

TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Coonan brothers ordained to the transitional diaconate

BY TIM JOHNSON

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Two brothers, Matthew M. Coonan and Terrence M. Coonan, Jr., were ordained as transitional deacons on Sunday, April 25. They are now just a year from being ordained to the priesthood. It was a “doubleheader” as the deacons’ father, Terrence Coonan, Sr., quipped after the Mass.

As deacons, Matthew and Terrence will be dedicated to the service of the altar, the Word and charity. Many of the faithful from St. Vincent Parish, Fort Wayne — the deacons’ home parish — as well as friends of the Coonan family and Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration made the trip to Columbus, Ohio, for the celebration of the Ordination to the Order of Deacon in St. Turibius Chapel at Pontifical College Josephinum. Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, was the principal celebrant.

During the Rite of Ordination, Matthew and Terrence were called by the Church to serve God’s people. Each confirmed his presence, readiness and willingness to serve. Pontifical College Josephinum Rector and President Father James A. Wehner testified to the worthiness of the candidates.

In his homily, Bishop D’Arcy noted that this is the Year for Priests. The yearlong celebration, he said, commemorates a great parish priest — St. John Vianney. And the weekend of April 25 was celebrated by the universal Church to pray for vocations.

Bishop D’Arcy encouraged the faithful to pray that more good men of quality — like the deacon candidates — “will follow them.”

Bishop D’Arcy recalled the words of Pope Benedict XVI when he visited the United States: “It is



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Deacon Terrence Coonan, Jr., left of Bishop-emeritus John M. D’Arcy and Deacon Matthew Coonan, right, pose for photos in the sanctuary of St. Turibius Chapel at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, on April 25 after being ordained to the order of deacon. At left is Msgr. Bernard Galic, director of the Office of Vocation.

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YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



FATHER DANIEL J. DURKIN

When Dan Durkin was a lad at St. Joseph School in Decatur, it was the custom to have an annual magazine sales contest. This was a fund raiser for the school and the students made up the sales force.

Young Dan, who at that age probably

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Arizona church leaders call for legal, congressional responses

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Ariz., one of many religious leaders decrying Arizona’s new immigration law, said he will ask the general counsel of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to become involved in lawsuits expected to challenge its constitutionality.

In his “Monday Memo” posting on the diocesan Web site April 26, Bishop Kicanas said he believes the law needs to be challenged for reasons beyond the constitutional questions that many opponents of the bill have raised. Among his objections to the

Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act, signed April 23, are that it “does not address the critical need for border security to confront drug smuggling, weapons smuggling and human trafficking.”

He also objected to the law on the grounds that it “sends a wrong message about how our state regards the importance of civil rights”; distracts local law enforcement from their primary role in protecting public safety and puts additional pressure on depleted law enforcement resources; discourages people from reporting crimes if they lack legal immigration status; makes

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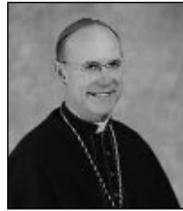
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Diocese marks vocations from diaconate to bishop emeritus



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Congratulations Bishop D'Arcy

This Saturday marks the 25th anniversary of Bishop John M. D'Arcy's installation as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. On behalf of all the faithful of our diocese, I offer grateful thanks and prayerful best wishes to our beloved bishop emeritus.

On April 30, 1985, Bishop D'Arcy took canonical possession of the diocese during Evening Prayer at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend. The apostolic letter of appointment was read by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Crowley. On the next day, May 1, the installation Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne. That was certainly a blessed day for the diocese as well as for Bishop D'Arcy and his family.

Thanks to Bishop D'Arcy, the Church in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has grown and flourished in faith the past 25 years. I've been thinking how appropriate it was that Bishop D'Arcy's ministry here began on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. As St. Joseph worked humbly and diligently to support the Holy Family and watched over Mary and Jesus with love and devotion, so has Bishop D'Arcy in his fatherly care of the family of our diocese. Thank you, Bishop D'Arcy, for your hard work these past 25 years and for your continuing devoted ministry as our bishop emeritus. May our Risen Lord bless you with much joy on your 25th anniversary!

Congratulations Deacons Matthew and Terrence!

This past Sunday, April 25, Matthew Coonan and Terrence Coonan, Jr., were ordained deacons by Bishop D'Arcy at the Pontifical College Josephinum. This is a cause for joy for the Coonan family and for our diocese. We thank these two fine young men, blood brothers, who are now also brothers in the ordained ministry, for saying "yes" to the call of our Lord to service in His Church. I am already looking forward to ordaining them to the priesthood next spring!

I will be meeting with Matthew and Terrence soon to give them their summer diaconal assignments. Please pray for them and for all of our seminarians as they continue their road to the priesthood. And please remember in your prayers Deacon Andrew Budzinski who will be ordained to the priesthood on June 26. Let us pray that the Lord will bless our diocese with an abundance of good priestly vocations!

Pastoral visit to Bishop Dwenger

I have now visited all four of our diocesan high schools! I celebrated Mass on Monday, April 19, at Bishop Dwenger High School and then visited classrooms and enjoyed lunch with a group of amazing student leaders. My visits to Bishop Dwenger and to all

of our high schools have been some of the best experiences so far for me here in the diocese. I am really grateful to see the strong faith formation going on in our high schools, a formation that is evident to me as I speak with the students and enjoy their company.

At Bishop Dwenger High School, I received a tour from the principal, Mr. Fred Tone. He has served at Bishop Dwenger for 42 years, the past 16 years as principal. He has truly done an outstanding job. Everyone I speak to shares with me their admiration for Mr. Tone's leadership and example of faith. He will certainly be greatly missed, yet his service has left a lasting mark on this community and in the lives of thousands of young people. Let us pray that the Lord will bless Mr. Tone with good health and much happiness as he retires. Thank you, Mr. Tone, for your service and for your commitment to the noble mission of Catholic education!

Redeemer Radio

This past Wednesday, I was privileged to be a guest at the start of the annual Marathon for our Catholic radio station in Fort Wayne, Redeemer Radio. I spent an hour on the air from 7-8 a.m. It was an enjoyable opportunity to talk about our faith and to offer my support to this important and holy apostolate. Redeemer Radio is a great means of evangelization and catechesis. I wish to thank all the dedicated employees and volunteers who serve in this apostolate. It has my blessing and my strong support, especially as it embarks on new endeavors to increase local programming and to expand its area of broadcast. May the Lord bless these endeavors!

Moreau Seminary

I am very happy that we have a seminary in our diocese. I felt very much at home during my first visit to Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame, where I celebrated Mass on April 22. It was great to meet the seminarians and the seminary staff, under the wonderful leadership of Father Patrick Neary, CSC. Father Neary will complete his term as rector this year as he is being transferred to serve at the Holy Cross Seminary in Kenya. Thank you, Father Neary, for your spiritual leadership at Moreau. May the Lord watch over you as you continue your priestly ministry in Africa!

As you probably know, Moreau Seminary is an institution of the Congregation of Holy Cross and is named after the founder of Holy Cross, Blessed Basil Moreau. This holy French priest founded the Holy Cross community not long after the tumult of the French Revolution. How blessed we are in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend by the presence and ministry of so many of the spiritual sons and daughters of Father Moreau! I am glad to see that the Congregation of Holy Cross Fathers is doing well with priestly vocations. As we pray for our own diocesan seminarians, it is important that we also pray for our Holy Cross seminarians.

After Mass with the seminary community, I was happy to deliver a speech to the Moreau community on the theme of "Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest." I am grateful to Father David Tyson, the provincial superior of the Holy Cross Fathers, and to Father James Gallagher, the vocation director, for their kind invitation to deliver this address as

part of a series during this Year for Priests. Besides the seminary community, several Holy Cross priests and Notre Dame students attended the address. I felt privileged to share some theological and spiritual reflections on the gift and mystery of the priesthood in light of the priesthood of Christ.

LuersKnight

I attended the 30th annual dinner and auction benefiting Bishop Luers High School on Friday, April 23. What a wonderful evening! I especially enjoyed the outstanding performances by the student jazz band and the dance choir. The musical program at Bishop Luers is truly one of the finest I have ever experienced. I remember the beauty of the liturgical music when I celebrated Mass at Bishop Luers back in early February.

I was very touched by the moving speech of Bishop Luers' senior, Deshaun Thomas, who spoke about his experience as a student at Luers' and the great support he received there from Mrs. Mary Keefer, the principal, and from the faculty. I congratulated Deshaun on his accomplishments, not only on the basketball court, but academically as well. I only gave him a little hard time about his choice to go to Ohio State, rather than Penn State!

Many thanks to all who so generously supported LuersKnight this year, especially in the auction, which raised over \$130,000 for tuition assistance. May God bless your generosity!

Confirmations

This past week, I was privileged to administer the sacrament of Confirmation at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Huntington and at St. Anthony of Padua Church in South Bend. This was my first visit to these two beautiful churches. Even more beautiful than the churches was the beauty of the faith of the young people who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation.

Month of May

As we begin the month of May, a month traditionally associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us turn in a special way to our Lady. Let us remember Mary's presence in the pilgrim Church from its very beginning on the day of Pentecost. She was present at the very dawn of the Church, united in mind and heart with the disciples at prayer in the upper room, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit. She is with each of us, her spiritual children, on our pilgrimage through life. She is with us in prayer, as she was with the Apostles and disciples in the upper room. She is with us in our daily activities. She is with us as our mother and our model. She accompanies us throughout our lives with her maternal love. I invite you to pray with me the beautiful Easter hymn, the Regina Coeli:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia, has risen as He said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia! For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who through the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, did vouchsafe to give joy to the world; grant, we beseech You, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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criminals out of children who were brought to the United States by their parents; risks splitting families apart; and could cause further damage to an already strained state economy.

In a phone interview with Catholic News Service April 23, Bishop Kicanas said he hopes violence will not result from the tension in Arizona that led to the law's passage by the legislature and has accompanied its signing by Gov. Jan Brewer.

"I hope that whatever is done will be civil and not lead to violence," he said. "Emotions can lead to irrational behavior."

He said religious leaders, in particular, must work with their communities to ensure that people realize violence is not the way to address the situation.

Along with Bishops Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix and James S. Wall of Gallup, N.M., whose diocese includes parts of northern Arizona, Bishop Kicanas had called for a veto of the bill and for a more comprehensive approach at the federal level to solve immigration problems.

Rep. Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz., closed his district offices in Tucson and Yuma early on the day Brewer signed the bill, because of death threats received by his staff.

Grijalva strongly opposed the bill and said after it was signed that "the governor made a huge mistake. By signing this bill, she's nationalized this issue. This opens up a dangerous precedent for the rest of the country."

Grijalva called for an economic boycott of his state by those opposed to the law and urged the federal government not to cooperate when local police try to turn over immigrants they detain over their legal status.

Thousands of protesters opposed to the law gathered at the state capitol in Phoenix leading up to the signing ceremony and in the days since. Nationwide, rallies in support of federal comprehensive immigration reform long planned for May 1 were expected to have new focus and determination, as supporters of comprehensive reform zeroed in on the Arizona law as a consequence of Congress' delay in dealing with the dysfunctional immigration system.

The Arizona Interfaith Network and the heads of several



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Montserrat Arredondo and Rosie Villegas-Smith lead other protesters in the rosary April 21 outside the the Arizona Capitol in Phoenix. More than 100 people turned out to urge Gov. Jan Brewer to veto a bill recently passed by the Legislature, which would make being in the United States illegally a crime.

of the state's major religious denominations issued a statement saying that "by codifying racial discrimination this law makes Arizona the laughingstock of the nation and a pariah on the international stage."

In the statement, United Methodist Bishop Minerva Carcano of the Southwest Desert Conference said that through their social services, schools, congregations and workplaces, religious leaders "witness the human consequences of an inadequate, outdated system."

Episcopal Bishop Kirk Smith said the law "offends the dignity of all Arizonans." "The tendency to scapegoat a vulnerable population for Arizona's economic stagnation and federal inaction on immigration issues is an unworthy and counterproductive response to the problems we face," Bishop Smith said.

Bishop Kicanas said he expects the law's implementation — in July, 90 days after signing — will be delayed by legal challenges.

The law would make it a crime to be in the United States illegally. Federal law treats that as a civil violation.

The law also would require police to make a "reasonable attempt" to determine legal status during "any lawful contact" and require immigrants to carry proof of their legal status, also not a requirement of federal law. It also makes activities such as soliciting work from public roads illegal and would allow anyone who does not believe a police officer or agency is sufficiently enforce-

ing the law to file a lawsuit.

Jesuit Father Sean Carroll, executive director of the Kino Border Initiative in southern Arizona and Northern Mexico told the *Catholic Sun*, newspaper of the Diocese of Phoenix, that the law "violates the dignity of the human person" and ultimately "undermines the safety of our community."

Father Carroll said public safety depends upon trust between the community and the police and that the law will make that difficult.

"Crimes are committed and people feel like they're going to have to report their legal status," he said. The Kino Initiative aids immigrants after they're deported from Arizona. The bigger issues will still happen on the border, he said, where drugs and human smuggling are rampant.

In signing the bill, Brewer emphasized that "racial profiling is illegal," and that the law stipulates police need not ask about residency status if it would impede a case.

Supporters of the legislation, who also gathered outside the Capitol hours before the signing, said, like Brewer, that the law is necessary because the federal government hasn't acted to control border problems.

"This is just another step," according to Robert Kuhn, a member of St. Luke Parish in Phoenix who belongs to the Minutemen, a border watch group. "The federal government won't enforce the border, so states have to take it into their own hands."

Volunteering on the border with the Minutemen, Kuhn said he has seen drug and human smuggling. Undocumented immigrants are "dragging on our society," he said. "They have no right to do it."

Contributing to this story was J.D. Long-Garcia in Phoenix.

PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES



- Sunday, May 2: 11:45 a.m. — Confirmation Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica, University of Notre Dame
- Sunday, May 2: 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Adalbert Church, South Bend
- Tuesday, May 4: 3:30 p.m. — Provincial Meeting of Indiana Bishops, Indianapolis
- Wednesday, May 5: 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Indiana Catholic Conference, Indianapolis
- Wednesday, May 5: 6 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan Review Board, Warsaw
- Thursday, May 6: 12 p.m. — Luncheon with DRE's and CRE's, Syracuse
- Thursday, May 6: 7:15 p.m. — Opening session of USCCB Catholic Cultural Diversity Network Convocation, University of Notre Dame
- Friday, May 7: 5 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass, Holy Cross College
- Saturday, May 8: 5:30 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Little Flower Church, South Bend

Vatican supports adult stem-cell project; no financial contribution

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican is strongly supporting a new international project for adult stem-cell research but is not directly involved and has made no financial contribution to the initiative, a Vatican spokesman said.

The project, led by the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, established a consortium of researchers from several Italian health institutes, including the Vatican-owned Bambino Gesù Hospital in Rome.

The Church opposes embryonic stem-cell research because it involves the destruction of embryos. It supports adult stem-cell research, which uses undifferentiated cells obtained from adult organs and tissues.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said news reports of a Vatican contribution of 2 million euros (\$2.7 million) to the project were inaccurate. In an e-mail to Catholic News Service April 25, Father Lombardi said no funding commitment had been given by any Vatican institution.

"This aspect must be further studied," he said.

"It is true, however, that institutions such as the Bambino Gesù Hospital are connected with the Holy See, and therefore its concrete participation in the research can be seen as a 'Vatican' contribution, but the precise extent of this participation has not yet been defined," he said.

The initiative was announced at a meeting in Rome April 23, at which participants signed a letter

of intent.

Among those present was Italian Cardinal Renato Martino, a retired Vatican official, who said the Church was committed to "supporting this research in every possible direction." He said it was an example of the proper use of scientific research as "an instrument of service to the human being, in order to preserve life and alleviate suffering."

Participants at the Rome meeting said the project would focus on intestinal stem cells, a relatively new field of study. Intestinal stem cells are easy to harvest, replicate frequently and can be used to generate a variety of other more specialized cells, they said.

