parishes have Web sites for their digital evangelization. *Today's Catholic* is available in print, as an e-mailed PDF, through cassette tape for the visually impaired and in a condensed 15-minute Podcast, which can also be heard on Sunday afternoons on Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM. And last year, we launched [www.todayscatholicnews.org](http://www.todayscatholicnews.org) with the week's local highlights, updated news stories from Catholic News Service, photo and video links, movie reviews, archive issues and more.

For those of us who use Facebook, Twitter and other social networking pieces, Pope Benedict encourages us all to use these means to proclaim the Gospel. That gives us all the obligation to exhort St. Paul's exclamation: "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel."

### Super message for Super Bowl

As many of us Hoosiers cheer on the Indianapolis Colts to another Super Bowl victory this weekend, an advertisement featuring a pro-life message has created a bit of a stir in the pro-choice world.

Tim Tebow, the Heisman Award-winning quarterback for the Florida Gators, appears in a Super Bowl advertisement with his mother Pam Tebow. The 30-second ad, produced by Focus on the Family, tells the story of Pam Tebow's decision to continue with her pregnancy against her physician's advice and give birth to the college football star, Tim Tebow.

Pro-choice advocates are arguing that CBS should drop the commercial and gathered as many as 120,000 letters opposing the ad. Americans United for Life reported in a news release that pro-choice advocates are saying, "... abortion is a controversial issue and anti-abortion vitriol has resulted in escalated violence against reproductive health service providers and their patients, including the murder of Dr. George Tiller during Sunday morning service at his church. We sincerely hope you do not want CBS associated with this brand of un-American hate."

This has motivated pro-life speakers such as Father Frank Pavone to ask, "Why should it bother people who call themselves pro-choice if women watch Pam Tebow and her son Tim on Super Bowl Sunday and freely decide to choose life? Would fewer abortions be a bad thing?"

Father Pavone continues, "As for the argument that the ad should not be shown because it is divisive, since when do we broadcast only things on which the American people all agree? In that case, the Super Bowl itself could not be broadcast."

Despite the pressure, at press time, CBS had agreed to run the Tebow ad but they need encouragement from the pro-life community. A petition can be signed on [LifeSiteNews.com](http://LifeSiteNews.com).

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## Pennsylvanian lauds Bishop Rhoades

I was one of the privileged Catholics in Harrisburg Diocese to know Bishop Rhoades. I am 75 years old and have known many

wonderful priest friends and knowing this bishop has really been a blessing. He always takes time to try to acknowledge everyone no matter how busy his schedule. If I knew he was speaking anywhere I tried to be there because he just gives me a sense of peace with the Lord just being in his presence. I

felt I had to write him when I heard he was leaving our parish and to my astonishment he answered my note, which I will keep forever. What a blessing your diocese has been given.

Mary Wyant  
New Cumberland, Pa.

## Keeping technology, networking in check

I'll admit it. I enjoy living in a high-tech age. My favorites are my iPod and downloading music from iTunes. I like having a world of information at my fingertips with the Internet. I am particularly fond of the Apple computers, which I use at home and at work. I have been an Apple geek since my first computer programming class at Bishop Luers High School in the mid-1980s. Nothing frustrates me more than trying to figure out a PC when my brain is wired for a Mac.

Our work at *Today's Catholic* involves digital cameras, a digital microphone, the GuitarBand program for podcasting, e-mail for the delivery of stories, photos and press releases, and the Internet to gather news. These are wonderful tools in the work of evangelization through this newspaper.

But sometimes I get a bit overwhelmed with the technological and social networking advances. Last year, for example, I gave in and joined Facebook. It's mostly family and friends from church and work, but I am amazed who requests to be my friend. And I have become "sort of" reconnected with friends from high school and college.

On postings, I often shudder that people divulge a little too much or the extremely trivial. But it is fun keeping up with my family and friends, seeing family photos, vacation highlights, etc.

To optimize my time with Facebook, I have chosen not to join any cause invitations. And only rarely do I indulge in "social interviews" or quizzes, or participate in Farmville or Cafe World activities.

I still prefer face-to-face interaction with my wife, daughter and family. I still prefer a real hug and a handshake. I still like hearing the voice of someone I love on the telephone.

For me, it is important that I set limits: I'll use just Facebook, not other social networking sites. I'm careful what I divulge. I

don't let Facebook "rule" my day or life. I tend to check Facebook when I feel like it. Sometimes I go two or three weeks without logging in.

Now, if Facebook is the rage when my daughter is older, I'll probably be using it to spy on her and her friends.

Facebook could easily become an addiction. A story posted on CNN's Web site last April noted in a quote from Paula Pile, a marriage and family therapist in Greensboro, N.C., "... problems arise when users ignore family and work obligations because they find the Facebook world a more enjoyable place to spend time than the real world."

Signs of addiction, Pile said, is losing sleep over Facebook; spending more than an hour a day on Facebook; becoming obsessed with old loves; ignoring work in favor of Facebook; and the thought of getting off Facebook leaves you in a cold sweat.

Social networking does take time, which is a precious com-



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modity. If you find yourself addicted, try a detox this upcoming Lent: maybe give it up for a while.

Of course, I also like Pope Benedict XVI's idea of using Facebook, YouTube and other social networking to evangelize. If you see something you like about our faith, connect your Facebook friends to it. You never know who you are touching with the love of Christ.

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Agatha

third century  
February 5

As with other early Christian martyrs, Agatha's story is legendary not factual. The Sicilian-born virgin supposedly was martyred during the persecution of Emperor Decius, who ruled 249-51. She was sent to a brothel to force her to repudiate a vow of chastity, but she remained steadfast and her breasts were cut off. Healed when St. Peter appeared to her in prison, she died a few days later from further torture. Her saintly cult spread, and she was added to the Roman Canon of the Mass about 600.

