Re Redeemer Radio blesses new home, launches campaign

BY MARY KINDER

FORT WAYNE— Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joined the staff and friends of Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, to bless the new facility located on 4618 E. State Blvd., Suite 200 in Fort Wayne.

Redeemer Radio staff, volunteers, community members, clergy and well-wishers filled the new studios. Executive Director Dave Stevens welcomed everyone and introduced Mgr. Robert C. Schulte, who led everyone in a prayer which focused on spreading the Divine message.

That sentiment was repeated in the words of Bishop Rhoades. After being introduced by Stevens, the bishop said the station has a holy and noble mission to spread the Word and build up the Kingdom of Heaven. The bishop said he fully supports the work of the station and enjoys listening to its programming. His hope is that the station can spread its reach to include all of the diocese.

Bishop Rhoades then spoke of the feast of the Ascension, explaining that before His ascension into heaven, Jesus directed the Apostles, “to go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” He said this holy mission is still vital 2,000 years later, calling for all Catholics to bring
He said the Church’s missionary map is no longer geographical, however. Those awaiting the Gospel message are “not only non-Christian populations and distant lands,” but entire social and cultural areas that cut across national or continental boundaries.

His words seemed to prepare the way for an announcement, expected in coming weeks, of the creation of a “Pontifical Council for New Evangelization” aimed precisely at promoting broader missionary outreach in traditionally Christian countries.

The 83-year-old pope made it clear from the moment he stepped off his airplane that his idea of “new evangelization” did not mean trying to reinstall Catholicism as the state religion. Arriving in Lisbon May 11, he told civil authorities that the Church was happy to live in a pluralistic society, which challenges its members to articulate their beliefs and put them into practice.

Addressing an overflow crowd at Mass in one of Lisbon’s main squares, he encouraged Catholics to be “radiant witnesses” of their faith in key social areas: the family, culture, the economy and politics. In case they took that as a theoretical exhortation, he then offered an “Evangelization 101” lesson, focusing on enthusiasm and love for Christ.

“Bear witness to all of the joy that His strong yet gentle presence evokes, starting with your contemporaries. Tell them that it is beautiful to be a friend of Jesus and that it is well worth following Him,” he said.

In Fatima, the pope’s attention focused on Mary and the devotional movement that has developed around the sanctuary there. He connected Mary’s appearances with the evangelizing task and, in an evening prayer service with priests and religious, said Mary remains the model Christian for the modern Church.

Leading a nighttime rosary recital May 12 for tens of thousands of pilgrims, he said the faith in many places seems like a light in danger of being “snuffed out forever.” The Church’s absolute priority today, he said, is “to make God visible in the world and to open for humanity a way to God.” Don’t be ashamed, he told Portuguese Catholics, to show the signs of your faith.

In a talk the next day to Catholics who work in social programs, the pope took aim at two issues that have illustrated the waning influence of the church in Portuguese society: the liberalization of legal abortion in 2007 and the immigration of legal marriage in 2009 and the imminent approval of a gay marriage law. He called both developments “insidious and dangerous threats to the common good,” prompting a huge wave of applause.

But the pope also challenged his listeners, saying it was important for the Church’s social programs to resist the materialistic and relativistic values of the dominant culture, which, if adopted, would drain faith and Christian hope from the efforts. In effect, he asked that Church-run social programs strengthen their Catholic identity.

Later on May 13, the pope addressed Portugal’s bishops and, in unusually strong language, denounced what he called a “silence of the faith” in the face of widespread attacks on religious values. When politicians and the media have scorned religion, Catholics who are ashamed of their faith have given a “helping hand” to secularism by failing to speak up, he said.

The bishops themselves, he said, must respect pluralism and engage in dialogue, but without being “gagged” when it comes to defending the Church’s moral teachings.

Clearly, the pope sees evangelization today as a countercultural activity. As he said in his first talk in Portugal, in modern societies it can even lead to the “radical choice” of martyrdom.

The other big dimension of the pope’s visit was his interpretation of the message of Fatima. On the plane carrying him to Portugal, he surprised reporters by saying that the suffering of the Church prophesied by the Fatima visions could even include the priestly sex abuse scandal — an example, he said, of a “terrifying” attack on the Church from the sins of its own members.

The pope paid homage to Mary at Fatima, praying before her statue and at the tombs of the three shepherd children to whom she appeared in 1917.

Celebrating Mass for an estimated 500,000 people at the sanctuary May 13, the anniversary of the first apparition, the pope emphasized that the prophetic mission of Fatima had not ended, and indeed has special relevance for a world still caught in a “cycle of death and terror.”

The pope made it clear that he sees the messages and secrets of Fatima not as apocalyptic predictions, but as a continual call for conversion for a suffering church and a suffering world.

This effort to “universalize” the message of Fatima fits in well with Pope Benedict’s theological approach to private revelations, but has left some Fatima enthusiasts wondering where the dire details went.
Illinois priest named to succeed Bishop Higi in Lafayette

BY ANN CAREY

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Msgr. Timothy L. Doherty, 59, as bishop of Lafayette, Ind., and accepted the resignation of Bishop William L. Higi of Lafayette.

The appointment and resignation were announced in Washington May 12 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

A priest of the Diocese of Rockford, Ill., Bishop-designate Doherty had been pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Dundee, Ill., and St. Mary Mission Church in Gilberts, Ill., since 2007 and diocesan ethicist for health care since 1995.

Bishop Higi, 76, had been bishop of Lafayette since 1984.

Bishop-designate Doherty’s episcopal ordination and installation is scheduled for July 15. Bishop Higi will serve as apostolic administrator until his successor is installed.

“Young new bishop is going to ... have own style. He’s going to be his own man, but it’s a great blessing for us to have a man with more energy, with a different vision, different experience of the Church,” Bishop Higi said at a news conference attended by diocesan staff members as well as reporters.

“I couldn’t be happier with the choice. I am sure you get to know him he’ll go down in history as beginning a new era that will enrich our Church and enrich our community, both Catholic and non-Catholic,” he added.

Bishop-designate Doherty described his appointment as somewhat overwhelming. “I am humbled by the call of our Holy Father,” he said. Being a bishop is part “of my priesthood but was not anticipated,” he said, adding he felt “verklempt,” or choked with emotion. “It’s all new.”

“I am privileged to be with you, and besides acknowledging the common faith that draws us all here ... our discipleship with Christ, I am simply pledging myself to you, and I ask your prayers and help,” he said. “I have no grand plan or vision at this point. Things have happened rather quickly for me.”

BISHOP-ELECT TIMOTHY L. DOHERTY

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BISHOP RHOADES CELEBRATES EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION MASS

Huge crowd shows support for Pope Benedict

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — An estimated 120,000 people converged on St. Peter’s Square to express support for Pope Benedict XVI in dealing with the clerical sexual abuse scandal.

Thanking the crowd for their presence and affection May 16, Pope Benedict said, “The true enemy to fear is sin, the spiritual evil that unfortunately sometimes infects even members of the Church.”

“We Christians are not afraid of the world, even if we have to be careful of its seductions. Rather we must fear sin and, for that reason, be strongly rooted in God and solid in goodness, love and service,” he said at his weekly Sunday blessing.

With trust in the Lord and a renewed commitment to following him, he said, the Church can become holier by going through the “trials” it is facing.

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the truth and love of Christ to people.

The bishop said Redeemer Radio is helping in this holy mission every day. The station’s programs enrich the lives of active Catholics, those who have drifted from the Church and non-Catholics alike.

After a Scripture reading and intercessions, Bishop Rhoades raised his hands and blessed the new building, calling for Redeemer Radio to promote the peace of Christ the Lord. He then moved throughout the building, blessing each area, including the two studios and all in attendance.

After the blessing, Bishop Rhoades spoke to members of the press. When asked how large of a role technology plays in spreading the message of the Catholic Church, he said that it is essential to use modern means, especially when reaching out to young people, and that we need to go beyond traditional means to spread the Gospel.

The bishop said they had tried to start a Catholic radio station in Harrisburg before coming to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He said, “When I heard one was already well established I was delighted because I know the potential it has for evangelization and catechesis. It is a real blessing for the people here.”

Redeemer Radio also used the occasion to formally launch its fundraiser Building Faith, Sharing Christ: The Campaign for Redeemer Radio. This capital campaign for Redeemer Radio’s long-term growth is separate from station Sharathons that fund the daily operating expenses of the station.