Dr. Alessio Fasano, professor of pediatrics, medicine and physiology and director of the Mucosal Biology Research Center and the Center for Celiac Research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, told *The Catholic Review*, Baltimore archdiocesan newspaper, in a brief telephone interview April 23 that the consortium has been months in the making.

"We started discussing this a few months ago," Fasano said. "It extended from discussions I had with Cardinal Martino. He liked the idea, and submitted it to the Holy Father (Pope Benedict XVI). The Holy Father loved it. This is unprecedented."

Nancy Paltell, the Maryland Catholic Conference's associate director for respect life, called the new project "yet another example of the Catholic Church stepping up to the plate to fill a need that the government either won't fill or isn't capable of filling."

Bishop Rhoades talks on vocation discernment at Moreau Seminary

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — “Discernment of the call to the priesthood is more than an intellectual exercise. Yes, the mind is involved, but so must be the heart. In fact, it is there that one truly discovers the Lord’s call.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades shared his thoughts on priestly vocations last week at Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame. He was welcomed by 1994 Saint Joseph’s High School alum, Father James Gallagher, a Holy Cross priest recently named director of the Office of Vocations for the Indiana Province. Father David Tyson, provincial superior of the

Indiana Province then introduced the bishop to an auditorium filled with priests, religious, seminarians and others interested in discerning the priestly vocation.

“We cannot truly speak of the Catholic priesthood without reference to the priesthood of Christ,” he said, quoting St. Thomas Aquinas, “Only Christ is the true priest, the others being his ministers.”

Bishop Rhoades said both the common priesthood and the ministerial priesthood are a participation in the one priesthood of Christ. The whole Christian community is a priestly one, he said, but in order to effectively teach and lead, priests must first make their relationship with Jesus the center of their lives.

“Through the ministerial priesthood,” explained Bishop Rhoades, referring to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “the Lord Jesus unceasingly builds up and leads His Church. For this reason it is transmitted by its own sacrament, the sacrament of Holy Orders.”

Bishop Rhoades emphasized the need for young men to first have a personal encounter with Christ if they are to be truly able to respond to God’s call to the priesthood.

“In our own lives and in the lives of those we invite to consider the priestly vocation,” explained Bishop Rhoades, “it is necessary to encounter Christ in prayer, to encounter Him in the Word, most especially in the



DIANE FREEBY

Father Patrick Neary, Holy Cross priest and rector of Moreau Seminary, presents Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades with a Moreau Marauders jacket following the bishop’s April 22 talk on Jesus as the Great High Priest. Following the talk, Bishop Rhoades participated in Evening Prayer. A reception followed where Holy Cross priests and seminarians were able to talk to other young men interested in discerning their vocation.

Medjugorje 2010 National Conference



Ivanka Elez, one of the six visionaries, will be featured speaker at this year’s conference.

University of Notre Dame
May 21, 22 and 23



Speakers include

Dana is one of Ireland’s most successful entertainers and has received acclaim through best-selling Catholic recordings, top-rated TV appearances, and conferences throughout the world. She joined young Catholics in singing when Pope John Paul II visited Denver for World Youth Day. Dana wrote the theme song, “We Are One Body,” for this event.



Richard Bingold is a Catholic lay evangelist whose story of conversion has touched the hearts of thousands of people around the world. He is the founder of the Miraculous Pilgrim Rosary Healing Ministry and author of the book “Gift Giver.” Richard has been to Medjugorje seventy-nine times and travels far and wide to help spread the messages of Our Lady.



Traci Matheu was raised with a solid foundation in the Catholic faith but later all but turned her back on it. A trip to Medjugorje with her family played a key part in re-claiming her faith. Traci has dedicated her life now to serving the Church and the call of Our Lady. She is a popular and inspiring speaker and author of a new book titled “A Survivor of the Lost Generation of Catholics.” She is a stay-at-home mom and lives with her husband and three children in the Chicago area.



Fr. David Simonetti was ordained to the priesthood in 2005 by Cardinal George. He has been to Medjugorje three times. Father is the spiritual director of the Pope John Paul Eucharistic Adoration Association in Chicago and is a regular contributor on EWTN and Relevant Radio. He has produced a number of popular DVDs, including “Return to the Father” and “Stay With Us Lord.” Father is pastor of St. James Church in Sauk Village, Illinois.



Milona von Hapsburg, an Archduchess in Austria’s former ruling family, went on a three-day pilgrimage to Medjugorje and ended up abandoning her job in a fashionable Geneva auction house and staying in Medjugorje for ten years doing volunteer work. Most of the time she was an interpreter for Fr. Slavko and the visionaries. Currently, Milona is active in Mary’s Meals, a project that provides warm, daily meals to school children in Romania, Asia and Africa.



Fr. Mark Gurtner, ICL, went to Medjugorje as a teenager and felt a call to the priesthood a short time later while a student at Indiana University. He is a gifted teacher and preacher with the ability to make clear, concise points that instruct and inspire. He received a canon law degree from Catholic University. Fr. Gurtner is head of the Diocesan Marriage tribunal and is pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in South Bend.



Dan Davis is a seminarian in the Diocese of Fort Wayne – South Bend. For the last few years he has been attending the National Medjugorje Conference with his entire family. Dan’s pilgrimage to Medjugorje last August confirmed him in his call to the priesthood and helped him prepare for life in the seminary. Our Lady’s call from Medjugorje continues to be a major influence in his life.



Conference Schedule

Friday, May 21

5:00 pm... Doors open
7:00 pm... Conference begins
Guest speaker
Candlelight rosary procession to the Lourdes Grotto

Saturday, May 22

7:15 am... Doors open
8:00 am... Morning session
Holy Mass
Procession and Consecration
Guest speakers (all sessions)
1:30 pm... Afternoon session
6:30 pm... Evening session
Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Sunday, May 23

7:15 am... Doors open
8:30 am... Morning session
Guest speakers
1:00 pm... Holy Mass
2:30 pm... Conference ends

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Gospels, to encounter Him in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharistic Sacrifice and in Eucharistic Adoration. It is necessary also to encounter the merciful and compassionate High Priest in the sacrament of Penance.”

Father Gregory Haake, who was ordained a Holy Cross priest three years ago, said that reminder of mercy helps him assist other young men with their discernment. He was thrilled with Bishop Rhoades’ talk.

“This was the first time I heard him speak on the priesthood and I found it absolutely beautiful!” said Father Haake. “It was a wonderful reflection on priesthood, on Christ and the priest’s relationship to Christ. It was very rich!”

Father Stephen Koeth is assistant director of the Old College Program at Notre Dame, working with 20 undergraduates who are in Holy Cross formation while pursuing their degree at Notre Dame. He appreciated Bishop Rhoades’ emphasis on the Christological and scriptural roots of the priesthood.

“Our own prayer, our own

relationship with Christ forms and changes us so we can then help form and teach and govern and sanctify the people of God,” said Father Koeth. “It all starts with our personal relationship with Christ. Everything else comes out of that.”

Bishop Rhoades made time after his talk to sit down for a one-on-one interview with a young man working on a vocations video for his high school theology class. When asked how young people can best discern what God is asking of them, Bishop Rhoades emphasized the need for personal prayer.

“Find some good priests or other holy people you can talk to about it, that you can share what’s going on in your heart,” he added. “But I think in the end it’s that quiet, one-on-one conversation with Christ.”

Recalling his own moment of discernment to the priesthood while praying at the Lourdes Grotto at Mount St. Mary’s College, Bishop Rhoades said the Blessed Mother also strengthens and nurtures that encounter with Jesus.

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more important to have good priests than many priests. And that is a credit to our diocese that we have two young men after the heart of Christ the Good Shepherd."

The bishop said that the Coonans' vocations stemmed and were nourished in the family — parents, siblings, grandparents — and also the parish, especially St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, the Coonans' home parish.

In the Sunday Gospel of the day, the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the flock. Bishop D'Arcy noted the hired hand may leave the sheep, but the shepherd lays down his life.

Bishop D'Arcy said the new springtime of the Church — promulgated by Pope John Paul II — has so many signs and so much promise. "He did not say that it was the end of evil," Bishop D'Arcy related, because we know from the Gospel that both the wheat and the weeds grow together. Satan is implanted in the weeds.

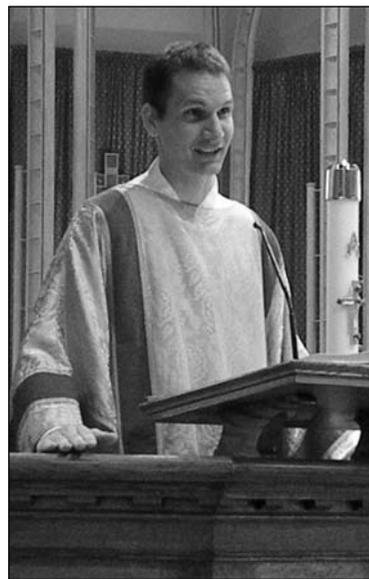
Bishop D'Arcy said that we know the Coonan deacons are not "hired hands" but "shepherds who would lay down their lives for the sheep."

During the diaconate rite, the candidates made a public commitment to celibacy. Each candidate declared his intention to undertake the office of deacon by seeking ordination, offering humble and loving assistance to the bishop, proclaiming the mysteries of faith as taught by Christ, deepening his commitment to ecclesial prayer and by a continuing renewal of life in the example of Christ. Each candidate also pledged his obedience and respect to his bishop.

As the deacon candidates laid prostrate on the sanctuary floor of St. Turibius Chapel, the Litany of Saints was sung by the choir and congregation.

Then Bishop D'Arcy laid hands on each, a gesture that signifies a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, by which men are configured to Christ in Holy Orders.

The prayer of consecration completed the act of ordination. After the prayer of consecration, the deacons were invested with the



DEACON MATTHEW COONAN

stole and dalmatic — the outer garment that symbolizes the diaconate order. Deacon Matthew was vested by Father Mark Gurtner and Father Jake Runyon. Deacon Terrence was vested by Msgr. John Kuzmich and Father Gary Sigler.

The deacons were conferred the Book of the Gospels and received a greeting of peace from the bishop.

At the end of Mass, the deacons spoke. Deacon Terrence related that the day was not about his brother or himself, "this is all about Jesus and His Church and how Jesus loves you and calls specific individuals to lay down their lives for you. So Jesus has asked my brother and I over many years, to think about, to prepare for this day of laying down our lives — as we did on this floor — for all of you. So give all praise and thanks to God for His call, because although he asks us to give a little, He returns so much more. ..."

Deacon Matthew spoke next. He too wanted to put the focus on the Lord.

"It's about the amazing love of God," Deacon Matthew said. "If the Lord does not build a house, in vain do its builders labor. So we are builders for the Lord, but it is ultimately He who builds the house. We allow it to happen and to be done even through us."

Deacon Matthew asked, "Why would a man dedicate his life freely choosing celibacy, prayer, obedience, service to Christ in His Church?"

He noted, "The world does not understand. But to us who have encountered the intense, the immense profundity of God's



DEACON TERRENCE COONAN JR.

love, we understand why. Because when we encounter the love of the Father, the love of Christ crucified for us, everything changes. Life is no longer out of us, but it is of the Lord and building up His family here on this earth. And so, when the call comes from the Lord to follow we respond joyfully. ..."

After the ordination, the deacons' father, Terrence, Sr., said, "It's been a privilege to watch these things unfold." He spoke of the Gospel reading where Mary "treasured these things." Terrence and his wife, Theresa, also said they have treasured this journey for their sons.

Terrence said of his sons, having heard their closing comments, he "recognized how far they've come in their journey. We are excited and humbled."

The new deacons' grandparents, William and Loretta Coonan, described their joy and said they were elated.

William Coonan told *Today's Catholic*, "It made me a better Catholic. It brought me closer to the Church."

YEAR *of* PRIESTS

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looked like a young Ronny Howard playing Winthrop Paroo, in "The Music Man," was always a first-place contest winner.

Even at that age, he had a winning way, a ready smile, and a never-met-a-stranger attitude.

That approach sold magazines, and today, it helps Father Dan Durkin make ends meet as pastor of two parishes in the arid end of the Lord's vineyard.

Sacred Heart Parish and St. Henry Parish are in Fort Wayne neighborhoods demographically classified in terms that mean low income, high age and mixed races.

Unseen on such charts are the prevailing love, loyalty and resourcefulness of the faithful as well as the determination of Father Dan Durkin to do his best wherever God sends him.

These days his mission calls for first Friday Communion calls, which begin on Thursdays before first Fridays. Aged homebound Catholics need him and look forward to his visits on these days.

On such visits, Father Durkin can bring news about the conversational Burmese classes held at St. Henry's or the Latin Masses at Sacred Heart, or a report on business at the St. Henry Thrift Shop or the food pantries at St. Henry and Sacred Heart.

Weekends find Father saying a 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday at Sacred Heart and a 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Henry. On Sunday morning, he is back at Sacred

Heart for an 8 a.m. Mass, and at St. Henry for a 10:30 Mass.

As a role models, Father Dan had two widely respected priest relatives; Msgr. Thomas Durkin, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, was an uncle, and Msgr. Simeon Schmitt, a cousin.

Priests were frequent visitors in the Durkin home in Decatur, and from an early age, Dan felt that he had something in common with them.

When the last Latin Mass was said at his home parish, St. Mary of the Assumption in Decatur, Dan Durkin was the organist.

Seated at the keyboard that day, he may have seen himself as a celebrant, possibly as one of several young assistants in a busy parish. Never, he admits, did he ever see himself in the position he now has, that of a virtual social worker, overseeing a thrift shop, planning a garage sale, setting up a one-day fair for various social agencies to be present to describe their services.

Father's revelation of his present mission is not voiced as a complaint; far from it. He seems to realize a feeling of achievement in scratching for cash, for tracking seniors who have moved on to nursing homes and may need him and for facing the next challenge presented in a neighborhood where cultures mix and needs are spoken in Burmese, Spanish and English. "What we understand here," Father Dan Durkin says with a smile, "is the language of love."

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Pope encourages vocations, calls for protecting the people

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI called for prayer and encouragement to nourish new vocations within the Church, and reminded priests that it is their job to vigorously defend their flocks from evil. Pope Benedict marked the World Day of Prayer for Vocations by telling the faithful in St. Peter's Square April 25 that vocations are born primarily through prayer, and that they can be nourished by the prayers of parents and ordained clergy. Before reciting the "Regina Coeli," Pope Benedict said that "the most important form of witness in inspiring vocations is prayer," and he invited parents "to pray so that the hearts of your children open to listen to the Good Shepherd. The pope emphasized the role of the priest in protecting the people they are chosen to lead and steering them to God. Quoting the Gospel of St. John, the pope said, "Only the Good Shepherd, with immense tenderness, guards his flock and defends it from evil, and only in him can the faithful put their absolute faith." Pope Benedict reminded priests and bishops of their responsibility to "adhere totally to their vocation and mission through a severe self-discipline" of abstinence and meditation. They should be ready to listen and forgive the faithful in their care, and should also cultivate priestly fraternity, he said.

Legal minds debate whether Obama executive order on abortion will stick

WASHINGTON (CNS) — One of the biggest questions remaining as implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act begins is whether the executive order on abortion funding signed by President Barack Obama will be effective in stopping any expanded use of taxpayer funds for abortion. Legal experts and members of Congress disagree about the impact of the president's March 24 Executive Order 13535, "Ensuring Enforcement and Implementation of Abortion Restrictions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act." Anthony Picarello, general counsel for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Michael Moses, associate general counsel, said in a nine-page legal analysis that the executive order is likely to face court challenges and does not resolve problems on abortion funding and conscience protection in the health reform law. "Where the order purports to fix a shortcoming of the act in these areas, it is highly likely to be legally invalid; and where the order is highly likely to be legally valid, it does nothing to fix those shortcomings," they said. Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., a key player in the health reform debate,

NEWS BRIEFS

MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM AT NATIONAL BASILICA



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Bishop Edward J. Slattery of Tulsa, Okla., celebrates a solemn high Mass in the extraordinary form at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington April 24. It was the first time in 50 years that a Mass was held at the shrine in the traditional Latin rite according to the 1962 missal. Sponsored by the Paulus Institute, the Mass honored Pope Benedict XVI on the fifth anniversary of his election as pope.

said executive orders "have been important means of implementing public policy" throughout history, noting that President George W. Bush used Executive Order 13435 in 2007 to limit the use of federal funds for embryonic stem-cell research. "This executive order followed the principle of the sanctity of life, and was applauded and welcomed by the pro-life community," said Stupak. "That these same people would now claim President Obama's executive order maintaining that same principle is not worth the paper it is written on is disingenuous."