CNS Saints

# Language lessons: New media test Vatican's digital fluency

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI recently urged the world's priests to make better use of new media, but in his own backyard the digital revolution is still seen as a mixed blessing.

The Vatican Web site remains largely a repository of printed texts, displayed on pages designed to look like parchment. And despite more than a decade of discussion about making the site interactive, [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) continues to provide information in one direction only: from them to you.

Some Vatican agencies have embraced the digital possibilities, notably Vatican Radio, which offers online broadcasts, podcasts and RSS feeds along with photos and print versions of major stories.

Other departments prefer to fly below the radar. The Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, for example, has posted exactly

one new piece of information on its Web page over the last three years.

The impression that the Vatican is slow on the draw when it comes to Internet possibilities was confirmed recently when a "Vatican" Twitter feed turned out to be someone impersonating the Vatican. It was a fairly innocent case of Twitterjacking, but begged the question: Why doesn't the Vatican have a real Twitter feed?

Among the few Vatican officials willing to tackle these issues head-on is Archbishop Claudio Celli, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. He met with reporters to present the pope's World Communications Day message Jan. 23, which called for better use of new media, and said it held lessons for everyone engaged in church ministry.

"The risk is that our sites will

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merely be places where information is posted, and not a real meeting ground," he said.

Archbishop Celli has helped prod the Vatican toward more interactivity. Last year, his council designed and launched a special Vatican Web site, [www.pope2you.net](http://www.pope2you.net), to bring the pope closer to a younger audience. It includes iPhone and Facebook applications, and visitors have

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# Meet Jesus through the Church



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 5:1-11

The Book of Isaiah is the source of the first reading this weekend. It was composed in a time when tranquility prevailed in the southern Hebrew kingdom of Judah, but dark clouds were forming on the horizon.

Isaiah, believing that God had called him to call the people to obedience to the divine will, warned that if the wayward and listless did not reform, and if the nation did not return to God, then disaster awaited.

He was received as if he were Cassandra. No one wanted to turn away from the happy times and good living for the more restrained life that would pertain if all were faithful to God. Isaiah, despite being, or perhaps because of being, in somewhat a privileged position, was resented.

It was not just that the prophet demanded that people mend their ways, but he wrote with such determination, even fiery at times.

Here, in this reading, Isaiah displays the fervor and power that are typical of the writing in all three sections of this ancient book.

Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians provides the next reading. Paul recalls the death of

Jesus and then the Lord's Resurrection, reporting that Peter, whom Paul calls "Cephas," using the Greek term, saw Jesus after the Resurrection, that James saw Jesus, and that even 500 of those who believed in the Gospel saw the risen Lord.

The reading also is autobiographical. Paul declares that he himself is an apostle, having been called by the Lord. However, he calls himself "least" among the apostles, since he, unlike the others, once persecuted Christ living in the community of Christians.

Unrestrained by this sense of personal unworthiness, Paul wholeheartedly responds to this calling. Through him, God works the plan of redemption and mercy.

Luke's Gospel supplies the last reading. This particular passage shows the fine literary hand at work in the composition of the Gospel of Luke, and by extension the other Gospels. Here Luke uses the Gospel of Mark as a source, but then he adds details drawn from a source also used by John.

Of course, Jesus is the central figure in the story. But, the next most important figure is Peter. A fisherman, Peter was in his boat on the Sea of Galilee when Jesus embarked. The Lord began to preach to the people assembled on the shore.

Then Jesus told Peter to row into deeper water and lower the nets into the water. Peter mildly protests, but he does as told. The nets are so filled with fish that Peter and his companions have difficulty in pulling the nets aboard.

Humbly, aware of the Lord's power, Peter confesses his own sinfulness. Recognizing Peter's faith, Jesus tells Peter thereafter to fish for souls.

## Reflection

For weeks, actually since Christmas, the Church has been introducing us, as it were, to Jesus. The great feasts of the Epiphany and of the Baptism of the Lord told us about Jesus.

Now, subtly but firmly, the Church tells us where we in our time meet Jesus. It is in and through the Church, in which reposes the memory and authority of Peter, given by Jesus.

We need God's guidance, and we cannot wander from God. The readings firmly say this. Isaiah, Paul and Peter all saw themselves as unworthy. Yet, fortified by God's help, they became instruments of redemption. They fulfilled holy tasks.

They are examples for us. Each person who hears the word of Christ, and is healed and strengthened by Christ's life in grace, has a holy task. Each believer has a role in the work of salvation. Everyone is unworthy. Nevertheless, God calls us, and God will give us all that we need truly to be saved from our sins.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-5, 7-8  
1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7,  
8-10 Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23 27-30 Ps  
84:3-5, 10-11 Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-  
6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-  
4, 35-37, 40 Mk 7:24-30

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps  
81:10-11b, 12-15 Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Ps 106:6-7b, 19-22 Mk 8:1-10

## CATEQUIZ'EM

By Dominic Camplisson

In February the Church remembers St. Blase/Blaise.

**1. This group, of which includes St. Blase, is known collectively as:**

- a. the Twelve Latter Day Apostles
- b. the Fourteen Holy Helpers
- c. the Sixteen Vestal Virgins

**2. Why were they so known?**

- a. Because they were 12 latter day saints with the same exact names as the Apostles and/or their wives.
- b. Because they were believed to have rendered assistance in times of great trouble.
- c. Because they bridged the period from the Roman pagan priesthood to the Catholic clerical predominance.