According to Dr. John and Lona Pritchard, campaign co-chairs, “We need to build faith and share Christ in our community, and Redeemer Radio is the lifeline to do just that. Our established imperative that we reach our goal of $900,000, and even exceed it!”

Honorary co-chairs of the campaign are Bishop Rhoades and Bishop Emeritus John M. D’Arey.

Bishop Rhoades said of the capital campaign, “I hope and pray that it is successful, especially so that many more people will be reached by this Catholic radio station.”

Mike Kelly, Redeemer Radio board chair, said, “We are thrilled by the outstanding show of support so far, and we are excited to offer supporters an opportunity to join with us to help grow local Catholic radio in our area.”

Redeemer Radio is a listener-supported, local independent Catholic radio apostolate that receives no ongoing financial support from the diocese. Redeemer Radio serves listeners in Fort Wayne, northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio by broadcasting the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith.

The station has some important purposes for the campaign:

• Recreate and equip studio space — Due to success in the initial leadership phase of the Campaign, Redeemer Radio is relocating from a crowded, inadequate facility to new studios that provide both the space and technology for expansion.

• Develop local programming — Redeemer Radio will develop and broadcast a Monday through Friday, locally-produced program that will inspire Catholics and non-Catholics in their daily faith lives. Redeemer Radio will serve as a strong, local resource for the entire community.

• Add a FM noncommercial station — Although it will take several years for the planned growth, Redeemer Radio will be able to expand its coverage on additional stations through much of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to many areas not currently reached by the station.

• Retire the initial investment — Since 2006, the Redeemer Radio has repaid over $200,000 of the initial loan that allowed Redeemer Radio to begin broadcasting. By repaying the remaining 70 percent of the loan ($450,000), the station will save $69,000 in principal and interest payments annually (2009).

With substantial gifts in the initial leadership phase of the campaign, Redeemer Radio is moving to new studio facilities. The relocation provides the space necessary to expand Catholic radio in the diocese and for the station to install new state-of-the-art, digital equipment to reach beyond the current coverage area using additional stations that would carry Redeemer Radio programming. There are still additional technology investments needed for the new location to have all pieces in place for the expansion. However, the new studio location is tangible evidence of the campaign’s progress and the way that the generosity of Redeemer Radio’s listeners is already pointing to future success and growth.

The public phase of the campaign will invite contributions from Catholics and non-Catholics to help strengthen Catholic radio in the area. Campaign Co-Chair Nick Gray noted, “Redeemer Radio has been built through parish involvement and with overwhelming support from the priests in this diocese.” Parish efforts will begin in May and go through the end of July.

Ultimately, Building Faith, Sharing Christ: The Campaign for Redeemer Radio will help the station to continue the remarkable progress of the first four years. In order to become the best local Catholic radio station in the country, Redeemer Radio is committed to airing the highest quality, most relevant programming while also expanding its reach so that more souls may be touched.
The Italian National Consultation of Lay Groups, a Catholic organization, spearheaded the effort to bring Catholics to the square to join the pope and show their support. A variety of Catholic organizations and movements, labor unions and political groups joined them, filling St. Peter’s Square and spilling onto the adjacent streets.

Paola Dal Tosso, secretary of the national consultation, told Vatican Radio that participants wanted to pray for the victims of sexual abuse, but also “to recall all the good that many priests do, which does not make the news.”

Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco of Genoa, president of the Italian bishops’ conference, led the crowd in prayer before the pope arrived at his studio window to address the gathering. “Almighty and eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and support of the troubled, hear the cry of those who are in pain so that they would find justice and comfort,” the cardinal prayed.

He also prayed that the abuse victims would return to participating in the life of a “purified” Church, so that they could “rediscover the infinite love of Christ.”

In a rare exception, Vatican officials allowed the organizers to hang banners from the colonnade surrounding the square; many proclaimed, “Together with the pope.”

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ND valedictorian urges graduates to challenge the conventional

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When Katie Odette Washington of Gary took the stage May 16 as what is believed to be the University of Notre Dame’s first black valedictorian, she told her fellow graduates to step outside of their comfort zone and challenge the conventional to make their imprint on the world. In an address that focused on futures challenges “beyond the applause,” the biological sciences major who earned a 4.0 grade-point average from one of the country’s most identifiable Catholic universities, urged the new graduates to learn from the silences that often follow moments of exaltation. “Your applause is accompanied by feelings of safety and security, this silence can bring vulnerability and uneasiness,” Washington said. “Through my experiences at Notre Dame, I’ve found these silent uneasy moments usually spring up right after I get comfortable with self-praise and appreciating my own accomplishments.” Washington is believed to be the first black Notre Dame graduate to be named valedictorian, but the university chose not to highlight this point because the school hasn’t kept records of the race, ethnicity or gender of previous valedictorians throughout the years, said Dennis Brown, a university spokesman. Notre Dame’s president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, called Washington a graduate who should be admired for her determination, and accomplishments during her time at the university. “Katie, you have not only challenged your classmates, but you’ve challenged every one of us in this football stadium as well,” Father Jenkins said after her valedictory address.

Helping immigrant families helps everyone, Vatican officials say

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Nations serve their own interests as well as the good of migrants when they adopt family-friendly immigration policies, said the Vatican officials that work with families and migrants. Allowing immigration to bring family members with them obviously increases a newcomer’s happiness, but it also gives them the built-in support system needed to integrate responsibly into their new homeland, the officials said. Cardinal Ennio Antonelli, president of the Pontifical Council for the Family, and Archbishop Antonio Maria Veglio, president of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers, issued a statement May 14 in anticipation of the United Nations celebration of the International Day of Families. The United Nations chose “The Impact of Migration on Families around the World” as the theme for the May 15 observance. Families play an essential role in promoting “peace and social cohesion, education development and general well-being, economic growth and social integration,” the Vatican officials said. Families transmit values, help people preserve their cultural identity and are important influences in preventing crime and delinquency, they said.

Arizona leaders push Congress, Justice, White House on immigration

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A delegation of Arizona religious leaders made the rounds in Washington May 13, encouraging members of Congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform and discussing possible legal challenges to the state’s new immigration law with staff at the Justice Department and the White House. At a news conference outside the offices of Sen. John McCain, Tucson Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas and United Methodist Bishop Minerva Carcaño said their meeting with the Arizona Republican was cordial but that he was adamant about not wanting comprehensive immigration legislation to move in Congress until “the border is secure,” McCain previously co-sponsored legislation that dealt with border security packaged together with law changes that provide a way for undocumented immigrants to localize their status and that would fundamentally change the system for legal immigration for family reunification and temporary work. As the Republican nominee for president in 2008, he advocated for legislation similar to that being encouraged by the religious delegation. Bishop Kicanas told reporters that McCain said circumstances have changed and that he now believes enforcement has to happen separately and first. Bishop Kicanas said legislation should include “an earned path—way to citizenship, not amnesty but an earned path,” as well as ways to keep families together by making it easier for people to remain and work in the country legally because “the family is the nucleus of society and any breakdown of family life causes problems.”

Glendon to receive Path to Peace Award

NEW YORK (CNS) — Mary Ann Glendon will be honored with the annual Path to Peace Award in New York June 8. Archbishop Celestino Migliore, apostolic nuncio to the United Nations and president of the Path to Peace Foundation, will present the award at a dinner. The foundation was established to support the work of the Vatican’s mission to the United Nations. Glendon is a Harvard law professor, president of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences and former U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. Last year she was chosen to receive the University of Notre Dame’s Laetare Medal during the university’s commencement ceremony, but she turned down the honor as the debate grew over President Barack Obama’s presence as speaker and honorary degree recipient at the university’s commencement ceremony. The Laetare Medal is awarded to an American Catholic for outstanding service to the Catholic Church and society. In declining the award, Glendon cited concerns about Notre Dame honoring the president despite his views on “fundamental principles of justice” contrary to Catholic teaching, referring to Obama’s support for legal abortion and embryonic stem-cell research. Glendon has written books on human rights, comparative law, constitutional law and political theory, and many of these works have won awards. Glendon is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the International Academy of Comparative Law. She also is the past president of the UNESCO-sponsored International Association of Legal Science.