Death of pioneering civil rights leader challenges new generation

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The April 20 death of Dorothy Height — an advocate for civil rights and women's equality for more than six decades — challenges people today to continue her work to make sure her legacy continues, said Catholic leaders. "We consider her to be a Harriet Tubman who passed the torch on to us. Her courage and outreach will continue to be a guiding light for our organization," said Sister Roberta Fulton, president of the National Black Sisters' Conference and a Sister of St. Mary of Namur. Sister Fulton told Catholic News Service in an e-mail that Height's "legacy

and good works will live on." Height, who was United Methodist, was 98 when she died in Washington.

Report: Pope to create Vatican department for 'new evangelization'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI is planning to create a Roman Curia department charged with overseeing the "re-evangelization" of traditionally Christian countries, an Italian newspaper reported. The Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization will be announced in an apostolic letter being prepared by the pope and will be headed by Italian Archbishop Rino Fisichella, *Il Giornale* said April 25. The Vatican had no immediate comment on the report. The step would represent the first major Roman Curia innovation under Pope Benedict, who has frequently spoken about the need to renew the roots of the faith in European and other Western societies. It was Pope John Paul II who first used the term "new evangelization," and *Il Giornale* said a proposal to create a Vatican department to promote this type of activity was made in the 1980s by Father Luigi Giussani, the founder of the Italian lay movement Communion and Liberation. More recently, the newspaper said,

Cardinal Angelo Scola of Venice re-proposed the idea to Pope Benedict, and the German pontiff decided to move ahead with the project. Archbishop Fisichella has headed the Pontifical Academy for Life since 2008. He came under fire recently from a small number of academy members, who said in a statement that he should be replaced because he "does not understand what absolute respect for innocent human lives entails."

Amid death threats, Christians find 'there is no future in Iraq'

BEIRUT, Lebanon (CNS) — The death threat came as no surprise to Ihab Ephraim Khodr, an Iraqi Christian. He had seen it happen to other Christians around Mosul, in northern Iraq, where he lived. Year after year there had been plenty of vague and general threats before he received a personal threat just before Iraq's March 7 elections. Khodr knew it was only a matter of time before such a threat came his way. His expectation is inked into his right wrist. In Khodr's student days in the early 2000s, he began to get a tattoo that portrayed a crown of thorns wrapped around his wrist. It was to be a sign of his devotion to Christ. It also would have made Khodr recognizable on the street as a Christian. Then he suspended

his appointments at the tattoo parlor as violence against Christians escalated. Khodr and his wife, Diana, are graduates of the University of Mosul, which was founded by the Dominican order. But since their graduations in 2006 and 2007, respectively, neither had found a job. The couple packed up their baby daughter Reena and, joined by Diana's sister Israu, headed for the Syrian border, then through Syria to Beirut. "There is no future in Iraq," Diana said.

Papal assailant Agca wants meeting with Pope Benedict in Fatima

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Turk who tried to kill Pope John Paul II in 1981, Mehmet Ali Agca, wants to meet with Pope Benedict XVI at the Marian shrine of Fatima in May, news reports said. The Vatican said the pope has no plans to meet Agca. The Italian news agency ANSA said Agca's request was made by his lawyer through the Vatican press office. Asked for comment April 21, the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said: "Such an encounter is not on the schedule." Agca had previously asked the Portuguese government for permission to attend annual ceremonies May 13 in Fatima, which will be presided over by Pope Benedict this year. The German pope is going to Portugal from May 11 to 14 to mark the 10th anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto, two of the shepherd children who saw Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. Agca shot and seriously wounded Pope John Paul in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. He was apprehended immediately, tried in an Italian court and sentenced to life in prison.

Archbishop thanks God for safety of toddler abandoned in New York

NEW YORK (CNS) — Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York expressed gratitude that those who abandoned a 3-year-old Florida boy in St. Patrick's Cathedral knew that "there is always a sanctuary at the Church." Nathaniel Fons had been the subject of a nationwide Amber Alert after his mother, Erin Comeau, 26, was arrested in Florida April 18 on charges of grand theft auto and organized fraud. She reportedly had more than \$5,000 in fake \$100 bills at the time of her arrest. Comeau told police that Nathaniel was traveling with her friends Eleanor Black and William Scott and their children; surveillance footage at St. Patrick's showed a woman who was identified as Black dropping the toddler off at the cathedral on the evening of April 20. "Thanks be to God he is all right," Archbishop Dolan told reporters. "I was so distressed last night when I heard about it, but then I thought thanks be to God he is safe."

Mayor Thomas C. Henry to speak at the USF commencement

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis (USF) has announced that the university's commencement ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 1, at 2 p.m. at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry will give the Commencement address.

Graduating seniors Nicole Marie Turner and Delray Payton Davis will deliver the invocation. School valedictorians of the class of 2010 are Monica Elizabeth Eichman, Justin D. Vela, Amanda Elizabeth Joseph, Carissa Megan Haber and April Sue Schuster. Approximately 465 students will be graduating.

Mayor Henry was elected to the city's highest office on Nov. 6, 2007. From 1984 to 2004, he served on Fort Wayne's City Council, representing northwest Fort Wayne residents in the 3rd District.

A successful small-business owner for more than two decades, Mayor Henry earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master of business administration (MBA) from the University of Saint Francis. He is a graduate of Fort Wayne Central Catholic High School.

The baccalaureate Mass will be held on Saturday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m., at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Graduates and their families and friends of all faith traditions are warmly welcomed and encouraged to attend this service.

St. Anthony School offers summer care program

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua School is offering a summer care program from June 7 through Aug. 17 at the school on the corner of Jefferson and Ironwood in South Bend.

Child care will be open to any child registered at one of the Catholic elementary schools for the 2010-2011 school year. The program will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The summer care staff has over 50 years of combined years of caring for, teaching and nurturing children in a Christian environment. They are CPR trained.

The summer program will include arts and crafts, computer lab, indoor and outdoor games, outside play on playground and field, theme days, picnics, field trips and onsite learning and demonstrations.

An informational flyer and registration forms in both English and Spanish can be found on the school's Web site at www.stanthony-sb.org or by calling the school at (574) 233-7169.

Victory Noll program looks at Catholicism in Indiana

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS POSTER CONTEST WINNER



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

St. Louis Academy, New Haven, Principal Cheryl Layton and members of the Knights are shown with sixth-grader Elyse Oberley, who was announced the winner of the Knights of Columbus regional contest for her work of art in the State Council Substance Abuse Awareness Poster contest in the 12- to 14-year-old age group. The Holy Trinity Council 12731 of New Haven felt Oberley's poster best served as a reminder to respect life and resist the temptation of drugs and alcohol. The winner from neighboring St. Joseph School in Monroeville was eighth-grader Angie Bauman. Winning posters were awarded a \$50 check and will advance to the supreme council for international competition. Also honored last week at St. Louis Academy was fourth-grader Grace Castleman for her flag etiquette essay sponsored by the Monroeville American Legion. Castleman was presented with a \$50 savings bond while the school was given a new flag for the their front lawn pole. All of this came in a very exciting week at St. Louis when they received full accreditation from their two-day Quality Assurance Review.

HUNTINGTON — The program "Catholicism in Early Indiana" will be presented May 4 at Victory Noll Center by Jeff Hoffman, archivist for Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters.

The program will be held at 7 p.m. at Victory Noll Center, located at 1900 W. Park Dr. in Huntington.

Hoffman will examine the history of the Catholic faith in the Hoosier state, beginning with the arrival of French missionaries in the 17th century and continuing into the 20th century. Local topics include Huntington County's involvement in the "Irish War," as well as the early years of Father John F. Noll before he received the red hat as bishop of the local diocese. Bishop Noll was one of the early benefactors of the Victory Noll Sisters and was instrumental in locating the congregation in Huntington.

Hoffman has a bachelor of arts

in history from St. Meinrad College and a master's degree in history from Butler University, where his thesis dealt with 19th century German Catholicism in southwestern Indiana.

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters is a religious community of women dedicated to serving the poor in the name of Christ. Founded in 1922 by Father John Joseph Sigstein, the members of the Victory Noll community now minister to those in need in 12 states.

Saint Mary's College hosts Spiritual Leaders Camp

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College, long a pioneer in the education of women, is committed to preparing women for leadership in the areas of work, faith life and community. Spiritual Leaders

2010: An Institute for Young Women of Faith is a week-long camp, July 11-16, on the Saint Mary's campus for female high school students who will be sophomores, juniors or seniors in fall 2010. For more information on this camp and others, go to www3.saintmarys.edu/camps.

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School alumni nominated

FORT WAYNE — St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School announced that nine St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School alumni were nominated for the annual Sterling Sentinel Scholarships sponsored by the *News-Sentinel*. According to the *News-Sentinel*, "The Sterling Sentinel Scholarships recognize outstanding achievement by students in Allen, DeKalb and Whitley counties. Schools nominate seniors in the various award categories.

Students then have an interview with a panel of judges, who select that category's winners."

Alumni nominees include Abigail Christian (arts), Erin Conroy (business), Nicholas Abbott (drama), Amanda Gigli (English), Ethan Gregerson (foreign language), Elizabeth Williams (foreign language), Tyler Burns (industrial-vocational), Kristopher Andorfer (music-voice), and Alexander Yaney (social studies).

Mom to Mom Sale to benefit Dismas House

ELKHART — A "Mom to Mom Sale" will benefit Dismas House on Saturday, May 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This unique event will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2715 E. Jackson Blvd. in Elkhart. It is a huge sale where moms can sell and purchase any age (infant through teenager) child related merchandise at a fair price. Participants rent a booth to display their gently used clothing, shoes, sports equipment, games, toys, furniture and outdoor play equipment. The event is open to the public.

Booth rentals are available for only \$20, which includes an 8-foot foot table for use to display your items and advertising for this event. In similar events held in Michigan attendance was over 800 participants. Participants are responsible for set up, tear down of their booth, along with working their booth the day of the event. The booth renter and one guest will receive free admission to this event, as long as they wear their designated wristband. All other adult guests will be charged \$2 admission, children are free.

The tables will be set up by the event organizers the day of the event and cannot be moved. To keep all aisles clear for traffic organizers will designate a "parking lot" for larger items, such as, toddler beds, pack n' play, strollers, car seats, larger toys, outdoor equipment etc. One of the event organizers will work the parking lot area. They will tag each item to correspond with the renter's booth number. When these items sell an event organizer will collect the funds, retain a \$3 handling fee then the balance will be given to the renter at the end of the event.

Space is limited. Reserve a booth by contacting Stephanie Owens, event chair, at (574) 339-4099 or by e-mail: smmowens@verizon.net. The event is being organized by Dismas House volunteers. The \$20 rental fee may be mailed directly to the Dismas House Office, P.O. Box 4571, South Bend, IN 46643. Profit from rental and admission fees will be used to support the Dismas House ministry, which provides housing and supportive services to men and women returning from incarceration, so they can successfully reenter society.

Bishop Rhoades makes pastoral visit to Bishop Dwenger

BY MARY KINDER

FORT WAYNE — It was Monday morning at Bishop Dwenger High School, but not a typical one. In the parking lot, a few students stood in a small huddle, anxiously waiting. Inside, a somewhat loud throng of students made their way through the hallways, happy to be relieved of the routine of classrooms. But, as they rounded the corner to the large gymnasium, the mood shifted. The students became silent and reverent. As they quietly filed into chairs arranged on the gym floor or took their seats on the bleachers, the students looked around, waiting for the guest who made this day special — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

It was the bishop's first official visit to the Fort Wayne Catholic high school since being installed as the bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese in January. The students and faculty worked hard to make sure they made a good first impression. Red and yellow tulips adorned the altar. The school's orchestra and choir stood waiting for their cue. Parents and visitors joined the student body — all in anticipation of celebrating Mass with Bishop Rhoades.

As the music began and Bishop Rhoades entered the gym, everything seamlessly fell into place and Mass began.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades took the opportunity to tell the students a bit about himself and his background. He then took note of the high school's nickname — the Saints — and said he liked that the name serves as a constant reminder that we are all called to be saints. He said this call to holiness is one of the reasons Catholic schools exist.

While giving further explanation of the morning's readings, which focused on St. Stephen, Bishop Rhoades reminded those in attendance that this particular day marked the fifth anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's election. He used the anniversary to briefly touch on the current challenges facing the pope.

He said the story of St. Stephen, who was falsely accused of blasphemy by enemies of the Church, reminded him of the recent criticisms of Pope Benedict. Bishop Rhoades attested that, "No one has fought harder against the terrible crime of child abuse than Pope Benedict." He then questioned the motives of those attacking the pope, saying they may have another agenda against the Church.



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass at a pastoral visit to Bishop Dwenger High School on April 19.

Bishop Rhoades spoke of the power of Catholic education, saying the students have received the opportunity to live their faith while in high school. But, he acknowledged that it's not always

easy to be a true Catholic believer in today's culture and warned students that they may face subtle forms of persecution as they move onto college. He reminded the students that all of us are called to bear witness to Christ and told them they shouldn't be afraid to speak the truth. He said they shouldn't worry about popularity but about their ultimate destiny. Bishop Rhoades challenged Dwenger students to "stand up for what is right and holy." He finished his homily with a prayer for them, "to be good, faithful and holy witnesses of Jesus Christ in this community."

Following Mass, Bishop Rhoades accepted gifts from the school, including a shirt from the

Saints for Life, the school's pro-life group. Saints for Life has been active in the pro-life movement, with several members recently joining Bishop Rhoades and Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy for the national march in Washington, D.C., in January.

As the students returned to class, Bishop Rhoades was given a tour of the school by Principal Fred Tone. Bishop Rhoades visited several classrooms, including a fourth-year Spanish class taught by Maryellen Wright. The bishop addressed the students in Spanish, a language he learned while working with the Hispanic community in Harrisburg.

In each classroom he visited, the bishop took time to talk with individual students. He was very interested in what they had to say and their plans for the future. In more than one classroom, he asked each student where they were going to college. The students seemed equally at ease around Bishop Rhoades, easily asking questions and sharing plans.

Bishop Rhoades was impressed with the breadth of the syllabus in the honors-level theology class, "Great Catholic Thinkers" taught by Melissa Wheeler. In honor of his visit, the group was reading a speech given by Bishop Rhoades in 2007. He immediately recognized the work, but said he would put himself last of the list of Catholic thinkers the class studied. The students and Bishop Rhoades spent the next several minutes discussing who and what they were studying.