**3. It is generally believed that this group was invoked for assistance during a 14th century catastrophe, which hit most of Europe. What was it?**

- a. global warming
- b. the Wars of the Roses
- c. the Black Death or plague

**4. The origin of the appeal to this group is thought to have been strongest in:**

- a. Germany
- b. China
- c. Yemen

**5. One female saint amongst them has a California county named for her:**

- a. St. Fresno
- b. St. Diego
- c. St. Barbara

**6. Two other females in the group are associated with significant Eastern cities. Who and what are theses?**

- a. St. Sophia of Constantinople and Julian of Norwich
- b. Catherine of Alexandria and Margaret of Antioch
- c. Mary (Miriam) of Jerusalem and Anna of Capernaum

**7. One of the group is invoked against diseases of the throat:**

- a. St. Blase
- b. St. Lozenge
- c. St. Stomos

**8. One of the group is often depicted fighting, of all things, a dragon:**

- a. St. Parsifal
- b. St. George
- c. St. Komodo

**9. This member of the group is a popular subject for medals worn by travelers:**

- a. Christopher
- b. Basil
- c. Monica

**10. Accepting the realities of medieval life, people did not just pray for cures, but invoked St. Catherine against:**

- a. wealth
- b. sudden death
- c. losing in the playoffs

**11. This saint, who also has a "dance" named for him, is invoked against epilepsy:**

- a. Elmo
- b. HipHopus
- c. Vitus

**12. At one point a pope attached these to devotions to this group:**

- a. penalties
- b. indulgences
- c. benefices

**13. This saint is not, despite his name, the patron of tailors but is patron of physicians:**

- a. Pantaleon
- b. Tape Messieur
- c. Kildareus

**14. The feasts honoring these saints were removed from the church calendar in:**

- a. the 19th century
- b. the 20th century
- c. the 21st century

**15. Another more technical name for these saints, based on their ability to help, is:**

- a. First Aid Saints
- b. Assisi Tants
- c. Auxiliary Saints

### ANSWERS:

- 1.b, 2.b, 3.c, 4.a, 5.c, 6.b, 7.a, 8.b, 9.a, 10.b, 11.c, 12.b, 13.a, 14.b, 15.c

# Making a difficult choice

In April 2005, I was diagnosed with cancer. It was just two weeks after the birth of my ninth baby, and days after my youngest brother's death in a car accident. I stopped breast-feeding immediately as I needed many tests including an MRI and CT scan, the latter of which required the ingestion of radioactive material. What's more, chemotherapy was next to come. A mother simply couldn't nurse with those toxins rushing through her body.

Immediately upon weaning, I experienced complications. I had an allergic reaction to the CT dye. I also felt relentless mental anguish of not being able to nourish and bond with this baby the way I had the other eight. I felt guilty. I worried that she might grow up without me. I was exhausted from birth, from tending to a newborn, from dealing with grief. I was uncertain of my own life and future.

But the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back of my emotions came when my husband and I were sitting in the oncologist's office, after a tests had been completed, while my mind was spinning with the diagnosis, treatment plan and clinical trial options. The oncologist ended his discussion of my future by saying, "Now before we start, we need to get you on birth control because you absolutely must not get pregnant."

A pregnancy, the doctor explained, would hamper my progress, my prognosis and the ultimate outcome, which was a nice way of saying that my life depended on it not happening.

"We practice Natural Family Planning," I remember offering weakly.

The doctor kindly stated that chemotherapy would wreak havoc on my system. I had at least six months of rigorous treatment ahead of me. The symptoms of ovulation could not be relied upon. Sometimes chemotherapy pushes a woman into early menopause.

Other times her cycle simply becomes erratic and irregular, making determination of fertility signs difficult. I couldn't afford to make a mistake reading my signs.

I was told that if people used NFP during cancer treatment, they usually also used a "back up."

Suddenly this became clear. At one of the weakest points of my physical and emotional life I was going to be morally challenged too. Herein lay David's and my difficult choice: Would we choose to be fully Catholic and reject artificial birth control, or choose to make an exception for ourselves?

As the oncologist delivered his birth control recommendation David and I looked at each other. We simultaneously but quietly vetoed the idea.

Some Catholics counseled that our situation was "different." "You have a serious reason to avoid a pregnancy," they said, "You can't be expected to give up relations too. And besides you have been open to life." Others said, "God will understand birth control is necessary in this one exceptional case."

I appreciated the empathy and the genuine concern behind the words, but I knew in my heart that I could not follow something I knew not to be true. If artificial birth control were okay for me it would be okay for another exception, and then another, and then, of course for anyone at all. We would stay the course.

Perhaps you think that a two-week post partum, exhausted and sick woman does not have marital intimacy as a priority on her mind. You are right. But if you were diagnosed with a life-threatening disease and you thought that you might die, you would likely begin to yearn for the love, reassurance and intimacy that the marital act provides. The thought of the possibility of never having that again was terrifying. Sometimes my mind would wander too. What if I died? What if my husband remarried? What if his new wife were better, prettier, holier than me? As I grew bloated from treatment, as my hair fell out, I continued to feel ugly and depressed. How could he still love me? Stay with me? I had nothing to offer him. It was tempting for me to reconsider our decision.

In my husband's mind, however, the matter was settled. We



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would get through this cancer trial and all it entailed and look forward to a normal relationship again. I contacted the Pope Paul VI Institute, spent hours learning the nuances of interpreting data in a situation such as mine, and considered an ultra-vigilant NFP approach, ultimately David and I took the most conservative route. Abstinence.

Six months later, after 12 grueling treatments I was pronounced "cancer-free." I was grateful for the strength and leadership of my husband. Our life slowly resumed to a "new normal," and now today we look back on the cancer experience as just a blip on the screen, an experience that was extremely challenging but thankfully in the past. We are happy we made the decision we did.