Quarters are tight for Haitian earthquake survivors

ST. MARC, Haiti — It’s becoming a little less crowded for Riclaine Lescailles and her seven children in the rambling house where they have been staying for several weeks since fleeing the devastation and confusion in the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince days after the Jan. 12 earthquake. Squeezed into the one-bedroom dwelling nearly 100 people — still lived in the large dwelling at 118 Pivot in St. Marc, 50 miles north of the capital at the end of April. When Lescailles and her children moved into the dwelling in March, there were 160 people crammed into the rooms. As difficult as the situation is, Lescailles knows life would be far worse if she had stayed in Port-au-Prince. Large sections of the capital remain under rubble. More than 1 million people are homeless. Life in the tent camps is unhealthy and dangerous. The building that Lescailles and her children now call home is a mile north of St. Marc Cathedral, where Father Alcide Vercelat secures donations to pass on to hundreds of displaced residents. Deacon Rodrigue Mortel, director of the Missions Office for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, is a major benefactor of his hometown cathedral, and, by extension, earthquake refugees such as Lescailles. Father Vercelat opened his home to about 40 people (about 60 cents to adults. It was their family per diem, “What I hope to do,” Father Vercelat wrote in a May 16 e-mail, “is to give a little money to each family so that they can get organized and find some economic fulfillment. Because right now, fewer and fewer people think about Haiti.”

New bishop says appointment a ‘shock’

PHOENIX (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI’s naming of an auxiliary bishop for the Phoenix Diocese took almost everyone by surprise — including Bishop-designate Eduardo A. Nevares. “Me? Me?” he asked Archbishop Pietro Sambi, papal nuncio of the United States, after hearing of his appointment two weeks earlier. “Talk about a shock and then a surprise,” Bishop-designate Neavres said during a May 11 news conference at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. “But God’s way is a wonderful way, and I’m so happy to be here among you today.” Archbishop Sambi announced the appointment earlier that day in Washington. Phoenix Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted first requested an auxiliary bishop two years ago and a half years ago, after he was appointed apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Gallup, N.M., which includes a portion of Arizona. He served in the Diocese of Gallup Bishop Paul Wall was installed in Gallup in April 2009. About a year ago, Bishop Olmsted heard Phoenix would get an auxiliary.
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FATHER SCHEIDT PRAYS AT NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

About 330 area Christians filled Mishawaka’s Battell Center to capacity on May 6 for a 1-hour prayer service for the United States. Among eight pastors leading prayer was Father Dan Scheidt of Queen of Peace Parish who prayed on the theme “Christian Liberty and the Unborn.” Father Scheidt prayed for doctors and mothers to recognize “the divinely formed humanity” of the child in the womb and for elected officials to “build a culture of life and of love” and to protect the “smallest and weakest developing in their first home, the womb of their mother.”

Tony Schafer and Tony Svarczkopf were selected as 2010 Evans Scholars. Schafer will attend Purdue University to study biology and Svarczkopf will attend Indiana University to study business. As Evans Scholars, both will receive full-ride scholarships to attend their respective universities.

Ancilla College celebrates 43rd graduating class

DONALDSO N — Ancilla College graduated its 43rd class in school history on Saturday, May 8, at the Ancilla Domini Chapel. Seventy of the 94 applicants for graduation were in attendance to receive their diplomas.

Dr. Tom Buchanan, associate professor of history and chair of the division of history, behavioral science and business, served as the keynote speaker for the event.

Other speakers at commencement included Dr. Ron May, Ancilla College president; Diana DeMoss, president of the Student Government Association; and Betty Chesak, president of the Alumni Association.

A reception organized by the Ancilla Alumni Association followed, as Ancilla faculty, staff, students and their families gathered in Cana Hall for fellowship and refreshments.

An Honors Convocation was also held on Friday, May 7, at the Ancilla Domini Chapel, as students and faculty alike were honored for their achievements.

‘Blessings Bloom’ breakfast benefits Hannah’s House

MISHAWAKA — Hannah’s House held a breakfast at Windsor Park Conference Center in Mishawaka, Thursday, May 6, with over 300 in attendance to share the mission of Hannah’s House, Maternity Home With A Heart, which has served pregnant women and their babies for almost 20 years. Tricia Stoma, NewsCenter 16, was the host.

Charlie Adams, senior national speaker for the National Collegiate Scouting Association of Chicago, also spoke in support of the women and babies served at Hannah’s House.

The breakfast donations helped Hannah’s House exceed its sustained giving campaign, Blessings From Heaven, goal of $150,000.

Hannah’s House is a maternity home that provides a safe and secure home, programming and support for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of pregnant women. To donate or refer a woman to Hannah’s House call (574) 254-5309.

Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College president resigns

ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — David G. Behrs, Ph.D., announced his resignation as president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, effective July 30. Behrs has accepted an opportunity to return to California to be close to family and friends. His new position in San Anselmo will be as San Domenico Head of School.

Behrs stated, “It has been the greatest honor of my life to have served the college community in my responsibilities as president. My special thanks to all the dedicated Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College faculty, staff, students, and alumni/a/i colleagues that each day have shared a mission to continually improve our campus community and provide excellence in the higher education arena. I stand in amazement at their passion, dedication and incredible student advocacy.

“Maureen and I wish the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College community continued prosperity and success,” the president said.

Kathy Lubczynski, chair of the board of trustees, said, “On behalf of the Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College Board of Trustees, we thank Dr. Behrs for his leadership as our president. His hard work and dedication provided us a good foundation for the college’s next stages of growth.”

The Board of Trustees unanimously appointed Dottie King, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs, to serve as interim president. The tusees selected King for her strong leadership skills to continue the college’s current direction, her extensive experience in higher education, and her knowledge of the college community. Behrs will assist King during the transition period.

“The board of trustees is committed to a smooth transition through a thorough search for a new president. The details of the transition will be announced at a later time. Finding an experienced leader who will build upon our successes is paramount. We will undertake a thoughtful and comprehensive process. We have great confidence in our senior leadership team,” added Lubczynski.

Behrs became the 15th president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College on July 1, 2007. He is the first male to be president of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

School Sisters of St. Francis celebrate jubilee

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Sixty-three U.S. School Sisters of St. Francis will celebrate milestone anniversaries of service as women religious on June 19. One associate of the School Sisters of St. Francis will celebrate a 25-year jubilee.

The following School Sister of St. Francis served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend:

SISTER MYNETTE TOS SING

Sister Mynette Tossing celebrates 60 years as a School Sister of St. Francis. She was born in Aurora, Ill. She has a bachelor’s degree from Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis. (1959), a master’s degree from the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, (1974) and certification as a reading specialist from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago (1983). Sister has lived her religious ministry in education in Illinois. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Sister taught at St. Joseph School in Monroeville (1963-1967) and was principal and teacher there (1969-1972). Sister resides in Elmwood Park, Ill.
Area Catholic students receive top theology awards at Notre Dame

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

NOTRE DAME — Sometimes, the best things in life are home grown.

The University of Notre Dame’s theology faculty, led by its chair Professor Joseph Cavadini, conferred two awards upon four students on April 26. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was well represented with the selection of Caroline Murphy, a graduate from Saint Joseph’s High School and Justin Bartkus from Marian High School as two of the award recipients.

Msgr. Michael Heintz, director of the Master of Divinity Program in Theology at the University of Notre Dame and rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, was elated at the selection of Murphy and Bartkus.

“It is a really great honor to have two of the four undergraduate winners be graduates of our two Catholic high schools,” Msgr. Heintz says. “I could not be more proud of them both.”

Bartkus received the Rev. Joseph H. Cavanaugh, CSC, Award, which was established in 1960 and, “is given annually to a graduating senior(s) who has evidenced high qualities of personal character and academic achievement, particular in theological studies.”

Murphy received the Gertrude Austin Marti Award, which was established in 1987, and is given annually “to a senior who has given evidence of excellent qualities of personal character and academic achievement in theology.”

Robert Krieg, director of undergraduate studies in the Theology Department at the University of Notre Dame, described some of the criteria used in the selection of students for these awards.

“The recipients of these two awards are graduating seniors who have shown academic excellence in general and, in particular, in theological studies, that is, in Christian faith seeking understanding. Moreover, they have manifested outstanding personal character as evidenced in maturity, integrity, community service and a love of learning. The award winners are selected by the theology department’s chairperson in consultation with the department’s Collegiate Committee.”