When St. Francis of Assisi was mentioned, Bishop Rhoades told the class about the group of Franciscan friars he brought with

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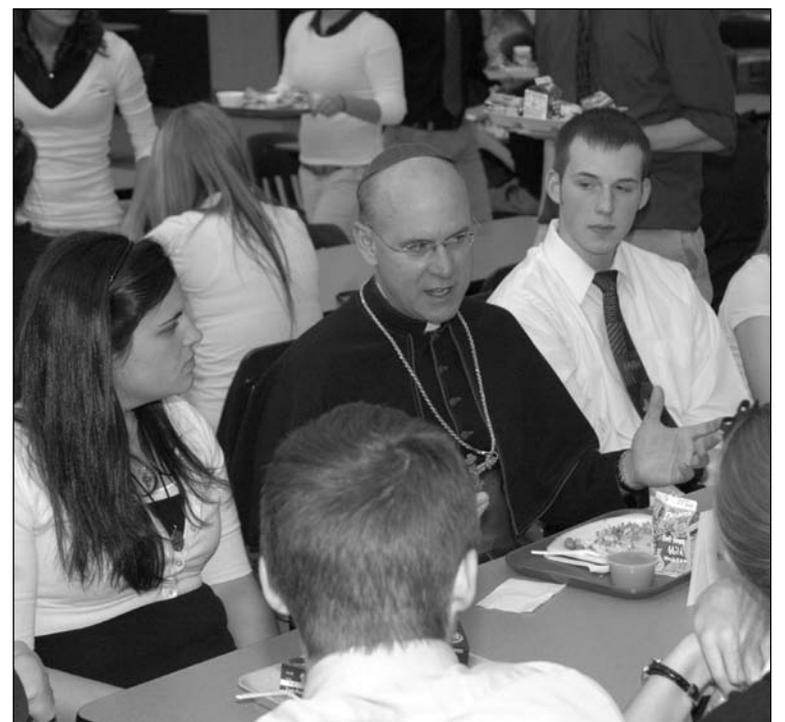
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Fort Wayne, England meet via video exchange

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Technology has allowed a special exchange between sixth-grade students of St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, and fifth-year pupils of St. Benedict's School in Handforth, England.

Using Skype and Smart Boards the two Catholic schools connected at 9:30 a.m. Fort Wayne time and 2:30 p.m. in England on Thursday, April 22.

The visit was arranged, shortly after St. Benedict's School's headmaster, James Gallogly, visited the diocese for the installation of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in January. Gallogly and St. John the Baptist Principal Jane Sandor arranged the exchange, which Sandor hopes will be a monthly exchange between the classes.

Pupils, as students are called in England, from Carole Harding's class, exchanged questions and answers with Lisa Zimmerman's sixth-grade class at St. John the Baptist. The students have exchanged e-mails and Power Point presentations explaining what life is like in Handforth and Fort Wayne.

With an easy connection, students were quickly exchanging comments. What time does school begin? At St. John the Baptist, classes begin at 8 a.m.; at St. Benedict's School, 9 a.m.

What kind of sports do the students enjoy? At St. John the



TIM JOHNSON

Students in Lisa Zimmerman's sixth-grade St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, class, connect with pupils at St. Benedict's School in Handforth, England. With the aid of Skype and the Smart Boards, students between the two Catholic schools connected with video and audio and exchanged questions about uniforms, activities and food they like.

Baptist, the roster includes the usual CYO sports; but in England, criquette is the sport.

The English students, whose school has 195 pupils, thought

the 300 students of St. John the Baptist was a large school.

The Indiana students were quite impressed when Harding showed the glockenspiel to the American students.

Sixth graders at St. John the Baptist returned Wednesday from

a trip to the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich. The St. Benedict pupils told of their two-day field trip to a castle.

The students exchanged tidbits on first Communion. In both places, seven was the age for first Communion. While first

Communion were held at St. John the Baptist last weekend, they will be held in May at St. Benedict's.

In spare time, the English pupils enjoy rugby and piano. The American students mentioned participating in sports such as soccer, track, volleyball, hanging out with friends and playing video games.

This initial video cast was a get-acquainted time where ideas were shared, Sandor indicated.

"A project such as this requires the efforts of many people," Sandor said. "At St. John the Baptist, Johnathan Brouwer, parent, and Bill Combs, Intuitive Technology consultant, have coordinated the technology needs with test runs last week."

Dr. Mark Myers, superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, is in support of this venture.

"We hope there will be several more learning opportunities for students in England and Fort Wayne," Sandor added.

Vince LaBarbera contributed to this story



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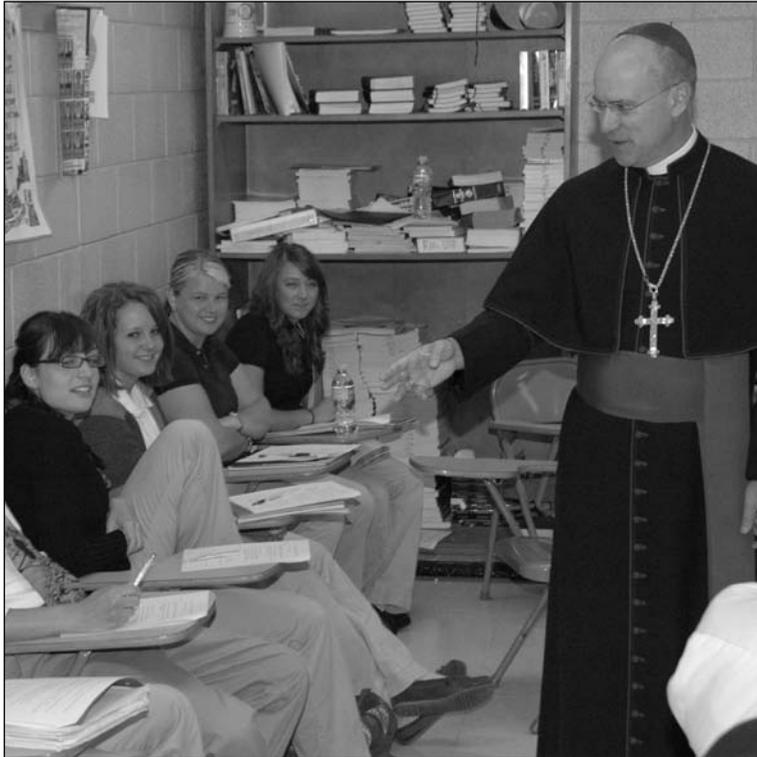
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him to Indiana. Formed under Bishop Rhoades, the Franciscan Brothers Minor faithfully follow the Rule of 1223, living just as the saint did in the 13th century. The bishop suggested the Franciscans as possible future guest speakers for the class.

After visits to more classrooms, Bishop Rhoades joined a group of students for lunch. Seated at the table with the bishop were members of student government and campus ministers. Again, they all seemed excited to talk to the bishop and completely at ease with him.

When asked what he thought of their school, Bishop Rhoades was quick to answer, "very impressed!"

He smiled and added, "The students are great and seem excited about their Catholic faith. Our mission of Catholic education is being fulfilled."



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits classrooms of the Bishop Dwenger Theology Department,



RHONDA PARKER

Sister Paula Vasquez, standing center, president of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception, accepts Sister Sarah Elizabeth Roy, kneeling, into their religious community. Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of the Diocese of Peoria served as celebrant. Witnesses pictured at the right are Sister Linda Burkitt, OSF, and Sister Irene Marie Fritch, OSF.

Fort Wayne native Sister Sarah Elizabeth professes final vows

WEST PEORIA, ILL. — Sister Sarah Elizabeth Roy professed perpetual vows as a Sister of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception during a Mass held at the motherhouse chapel on April 16.

Sister Sarah Elizabeth serves as vocation director for the congregation while continuing her work in campus ministry at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A native of Fort Wayne, she is the daughter of Laura and Bob McCulloch and Greg and Cara Roy.

Sister Sarah Elizabeth began her postulancy with the Heading Avenue Franciscans in August 2002. She became acquainted with the sisters while pursuing her master's degree in social work at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. During her postulancy she ministered as a social worker at St.

Philomena School, Peoria, and as a personal assistant at Hawthorne Inn Assisted Living.

In August 2003, she was received into the two-year novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Immaculate Conception and made her first profession of vows in August 2005. It was at this time that she also began serving in campus ministry at St. John's Catholic Newman Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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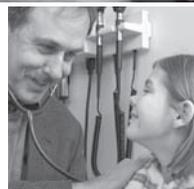
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Father Larry Kramer celebrates 50 years

BY MARK WEBER

COLUMBIA CITY — Swimming has been a favorite activity of Father Larry Kramer since he was a boy, and he continues to do it as a form of enjoyable exercise on a nearly daily basis.

Learning to swim, however, brought about an occasion when he was faced with a conflict of his mother and Mother Church.

As youngsters at Cathedral Grade School in Fort Wayne, Larry and his younger brother, Roger, were made emphatically aware, by Father Eugene Zimmerman, pastor, that a Church teaching of the time, stated that Catholics were forbidden to join the YMCA because it was church.

At home, the boys were told by their mother that, “if you want to go to the lake this summer, you must learn to swim.”

The boys responded with the “Zimmerman doctrine” regarding the YMCA and that is was the only place where they could take

swimming lessons.

Their mother’s reply was, “Well, unless Father Zimmerman teaches you to swim, you are not going to the lake!” For \$2, the boys got a towel, swimming lessons at the “Y,” and avoided proselytism.

As a senior at Central Catholic (CC), Larry Kramer knew that he wanted to be a priest but was uncertain if that was also the heavenly plan. Suddenly one evening after choir practice at CC, as he waited at a bus stop in front of the cathedral, he realized that he should go forward with plans for the priesthood, with the hope and prayer that if it were not the right thing for him, God would let him down easily.

His seminary training began close to home at Our Lady of the Lake Seminary at Lake Wawasee, and from there to St. Meinrad and was ordained by Bishop Leo Pursley on May 28, 1960.

Father Kramer’s first assignment as an associate pastor at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, followed by assignments at St. Peter and St. Andrew parishes



FATHER LARRY KRAMER

in Fort Wayne.

In 1973, Father moved to St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart; returning to Fort Wayne five years later residing at the cathedral and St. Joseph parishes while he continued Campus Ministry work he had begun in 1969.

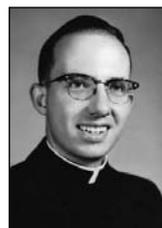
In 1981, he was appointed pastor of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish, Fort Wayne and as a judge

in the Marriage Tribunal, a post he would hold for 30 years.

In 1997, Father became pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Bluffton and chaplain at Bishop Luers High School.

Over the years, Father Kramer has served as an episcopal vicar and as a member of the Presbyteral Council.

Since 2003, he has been pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City.



FATHER LARRY KRAMER

When asked about the best part of being a Catholic priest, Father Larry Kramer allows that although it is difficult to narrow it down, two reasons stand out: Father finds deep spiritual satisfaction in sharing the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the other is offering Holy Mass. “After all these years, I still can’t believe that I am allowed to do this!” he exclaims.

There is no hesitation on Father’s part when asked what is the most difficult part of priesthood. “Weddings! Not Marriage, Marriage is beautiful and should be regarded as such. But with a wedding, you have a group of people with different expectations that are not realized, and it is like trying to head off a war.”

A favorite scriptural passage of Father Kramer’s is the one about the awakened Eli telling young Samuel to respond to a call in the night by saying “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

Father has counseled others, using this passage, advising them to pray, and say, “Lord, what would you have me do.”

To celebrate his golden jubilee, Father Kramer will offer Mass at the regular time on May 22, followed by a reception at a club in the area where he will rejoice in the midst of parishioners, other friends and family and be silently thankful for each golden moment.



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Serving the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

Father Patrick McNulty observes 50 years of priesthood

BY VINCE LABARBERA

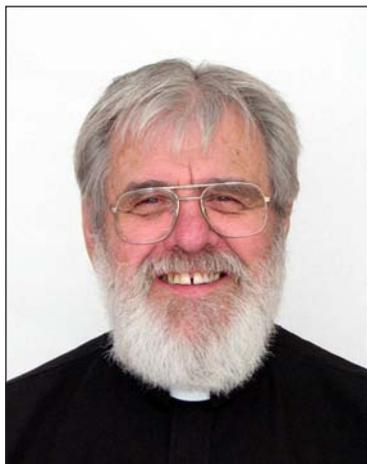
ONTARIO, Canada — From his home in Ontario, Canada, Father Patrick McNulty — a retired priest of our diocese observing 50 years of priesthood this month — writes:

“One of my first childhood memories, in a family of eight siblings, at about age four or five, (1935 or 1936), was standing out in the backyard of our homestead in Huntington hearing the bells from the Capuchin monastery in the distance. I remember fierce tears and I knew that one day my heart would ‘ring’ like those bells. I never knew how or when but I knew it would have a lot to do with the Capuchins over the years, and it did. I also knew the bells could ‘ring’ even if I had never become a priest — believe it or not — Huntington was filled with wonderful lay people.

“But on May 28, 1960, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, when Bishop Leo A. Pursley, of blessed memory, ordained four of us for the diocese, the bells rang for me and they have never ceased ringing since.

“Sometimes they are bells of joy: my many assignments over the years beginning (in Fort Wayne) at St. John the Baptist, the cathedral, St. Henry’s, St. Andrew’s, Our Lady of Hungary, teaching at Central Catholic (still the best high school the diocese ever had), two years in Jerusalem and the Sinai Desert, the 12 wonderful years at St.

John Neumann Poustinia House on the old St. Vincent’s Villa property on Jacobs Street (Fort Wayne). But the greatest joy has been the people of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Living and serving them from the altar and being



FATHER PATRICK MCNULTY

loved by them are one of our greatest blessings as priests — bells of joy!

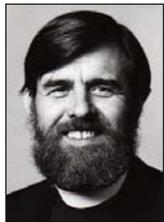
“But the bells are sometimes bells of sadness: the demise of so many of my brother priests in the ‘60s and ‘70s, the emotional and theological chasms following Vatican II, the political and social injustices of the ‘60s and ‘70s, and the heart-rending realization that after so many years I myself am still so far from the fullness of Priesthood. But thank God for the sacrament of Reconciliation, for merciful people in the diocese, for sacred Scripture filled with images of mercy and love — one of my favorites is the humble blind man from Jericho and his blessed cry of the name of Jesus. And finally, thank God for the Church, a mystery filled with joy that is there for the taking if we are open to it.

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FATHER PATRICK MCNULTY

“Regarding hobbies and how I re-energize, I think my hobby is life: people, music, literature, waving to a neighbor, petting someone’s dog, stopping to talk to a beggar, quiet before the Blessed Sacrament, cleaning my outhouse and getting the wood ready for the winter. Life. Come to think of it, that’s what re-energizes me as well.

“P.S. Do you hear bells?”



FATHER PATRICK MCNULTY

Witness of joy is key to promoting vocations, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The witness of a life lived joyfully and prayerfully is the key to attracting new vocations to the priesthood and religious life, Pope Benedict XVI said.

In his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, that was observed April 25, the pope said that while the call to priesthood and religious life comes from God, “it is also helped by the quality and depth of the personal and communal witness” of priests and religious.

“God’s free and gracious initiative encounters and challenges the human responsibility of all those who accept his invitation to become, through their own witness, the instruments of his divine call,” the pope wrote in the message released Feb. 16.

The pope said that especially for priests, but also for religious brothers and sisters, there are three areas of life where a personal example is particularly important for helping others see what answering God’s call can mean:

- “Friendship with Christ” through prayer and Bible reading, which demonstrates how abiding in God’s love fills a person with the desire to share that experience with others.
- “The complete gift of oneself to God,” which makes a per-



CNS PHOTO/ALESSANDRO BIANCHI, REUTERS

Pope Benedict XVI blesses a newly ordained priest during a Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican April 29, 2007. At the Mass, the pope pleaded for vocations worldwide as he marked the annual celebration of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

son able to give himself or herself completely to others as well.

• “A life of communion” and of openness to others, which means being able to draw people together, help them overcome their differences and offer each other forgiveness.

In a world often marked by materialism, self-centeredness and individualism, the pope said, the complete fidelity of priests and religious to God and to serving others is usually a sign of contradiction, but one that shows

others where true joy is found.

“If young people see priests who appear distant and sad, they will hardly feel encouraged to follow their example,” he said.

The text of the pope’s message in English is online at: www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/vocations/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20091113_xlvii-vocations_en.html

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The cost for the pilgrimage is \$950.00. Payment, in full, is due by May 1, 2010 and should be sent to the St. Joseph Parish Center, 226 N. Hill Street, South Bend, IN 46617. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church and send them to the Parish Center with “Parish Pilgrimage” in the memo line.