I believe God gave David and me that time for productive soul-searching and deep spiritual bonding together. God offered us a chance to definitively choose Him, to grow in maturity and be strengthened through the myriad ways that suffering does.

Today I also look at Catholic couples who struggle with the Catholic teaching on birth control and who feel tempted to think that artificial contraception might be the answer. I want to encourage them. Be strong. Stay true to your faith. You can do this! Even in exceptional situations, make the right choice, even if it is the difficult one. Blessings will follow.

What was your difficult choice? How has it changed you? Write me at [theresathomaseveryday@gmail.com](mailto:theresathomaseveryday@gmail.com).

Theresa Thomas, is the mother of nine children and wife of David.

the pope.

When the pope released his communications day message urging priests to take advantage of digital media, Archbishop Celli did something that reversed the usual hierarchy of communication in the church: His site encouraged young people, after reading the papal message, to clicking on a link and send it directly to their pastors.

Archbishop Celli, a 68-year-old Italian who has spent his entire career in the Roman Curia, knows that communication novelties are usually introduced very gently at the Vatican. He readily concedes that at his age, when it comes to new media he may be part of the problem.

"We have our own digital divide. I think of myself. I was not

born 'digital.' I belong to a certain era that feels more at home with a book," he told reporters. He said, for example, that he was amazed at the Kindle but found it hard to imagine himself "sitting in a chair and watching the pages of a book stream past on a small screen."

The challenge for the church is not to encourage young priests and seminarians to use digital media, because they're already doing so, he said. The bigger problem is convincing middle-aged and older priests to embrace these possibilities.

"Just as the stained-glass images of medieval cathedrals spoke to an illiterate audience, we must find forms of expression that are appropriate to a generation that has been described as 'post-literate,'" he said.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for February 7, 2010

Luke 5:1-11

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the call of the fishermen. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

GENNESARET	FISHERMEN	WASHING
ASKED HIM	SPEAKING	SIMON
THE DEEP	A CATCH	MASTER
ALL NIGHT	NOTHING	HELP THEM
PETER	KNEES	SINFUL MAN
JAMES	JOHN	SONS
ZEBEDEE	BE AFRAID	FOLLOWED

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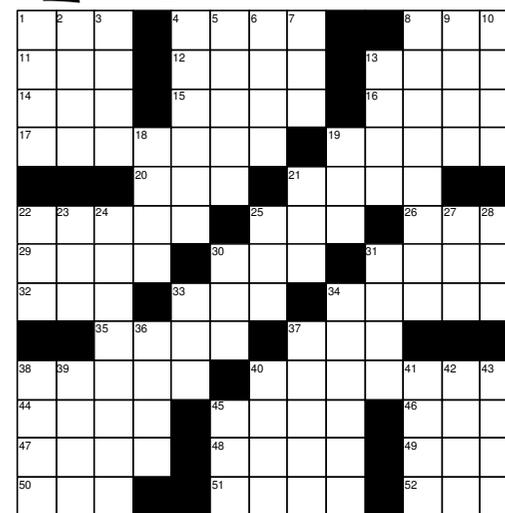
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# The CrossWord

Ash Wednesday (2/17), 2010



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Based on these Scripture Readings: Jl 2:12-18; 2Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (1st and 2nd Sundays in Lent)

### ACROSS

- 1 \_\_\_ feeling
- 4 Depend
- 8 Cc
- 11 \_\_\_ Wednesday
- 12 Canal
- 13 Rent garments
- 14 South southeast
- 15 Don't let this know about right
- 16 Destroyed Temple became one
- 17 Chief officer
- 19 Shall be last
- 20 Picnic pest
- 21 God's holy place

- 22 Choose pope
- 25 Brainpower
- 26 Unwell
- 29 Vault of church
- 30 Brain wave scan
- 31 Genuflect on
- 32 Trinitrotoluene
- 33 Limited (abbr.)
- 34 Bundle of branches
- 35 College military training
- 37 Anoint head with
- 38 Appall
- 40 Unfolds
- 44 \_\_\_ Star State
- 45 Skinny
- 46 Downwind

- 47 Pulls
- 48 \_\_\_ of my bone
- 49 Yes sir. Yes \_\_\_
- 50 Poem of praise
- 51 Cruet at Mass
- 52 \_\_\_ Lanka

### DOWN

- 1 Pant
- 2 Russia
- 3 "The Lord is with \_\_\_"
- 4 Forget anger
- 5 Set up a diocese
- 6 Swipe
- 7 Still
- 8 Weeping and \_\_\_
- 9 Mary's sword flower
- 10 Pre-Paschal season
- 13 Three
- 18 Don't make this glum while fasting
- 19 Belong
- 21 Zag's partner
- 22 De with manna
- 23 Licensed practical nurse
- 24 Distance from
- 25 Day for Ashes (abbr.)
- 27 Popular papal name
- 28 Rent
- 30 And so forth
- 31 Vegetable
- 33 Long-term memory
- 34 Tauter
- 36 Mined metals
- 37 Speak up
- 38 Singing voice
- 39 Noisy
- 40 God is \_\_\_ to anger
- 41 Charity
- 42 Loved
- 43 Very large truck
- 45 Society of Broadcast Engineers

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# LETTER

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used the site to send nearly 300,000 e-cards to their friends, each bearing a snippet of Pope Benedict's teaching.

Last Christmas, pope2you.net invited people to send personal photo-and-text Christmas greetings to the pope, which were then posted to a linked Flickr account. The response was overwhelming, with messages from believers and non-believers all over the world. In January, Archbishop Celli was busy putting together a representative selection in dossier form for

# Sports

**NOTRE DAME EFFORTS RAISE \$250,000 FOR HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF** Fundraising efforts held in conjunction with University of Notre Dame men's and women's basketball games that were played Jan. 23 and 24, in the Joyce Center games have resulted in more than \$250,000 in donations that will go toward relief efforts in Haiti. Notre Dame donated full gate receipts and net concession revenue from both games to the relief effort. Information about Notre Dame's response to the Haiti earthquake, including ways to contribute to the relief effort, is available on the Web at <http://haitidisaster.nd.edu>.