Cavadini adds that with 200 theology majors within the department, the selection of local students is especially rewarding.

“Notre Dame draws qualified students from all over the country and internationally and it is gratifying to know that we have individuals from our own local community, and educated in our diocesan Catholic schools that have excelled in this way. They haven’t just achieved academically, they are both very faith-filled people who are formed in a Catholic way. And I think it is great testimony to the local schools as well as our own department,” he says.

Both Murphy and Bartkus attended South Bend Catholic grade schools. Murphy attended Holy Cross School from kindergarten through eighth grade while Bartkus moved into the South Bend area in 1987 and attended St. Anthony de Padua School from fourth to eighth grade.

Murphy credits her parochial education for her love of theology.

“My theology experience at Notre Dame has helped to form me as a person. I saw from my teachers, their love for God and their subject, and realized it was something you can teach kids at a young age. I think back to my years at Holy Cross and how my teachers were so enthusiastic and very genuine about their love for teaching and love for God.”

Bartkus recalls a theology class at Marian High School that inspired his decision to major in theology at Notre Dame. “I took a class on great Catholic thinkers from Father Dan Scheidt (currently the pastor of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka). He is a hero and mentor of mine that I appreciate so much. The class got me to change my way of thinking about the world and awakened my sense of faith and the intellectual side of it.”

Both students had an opportunity to spend a summer studying in Rome. Each acknowledged the universality of the Catholic faith around the world.

“We lived just north of the Vatican so every day on our way to class we would walk by St. Peter’s Basilica and it was so profound,” said Murphy. Bartkus adds, “and then you come home and you go to your own suburban parish, and it is so rich because it is the Church Universal and it does bind us together.”

Murphy and Bartkus look forward to using the knowledge they have gained from their theological studies. Murphy will embark on two years of service-learning in the Alliance for Catholic Education as she teaches school at the San Xavier Indian Reservation outside of Tucson, Ariz. Bartkus will begin graduate studies at the University of Notre Dame, concentrating on historical theology in the Theology Department’s program for the Masters of Theological Studies.

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

LINCOLN, Neb. — Deacon John E. Shannon, FSSP, son of Ronald and Marilyn Shannon of Fort Wayne, will be ordained a priest of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter in Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday, May 22. Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz of Lincoln will confer orders on Shannon who will offer his first Mass the following day, Pentecost Sunday, in the recently consecrated chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary, the Chapel of Sts. Peter and Paul. The fraternity’s charism is the celebration of the Mass and sacraments in the extraordinary form.

As Father John Shannon, FSSP, he will celebrate his first Solemn High Mass in Fort Wayne on Sunday, May 30. The Mass, offered in the extraordinary form, will be held at St. Peter Church, 518 E. DeWald St., at 11:30 a.m.

Deacon John Shannon anoints his nephew, Kai Seong Joon Imrick, during the opening Baptism ceremony at the entrance to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Fort Wayne, on May 2. Deacon Shannon is assisted by Father Daniel Leeuw and Kai’s godmother, Regina Shannon.
CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2010

A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT OF TODAY’S CATHOLIC
Michael Welling named Bishop Luers High School valedictorian

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne native Michael Welling has been named valedictorian for the 2010 class of Bishop Luers High School. He is a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne.

While a student at Bishop Luers Welling enjoyed any class that challenged him including AP history, physics and calculus. Extracurricular activities he has been involved in include football, show choir, Key Club, student council, Academic Superbowl and National Honor Society.

Awards include the Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award for football and the Allen County Non-Public Schools Distinguished Student Award. Team awards he is most proud of include three show choir grand championships, two football state titles, and a third place finish of the math academic superbowl team at state.

Other interests include reading, video games and collecting an array of items, including coins, cards and rocks.

Welling feels his Catholic education has been “priceless” to him and says of his faith life, “Whether it was a prayer at the start of class or a Mass to celebrate a holy day, my faith has always been intertwined with my education in some way or another. This close relationship between faith and knowledge has helped mold me into the person I am today.”

Welling is active in his parish as usher and altar server, as well as volunteering for special events like the parish festival. He says, “The best part about being involved in church functions is that you always feel welcome.”

The 2010 valedictorian is grateful for the support he has received and says, “I would like to give tremendous thanks to my parents for their sacrifice of sending me to St. John’s and Bishop Luers, where I have received a Catholic education that is truly irreplaceable. I would also like to thank my teachers for teaching me not only the facts but also how to think. Finally, I would like to give thanks to God for not making my load lighter, but my back stronger, every day of my life.”

Welling plans to attend Purdue University where he will pursue an engineering degree.

Kyren O’Shaughnessey 2010 Bishop Luers salutatorian

FORT WAYNE — Kyren O’Shaughnessey is the salutatorian of Bishop Luers Class of 2010. She is a Fort Wayne native as well as parishioner of St. John the Baptist Parish in New Haven.

While attending Bishop Luers O’Shaughnessey was involved in Key Club, World Culture Club, Peer Ministry, Peer Tutoring, National Honor Society, drama, Freshman Mentoring, swimming, softball, and was captain of the girl’s golf team. “Golf,” she says, “was the most influential because it taught me a lot of great life lessons like patience and perseverance.” She was also the publicist of World Culture Club her sophomore year and the resident senior year. Her favorite courses included all math classes and creative writing.

O’Shaughnessey was named Academic All-State in golf her senior year and chosen the Most Valuable Player on the golf team her sophomore, junior and senior years.

O’Shaughnessey was also named 1st Team All Conference in girls golf as a junior and senior.

Of other interests O’Shaughnessey says, “I used to enjoy knitting but I don’t have a lot of time for hobbies right now. If I am not at school, an extracurricular activity, at work, or doing homework, I usually hang out with my friends or go shopping. I would like to be fluent in a second language and hope to work towards becoming fluent in Spanish.”

O’Shaughnessey, who likes to “keep God first” in her life says prayer has played a significant role in her academic life and career goals. She says of her Catholic education, “For me, the value of a Catholic education is being able to share my faith with the people that I spend most of my time with. It also helps me to always remember to put God first in all that I do.”

The salutatorian is grateful to many who have supported her in her academic and faith endeavors and says, “I would like to thank God, my parents and sisters, my teachers and the entire Luers faculty and staff including the lunch ladies and the janitors, and my friends.”

O’Shaughnessey plans to study Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at Purdue University in hopes of become a speech pathologist.

Our prayers and best wishes will always be with you.

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Congratulations, Allie on your graduation from Bishop Dwenger High School... and best wishes at Marian University! love, Grandma

St. John the Baptist - Fort Wayne extends best wishes to the 2010 parish graduates and congratulates MICHAEL WELLING Bishop Luers Valedictorian and St. John’s alumnus. “You will always be part of our family!”

Congratulations to ALL the graduates from TODAY’S CATHOLIC
BISHOP DWENGER STUDENTS EARN ‘CUM LAUDE’ STATUS ON LATIN EXAM

Over 150,000 Latin students from all 50 states and 13 foreign countries participated in the National Latin Exam. Bishop Dwenger High School had 20 Latin V students participate in the poetry division, and seven Latin IV students participate in the prose division of the exam. Four senior students earned “Cum Laude” status for their scores, and were awarded certificates and plaques for their efforts. They are from left, Jordan Venderley, Ben Beuchel, Melanie Jablonski and Adam Pagryzinski.

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Alex Yaney named salutatorian of Bishop Dwenger High School

FORT WAYNE — Alex Yaney has been named salutatorian of Bishop Dwenger High School’s class of 2010. He is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne.

While a student at Bishop Dwenger, Yaney favorite classes were AP U.S. history, AP chemistry, English literature and AP Statistics. Extracurricular activities include serving as president of Key Club and co-president of Students Against Destructive Decisions. Yaney was also a member of Spanish Club, Saints for Life, National Honors Society, Peer Mediation, Social Justice Club and A Chance To Serve Ministry. He also enjoys reading, running and basketball.

Noteworthy awards this young scholar has received include the Rotary Youth Leadership Award and academic distinction in numerous subjects ranging from religion to AP Chemistry. Other awards earned are the St. Francis Master of Life Science, the Mother Teresa Service Award and the Eli Lilly Scholarship.