Father Richard Hire celebrates 40 years of priesthood

BY DENISE FEDOROW

SYRACUSE — Father Richard Paul Hire has traveled the world and the diocese in his 40 years as a priest. A Fort Wayne native, Father Hire was ordained May 30, 1970 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 1, 1944 in Fort Wayne to Richard J. Hire and Lucille Ueber Hire. His father started Hire's Auto Parts in Fort Wayne, which is still family owned and operated. His parents had nine children — two boys died in infancy. Three sisters, Pamela Sanders (Fort Wayne), Cheryl Putnam (Tuscon, Ariz.) and Mary Lou Hire (Evergreen, Colo.) and three brothers — James (Arizona) and Thomas and Charles who both operate the family business.

Father Hire said both sides of the family were very religious

and an uncle on his mom's side was a priest, which influenced his decision to join the priesthood.

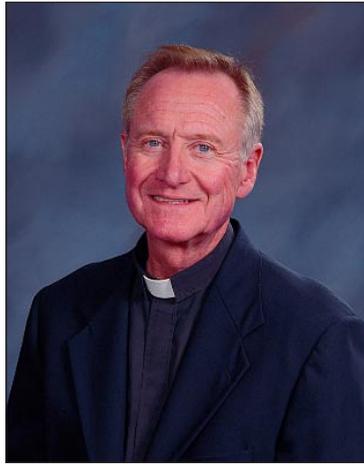
His first assignment was assistant pastor at St. Charles in Fort Wayne, then principal at Huntington Catholic High School. He was diocesan director of religious education and for one year also pastor at St. Peter's in Fort Wayne.

Father Hire was religious education director at St. Patrick in Fort Wayne and then was pastor at St. Thomas in Elkhart where he stayed for "quite a while." From St. Thomas he went to St. John the Baptist in New Haven and then Queen of Peace in Mishawaka before moving

to St. Martin de Porres in Syracuse of which he said, "I hope to stay here, it's wonderful."

Father Hire said the best part of being a priest is how close he feels to God and being able to help people in a worthwhile way.

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FATHER RICHARD HIRE

He really didn't find anything difficult about his vocation except those rare occasions when he might've had to deal with difficult people; but he said he was "immune" and added that he enjoys working with people of all ages and income levels.

One way he recharges and relaxes is to be sure to have a good meal for supper. He also loves to travel — something he hasn't been able to do much of the last couple of years as he helped care for his ailing mother who recently died. But he said his parish's location on Lake Wawasee is "like a vacation 12 months a year."

When he is able to travel he

likes to visit destinations of biblical and religious importance and said there are a few such sites he'd still like to see — the Black Sea, and take a Mediterranean cruise with stops in Malta, Carthage. He's already traveled to Australia, New Zealand, South America and most of Europe.

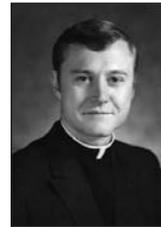
Aside from traveling, he enjoys writing his column for *Today's Catholic* following the travels of St. Paul. He said showing people the various religious sites throughout the world "shows the accuracy of the Bible and our faith ... seeing it with your

own eyes makes it real and not like a fairy tale."

His favorite prayer is the Hail Mary, and he said, "If I'm on a bad plane ride I like the Act of Contrition."

He said there is "so much going on" in this Year for Priests and mentioned he thought it was very nice that Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades does a Holy Hour with the priests.

"Father Dick" as he said most call him, will celebrate his jubilee a little early, since May 30 falls during the Memorial Day holiday — a busy time at St. Martin de Porres Parish. So on May 23, after the last Mass, a special dinner will be held in honor of his jubilee and will be open to the parish.



FATHER RICHARD HIRE



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Father Derrick Sneyd celebrates 40th jubilee

BY KAY COZAD

AUBURN — “Every year is a great year,” says Father Derrick Sneyd, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn, of the 40 years he has spent serving God’s people as a priest. “The 40th year places a deeper reflection on the gifts we are given and how we use them in accumulative ministries and in the priesthood,” he reflects. And those gifts he speaks of are varied and plentiful.

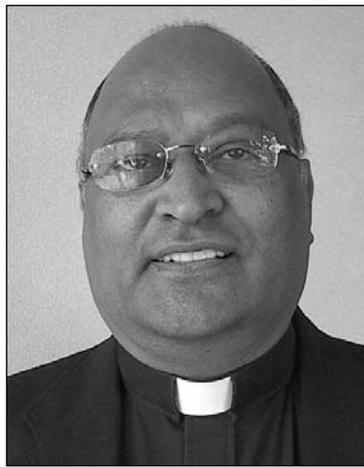
Born the middle child to Stuart and Gladys Sneyd, in Kharagpur, India, in 1945, the bright young Sneyd received an exemplary Catholic education throughout his academic years, where he had “very good role models” in the order of priests that ran the schools. His youth was made more memorable, he says, by the close friendship his family shared with Blessed Mother Teresa.

The young Sneyd’s faith formation was positively influenced by his family, particularly his mother, and he recalls a calling to the priesthood as a child. It was following graduation from St. Aloysius Anglo-Indian High School at age 16 that he

answered that long percolating call and entered St. Charles Seminary. While in seminary Father Sneyd earned a bachelor of arts degree and went on to eventually earn degrees in education, divinity and counseling from various universities.

Father Sneyd was ordained into the holy Priesthood on Oct. 18, 1970 by Bishop Eugene D’Souza in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India and served as the secretary to Archbishop of Bhopal from 1970 to 1972. He arrived in the U.S. in 1972 where he served as associate pastor at Our Lady of Hungary in South Bend and entered postgraduate studies. He also has served in the South Bend Marriage Tribunal, on the Presbyteral Counsel and at Marian High School in South Bend as teacher.

During his 40-year ministry Father Sneyd has served as pastor in several parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, including St. Stanislaus Kostka, New Carlisle, St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, St. Monica, Mishawaka, St. Jude, South Bend, St. Mary of the Assumption, South Bend, and St. Anthony de Padua, South



FATHER DERRICK SNEYD

Bend. He was incardinated into the diocese in 1984.

The most enriching part of his priesthood, Father Sneyd says, is “sharing in the faith life of the community, growing with them and learning from them. ... Being there for the people in their sacramental needs.” He continues, “The priesthood is sanctification of one’s self as well as the people of God. I grow holy, through me they grow holy, and through them I grow holy.”

This sharing of faith is only diminished by the unrealistic expectations sometimes placed on the only too human priests, says Father Sneyd. He works to support his flock in the best ways he can with prayer and reflection in the mix.

Father Sneyd’s favorite Scripture passage is the Prodigal Son. “The real focus is on the older son and ... I reflect in my own life how I should not fall

prey to the passion of anger which is so negative and destructive,” he says. The good Father considers himself a positive person and expands that positive nature into his ministry as well as his personal life, where he enjoys the culinary arts, especially Italian cuisine.



FATHER DERRICK SNEYD

His love of reading, sports and music also brings him joy. Father Sneyd revels in travel including his annual visits home to India each January. As for being

a priest Father Sneyd says, “Now, in my 40th year of priesthood, I would say the best part of being Catholic is the ability to introduce myself as ‘I am Derrick Sneyd, a Roman Catholic priest.’ This often leads into a conversation which gives me the opportunity to witness to the person of Jesus Christ.” After the initial introduction however, many just call him Father D.

Jubilee celebration plans for Father Sneyd are currently in the works at Immaculate Conception Parish. And the jubilarian is excited about the prospect of an inaugural reunion of his seminary class that will

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FATHER DERRICK SNEYD

ST. HEDWIG TRADITION IS TRULY A FAMILY AFFAIR FOR WEGNER FAMILY



DIANE FREEBY

Father Gene Wegner, a Franciscan priest, is pictured here with his seven sisters. The siblings are a tight-knit group who grew up at St. Hedwig in South Bend. April has always been the month for the parish mother-daughter breakfast, and for 16 years, the sisters helped organize it. When their mother passed away a few years ago, it took on a special meaning for the family. This year marked the first time all seven sisters were able to attend the breakfast together. Father Wegner, who is a chaplain for the cloister Carmelite Nuns in Ada, Mich., celebrated Mass. Pictured with Father Wegner are sisters Rita Kenahan of St. Hedwig, Clarice Cabral of Naples, Fla., Jeanette Grohowski of St. Hedwig, Mary Jo Krisor of St. Hedwig, Teri Halgren of Mesa, Ariz., Geri Oppenheim of Corpus Christi and Gretchen Mehall of St. Matthew Cathedral.

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our pastor 1997-2003
*on the occasion of his
Golden Jubilee*

Msgr. Bernard Galic celebrates 40th anniversary to the priesthood

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Never underestimate the power of a pastor when it comes to vocations. Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor of Holy Family Parish on South Bend's west side, will celebrate his 40th jubilee this August. He says it was the pastor of his small boyhood parish who inspired his priestly vocation.

The selfless dedication of Msgr. Joseph Schmidt, who labored in a mission church serving three Pennsylvania counties, made a strong impression on the second son of Frank and Ursula Galic. The family regularly attended Mass at St. Bernard Parish in New Bloomfield, and although there was no parish school, Msgr. Schmidt placed great emphasis on religious education classes.

"For four years in high school, he was my religion teacher," recalls Msgr. Galic, who says by his junior year he was considering the priesthood. "I wanted to be just like him!"

The future monsignor, who attended public high school, entered a delayed vocations seminary where he studied two-years worth of Greek and Latin in one year, catching up with his classmates. He attended Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corner, Wis., and was ordained a Sacred Heart priest Aug. 30, 1970. Changes came about in his order, and nine years later Msgr. Galic began the transition to parish priesthood. In 1979, Bishop William McManus of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese welcomed him to St. Michael Parish in Plymouth where he became a diocesan priest in 1981.

Msgr. Galic doesn't hesitate when asked to describe the best part of being a priest.

"Saving souls!" he replies. "No one else can make Jesus present in the Eucharist, but a priest. No one else can forgive sins ... only a priest. Those are two unique things and they are paths to heaven for God's people."

Msgr. Galic has served the past 16 years as director of vocations. Seventeen seminarians are currently in formation, and 22 or more are anticipated next year. Msgr. Galic admits he doesn't like using advertising campaigns to draw men to the priesthood. He says he leaves that part to God, emphasizing a man doesn't have to decide right away if he should be a priest. His first

"I'm so glad I'm a priest when I'm there because I can help people come back to God."

MSGR. BERNIE GALIC

decision is if he should be a seminarian.

"A seminarian is a young man who thinks God may be calling him to the priesthood, who has chosen to pursue a course of studies, along with other young men, who are making the same discernment in an atmosphere where they'll have spiritual and academic encouragement."

Msgr. Galic says one of the most challenging things about the priesthood is being "on duty 24-7." He recalls Bishop John M. D'Arcy telling him a parish priest "lives over the store. You're never closed!" Msgr. Galic does manage a day off here and there, and enjoys occasional trips to Alaska where he fishes with his two younger brothers.

He says he is spiritually recharged by his devotion to Our Lady and visiting the small



MSGR. BERNARD GALIC



MSGR. BERNARD GALIC

Bosnian town where many people are reporting great conversions to the Catholic faith.

"When I go to Medjugorje, I am so glad that I am a priest, because of the great conversions I see going on in Medjugorje and the role that the Eucharist and Reconciliation has in facilitating those conversions," explains Msgr. Galic. "I'm so glad I'm a priest when I'm there because I can help people come back to God."

Although not officially recognized by the Church, the Vatican recently began investigating the alleged apparitions in Medjugorje. Msgr. Galic calls the four months he spent on sabbatical there in 1991 "one of the most beautiful times of my life." He also believes many men identify their priestly vocations there.

Going from Father Galic to Msgr. Galic this past November still has folks guessing at what to call him.

"Technically, my new title is 'Monsignor.' I always tell the people, just don't call me late for dinner!" deadpans Msgr. Galic, adding, "Msgr. Bernie is okay too! ... When you're almost 70 and they change your name, it takes a lot of getting used to!"

Holy Family parishioners are planning an Aug. 29 jubilee celebration with Mass followed by dinner.



**Congratulations
Msgr. Bernard J. Galic**

**on your
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Parish and School***

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continued affection to you
as their beloved
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Golden Jubilarian
for his 30 years of service to
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*Congratulations
Father Terry Fisher
On your
Silver Jubilee*

*Thank you
for your Commitment
And
"Thanks for the Memories"*

*from your
Saint Joseph's High School
Family*



*Thank you,
Father Hire*

For guiding your parishioners for 40 years,
and for a lifetime of positive leadership in our
family. Blessings on your anniversary, and best
wishes from your brothers and sisters.

**PAM SANDELS, CHERYL PUTNAM,
JIM HIRE, MARY LOU HIRE,
TOM HIRE AND CHARLEY HIRE**



Father Terry Fisher celebrates 25th anniversary

BY JODI MAGALLANES

MISHAWAKA — Father Terry Fisher, the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Mishawaka, celebrates his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination this year.

Parishioners will observe his jubilee with a "very simple parish Mass" at 11:15 a.m. on June 6. It won't be a large celebration, he said, and that's the way he prefers it.

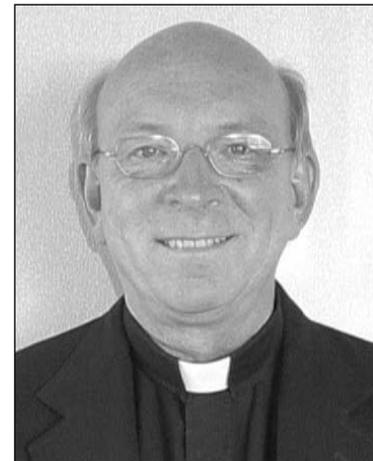
"I'm not really much for big celebrations anyway," Father Fisher laughed.

Bishop John M. D'Arcy ordained Father Fisher at St. Matthew Cathedral in June of 1985, the first year of Bishop D'Arcy's appointment to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. A former third-grade teacher at St. Matthew School, Father Fisher said he was encouraged to consider a priestly vocation by the examples of then-rector Bishop Joseph Crowley and assistant Father Bill Schooler.

Since following through with his call, he has come to most enjoy administering sacraments to believers. "I think that's when you touch them as Christ would touch them. And you get to be with them at different stages of their life," he remarked.

The most challenging part of his priesthood not having enough time to do everything that he feels he needs to do, he said. He copes with that and other stresses by indulging in some solitary time in the garden. Two of his grandparents were avid gardeners, and he inherited their skills and love of the hobby.

"When I was stationed in Bremen, Dorothy Taylor had this Victorian house with a large Victorian garden. I just loved to go there, and I wanted to make my house look like hers,"



FATHER TERRY FISHER

Father Fisher said. Working the earth around the rectory and the church grounds is his therapy, and he finds the nearly-immediate results rewarding. It also draws him to a relationship with St. Francis, who had a deep appreciation for nature. St. Francis authored what has become, he said, his favorite prayer.

"I just believe that we should be an instrument for God's peace. I think that's my role," Father Fisher said.

During this Year for Priests, he has also been encouraged by the support sent by school children across the diocese, who wrote letters to diocesan priests to mark the special declaration and say that they are praying for him.

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Father Fisher was assigned first to St. John's Parish in New Haven, followed by seven years as chairman of the theology department, administrator and chaplain at Saint Joseph's High School. He then served in Bremen, Warsaw and St. Anthony de Padua Parish in South Bend before being assigned to St. Joseph Parish

in 2007. Parishioners refer to him as both Father Fisher and Father Terry.

Sisters of the Holy Cross celebrate 1,310 years of vowed life

NOTRE DAME — Twenty-four Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee anniversaries on Sunday, July 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's. Eleven of these sisters have taught or ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Three sisters are celebrating 75 years since their first professions; 11 are celebrating 60 years; seven, 50 years; and three celebrated 25 years of vowed life, a collective 1,310 years.

75-year jubilarians

• **Sister M. Clare Anne Rumschlag**, who entered the congregation from St. Mary Parish, Decatur, taught at St. Vincent de Paul School in Elkhart in 1935. She also was a nurse and taught nursing at Saint Joseph Hospital and School of Nursing, South Bend, from 1940 to 1949. She spent 1963 to 1964 nursing at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame. In 1964 she returned to Saint Joseph School of Nursing. She is now retired and living at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame.