## Wildcats is a raging force opening the ICCL girls' basketball season

BY CHUCK FREEBY

**SOUTH BEND** — Last year's queens of ICCL (Inter-City Catholic League) girls basketball will not be dethroned easily.

St. Joseph, Mishawaka, which won the 2009 ICCL crown, opened the 2010 campaign last weekend with wins over Christ the King and Corpus Christi. Tom Schultheis' Wildcats downed the Kings, 35-23, Saturday before clubbing the Cougars, 40-25, Sunday.

"This was a good weekend for us," stated Schultheis. "We had two wins against two 'big school' teams. I'm really proud of the girls."

The Sunday matchup with Corpus Christi was highly-anticipated. Corpus won fifth- and sixth-grade titles in 2007 and 2008, so a great rivalry between the two teams has developed.

On this day at the St. Thomas gym in Elkhart, the Cougars had no answers for St. Joe's Allison Ketchum. The redhead scored 15 points and blocked eight shots, dominating the lane.

"Ketchum is a big part of our team," declared Schultheis. She and Tagin (Schultheis) are our leaders. They both stepped up today."

Indeed, Ketchum and front-court mate Shannon McCarthy did most of the damage in a 20-0 run over the second and third quarters that broke open a tight game. McCarthy was the only other Wildcat in double figures with 10 points.

Corpus made a spirited comeback with a 13-0 run, highlighted by Lillie Renbarger, who finished with a team-high 10 points. It was part of a solid weekend for Renbarger, who netted 16 in the Cougars' 36-13 opening win over



PHOTO BY WILLIS HAYNES

**St. Joseph, Mishawaka, center Allison Ketchum battles Corpus Christi's Lillie Renbarger for the opening tip in last Sunday's ICCL girls basketball game.**

St. John the Baptist/Our Lady of Hungary.

"I'm so proud of their effort," said Cougars mentor Jamie Kelley. "Everyone is telling us we're moving the ball well. So we're not giving up. We'll keep pushing forward and keep improving."

Three teams from the John Bosco Division emerged from opening weekend unbeaten. St. Joseph, South Bend, seventh

grader entered the league with fireworks, tallying 40 points in wins over Christ the King (colors) and St. Jude-St. Monica. Holy Family relied on a stingy defense, giving up just 19 points for the weekend in triumphs over St. Anthony (colors) and Queen of Peace. The towering Ashley Johnson netted 10 points in the opener as Holy Cross posted victories over St. Pius and Queen of Peace.

## Lady Raiders look forward to CYO tournament

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

**NEW HAVEN** — The Lady Raiders from St. John the Baptist, New Haven, are looking forward to the upcoming Catholic Youth League (CYO) tournament.

Coach Jeff Lickey and his assistants, Karen Fox and Wade Heddins have been busy preparing their team by working hard on their offense, moving the ball, working together and adding new defenses.

Sitting in the middle of the CYO Gold League pack, the Raiders have a 2-2 record. They have beaten St. Jude and St. John, Fort Wayne, while losing to St. Charles and St. Joe/St. Elizabeth. In the battle of the "St. John's" on Saturday, Jan. 23, the scrappy Raiders won, 32-30.

Ahead 18-10 at the half, New Haven was outscored by the Eagles, 14-7, in the fourth quarter, but the Raiders were able to hold off their opponents behind solid rebounding and sound defense.

For the first time, New Haven brought up seventh graders to make enough for a team this season. St. John's lists nine young ladies on their combined roster,

which includes five eighth graders and four seventh graders.

Lickey has been with these same eighth graders since their fourth-grade season. "The girls all seem to get along, enjoy each other and have fun," explained Lickey. When commenting on the younger four members of the group, Lickey added, "The seventh graders have brought much energy and spirit to our team."



### BOYS

St. Therese 38-St. Louis/St. Rose 28 (Gardner 19, Oberley 7/Castleman 7)

St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel 41-Huntington 15 (Scott 12, Pike 7) St. John 7 39-Decatur 7 37 (Baker 13, Brough 13)

New Haven 30-Precious Blood 8 14 (Hoffer 13, Isaac 5/Greeley 5)

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## KNIGHTS ANNOUNCE DISTRICT FREETHROW WINNERS



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

The Knights of Columbus District Free Throw medal winners from the competition held at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne, on Sunday, Jan. 31, were as follows: 10 year olds — Jessica Dodane and Andy Kohrman; 11 year olds — Lillie Castleman and Alex Feipel; 12 year olds — Elyse Oberley and Taylen Melcher; 13 year olds — Miranda Malott and Jake Castleman; and 14 year olds — Kelsey Freiburger and Nick Strack. The champions from each age group will advance to the regional round to be held at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, on Sunday, March 7.

## St. Therese Church to hold parish mission

FORT WAYNE — St. Therese Church will hold a parish mission from Saturday, Feb. 13, to Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 7-9 p.m. in the church at 2304 Lower Huntington Rd.

The Mission is based on the movie "Fireproof," starring Kirk Cameron and Erin Bethea.

"Our parish mission, however, will involve all relationships," said Father Dave Ruppert, pastor, "from single, divorced, widowed and married couples — the entire family." The focus is on relationships of all kinds and how to make them better with the help of God's grace, Father Ruppert added. The movie and the mission are appropriate for teens and adults. There is no charge.