Of his faith and Catholic education Yaney says, “A Catholic education means the world to me. It means that I can express my beliefs and my feelings with my peers. I could not be myself if I could not share my faith with the people around me. Faith is very important in my life and it has been since I can remember. My faith is also the basis for my future career goals. The purpose of my future career is to help others, something I have learned is important through my faith.”

Yaney has been involved at his home parish as religious education instructor for several years, as well as serving as photographer at special church events. He also volunteers at Mary’s Soup Kitchen twice a month.

Reflecting gratefully on his academic career he says, “I would like to thank my family, especially my parents and brothers for everything they have done for me. I would also like to thank my friends who have been with me through my four years at Dwenger. Moreover, I would like to thank all of the teachers, administration and staff at Bishop Dwenger for making my high school experience so enjoyable.”

Yaney will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall majoring in biology/pre-med and aspires to become a cardiothoracic surgeon.

Jordan Venderley named valedictorian of Bishop Dwenger High School

FORT WAYNE — Jordan Venderley has been named valedictorian of Bishop Dwenger High School’s class of 2010. The Fort Wayne native is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish.

Favorite classes during his academic career include calculus, chemistry, and anatomy and physiology. Venderley has participated in four years of varsity wrestling and was captain of the team. Other extracurricular activities include football, rugby and cross country. He is also a member of the National Honor Society as well as a BD ambassador.

Of his personal pastime interests the busy scholar says, “I have recently picked up guitar and, outside of school sports, I am an avid slalom skier and cyclist.”

Special awards earned by this outstanding student include academic all-state wrestler, AP Scholar, National Merit Honorable Mention and National Latin Exam “Cum Laude.”

Of his faith life and education Venderley offers, “I believe that a Catholic education enables one to grow not only intellectually but spiritually every day with supportive peers and teachers who share similar beliefs and values. My faith encourages me to live a moral life with special emphasis on God and family while simultaneously pursuing success inside and outside the classroom.”

In gratitude for his successful academic career Venderley says, “I would like to thank God for all the gifts he has bestowed me with and my family for helping me develop those gifts as well as for always being there to provide me with support.”

Venderley will attend Indiana University to study chemistry in hopes of pursuing a career as an anesthesiologist.

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MISHAWAKA — Katie Mischler has been named 2010 valedictorian of Marian High School. This Mishawaka native is a parishioner of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in South Bend.

At Marian Mischler’s favorite subjects ranged from AP physics to ACP chemistry to sewing. She has also been involved in a long-time volleyball career including serving as coach for the St. Bavo team. She has been involved in the National Honor Society as inductee and treasurer. Her volunteer efforts through membership in Junior Civitans include service at the Sterling House Nursing Home.

Awards earned by this outstanding student include Kiwanis Athlete of the Month; the Youth Leadership Award for the Mishawaka Kiwanis Club from Marian’s Class of 2010; South Bend Tribune Athlete of the Week; Burger King Athlete of the Week; first Team All-NIC; first Team All-State; first Team Academic All-State; and Most Valuable Player.

This valedictorian also enjoys working out and reading.

Her Catholic faith has brought much to this young woman’s life. She says, “My faith brings together all the parts of my life. It has always been a part of my education, which makes my education all the more valuable. Also, my faith helps me believe in myself as a person. This helps me believe that all of my career goals can be achieved if I have the right mind-set and faith in God.”

Mischler says she has much to be grateful for as she graduates with honors. She says, “First of all, I would like to thank my parents. They have been amazing role models for me to follow throughout and in all areas of my life. Also, I would like to thank the rest of my family and friends who have always been there for me. Next, I would like to thank all of my teachers and administrators at Marian High School for making these past four years enjoyable. Last but surely not least, I would like to thank God for all of the gifts that He has given to me.”

Mischler is planning to attend Purdue University in the fall to study pre-pharmacy. She hopes to pursue a career as a pharmacist.

MISHAWAKA — Claire Sieradzki has been named co-salutatorian of Marian High School class of 2010. This South Bend native is a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame.

During her academic career Sieradzki enthusiastically recalls her favorite classes of ACP Honors U.S. history, advanced research, AP calculus BC and AP physics. Extracurricular activities involved participation in cross country and dance at Southold Dance Theater. She has also participated in theater at Marian High School, South Bend Civic and Interlochen Arts Academy.

Noteworthy awards earned by this outstanding Marian student include a grant received for research project, “Converting Waste into Energy Membrane Aeration for Microbial Fuel Cell Cathodes” from the Indiana Academy of Science, first place in engineering at the National Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair, Ricoh Sustainable Development Award, America Society of Quality Award, U.S Navy / U.S Marine Corps Award, the Excel Scholarship Competition for her poem, “The Drawer” and many more.

Her faith, says Sieradzki is an important part of her life and education. She says, “My faith is a strong part of every aspect of my life. My motivation and goals stem from it.... With a Catholic education, I have learned to involve my faith in my studies, goals and actions. It has been a growing experience to be able to learn from the faculty and students at Marian High School who emulate the Catholic faith.”

At her home parish Sieradzki is involved at Hope Rescue Mission where they make a monthly church dinner.

Sieradzki wishes to thank those who have offered support throughout her academic career saying, “I would like to thank my parents. I would also like to thank my family and friends for they all have impressed upon me about the importance of love and hard work. I am extremely appreciative for the challenging and encouraging environment of Marian High School.”

Sieradzki plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall to study environmental engineering and theater.

MISHAWAKA — Kristen Florin has been named co-salutatorian of Marian High School for the graduating class of 2010. This Granger native is a member of St. Pius X Parish.

During her academic career Florin has most enjoyed her English classes and has been involved in Junior Civitans volunteer community service at nursing homes, a homeless shelter and more. She also enjoys spending time with her family as well as running and reading.

Florin has been on the honor roll all four years of her school career as well as the National Honor Society for two years. She received an All Academic Award, a Kiwanis award in track and a silver key in the Scholastic Art competition and the Congressional Art Award.

Florin feels much gratitude for all the ways she has been supported in her academic and faith development saying, “I would like to thank God for blessing me with family, friends, an education, numerous talents and an overall good life. I’d also like to thank my mom and dad for always supporting and encouraging me to simply do my best. I’d like to thank all my teachers who have dedicated their time and energy to passing on important knowledge to me. Last, but not least I’d like to thank my siblings and friends for helping me through difficulties and teaching me life lessons.”

Florin plans to attend Boston College to study nursing.
MISHAWAKA — Phillip Dudeck has been named co-salutatorian of Marian High School's graduating class of 2010. The Goshen native attends St. Dominic Parish in Bremen.

As a student his interest in cultural differences had him enjoying his foreign language classes the most during his academic career at Marian. Dudeck’s extracurricular activities vary and include membership on the tennis team, Quiz Bowl team, track team and the school newspaper. He also appeared in a school play. He has received a Medal in Excellence in the subjects of Spanish II, Algebra II and Spanish III.

Dudeck’s unique interests lie in Legos. He says, “If I have any free time, I usually spend it constructing things out of Lego bricks. My attempt at “Lego art” has ranged from mini pianos to cell phone replicas to portraits of my family and friends.” He also enjoys beekeeping.

The young scholar says of his Catholic faith, “My faith is very important to me. My desire to learn more about my faith has led me to get involved at my parish and also has influenced my college decision.” His involvement at his parish in Bremen includes membership in the youth group there, where he served on various food drives, fundraisers and retreats for middle school youth groups.

In a moment of gratitude for the support he has received from family and friends over the years, Dudeck says, “I would like to thank my mom and dad for making sacrifices that were necessary for me to attend Marian. Mr. (Car) Loech and Mrs. (Mary Kay) Dance for interviewing me and giving me the opportunity to transfer to and attend Marian, and all my teachers that have taken the time to ensure that my education at Marian is challenging yet manageable.”

Dudeck will attend the University of Notre Dame majoring in architecture and hopes to pursue a career in design.

Rachel Gilman named co-salutatorian at Marian High School

MISHAWAKA — Rachel Gilman has been named co-salutatorian at Marian High School. The South Bend native attends St. Jude Parish there.