SISTER M. CLARE ANNE RUMSCHLAG

Others celebrating their 75-year jubilees are Sisters Martha Neeser (Sister M. Ambrosia) and M. Josepha Cullen.

60-year jubilarians

The following sisters who are celebrating 60 have served in the diocese:

• **Sister Joan Marie Steigmeyer** (Sister M. deChantal) entered the congregation from Holy Cross Parish in South Bend. She taught from 1960 to 1964 at St. Vincent de Paul School in Elkhart. At present she is involved in prison ministry in Cincinnati, Ohio.



SISTER JOAN MARIE STEIGMEYER

• **Sister Frances B. O'Connor** (Sister M. Francis Bernard) taught at Holy Cross School in South Bend in 1950. Currently, she writes and is an adjunct professor of religious studies at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame.



SISTER FRANCES B. O'CONNOR

• **Sister Mary Ann Lamping** (Sister M. Ethelita) taught at Christ the King School in South Bend from 1954 to 1959 and served as a chaplain at Saint Joseph Hospital, South Bend, from 1976 to 1977. She now does volunteer service at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame.



SISTER MARY ANN LAMPING

Also celebrating 50 years of profession are Sisters M. Rose Virginia Burt, M. Jacinta Millan, M. Madeline Therese Wilhoit, M.

Emeline Cunningham, Mary Ada Dennis, Barbara Marie Kleck, Maris Bonnett and Evelyn Joyce Metro (Sister M. Francilda).

50-year jubilarians

The following sisters who are celebrating 50 years have served in the diocese:

• **Sister Angela Mary Carey** taught at Holy Cross School in South Bend in 1961 and at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart from 1962 to 1964. At present she is coordinator of care for delinquent youth and serves as president of the Center for the Guidance and Education of São Paulo Youth in São Paulo, Brazil.



SISTER ANGELA MARY CAREY

• **Sister Kathleen Moroney** (Sister Marie Venard) served as the finance controller at Saint Joseph Hospital, South Bend, from 1969 to 1972. She now practices immigration law at Holy Cross Ministries in Salt Lake City, Utah.



SISTER KATHLEEN MORONEY

• **Sister M. Esther Black** taught at Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, from 1962 to



SISTER M. ESTHER BLACK

1968 and in 1970. From 1974 to 1991, she served as an elementary psychologist for the education department of the diocese. She currently works at Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, as head sacristan in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto.

• **Sister M. Arlene Kniola**

taught at Christ the King School, South Bend, in 1962; Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, in 1963; and Holy Cross School in 1964 and from 1971-1977. In 1978 she went to St. Jude School in South Bend. She taught theology and art and served as campus minister at Saint Joseph's High School, South Bend, from 1980 to 1985 and returned there in 1991 to teach and coordinate retreats. She now coordinates the pastoral care at Saint Mary's Convent, Notre Dame.



SISTER M. ARLENE KNIOLA

• **Sister Mary Ann Uebbing** (Sister M. Doris) taught at St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart from 1967 to 1969. She served as school secretary at Christ the King, South Bend, in 1973 and at St. Joseph School, South Bend, from 1973-1975. In 1995 she went to St. Jude Parish, South Bend, where she directed the religious education and spirituality programs. Currently she does



SISTER MARY ANN UEBBING

religious education and vocation ministry in Fort Portal, Uganda, Africa.

• **Sister Kathleen Reilly** (Sister M. Walter) worked at the Holy Cross Health System in South Bend from 1997 to 2000. She has been the vice president, mission and corporate responsibility officer for Saint John's Health System, Anderson, since 2001.



SISTER KATHLEEN REILLY

• **Sister Mary Alice Bowler** (Sister Marie Carl) worked as assistant administrator at Saint Joseph Hospital, South Bend, from 1974-1976. She recently returned to the United States from Uganda, Africa, where she served over 25 years in health ministry and leadership.



SISTER MARY ALICE BOWLER

25-year jubilarians

Sisters Julie McGuire, Rani Catherine Gomes and Ane Monica Nguyen are celebrating 25 years of vowed life in the congregation.

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross is an international community of women religious located at Saint Mary's in Notre Dame.

For more information about the Sisters of the Holy Cross, visit www.cscsisters.org.

Bishops launch national Web site to promote vocations to priesthood, consecrated life

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations initiated a new Web site on April 25 to be a resource for both laity and clergy in the promotion of vocations. The launch date was both the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday.

The site has two goals:

• To help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and

• To educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations.

The vocations Web site can be found at www.ForYourVocation.org. A Spanish-language site will be available this fall at www.PorTuVocación.org.

Site elements include discernment resources for men and women, respectively, aids for promoting a vocation culture within the home, and a range of tools for educators, youth leaders and vocation directors including

prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans and vocation awareness programs.

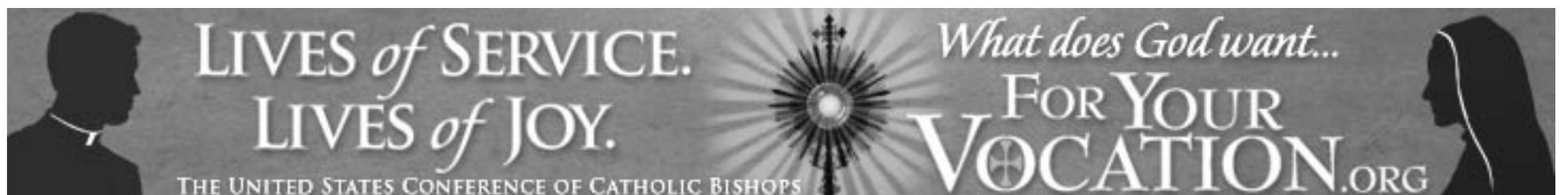
In response to Pope Benedict XVI's 2010 Theme for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Witness Awakens Vocations, the site also hosts videos of priests and religious men and women giving witness to their vocations, as well as testimonies from family members.

ForYourVocation.org exemplifies the Vatican's embrace of new communications media. In his message for the 44th World Day of Communications, Pope

Benedict XVI challenges clergy to employ the "latest generation of audiovisual resources (images, videos, animated features, blogs, Web sites)" to put the media "ever more effectively at the service of the Word."

The launch of the site will be promoted through social media forums. Facebook users can become "eVangelizers" for the cause. By becoming an eVangelizer, one can connect others to the Web site's blog posts.

Find a link to this Web site by visiting diocesefwsb.org. A link is listed at the right for your convenience.



EDITORIAL

Honoring priest, sister jubilarians and future priests

It was a day to give thanks to God at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, last Sunday. Our own Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy, ordained two brothers to the transitional diaconate. In a year, these two brothers will be ordained to the priesthood, God willing.

Although the diocese has sets of brother priests, Deacons Matthew and Terrence, Jr., Coonan will be the first brothers ordained to the priesthood in contemporary times — the new springtime of the Church.

In just a matter of weeks, another deacon, Andrew Budzinski, will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

There are currently 17 seminarians. But more could be coming. Please continue your prayers for vocations.

This leads to another question. How many young people, and perhaps even adults, in the pews could be called to religious life? The religious life is a life of service, pouring out one's life for the people of God.

Both Deacon Matthew and Deacon Terrence said in their talks at end of the ordination Mass that the day was not about them ... it was about serving the people of the Church. That is the reason for the celebration. Bishop D'Arcy related, "This is the day the Lord has made," in his homily. The day belonged to God.

People of St. Vincent Parish, where the Coonans grew up, filled the St. Turibius Chapel at Pontifical College Josephinum. They joined the seminarians at the college. Sisters from the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration also offered their support. It was a glorious day filled with the regality of the Pontifical College Josephinum choir.

Family was a major influence on the Coonan brothers' vocational journey. But they also credited their parish and their education for helping them hear the call. They also mentioned their own "St. John Vianney" influences such as Msgr. John Kuzmich, Father Mark Gurtner, Father Gary Sigler and Father Jake Runyon, who was ordained to the priesthood just last fall. They all played a role in the investiture of the stole and dalmatic, the outer garment a deacon wears.

The gentle rolling thunder outside the chapel during the Ordination to the Order of Deacon added to the ambience of the joy of the day. God has blessed His people.

Let us offer thanks to our jubilarians

In this issue of *Today's Catholic*, we honor diocesan priests who are celebrating 25th, 40th and 50th anniversaries this year. We thank them for their ministry to the Church.

Their paths from the priesthood are often similar to the paths we walk. They come from families who love and practice the faith. They have parents committed to raising their children in the Catholic faith. They are often influenced by their own "St. John Vianney" model priests.

As the Year for Priests draws to its final weeks, we can thank God for the Priesthood. Through the Priesthood we are brought closer to Jesus in the Eucharist. Christ's beautiful gift of Himself to us should motivate us to become Christ's hands and feet in the world.

Also, in this week's issue, we begin to honor the sisters who minister in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. We also thank them for their ministry. Throughout the spring and summer issues, we will share with our readers the ministries of our jubilarian religious sisters, brothers and priests who serve in the diocese.

Graduation is just around the corner

At *Today's Catholic*, we are preparing for our graduation issue. Last year, *Today's Catholic* featured our Catholic high school valedictorian and salutatorians, but we also featured the Catholic students who achieved either valedictorian or salutatorian in the public schools.

Today's Catholic has a form to be filled out and returned by May 10 from a Catholic valedictorian or salutatorian at any area high school. Please contact the editor at editor@diocesefwsb.org to receive the form.

The graduates will be featured in the May 23 issue.

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

COMMENTARY

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Magazines disagree with McQuade

In *Today's Catholic* for April 18, Deirdre A. McQuade says of the healthcare reform law, "If not changed, the law will ... subsidize abortions throughout the nine months of pregnancy ... and force Americans to be complicit in the direct taking of innocent life." The editors of at least two mainstream Catholic publications strongly disagree with Ms. McQuade.

In the April 12-19 issue of *America* magazine, under the title

"How Compelling?" the editors say, "The great stumbling block to endorsing the bill was the fear that ... (abortion) financing might seep out through community health clinics. ... The evidence, the bishops argue, was 'compelling.' Certainly compelling for the bishops ... but not compelling for many other legal analysts. Tenuous legal arguments somehow hardened into matters of principle. ... The desire to make the prohibition on abortion funding airtight is admirable, but the argument for doing so seems to have been built on a tissue of hypotheticals that was far from conclusive." Their complete commentary is available

at www.americamagazine.org under the title Current Comment in Most-Read Articles.

In the April 9 issue of *Commonweal* (www.commonweal-magazine.org), under the title "No Coward," the editors say, "(Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich) wanted to extend healthcare coverage without expanding direct federal funding of abortion. He succeeded (and) ... he deserves profilers gratitude and respect."

To know the whole story, read both articles.

Edgar D. Berners
South Bend

Questions about abortion in new law?

Since the recent passage of the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act," scores of people have been contacting the Pro-Life Secretariat of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops with a multitude of questions, such as:

Does the new healthcare legislation actually provide federal funds for elective abortions?

Answer: Yes.

Can individuals be forced to pay for other people's abortions even if they are morally opposed?

Answer: Yes.

Are there new challenges to the consciences of individuals, employers and healthcare providers?

Answer: Yes. Didn't President Obama's Executive Order fix the abortion and conscience problems that the bishops had raised about this legislation? Answer: No.

For those interested in more in-depth answers, we offer callers a couple of helpful new resources developed by the bishops' conference:

- A one-page fact sheet called "Abortion Funding in the New Health Care Reform Act": www.usccb.org/healthcare/Abortion-Funding-in-Health-Care-Law-4-12-10.pdf.

- A nine-page legal analysis of the abortion and conscience issues in the Act and President Obama's subsequent Executive Order: www.usccb.org/healthcare/03-25-10Memo-re-Executive-Order-Final.pdf.

Then there are callers with tactical questions, like:

Weren't the bishops just out to kill healthcare reform all along?

Answer: No.

Haven't the bishops just been overreacting to abortion-related problems that weren't really there? Answer: No.

Can anything be done to fix

these problems? Answer: Yes.

For many, many months now the U.S. bishops have made statements and sent numerous letters to Congress with the message that our country needs reform that makes health care available to everybody, while killing nobody (www.usccb.org/healthcare/official_documents.shtml#releases). The bishops have long supported reform, but they made it very clear that no matter how much perceived good might be accomplished, such legislation must not promote a fundamental moral evil or force people to participate in that evil. Healthcare reform should not have become the vehicle for expanding abortion or challenging conscience protection. It was not the bishops who forced the issue, but congressional leaders themselves. They refused to apply long-standing current policies on abortion funding and conscience rights to this legislation, all the while claiming that abortions were not being funded.

When it became clearer that congressional leaders would not back down, the bishops' message to Congress was unambiguous as well. Just before the final vote, the bishops sent one more appeal to Congress that was introduced with a USCCB press release entitled: "Bishops to House of Representatives: Fix Flaws or Vote No on Health Reform Bill." It stated: "House leadership ... won't even try to address the serious problems on abortion funding... (and are) ignoring conscience protection and fair treatment of immigrants" (www.usccb.org/comm/archives/2010/10-051.shtml).

Ignoring the plea of the bishops and the large majority of Americans who oppose abortion funding in healthcare reform,

LIFE ISSUES FORUM



BY TOM GRECHIK

Congress has now enacted the largest expansion of abortion funding in our nation's history, since *Roe v. Wade*. Assurances that abortion funding would be removed and consciences would be thoroughly protected have turned out to be empty promises.

But our efforts are far from over. Now we must go back to all the legislators who stated that the abortion and conscience problems were either not there, or would be fixed at another time, because that time is now! We must fix this "deeply flawed law," as Cardinal George called it, and we'll need a strong bipartisan effort to do so. It will require the active engagement of Catholics and other constituents demanding this congressional response. Correcting this law, so it will truly uphold everyone's rights to life and health, will take much prayer and hard work, but the stakes have never been higher.

Tom Grenchik is executive director of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Go to www.usccb.org/prolife to learn more about the bishops' pro-life activities.

Octogenarian plus: At 83, things are getting busy for Pope Benedict

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Almost lost in the recent furor over clerical sex abuse is that Pope Benedict XVI just turned 83 and is approaching one of the busiest stretches of his pontificate.

At an age when most Church officials have long retired, over the next six months the German pontiff will make six trips, preside over dozens of public liturgies, close the Year for Priests, chair a Synod of Bishops on the Middle East and keep up a steady stream of audiences, both public and private.

A major document on Scripture in Church life is expected before summer. In his spare moments — which are few — the pope is still working on his second volume of "Jesus of Nazareth."

Recent media reports have drawn a portrait of a weary pope,

overwhelmed by the onslaught of criticism over the Church's handling of sex abuses cases. Yet on the public stage, Pope Benedict has shown few signs of succumbing to job fatigue.

In Malta in mid-April for a 27-hour visit, he appeared to nod off for a few seconds during Mass. But although that moment was well photographed, it was the exception to the rule. Throughout the visit, he appeared happy and relaxed — notably as he chatted with young people aboard a boat in Valletta's Grand Harbor. If the story line was a dispirited pope alarmed by a drop in approval ratings, he clearly wasn't following the script.

Nor is the pope about to go into hiding. There's far too much on his schedule.

A typical week in late April, for

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example, included four days of private talks with African bishops, speeches to new ambassadors, a meeting with a prime minister, commemoration of the Church's annual vocations day, a general audience talk, another talk at his Sunday blessing and a speech to Catholic digital media experts in Italy.

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In the Resurrection Jesus triumphed



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

5th Sunday of Easter Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

As throughout this Easter season, the Acts of the Apostles supplies the first reading for this weekend's liturgy.

This reading tells the story of some of the missionary activities of Paul and Barnabas. Although eventually they parted, Paul and Barnabas, Paul's disciple, visited several places in Asia Minor that were prominent cities in the Roman Empire of the first century A.D.