- The two-hour movie will be shown on Saturday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. in the church.

- The movie will be shown again on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. That same day, evening prayer will begin at 7 p.m. followed by a witness presentation by Jason Garrett and small-group discussion.

- On Monday, Feb. 15, evening prayer will begin at 7 p.m. followed by a witness presentation by Carole Yaney and small-group discussion.

- On Tuesday, Feb. 16, there will be a living Way-of-the-Cross by the school children at 7 p.m. followed by a penance service.

- On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, there will be a light, meatless soup supper in the hall at 6 p.m. followed by Mass in the church with retired Bishop John M. D'Arcy.

## Pro-life ad featuring college quarterback to air at Super Bowl

NEW YORK (CNS) — An ad scheduled to air on CBS during the network's broadcast of the Feb. 7 Super Bowl has generated criticism from groups such as the National Organization for Women because of its pro-life message.

The 30-second spot will feature recent University of Florida graduate Tim Tebow, the Gators' star quarterback who graduated in December. The 2007 Heisman Trophy winner led his team to victory in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 1.

Sponsored by Focus on the Family, a Christian advocacy group based in Colorado Springs, Colo., the ad reportedly will highlight Tebow's mother, Pam, who decided against medical advice not to abort him. Pam suffered from a dangerous infection during a mission trip to the Philippines, and doctors recommended that she terminate her pregnancy, fearing she might die in childbirth or the child might be stillborn.

Several women's groups have complained to CBS about the ad, urging it not air, but the network released a statement Jan. 26 saying it was standing behind the ad. The network said it has revised its policies on advocacy ads in recent years as have other media outlets.

NOW and other women's groups, such as the Women's Media Center, an organization that says it works "to make women visible and powerful in the media," have called the ad divisive and

inappropriate for the setting. They also complained that in previous years networks have banned issue-oriented ads sponsored by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, MoveOn.org and the United Church of Christ.

The Tebow spot is the first Super Bowl ad sponsored by Focus on the Family. A statement on the group's Web site by Jim Daly, the group's president and CEO, said the "chance to partner with the Tebows and lift up a meaningful message about family and life comes at the right moment in the culture, because families need to be inspired."

He said funds for the ad, said to cost about \$2.7 million for 30 seconds, came from donors who specifically wanted to support the project.

Tebow, who was home-schooled until college, is known for outwardly expressing his Christian faith. He puts references to Scripture passages on his eye black, patches football players wear under their eyes to prevent glare.

He discussed the ad with reporters in Mobile, Ala., Jan. 24 where he was playing in the Senior Bowl, a college all-star game. The football player said he knows some people won't agree with the ad's message but he hopes they can "at least respect that I stand up for what I believe." He'll enter the National Football League's draft in April.

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## FUNDRAISERS

### Spaghetti dinner

Auburn — The Mother Teresa Assembly Knights of Columbus will have a spaghetti dinner at Immaculate Conception Church hall, 500 E. Seventh St., on Saturday, Feb. 20, after the 5 p.m. Mass. Sampler plates include spaghetti, lasagna, fettucini, salad and bread. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

### Parish breakfast served

South Bend — Christ the King Parish will have a breakfast sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 451 on Sunday, Feb. 28, from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Enjoy choice of pancakes and sausage or scrambled eggs and sausage or biscuits and sausage gravy and a beverage. Tickets are \$6 adult, \$4 children 4-10, under 4 free. Advance tickets are \$1 less.

### Fish fry and salad bar

South Bend — St. Adalbert Parish will have a fish fry and salad bar on Friday, Feb. 19, from 3:30-7 p.m. in the Heritage Center. Tickets are \$8 for adults and carry-out, \$3 for children 5-12 and children under 5 free.

### Luers Spirit at Casa D'Angelo

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have Luers Spirit dinner Sunday, Feb. 21, at Casa D'Angelo, 3402 Fairfield Ave. Seating will begin at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and include Casa salad, cheesecake, soft drinks, coffee or tea and your choice of spaghetti and meatball, lasagna with meat sauce or cavatelli alfredo with broccoli. Tickets for children 10 and under are \$4 and include spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, soft drinks and cheesecake. For tickets call Karen Leffers at (260) 747-5977 or Kathy Skelly at (260) 456-1261. Carryout is available by pre-ordering.

### Fish fry at Luers

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a fish fry sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club Friday, Feb. 26, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Fish prepared by Dan's of Huntington. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-11, and \$1 for 5 and under. Cheese

pizza also available. Carry-out and drive-through available.

### Soup on Ash Wednesday

Fort Wayne — Begin Lent simply. Bring a friend for lunch of soup and bread on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. Mary Church, Lafayette St. and Jefferson Blvd. Your donation will help support St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, which serves 1,000 free bowls of soup to hungry people every day.

### Spaghetti dinner benefits seminarians

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Knights of Columbus and the Mardi Gras Committee will have a spaghetti dinner Saturday, Feb. 13, from 5-9 p.m. at St. Vincent Parish Hall, 1502 E. Wallen Rd. Dinner will include spaghetti with meatballs, baked mostaccioli, salad, fresh baked bread, desert and beverages. Suggested donation is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children ages 4-12 and children under 3 eat free. Wine will be available for \$2. All proceeds will benefit parish seminarians.

### St. Vincent Boy Scouts announce fish dinners

Fort Wayne — Fish dinners sponsored by the St. Vincent Boy Scouts will be held on three Fridays: Feb. 26, March 12 and March 26 from 5-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria on the corner of Wallen and Auburn roads. Adult tickets are \$8, children 6-11 \$4.