As a student at Marian, Gilman enjoyed AP physics, AP calculus, precalculus, show choir, sewing and P.E. Her interests in extracurricular activities varied from sports to theater to music and include participation in basketball, volleyball, liturgical choir, Campus Ministry team, National Honor Society, SADD, Right to Life Club, retreat counselor and more. One favorite personal interest involves the CMM 4-H program where Gilman made greenware projects for the past 10 years.

Notable awards earned by this young scholar include Honor Roll: Marian Honors, Senior of the Month for leadership, character, service, and Christian identity; several ISSMA Gold and Silver Medal awards; and ISSMA State Gold Medal for Solo Level I.

Her Catholic education has meant a great deal to Gilman as she says, “My Catholic education allowed me to learn in a place where I wasn’t afraid to be myself, and having a Catholic influence in all my classes, gave me the confidence to speak out without any fear.”

Gilman’s faith life expands across all boundaries. She adds, “My faith is an integral part of my life and my education. My parents chose my place of education based on my family’s Catholic faith and I chose my high school and college based on where I could easily express my faith and be well-educated at the same time. Throughout my life, my faith has helped me to make many difficult choices and it is one of the main things that will shape my future decisions.”

Gilman enjoys her role in St. Jude’s choir and she is also involved with serving coffee and doughnuts after Masses with her father throughout the year.

In a spirit of gratitude for support Gilman says, “I would like to thank my parents for supporting me in everything I have ever done, as well as my brother and sister for being the perfect role models for me. I would also like to thank every teacher who has ever taught me for instilling in me an excitement for knowledge and for getting me to where I am today.”

Gilman will attend Valparaiso University in the fall to study vocal performance and mathematics.
Elizabeth Everett named valedictorian of Saint Joseph's High School

SOUTH BEND — Elizabeth Everett has been named valedictorian of Saint Joseph’s High School for 2010. She is a member of Corpus Christi Parish in South Bend.

During her years at Saint Joseph, Everett enjoyed many of her classes including English and theology. Her extracurricular activities include participation in cross country as well as all of the school musicals. She is a member of the National Honor Society and participated in Fed Challenge as well. The valedictorian reports her personal passion lies with reading and writing.

Awards Everett has earned include National Merit Commended Scholar and Academic All-State in Cross Country. She was also awarded a four-year Trustees Scholarship to Purdue and a Provost’s Scholarship to Notre Dame. Of her faith life, the scholar says, “My Catholic faith is a huge part of my life. Saint Joe has really taught me how to take the talents I have been given and use them to the glory of God, whether it be in sports, the school musicals or in my studies. In the future I hope to inspire people with my writing.”

As a member of Corpus Christi Parish Everett serves as proclaimer of the Word, and has given witness talks to eighth graders for the diocese’s “First Comes Love” program. She also assists with high school retreats as a member of the Antioch Youth Group.

Everett is grateful for the support and encouragement she has received over the years and says, “I would like to thank God for all of His blessings, and my family, friends and teachers for all the love and support they’ve given me.” Everett plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study English in hopes of pursuing a career as a writer.

Donny MacDonell named salutatorian of Saint Joseph’s High School

SOUTH BEND — Donny MacDonell has been named salutatorian of Saint Joseph’s High School Class of 2010. This native of South Bend is a member of Corpus Christi Parish.

MacDonell’s favorite classes at Saint Joseph’s have been French, economics, British literature and Great Catholic Thinkers. Extra curricular activities for this scholar include participation in the drama department as well as membership in the Fed Challenge team, h.o.p.e. (Helping Other People Endure), French Club and SECO (Social and Ecological Concerns Organization). Other activities had the youth as a cross country runner and team manager, and member of the Antioch youth group that planned and facilitated retreats.

MacDonell also enjoys reading and spending time with friends.

Special awards earned by this AP Scholar include the Senior Community Award and several awards from various teachers such as World History Honors, English 10 Honors, and French III. He is a St. Joe Scholar who has maintained a 4.0 GPA or higher for all semesters and received a scholarship from the Alumni Association of Notre Dame.

Of his Catholic education he says, “My Catholic education has taught me to understand the world as a whole.” He also says, “I would like to thank my parents, my grandparents, my brothers and sisters, and my teachers, for all the love and support they have given me.”

MacDonell plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall to study political science. He hopes to pursue a career working for an international nonprofit/charity or intergovernmental organization.

Katherine Gordon ranked first in Norwell

OSSIANN — Bluffton native and St. Joseph Church, Bluffton, parishioner Katherine Gordon has been ranked first in Norwell’s graduating Class of 2010.

Among the classes taken throughout her academic career, the graduate’s favorite classes have been German, Honors/AP English, chemistry, and art history. She also was involved in Student Council as senior class co-president, National Honor Society as president, cross country as co-captain, cross country as co-captain, and the Foreign Exchange Program. Her community involvement included Wells County Youth as Resources, Norwell Dollars for Scholars, Wells County 4-H and 4-H Junior Leaders.

Noteworthy awards earned by this outstanding student include the Lilly Endowment Community Scholar, National Merit Finalist, Presidential Scholars Program Candidate, Girls Cross Country, and the Academic All-State Team.

Gordon’s faith formation goes hand in hand with her development as a young adult. She says, “My Catholic faith has been the greatest influence on my formation as a mature, conscientious young adult. Confirmation in eighth grade was the beginning of my dual journey toward becoming a stronger Catholic and a young adult. As I took more responsibilities for my faith formation and became an active participant in my church, I found myself becoming more confident and content in every area of my life.”

An active parishioner at St. Joseph Parish, Gordon is a lector, member of St. Joseph’s Youth Group, assistant for Vacation Bible School, and volunteer for church dinners and fundraisers. Her faith she says has played a role in all aspects of her life. “My faith has guided my decision making in every facet of my life, especially my future. The idea of the universal Church, which encompasses every race and corner of the world, has given me a passion for learning about other cultures and languages. The Church’s social teachings and works have inspired me to pursue a career helping the people that need it most throughout the world,” she says.

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish family extends prayerful best wishes to the 2010 parish graduates of Homestead High School Canterbury High School Bishop Dwenger High School Bishop Luers High School and in particular to ALEX YANEY Salutatorian - Bishop Dwenger High School SARAH ELISE KUSISTO Salutatorian - Homestead High School “May the Lord guide you in your journey”
Edward Linczer named co-vedictorian of Trinity School at Greenlawn

SOUTH BEND — Edward Linczer heads up the senior class at Trinity School at Greenlawn as co-vedictorian. While student there he enjoyed French and Scripture classes, but says, “My Humane Letters Seminar Class, in which we discuss works of literature, philosophy, and theology, has been by far my favorite class.”

Linczer has been involved in many sports including varsity basketball, of which he served as captain of the team, and varsity soccer. He also participated in the student Life and Social/Athletic Committees as well as bass in the Trinity Chamber Choir. Linczer attended the Lugar Youth Symposium, American Legion Hoosier Boy’s State, and American Legion’s National Oratorical Competition.

In gratitude this outstanding student lists those who have supported him through his faith and academic formation, “The Lord who has been kind to me. My parents who have dedicated their lives to me. My siblings who have taught me to smile. And, finally, I would like to thank my friends and teachers, especially the Trinity community, who have supported me for the last six years.”

Linczer plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study computer science and the Program of Liberal Studies. He hopes to pursue a career as computer scientist.

Margaret Preuss named co-vedictorian of Trinity School at Greenlawn

SOUTH BEND — Granger native Margaret Preuss has been named co-vedictorian at Trinity School at Greenlawn. She is a parishioner at Christ the King Parish in South Bend.

During her career at Trinity, Preuss excelled in her favorite classes of Humane Letters Seminar, math and art. She is an accomplished pianist and participates in scholastic competitions. She enjoys her participation in soccer and basketball and has earned first place in district and regional competitions in the American Legion’s National Oratorical Contest. She is also a member of Trinity’s chamber choir, Life Committee and Social Committee.

Of her involvement at Christ the King Parish, she served as altar server and recently a proclaimer of the Word as well as sponsor for a Confirmation candidate. Special interests involve singing and music for this bright young woman. She also enjoys people, hiking, art museums and water sports.

Preuss has earned several awards over her academic career including Trinity School’s John Curran Award; nominee/attendee of Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow’s Leaders; nominee/attendee Hoosier Girls’ State; and District Champion and Regional Runner-Up American Legion National Oratorical Competition.