Ancient traditions see all the Apostles as missionaries. Most of them indeed went far and wide to proclaim the Gospel, although for most the details have been lost or are kept only in pious legend.

However, Acts reports many of Paul's efforts in missionizing. It is more than a travelogue. It reveals the conditions in which these two great figures in early Christianity lived. It is a lesson about the faith of Paul and Barnabas.

Speaking to Christians in the cities that they visited, Paul and Barnabas realistically warned these followers of Christ that hostility, and difficulties, were ahead.

Their warnings hardly came from paranoia or as a strategy to build regard for themselves by fabrication. The culture of the Roman Empire was absolutely hostile to the values of the

Gospel. Moreover, the political order was becoming hostile.

Paul and Barnabas themselves met hostility and endured difficulties. Nevertheless they were undaunted. Ignoring risks, rejection, or setbacks, they continued to move from city to city, from Christian community to Christian community, proclaiming Christ. Their faith inspired them and impelled them.

For the second reading, the Church this weekend offers a passage from the Book of Revelation. This book, the last book of the New Testament in the translations and versions that have been used for centuries, is highly poetic and symbolic, moving and strikingly beautiful in its imagery very often. Often its symbolism is very involved, or unique to the first century. As a result, understanding the book not always is easy without reading scholarly commentaries along with the text itself.

However, the meaning of Revelation is not beyond human intelligence. The book looks to the spiritual life, to life in a world transformed by Christ.

For instance, this reading gives a vision of heaven, symbolized by the holy city of Jerusalem, but a transformed Jerusalem, and of God. It looks into eternity and to the place there for all who love God.

St. John's Gospel is the source of the last reading. This is not a Resurrection narrative, but it is strongly reminiscent of the Resurrection, and of the Lord's death on Calvary.

Jesus obliquely refers to the crucifixion and to rising from the dead. Eternal life is open to humans who follow the Lord in obedience to God, in sacrifice and in faith.

Reflection

Last month the Church called us, with joy and the deepest faith, to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus after the terrible event of the crucifixion.

Gradually, gently, but unrelentingly, the Church has called upon us personally to respond to Jesus, to bond ourselves with the salvation that Jesus offers us.

This weekend's readings proclaim the sacrificial death as well as the rising of Jesus from the dead, but it also calls upon us to respond by following the Lord.

As the second reading from Revelation, eternal life with God, in heaven will be our reward.

But, we still are in this life. We become authentic disciples by loving God, each other, and all people, as Jesus loved. In this love, Jesus died on Calvary as a sacrifice. In the Resurrection, Jesus triumphed. We can walk the same path. We must walk the same path.

Empowering us spiritually, guiding us, are the Apostles, still with us in their successors, successors to early bishops such as Barnabas. Through and with them, we find strength and access to the Lord.

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

THE CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

Every ten years we do 'em, and this week we quiz about 'em — the census.

- The first time a census is mentioned in the Bible, the Hebrews are**
 - taxed
 - killed
 - sent to Babylon
- This aptly named book records how Moses was asked to enumerate the Israelites**
 - Gallop
 - Numbers 1
 - Censi (Greek for Exodus)
- This tribe alone was to be excluded from the census norms**
 - Hithe (Hittites)
 - the Levites (Levi)
 - Hanuman (Hannibal)
- Why was this?**
 - They were to be dedicated to the "Dwelling of the Commandments" and so set aside.
 - They were actually descendants of the Hebrews who intermarried with the Jews, so did not count as Jews.
 - They were to form the nucleus of the army and so were not to marry or have children until they had killed enemies.
- Numbers 2 gives some huge numbers for the soldiers enumerated. The total for just one tribe is 186,400 soldiers. This tribe, the one that was to give its name to a kingdom and people was**
 - Syrach
 - Jordia (Jordan)
 - Judah (Jew)
- Indicative of the military nature of the conquest of Canaan, the soldiers all told total more than**
 - 100,000
 - 250,000
 - 500,000
- The Lord had a special punishment for all the men registered in the census who had done this**
 - grumbled
 - eaten pork
 - worshipped the Egyptian god Ihadamazda
- They were told that they would**
 - eat bitter herbs
 - not enter the land of Israel
 - be enslaved by the Egyptians in an endless cycle
- We learn in the Old Testament that men are counted as ready for military service when they have reached this age (older than is generally the case today)**
 - 16
 - 18
 - 20
- In 2 Kings 12, in a strange comment, we are told that David was motivated by _____ to have census**
 - a need to tax people
 - a sense of omnipotence
 - Satan
- Perhaps as result, God punished those involved in this census. However that did not stop the next king, Solomon, from having a census. He wisely perhaps, focused on counting these**
 - aliens
 - sheep
 - his wives
- The New Testament tells us why Joseph headed off to Bethlehem. It was a census, the purpose of which was to**
 - establish a baseline for the Romans to enforce conscription of the Jews
 - tax the whole world
 - see who had the larger population, the Roman Empire or Ireland
- Questioning Jesus about his attitude to Rome, enemies asked Jesus,**
 - Do we have to fill in the census forms?
 - Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar?
 - Is the census lawful if it counts the number of the beast?
- In Acts enemies of Jesus recall failed challengers to the status quo. This man, a compatriot of Jesus, they remembered was active "at the time of the census."**
 - Judas the Galilean
 - Ben Hur
 - John the Baptist
- A modern government census is regarded by the Church as**
 - a violation of church and state separation
 - an acceptable use of government resources unless the results are collated and used for government programs
 - a legitimate activity unless used for evil purposes

ANSWERS

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

Improve your prayer life today

A friend of mine confided that she started saying a daily rosary after her son graduated from college and moved 2,000 miles away. Another friend told me she started praying a daily Memorare and started going more frequently to Adoration after her son was diagnosed with a life-threatening condition. Another mom was motivated to pray deeply and strongly when her high school aged children started driving to school 15 miles away each morning. Still another mom found her prayer life jump-started with a health scare with her one-year-old daughter.

We've all done it — been scared into contact with God. Whether we've uttered a quick, "Please God, no" or "Help me!" or "Be with my kids!" pleading, most of us can relate to turning to God when things are scary and somehow just not right.

The truth is, suffering and pain can help us turn to God in ways that nothing else can, and while God does not seek to frighten or hurt us, He can and does use these opportunities to draw us to Him.

There's nothing wrong with turning to God when things go wrong or are stressful, but a relationship based on that alone is immature, like a child who only runs to parents when the knee is skinned or he fears monsters under the bed. A true friendship and bond with God is formed when we turn to Him in good times too — to thank, adore, recognize and just be with. It is a give-and-take, an ebb-and-flow. A true friendship is borne in sharing good and bad, in maintaining regular contact, and demonstrating and receiving understanding and love.

Holier souls than me start their day with Mass. This is, of course,

the best possible scenario, as Mass is the most perfect of all prayers. But for many of us this is simply not possible every morning. I usually make breakfast and send off the high school kids, kiss my husband goodbye and then settle into my sofa, coffee mug in hand, to pray a rosary before the younger children arise.

Some days I fly through the beads and immediately into deep mental prayer. Other days I struggle with concentrating on each word I say aloud, trying to recall the mystery for the day, waiting for that mental prayer to arrive. Sometimes it never does.

I try to remind myself that the benefit of prayer is not tied to how I feel. Sometimes God grants consolations and insights to my soul. Other times I feel drier than tumbleweed in the Texas sun. It should only matter that I try to be open and put myself in the Lord's presence, trusting that He will use the time I offer in ways He sees is best.

I feel this simple, short prayer — which takes less than 15 minutes unless I go off on some thought or meditation — helps put me in the right frame of mind for the rest of the day.

Frequenting the sacraments is the best way to enjoy a rich prayer life. Here are some tips for home prayer that can help as well:

- Recognize that you will never find time to pray. You must MAKE time to pray. Study your daily rhythm and figure out when is best for you.
- Find a quiet, relaxing place where you can focus on the mysteries of the rosary or let your mind wander into mental prayer. Choose a clean room where you're not tempted to start working.
- Keep your "equipment" nearby — your rosary, a book of



EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Theresa A. Thomas

novenas, a prayer journal to keep track of intentions, a crucifix and maybe some ice water, coffee or hot tea.

Author and philosopher Peter Kreeft says it's impossible to pray without silence, solitude and slowing down. This is common sense, and yet so many of us have trouble experiencing those things in our lives. We're so used to trying harder in our careers, being around others in our family and our workplace and working quickly and efficiently — even playing at a fast pace — that those qualifications for real deep prayer often elude us.

Kreeft says that nature provides these things in plenty. That's why walks are good for the soul and sitting on an empty beach can be cathartic in ways that nothing else can be. Try praying outside for a change of pace when the weather is nice.

Our relationship with God can become a deep friendship, but we need to carve out that most precious of commodities — time — and offer that to Him. God won't be outdone in generosity, and when we implement the tips above, prayer life will naturally become more fruitful.

Theresa Thomas, is the mother of nine children and wife of David. Her new book "Stories for a Homeschooling Heart," is available at www.bazelelbooks.com E-mail her at TheresaThomasEveryDayCatholic@gmail.com

LETTER

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Oh yes, and a brief celebration of the fifth anniversary of the official start of his pontificate.

In May, things will get really busy. He will travel to northern Italy May 2 to see the Shroud of Turin, a visit that includes four other major events and speeches: a meeting with Turin residents, Mass in a main square of the city, a meeting with young people and an encounter with the sick.

The pope will travel to Portugal May 11-14, visiting the Marian shrine of Fatima as well as the capital of Lisbon and the city of Porto. The pope could have made this an overnight stop in Fatima, but he broadened the trip because he wants to deliver a message on Christian values to the wider society at a time when the country appears ready to legalize same-sex marriage.

Back in Rome, he will celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica for

Pentecost May 23. In early June, he will mark the feast of Corpus Christi with Mass and a procession through Rome. Then on June 4-6 he will head to Cyprus, where he will meet with Church leaders of the Middle East. The next weekend, he will preside over a vigil and Mass June 10-11 at the Vatican to close the Year for Priests; thousands of priests from around the world are expected to attend.

Later in June, he will ordain priests in a lengthy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. He then will mark the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul with two liturgies, evening prayer at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls June 28 and Mass the next day in St. Peter's Basilica, where he will present palliums to new metropolitan archbishops.

Things usually slow down in summer, but not as much this year. The pope has announced he won't be taking a real vacation in the northern Italian mountains. Insiders say he wants to spend more time writing, and he can get more done at his villa outside

Rome. Volume 2 of "Jesus of Nazareth" is overdue, and the pope would like to put the final touches on the book over the summer, if not before.

Closer to home, the pope will travel to central Italy in July to mark the eighth centenary of the birth of St. Celestine V — who is best known as one of the few popes in history to have resigned.

That will no doubt stir the imaginations of journalists. Expect to read lots of stories on whether Pope Benedict might resign. He has given no indication that abdication is even a remote possibility, and his health appears good. But people remember that in 2002, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger said rather bluntly of the ailing Pope John Paul II, "If he were to see that he absolutely could not (continue), then he certainly would resign."

As he turned 83, Pope Benedict looked as though he could keep up the pace indefinitely. Only one pope has lived longer in the past century — Pope John Paul II, who was 84 when he died.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 2, 2010

Acts 14:21-27; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Following is a word search based on the First Reading and Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle C, about the early days of the church. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| KINGDOM | APPOINTED | CHURCH |
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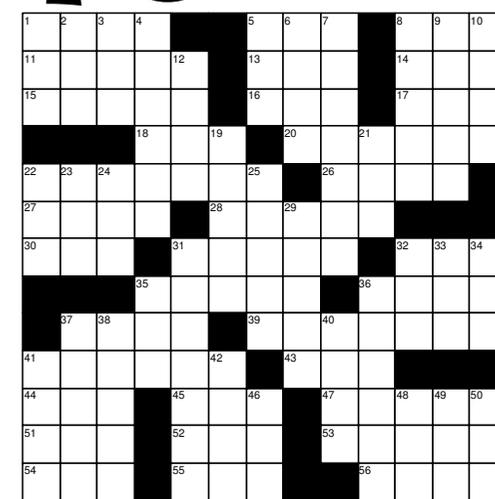
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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 and Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-3; Jn 14:23-29 and Acts 1:1-11; Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23 and Lk 24:46-53

ACROSS

- Alphabet
- Words per minute
- He ___ been raised
- Musical "slow"
- Snake
- Bullfight cheer
- Fable writer
- Not (prefix)
- Be victorious
- "A ___ heaven"
- Raised up in cloud
- Weasel
- Long time
- Apostles' book
- The ___ of God

- Short-term memory
- Sea mammals
- Pressure unit
- Small bunch of flowers
- Graph paper
- Barnabas' companion
- Shallow ponds
- Sins of flesh
- Aurora
- Past
- Shrill bark
- Distressed
- Oxygen
- Time period
- Paul visited before Attalia

- East northeast
- Raised on the third ___
- Judah's animal

DOWN

- Wing
- Pope Urban III's symbol
- Catholic News Service
- City shown like precious ones
- West by north
- Swimming hole
- Madmen
- Instructional manual (2 wds.)
- Foreigner
- Do with representatives
- Oil cartel
- Stake
- Fixed charge
- Faux ___
- Rosary month
- Long-term memory
- Lane
- Fish tank growth
- Spread out
- For life
- Priest made a ___ offering
- Two passports
- Heavenly city needs no ___ or moon
- The Good News
- Worships idols
- Came up, as in debate
- "Let us ___ to the House of the Lord"
- Animal house
- Italian currency
- Charge
- ___ Lanka
- Pride
- Summer skin color

Answer Key can be found on page 23

Sports

St. Charles Cardinals swing into CYO softball season

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Led by their eighth-grade pitching and catching duo of Jordan Scheider and Sierra Fisher, the St. Charles Cardinals are off to a 2-0 start in their 2010 Catholic Youth League (CYO) softball season.

In his rookie season at the helm, Coach Tim Atkinson is well pleased with his eighth-grade leadership. "These two girls show an outstanding positive attitude. They did not have to play CYO softball due to travel softball options that are out there. They still choose to play for their school because they are great kids and want to finish what they started in fifth grade. I'm very lucky to have them," he explained.

Unlike a year ago, the softball season has been blessed with ideal weather conditions early on. The 2009 reigning champs defeated St. Vincent, 9-1, in their first outing and St. Jude, 10-0, on April 13. Queen of Angels is expected to provide tough competition for St. Charles. The two will face each other next on the schedule, then again on April 27.

The 31-year old father of four also lists 10 seventh graders on his roster: McKayla Atkinson, Madison Snyder, Amanda Miller, Montana Markiton, Jordan Cunningham, Lindsey Kumfer, Lucy Schenkel, Ali Tippmann, Allison Rousey, Erica Nelson and Amelia Tippmann. Atkinson focuses on learning the fundamentals of the game and keeping his girls coming back year after year.

"St. Charles has had some of the best numbers in the CYO as far as girls playing softball. We definitely take pride in seeing a student grow through our program for four years," beams the St. Charles alum. While not a top priority at this age, Atkinson admits, one of his team's goals is to win games. "If our girls play to their ability I really like our chances to win the CYO," predicts a cautious Atkinson.

The Cardinals will get a shot at the possibility of a repeat when tourney action begins on May 7. The double elimination tournament will culminate with the crowning of a new champion and St. Charles is hoping to finish what they started four years ago.

Dwenger takes double header over Marian in rugby

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In diocesan high school rugby action, Bishop Dwenger downed Marian, 21-5.

Joe DiFilippo reported that the Fort Wayne Club team hosted Marian to a double header at McMillen Park on April 14.

Similar to a touchdown in football, a "try" in rugby is worth 5 points while a conversion kick (PAT) is worth 2 points.

In an evenly matched showdown, Bishop Dwenger led at the half, 7-5. Using the wind to their advantage and holding off a swift Marian backline, the Saints pulled away in the second half.

Scoring tries for Bishop Dwenger were Jarik Slinger, Mike Udho and Matt Weber. Steve Brown connected on three conversion kicks. According to Coach Larry Daher, inside center, senior Collin

Rahrig had Marian's lone score.