### Monte Carlo night at St. Anthony de Padua

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua will have a Monte Carlo night Saturday, Feb. 13, from 6 p.m. to midnight in the school gym. Tickets are \$25 and include Polish style dinner, drinks, gaming tables, silent auction and tip boards. Each ticket is entered in the \$1,000 grand prize raffle. For information call (574) 807-1115.

### Knights plan fish fries

Granger — The Knights Council 4263 will have a fish fry Friday, Feb. 5, from 4-7 p.m. in the St. Pius X gymnasium. Adults \$7.50, children 6-11 \$3.50 and children under 6 free.

## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### Prayer for Priests

Mishawaka — Join the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, 1515 Dragoon Tr., on Thursday, Feb. 4, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in a special day of prayer for priests. Morning prayer and Mass, 7 a.m. Rosary, evening prayer and Benediction, 5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day.

### Registrations now accepted

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Preschool is currently accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year. The preschool offers part- and full-time, affordable preschool. Before and after school care is also available. For information or to schedule a tour, contact Most Precious Blood School at (260) 424-4832 or visit www.precious-blood.org.

### Adult faith formation prayer series

South Bend — St. Catherine of Siena Parish will offer Taize prayer on the Sundays of Feb. 21, March 7 and March 21, at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Taize prayer is prayer focused on the Word of God and the cross. It includes simple-melody music, Scripture readings and silence.

### Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets

South Bend — St. Catherine of Siena Parish will have an adult faith formation prayer series on the old testament prophets with Father Eugene Hensell, OSB, from 7-9 p.m. each evening in the Keller Room of St. Catherine of Sienna at St. Jude Church. On

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Clara M. Lovasko, 92, Sacred Heart

Monday, March 8, Introduction to Biblical Prophecy; Tuesday, March 9, The Prophet Isaiah; Wednesday, March 10, The Prophet Jeremiah; and Thursday, March 11, The Prophet Ezekiel. Cost is \$5 per night or \$20 for all sessions. Event is limited. RSVP to the parish office at (574) 291-0570. Father Eugene is a Benedictine monk and associate professor of Scripture at St. Meinrad Archabbey.

### St. Pius X Senior group to meet

Granger — The St. Pius X Senior group will meet Tuesday, Feb. 9, at noon for Mass in the chapel followed by lunch in the Holy Cross room with speaker Father David Porterfield, CSC, on the topic of preparing for Lent.

Tickets are \$3 per person.

### Fatima movie to be shown

Fort Wayne — 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, Saturday, Feb. 13, in the St. Joseph Church Hall, 2213 Brooklyn. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. The film starts at 2 p.m. Admission is free; registration is required as seating is limited. Call Emma at (260) 625-3281 for reservations.

### Divine Mercy devotions

Fort Wayne — St. Henry Parish has Divine Mercy devotions every Wednesday at 3 p.m. and first Sundays at 3 p.m.

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# Bishop Rhoades speaks at Theology on Tap gathering

BY LAUREN CAGGIANO

FORT WAYNE — Columbia Street West bar in Fort Wayne was the unlikely venue for a lecture on St. Thomas Aquinas' contributions to the Catholic Church.

The newly installed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades spoke at the bar Jan. 28, as part of a lecture series called Theology on Tap. An initiative of the diocese's Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, Theology on Tap is a speaker and conversation series for people in their 20s and 30s so that they may learn about the Catholic faith, make connections between faith and everyday life and enter into conversation with their peers.

Since its reintroduction last fall, the event has been held at several Catholic-owned venues, including Henry's and Don Hall's Gas House. Columbia Street West was chosen for this session because it can accommodate a larger crowd. There was no shortage of interest in the event; all tables were occupied by young people eager to hear the bishop's comments.

Microphone in hand, the bishop opened with a comment about

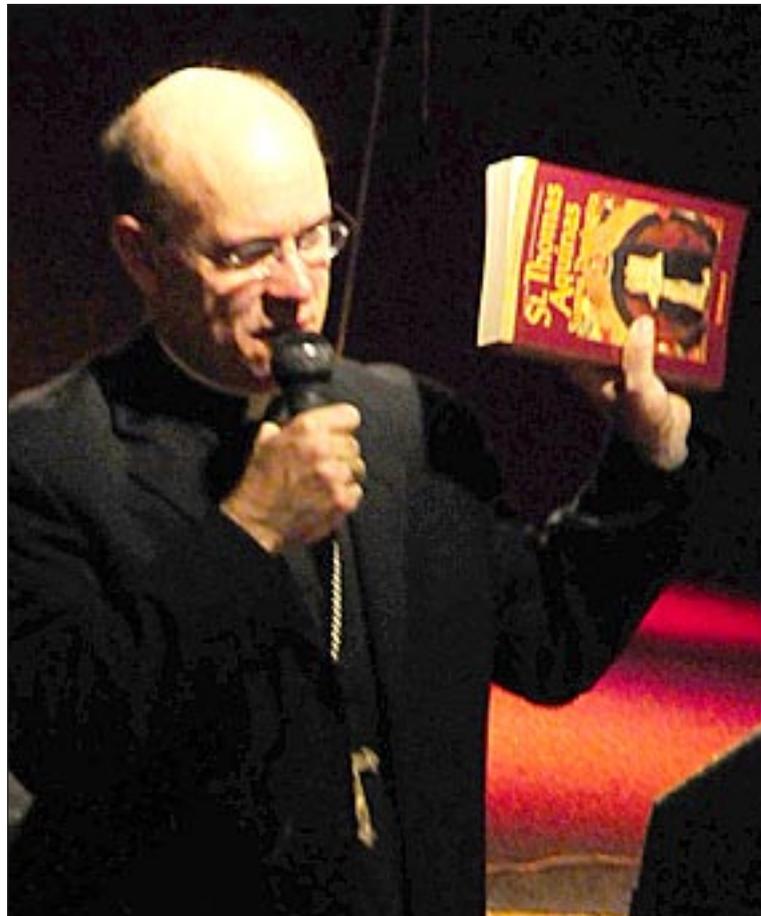


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Bishop Rhoades speaks Jan. 28 at Columbia Street West and holds a book about St. Thomas Aquinas' relevance to today's Catholicism.

how the series represents the "fullness of the faith." As a fully communal church, it's important to emphasize the value of its youth.