Preuss feels her faith formation has grounded her in values such as service, self sacrifice and love. She says, “My faith plays a major role in my life decisions, friendships, goals and desires. My life in my large family and at Trinity School, have taught me how to take my faith seriously and incorporate it into everyday life.”

With a grateful heart Preuss says, “First and foremost, I would like to thank God for all the ability and talent He has given me, and the freedom He has given me to exercise His gifts. I would like to thank my parents for all the freedom and support they have given me. I would like to thank my nine siblings for your examples of joy, courage, determination and excellence. I would like to thank all my teachers at Trinity School. Finally, I would like to thank my friends in the 2010 Graduating Class at Trinity.”

Preuss will be attending the University of Notre Dame to study finance in the fall. She hopes to pursue a career in financial consulting.

Gabriel Griggs named co-vedictorian of Trinity School at Greenlawn

SOUTH BEND — Gabriel Griggs has been named co-vedictorian at Trinity School at Greenlawn. He is a parishioner of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

Of his classroom experience at Trinity he says, “I’ve found that they all complement each other and I have no specific favorite: Humane Letters, Math, Science, Drama, Art History and Languages.” Extracurricular activities include participation in the Boy Scouts, Trinity Classic Summer Camp, and varsity soccer and basketball. Griggs is an accomplished musician and sings in the school chamber choir. He enjoys chess and is the school chess director, hosting the annual chess tournament at Trinity as well as serving at chess camp for middle school students. Griggs helped create Trinity’s education-middle school students. Griggs has been named co-valedictorian of Trinity School at Greenlawn as well.

Noteworthy awards earned by this valedictorian are the Joe Stante Award; Jim Niedabalski Award; John Curran Award; Kay Lewsen Award and the Trinity Graduate Award. Griggs has earned his Eagle Scout Award as well.

His Catholic faith, Griggs says, has given him life purpose. “Currently this purpose is to develop myself to the best of my potential through my education. Eventually I hope to use my specific talents and abilities — which I currently believe are best suited for computer science — as the Lord intends.”

In gratitude this outstanding student lists those who have supported him through his faith and academic formation, “The Lord who has been kind to me. My parents who have dedicated their lives to me. My siblings who have taught me to smile. And, finally, I would like to thank my friends and teachers, especially the Trinity community, who have supported me for the last six years.”

Griggs plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study computer science and the Program of Liberal Studies. He hopes to pursue a career as computer scientist.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL in Fort Wayne recognizes Jordan Venderley

Jordan Venderley

Valedictorian

at Bishop Dwenger High School

and alumnus of Saint Vincent.

Congratulations and prayers to all of our alumni!
Nicole Konkey named James Whitcomb Riley High School valedictorian

SOUTH BEND — Nicole Catherine Konkey has been named the valedictorian for the James Whitcomb Riley High School class of 2010. She is a parishioner at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend.

During her academic career, Konkey has enjoyed classes including her favorites — anatomy, U.S. history and drawing. Extracurricular activities for this valedictorian include playing varsity soccer and basketball. Konkey was a member of the Latin Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Student Council, Peer Mentoring, Student Rotary Program and Class Council. She also was on the Ronald McDonald Teen Charity Board.

Her faith has grown over the years and she says, “My Catholic formation has given me a strong sense of myself and my beliefs.” At St. Joseph Parish Konkey serves as extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and is a member of the youth group there. Of her faith she says, “By going to church, participating in Mass, and finding common ground and goodness in others.” Konkey has earned several awards during her bright academic years including Kiwanis Award, Soccer— freshman year: MVP, NIC Second Team All Conference, Rookie of the Year; sophomore year: MVP, NIC Third Team All Conference, Best Offensive Player; junior year: MVP, NIC First Team All Conference, Best Offensive Player; and senior year: MVP, NIC First Team All Conference, Best Offensive Player.

Of those Konkey feels gratitude toward for their support, she says, “I would like to thank my parents, David and Angel Konkey, for everything they have ever done for me. ... Everything that I am, and all that I hope to ever be is because of you guys. I love you! I would also like to thank two of my most inspiring teachers — Steve Dance, my junior high history teacher at St. Matthew Cathedral School, and Rick Horvath, my anatomy and biology teacher at Riley High School.”

Konkey will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall where she will pursue studies in either physical therapy or broadcasting.

Murphy receives Presidential Scholar recognition

FORT WAYNE — Brendan Murphy, a graduating senior at Canterbury School in Fort Wayne and parishioner of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception has been named one of approximately 560 semifinalists in the 2010 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

The semifinalists were selected from more than 3,000 candidates on the basis of superior achievements, leadership qualities, personal character and involvement in community and school activities. Scholars will be invited to Washington, D.C., for several days in the second half of June to receive the U.S. Presidential Scholars medallion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in various activities and events held in their honor.

Brendan Murphy top student for Canterbury

FORT WAYNE — Brendan Murphy has been awarded the Canterbury Top Student Award for Canterbury High School’s Class of 2010. He is a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

During his academic career at Canterbury he enjoyed his favorite classes of AP biology and introductory Arabic. Extra curricular activities involved a leadership role on the school’s Model UN and speech teams, as well as involvement in the school newspaper and literary magazine. Murphy enjoyed varsity soccer and track as well.

Achievement awards this scholar has earned include National Merit Scholar, U.S. Presidential Scholar Semifinalist, AP Scholar with Distinction, National Council of Teachers of English Commendation in Writing and Cum Laude Society. Special interests include birds, juggling and cooking.

Of his faith Murphy says, “Catholicism has installed in me an appreciation for the necessity of moral codes. What is unique and what I value most about Catholicism is that the faith and values can be integrated with other aspects of my life (scientific studies, friendships, life goals and dreams) without any concessions. My faith will steer me towards a lifestyle that reflects my own desire to be a positive influence on my community and the world as a whole.”

Murphy along with his twin sister have served at the Cathedral of the immaculate Conception as altar servers since the fifth grade.

As he reflects upon his academic career Murphy has much to be grateful for and says, “I would like to thank my parents’ willingness to support me in all of my academic and extracurricular endeavors. I also need to thank my sister, Claire, for dealing with having such an eccentric individual as a twin brother.”

Murphy plans to attend Dartmouth College in the fall to study environmental studies and law.

Cameron Powell valedictorian of Wayne

FORT WAYNE — Cameron Powell has earned the honor of valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class of Wayne High School this year. A Fort Wayne native, Powell is a parishioner of St. Patrick Parish.

While attending Wayne High School Powell’s favorite classes included photography, journalism and AP English 12. He has been involved in student council, as well as the National Honor Society as president. He enjoyed his post as editor-in-chief of the school yearbook and was captain of the Wayne tennis team. His special interests revolve around photography and tennis.

Though Powell has received numerous awards throughout his academic career, the most noteworthy, he says, is the gold key award he earned for his photography portfolio at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

Through his academic career Powell has kept his faith strong and says, “With God all things are possible. Live a good life and study hard.” He is grateful for the immeasurable support from his family and says, “I would like to thank my family who has encouraged my individuality regardless of the opposition I have faced.”

Powell plans to study studio art at the University of Saint Francis in the fall with a career goal of fashion photographer.

Best Wishes to the alumni of SAINT JOSEPH- SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL

and Congratulations to our alumnus ALEX YANEY

Bishop Dwenger Salutatorian

May God Bless all of our graduates

and keep you close to Him.
Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration honor 12 jubilarians

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration are honoring 12 of their sisters who are celebrating their jubilee at a special Mass on May 22 at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

80th anniversary
Sister M. Elizabethine Boss was born in Morrison, Mo., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Jan. 8, 1930. For 26 years Sister Boss served as a teacher in various schools staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister spent 38 years at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka where she assisted the sisters in various ways and in the ministry of prayer. Sister Boss has resided at Our Lady of Angels Convent for 10 years.

75th anniversary
Sister M. Florence Wenda was born in Belleville, Kan., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Jan. 6, 1935. For 50 years she served in domestic service in various facilities staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis, including the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne. Sister Florence has resided at Our Lady of Angels Convent since 1992.