Scores by Carter Delaney, Matt Goheen and a PAT by Peder Muhlenbock fueled the Bishop Dwenger "B" team to their 12-7 victory over Marian.

Bishop Dwenger is 3-1 in Division One, while Marian fell to 0-2.

In the Division Two rankings, the Saints are tied for first place in the state with Indianapolis Cathedral. Bishop Dwenger and Marian are expected to face each other once again in the state playoffs this May.



USF SPORTS MARKETING SELECTED FOR FOUR AWARDS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION The University of Saint Francis Athletics Department will receive four awards for its marketing efforts this past year. The awards will be presented at the National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators (NACMA) "Best of the Best" Awards presentation, which will take place during the NACMA Annual Convention from June 20-25 in Anaheim, Calif. NACMA notified USF Sports Marketing today that it is a Top Three Finalist in each of the following categories: Season Ticket Sales Campaign; Ticket Sales Material; Promotional/Schedule Poster; and Single Day Attendance Promotion.

St. Anthony Second Annual Run, Panther, Run draws over 400

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church and School held its second annual Run, Panther, Run on Saturday, April 17, and featured over 450 registered participants. The post-race celebration was held at the St. Anthony School Gym, 2310 E. Jefferson Blvd. in South Bend and featured race results, awards, food, refreshments, musical entertainment and fun activities for kids.

Run, Panther, Run proceeds benefit the school tuition assistance program. Race co-chairs Angie Faccenda and Pam White agreed that the best thing about the day is the wonderful fellowship the race brings to parishioners, students, volunteers and the community. They were pleased to see so many dedicated runners participating. The event will continue next April.

Overall 5K Winners: First place: Ryan Greutman (16:06); second place: Isaiah Sanga (16:10); third place: Mark Furkis (17:49)

The top three female finishers were Liesl Muehlhauser (22:52), Briana Donahue (23:23) and Tiffany Darling (23:53).

Top Finishers in age groups were: Female — 10 and under: Olivia Lenyo; 11-13: Maggie Feighery; 14-15: Rebecca Liu;



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Father Mark Gurtner, pastor at St. Anthony, shares a pre-run moment with some of the school's third graders.

16-18: Helen Svatos; 19-24: Kara Ballinger; 25-29: Stacy Wall; 30-34: Zofia Glashauser; 35-39: Jenny Miller; 40-44: Sheri Harrell; 45-49: Katy Cressy; 50-54: Cynthia Spalding; 55-59: Helen Goller; and over 60: Joann Phillips

Male — 10 and under: Brian Krupp; 11-13: Timothy Liu; 14-15: James Pierce; 16-18: Samuel Noble; 19-24: Matthew Riley; 25-29: Ryan Maggert; 30-34:

Kyle Wies; 35-39: Eric Vreugdenhil; 40-44: Tom Guinan; 45-49: Rick Palmisano; 50-54: Louis Stanich; 55-59: Scott Mainwaring; and over 60: Carl Pemberton.

Fun Run Winners were: Boys — first, George Griffith (7:52); second, Jacob Morris; and third, Ryan Schmitt; Girls — first, Nora Pendergast (8:34); second, Evie Cressy; and third, Chloe Harding.



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Looking for valedictorians, salutarians

Valedictorians and salutarians from the Catholic high schools and public high schools in the diocese will be featured in the May 23 issue of Today's Catholic. Catholic students in the diocese are asked to complete a questionnaire and return it with a photograph to the editor by Monday, May 10, 2010.

To receive the form, contact the editor at editor@diocesefwsb.org

'Eucharist' study guide dives deep into the Christian Sacrament

Father Robert Barron of Word On Fire examines the central mystery of the Biblical Sacred Meal

CHICAGO — The Catholic experience reveals that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life." In an effort to provide an in-depth spiritual exploration of this very biblical and very holy Sacrament, Father Robert Barron has published a study guide to accompany his CD and DVD presentation on the Eucharist.

Father Barron explores the Eucharist as Sacred Meal, as Sacrifice and as the Real Presence of Christ. Questions from the study guide help readers to deepen their understanding of these three aspects of the Sacrament, aiding the participants in fully internalizing its meaning to draw ever closer to Christ.

"This piece on the Eucharist came up out of a strong experience I had of people not understanding or appreciating the Eucharist," Father Barron said. "The Pastoral Council known as 'Vatican II' described the

Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Christian life. So many people seem indifferent or confused about what Christ revealed about it in the Bible. Well, that's a problem. So I wanted to do something that really explores the centrality of this great Sacrament."

The study guide is divided into five sections which correspond to the sections of Father Barron's presentation: "Introduction: A Deeper Look at the Eucharist," "Eucharist as Sacred Meal," "Eucharist as Sacrifice," "Real Presence, Part I" and "Real Presence, Part II." Each section provides four or five "Questions for Understanding," which incorporate references from Scripture and from the Catechism of the Catholic Church and also includes several "Questions for Reflection," which help readers reflect on how Father Barron's teaching is relevant in their own life and experiences. The guide also includes several prayers that can be used after the reception of



Holy Communion. Additionally, users have the opportunity to access a free answer key on the Word On Fire Web site, WordOnFire.org. For those participating in group study, the password may be used to access a free facilitator's guide and downloadable promotional materials.

Father Barron, one of the world's great and innovative teachers of Catholicism, founded Word On Fire, a global media organization, in hopes of attracting millions into or back to the Catholic faith through his vibrant sermons and comprehensive online resources. Chicago's Francis Cardinal George calls Father Barron one of the Church's best messengers. The Web site is a one-stop shop where visitors can learn about and be inspired by the Catholic faith. Originally launched in 1999, WordOnFire.org currently draws more than 500,000 unique visitors each year from every continent.

New media needs more Christian witnesses, pope says

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI called on Catholic communication workers to give witness to their beliefs and to help infuse new media outlets with "a soul."

"More than through technical resources, although necessary, we want to confirm ourselves living in this (digital) universe, too, with a believing heart so that it may contribute to giving a soul to the Internet's endless flow of communication," he said April 24.

The pope made his comments during an audience with participants of a national congress on digital media organized by the Italian bishops' conference. The congress, which ran April 22-24, was titled, "Digital Witnesses. Faces and Languages in the Cross-media Era."

During the congress, the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told participants that truth, transparency and credibility were paramount in communications.

"Secrecy and confidentiality, even given their positive aspects, are not values that are cultivated by today's culture. It is necessary to be able to have nothing to hide," Father Lombardi said in

his address to the congress April 24.

Today is "above all a time of truth, transparency, and credibility," he said.

The times "that we are experiencing, the price we are paying, all indicate that our witness must be decisively in line with rigor, consistency with what we say and what we are, and the refusal of every hypocrisy and duplicity," he said.

Father Lombardi urged Catholic communications workers to "bring the joy of truth and loyalty" to the world, and to be "credible witnesses of what we say and do."

In his audience address to participants later the same day, Pope Benedict spoke of the importance of new media reflecting the full human person. When too much focus is on the superficial, people can seem like "soulless bodies — objects of exchange and consumption," he said.

The digital divide, which further separates the haves and the have-nots, still needs to be bridged, he said.

"Without fear we want to set sail for the digital sea, facing the open waters with the same passion that has governed the ship of the church for two thousand years," he said.

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Garage sale time

Fort Wayne — The Fort Wayne Christ Child Society will have the annual Garage Sale Fundraiser Friday, June 11, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Queen of Angels Activity Center, 1500 West State Blvd. Funds raised help impoverished children in the area. The Christ Child Society raises close to \$50,000 annually to buy coats and to fund other projects, such as providing crib, child car safety seats and diapers for expectant mothers, being served by the three Women's Care Centers.

Rummage and bake sale

Fort Wayne — A Rosary Society rummage and bake sale will be May 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., and Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

An evening with Mary

Monroeville — St. Rose Monroeville will have an evening with Mary on Thursday, May 13. Music starts at 6:45 p.m. followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, presentation of flowers, rosary, presentation on Blessed Virgin by Meg Hanlon of Bishop Luers High School, and Benediction.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Msgr. Owen Campion will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, May 4, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Msgr. Campion is the associate publisher of *Our Sunday Visitor* in Huntington.

Prayer for Priests

Mishawaka — Join the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, 1515 Dragoon Trail, on Thursday, May 6, 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.

Vacation Bible School planned

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish will offer Vacation Bible School, June 14-18, from 6-8 p.m. at the church, 301 E. Diamond St. Children ages 4-14 are invited. For information contact the parish office at (260) 347-4045. Registrations being taken through May 2 with a late registraion date of May 9.

FUND RAISERS

Knights plan fish fry

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

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, May 7, from 5-

p.m. Adults \$7.50, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$7.50 and shrimp for \$8.50 available.

Fish, chicken and tenderloin dinner

Huntington — St. Mary Parish will have a fish, chicken and tenderloin dinner on Friday, May 7, from 4:30-7:30 p.m., in the school gym at 903 N. Jefferson St. Dinner will be provided by Dan's Fry Service. Tickets are \$8.50 for adults, \$5 for children (6 to 12) and children 5 and under free. Raffle, bake sale, homemade desserts. Carry-out available at the gym or drive-through on Warren St.

Mystery dinner theater

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist School will have a mystery dinner theater, "Lost in Tinseltown," Saturday, May 8, in the activity center. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per couple, \$25 per person and \$15 for children eighth grade and younger. Reservations due by April 30. For information call (260) 456-3321.

Natural Family Planning classes begin

South Bend — The Natural Family Planning Program of St. Joseph County will begin a class series on Monday, May 3, from 6-8 p.m. in the Physicians' Lounge at the South Bend Clinic,

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Anna M. Biesbroeck, 88, St. Bavo

Marie Baert Thomas, 94, St. Joseph

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Helen G. Klysz, 93, St. Stanislaus

Leona H. Sochocki, 91, Holy Cross

Theresa L. MacDonald, 81, Holy Family

Betty Ackles, 84, St. Joseph

Mary P. Horvath, 87, St. Matthew Cathedral

Suzanne Stephanson, 58, St. Matthew Cathedral

Theresa A. Hojnacki, 89, St. Matthew Cathedral

Albin J. Plonski, 98, St. John the Baptist

Irene A. Steinhofer, 83, St. Anthony de Padua

Don J. Schultheis, 82, Sacred Heart

Phillip A. Brown, 60, St. Stanislaus

Stephen Z. Krzyzaniak, 87, Holy Cross

Clement T. Tafelski, 94, St. Casimir

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Francis A. Federico, Jr., 64, Sacred Heart

211 N. Eddy St. The program offers instruction in the Ovulation and Sympto-Thermal Methods of family planning as well as assistance in women's health issues. To register, call Janet Bettcher, RN BSN, at (574) 234 - 5411 or e-mail nfpstjoseph@catholic.org

NFP classes offered

Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer Natural Family Planning classes starting Sunday, May 16, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register call (260) 489-1856 or e-mail ronshannon@verizon.net.

Huntington Country Right to Life to sell carnations

Huntington — The Annual Mother's Day Carnation sale will be May 7, 8 and 9 at all Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Joseph, St. Mary and St. Peter and Paul churches. Carnations, corsages and vases will also be sold at the Right To Life office, 34 E.

Washington St. All proceeds benefit pro-life efforts in the county. For information call (260) 356-5933.

Women's Day Away planned

Huntington — Victory Noll Center will host a Women's Day Away" program on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to noon, and will give women a chance to relax, breathe and celebrate with old friends and make new friends. There will be music and prayer, presentations on wellness for the mind and body, and healing using art and poetry. Suggested donation for the program is \$10-\$15. A continental breakfast will be provided. Registration is required by May 7.

Knights sponsor trip to Marytown

Granger — A pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Maximillian Kolbe in Marytown, Ill., will be Thursday, June 10. Tickets are \$79 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Call (574) 274-8403 for information.

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CORINE ERLANDSON

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BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection:

"Tattoos on the Heart" By Gregory Boyle

Reviewed by Kay Cozad

Today's Catholic book club features "Tattoos on the Heart," by Gregory Boyle this month, a powerful read that will shake even the most privileged of society to their very core. The well-educated author, an ordained Jesuit priest, takes his reader on a heart stirring journey marked by poverty-driven violence, shapeless hatred and the salvation of one man's fight against the maddening chaos of gang-life.

The award winning Father Greg, or G-dog as he is known in the projects, is well known for his bravado in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of Los Angeles. He was pastor of Dolores Mission Church, which sits between two large public housing projects, from 1986 to 1992. The area was known as the gang capital of the world, with the highest concentration of gang activity in the city.

During his work within the projects, forming relationships with the families and gang members who reside there, Father Greg developed Homeboy Industries to serve the members looking for a better life. Homeboy Industries is involved in a variety of businesses, including baking, landscaping and silkscreening, and hires gang members who learn to work peacefully side by side with rival gang members.

This book is about the workings of God's mercy and love shadowed in the ugliness of humanity. Father Greg offers a story line that cascades from scenario to scenario, youth to youth, that provides a connected flow of virtue that carries the reader through the sometimes painful and unjust lives of the gang members he works with.

The trail-by-error development of the priest's own understanding of the subculture of gangbanging and how to interact to create mutual respect is inspiring. He simply never gives up. But even more intriguing is the hope

he provides these gang members by his in-the-trenches presence. Father Greg shares his spirituality with them on their terms and offers a new way of life that brings with it self respect and honor. Their resilient nature shines in the darkest of times.

And the priest's attempts to honor each "Homie" for his or her gifts and show the community and the world that the old adage, "You can't judge a book by its cover," is played out with these Los Angeles youth. Father Greg writes about one young man named Fabian, "Turns out he wasn't all the abuse he endured. He was something else, astonishing and glorious."

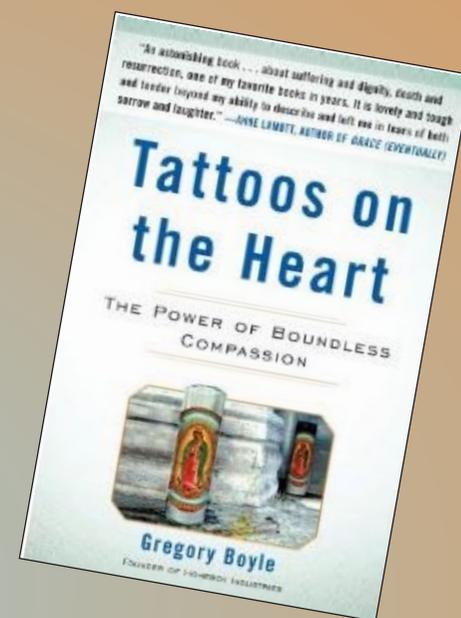
"Compassion," the author writes, "isn't just about feeling the pain of others; it's about bringing them in toward yourself. If we love what God loves, then, in compassion, margins are erased."

His compassionate actions with this community clearly demonstrates how it is possible for hundreds of former gang members to learn to become responsible, productive adults with families.

The common thread that binds the colorful stories of gang mentality to the analogies the author embeds in each chapter is the pervasive presence of God. The book literally leads the reader through a powerful lesson in love.

The book is written in an easy-read style laced with fresh, quippy, real life dialogue and descriptions. Though the violence and death described brings tears of injustice to one's eyes there is a holy wisdom that permeates the chapters describing compassion, resilience, kinship and hope. And through out the text it becomes apparent that Father Greg believes God stands with them in it all.

"Tattoos on the Heart," by Gregory Boyle is yet another book well worth the read. Getting to know the gang members and their glorious, though many times pain filled encounters, ignites a spark of hope for the future of humanity.



Reflection questions

- When has your initial judgment of someone been completely reversed after you get know them. How did that experience change you?
- What do you think Father Greg meant when he wrote, "The sacred place toward which God had nudged Scrapy all his life is not arrived at, but discovered." (page 34)? What is that sacred place? How do you discover it in your own life?
- On page 124 Father Greg writes, "Meeting the world with a loving heart will determine what we find there." What does that mean to you?