Noting the significance of the date, the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas, he spoke of the saint's relevance to modern times:

"His wisdom and his teaching can still illuminate our hearts to the mystery of God," he said.

As a philosopher, theologian and doctor of the Church, St. Thomas

Aquinas produced the masterpiece we know today as "The Summa Theologica." The collection provides insight into the relationship between science and religion and offers a glimpse into God's identity.

Following the historical background, Bishop Rhoades opened up the floor for a question and

answer session. The questions varied in topic and relevance, including one about Bishop D'Arcy's response to the Obama/Notre Dame controversy.

The youth of the diocese are invited to the next session, on Feb. 11, at 7 p.m., at Don Hall's Gas House, 305 E. Superior St. in Fort Wayne. Megan Oberhausen, associate youth director for the diocese, will speak about "The Spiritual Food Pyramid: Building Your Prayer Life." For more information, contact Cyndy Yonkman, (260) 422-4611 ext.

3314, or cyonkman@diocese-fwsb.org. RSVPs are encouraged for the event.

Find the groups on Facebook, "Theology on Tap-Fort Wayne, IN" and "South Bend Area Catholic Young Adults."

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BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

## BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

*This month's featured selection:*  
**"Have a Little Faith" By Mitch Albom**

*Reviewed by York Young*

Several months ago, in these pages, I wrote a negative review of "The Shack," mostly for what I thought was a weak attempt to humanize the three persons of the Trinity in that fictional work. Since then, I've had several Catholics ask me about that book because they were worried about its theology from a Catholic perspective. However, to be fair, a few Catholics I know loved "The Shack." So, there seems to be different interpretations and approaches to the book, though I stand by my original thoughts.

I got to thinking about all that as I was reading a new book recounting the story of a Jewish rabbi and a non-denominational Protestant pastor, written by a Jew, yet one that can be enjoyed immensely by readers of all religions. "Have a Little Faith" (Hyperion, \$23.99), written by Mitch Albom, the author of the bestsellers "Tuesdays with Morrie" (nonfiction) and "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" (fiction), seems to much more clearly show God through the real-life actions of faithful humans.

This story that revolves around the final few years of the life of Albom's lifelong rabbi, Albert Lewis, better known as Reb, centers on the unlikely relationship between a man of some faith, the Jewish Albom, and a man of unending faith, who asks Albom, out of the blue, "Will you do my eulogy?"

After agreeing to Lewis' request, despite feeling unworthy, Albom spends the next several years, through

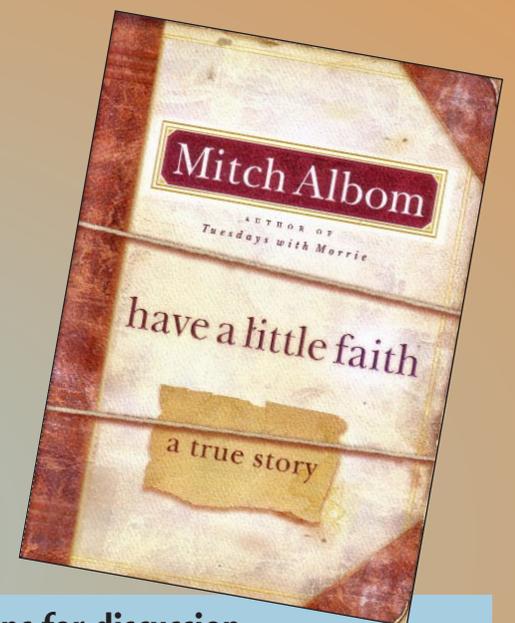
monthly visits, getting to know the Reb and at the same time rediscovers a faith that astonishes him with both simplicity and depth. With recounted tales of God's action through humanity, witnessed by Rabbi Lewis and used for lifelong inspiration, we get an intimate portrayal of the wonderfulness life can be simply by embracing the word of Our Lord. While the God of the Old Testament is referred to as the Lord, therefore called such by Jewish people, Christ fits in to so many of the stories that the Reb tells.

Running parallel with this important picture of one man making a difference in one synagogue in New Jersey for 60 years, is the story of a criminal, derelict and self-proclaimed bum who finally turns his life around after surviving a night in which he was sure he would die, and became convinced that his shout out to Christ was his saving grace.

This man became a Christian witness to the poorest of the poor in Detroit, a city smacked with economic difficulties few U.S. cities have seen this past decade. Albom's unlikely friendship with him may be harder to believe, but is no less inspirational because of it.

These two men of God never met, but their tales help Albom, and therefore us, the beneficiaries of Albom's clear and tight writing, understand a little bit more about what God can do for us.

This real-life living out of the Lord through two disparate individuals seems much more riveting than any fictionalized account of people who are Godlike.



### Questions for discussion

- Albom asks the Reb if he has found the secret of happiness. He replies "Be satisfied," and "Be grateful." Does this resonate with you? How do you live this secret out? How can you try?
- The Reb and the author speak of war, violence and destruction in the world. The Reb says, "God does not want such killing to go on." Have you ever felt punished by God during a situation in your life? Why? How have you reconciled it with your faith?
- The author says "if you could pack for heaven this was how you'd do it, touching everything, taking nothing," as he helped the Reb move his boxes and books around. What does that quote mean to you?

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