60th anniversary
Sister M. Geraldine Hartke was born in Hermann, Mo., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1950. For 25 years Sister Hartke served as a teacher in various schools staffed by the sisters. For 10 years Sister served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend’s Office of Religious Education. Sister served at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne in the A.V. department and then later as assistant campus minister for 10 years. She has resided at Our Lady of Angels convent since June, 2006.

Sister M. James Kuzell was born in Hammond, and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1950. For 13 years sister was a teacher/principal in various schools staffed by the sisters including St. Mary’s in Huntington. Sister served as director of education and provincial superior for three terms. In 2004 Sister Pfautsch was elected to the general council for the congregation, serving as its general treasurer until the present time. She resides at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

Golden jubilee — 50 years
Sister M. Ann Baunach was born in Michigan City, and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1960. For 12 years, sister served as office manager in hospitals in Hammond, Lafayette, Logansport and Cleveland. For two years she was the administrator in the hospital in Logansport, and served in the patient relations and pastoral care departments for two years at St. Elizabeth’s in Lafayette and St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove. For five years she served in the accounting department in the hospital in Cleveland. She served as provincial secretary from 1980-1998, and currently resides at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

Sister M. James Kuzell was born in Hammond, and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1960. Sister has taught in Missouri and several of the elementary schools in Indiana that were staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis. Sister Kuzell served as superior and principal in schools, primarily in Lafayette, for 16 years and St. Joseph School in LaPorte for 18 years. Sister Kuzell was assigned to St. Francis Convent in 2003 where she manages the gift shop and various other duties.

Silver jubilee — 25 years
Sister M. Rose Agnes Pfautsch was born in Berger, Mo., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1960. For 13 years Sister was a teacher/principal in various schools staffed by the sisters including St. John the Baptist, South Bend. Sister served for five years in Honduras as a teacher. Since 2001 sister has been director of formation with the sisters, including St. John the Baptist, South Bend and Huntington. Sister has been a missionary in Honduras for four years. Presently she is a chemistry professor at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne.

Annual Fatima Breakfast
The local division of the World Apostolate of Fatima invites everyone to their Annual Breakfast on Saturday, June 5, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. The morning begins with Confessions at 8:00 am. Meditation follows at 8:30 am and Holy Rosary will be recited at 8:45 am. Holy Mass begins at 9:00 am. Bishop Emeritus John M. D’Arcy will be the celebrant and homilist. After Holy Mass, all are invited to St. Mary’s Church on Lafayette Street for breakfast. The WAF National Coordinator, Deacon Bob Ellis will be the guest speaker.

Pre-paid reservations are required by May 28. Adult tickets: $6.50. Tickets for those 10 and younger, $3.90. To make your reservation, call Jim Momper at 260-625-3281

In the words of Our Lady to Saint Dominic
“One day through the Rosary and the Scapular, I will save the World.”
GUEST COMMENTARY BY FATHER ROBERT BARRON

Read the scandal with biblical eyes

Once again we’re living in scandal times. The “Long Lent” that the American Church endured in 2002 has now descended on the European Church. A significant difference is that this time the Pope himself has come under scrutiny. Once again, the news media are in a frenzy — CNN has blanketed the coverage, the New York Times is running daily stories, and thousands of blogs are buzzing. In preparation for a television interview, I spent an entire day reading almost everything I could find in both the American and international press (I’m currently in Rome as a visiting professor) and found the process dismaying and distressing as it was particularly struck me was this: Though the scandal has been analyzed legally, institutionally, psychologically and culturally, it has rarely been looked at biblically — even by Church representatives themselves. And this is tragic, for the Bible, the Word of God, is the definitive lens through which the whole of reality is most rightly read.

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Roth IRA conversions can build a legacy

One of the hottest tax planning tips for 2010 is a Roth IRA conversion. Through 2009, only taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income of less than $100,000 were allowed to convert from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Now, regardless of the taxpayer’s amount of modified adjusted gross income and filing status, contributions to an original traditional IRA can be rolled over to a Roth IRA in 2010.

According to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, the Roth IRA has an advantage in its tax structure. Unlike the traditional IRA, which gets pretax contributions, a Roth IRA gets after-tax contributions. In addition, future withdrawals from a Roth are income tax-free to the owner and/or heirs, and no minimum distributions are required at a specific age.

There is one catch when converting a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA — the taxpayer could incur significant taxes because the amount converted from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA is subject to ordinary income taxes. For conversions made in 2010, a special IRS provision exists whereby taxpayers have the option of claiming 50 percent of the conversion amount as 2011 income and the other 50 percent as income in 2012. However, the income tax in those years is calculated based on the taxpayer’s tax rate as determined in each of those years.

Roth IRA conversions can provide numerous benefits for the IRA owner in building a legacy. If an individual converts and pays the taxes from funds other than the Roth account, the IRA can grow tax-free. And if the owner does not intend to withdraw any distributions from the Roth IRA, this asset can be especially attractive as an inheritance for children and grandchildren.

Since a Roth IRA conversion could potentially cause a taxpayer to have the most income than he/she may ever have in their whole life, income tax deductions become much more valuable than ever when reporting conversion-related income. A charitable gift to one’s beloved parish or school can help offset these taxes while providing benefits to the organization.

One type of charitable gift that may reduce the tax liability is an outright gift to a charity, such as cash or marketable securities. With a donation of appreciated stock held for more than one year, the donor can avoid capital gains tax and receive a tax deduction based on the market value of the stock.

Another type of charitable gift is a life estate. With a life estate, the donor gifts real estate such as a home or farm while retaining the right to use and enjoy the property during lifetime. At the donor’s death, the real estate transfers to the charity.

The donor is allowed an income tax deduction in the year of the gift for the value of the remainder interest in the property.

Moreover, a life income gift such as a charitable gift annuity, can provide the donor with an income tax deduction in the current year and an annuity payout for life. A charitable gift annuity can be funded with cash, marketable securities, or a home.

When considering the use of the charitable gift for the parish or school, the donor may identify the gift as more important and unrestricted. A restricted gift may not be used for any other purpose than for what the donor stated. This could be tuition assistance for Catholic schools, scholarship funds, building maintenance for the parish and/or school. In addition, the charitable gift may be used to fund an endowment for the parish or school within the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana.

The Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, created in 1995, is a non-profit corporation providing estate planning for parishes, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in order to meet the spiritual and financial needs of the Catholic community.

Furthermore, a nominee to the Supreme Court should not be one who embraces special rights because they create a form of bias against freedom of speech, assembly and religion.

TODAY’S CATHOLIC
The hangers of life

Most of us think of food in connection with the concept of hunger. There are times when our stomachs growl and all we can seem to think about is supper or a trip to the closest McDonald’s or Taco Bell. My friends often joke that they can tell I am hungry when I start reading all the names the restaurateurs will write when we are driving somewhere.

It is true we all have been hungry for food at some time or another but eating does not satisfy all our hungers. We also have spiritual hungers that need to be satisfied if we are to become mature adults.

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Throughout the Easter season, the Church, in the readings at Mass, has called us to realize what effect the Resurrection has upon us and upon human history. The salvation achieved by Christ on Calvary never will end. It is for all time and for all people.

How will it be accomplished? It will be accomplished through the Lord’s disciples in every corner of the earth.

While true conversion requires a completely free and uncommitted individual decision, Christians are bound together in the Church, because they share their identity with Christ and the grace of the Spirit. Thus, they bear together the mission to bring God’s mercy and wisdom to the world. Christians, however zealous, cannot be ships passing each silently in the night.

Rather, as Acts reveals, they are part of the community still gathered around the Apostles, under the leadership of Peter, and still looking to the Apostles for guidance and direction.

The Church offers itself. It is the gathering of true believers, who rely upon the Apostles for their knowledge of the Holy Spirit. Through the Apostles, the community links itself to the Savior, to the Father and to the Spirit. On this feast, the Church teaches that a very contemporary lesson. In 2010, as 20 centuries ago, it is the Apostolic Church, the community created by God to bring divine mercy to weary and wandering humans. As was the case in Jerusalem so long ago, it loves all, serves all, and speaks of hope to all.

Quite visibly, it still gathers around the Apostles, with Peter at the center.

The Apostolic Church speaks of hope

Msgr. Owen F. Campon

Feast of Pentecost
Jn 20:19-23

In the Church’s liturgical year, only Easter and Christmas eclipse Pentecost. The importance, and grandeur, of these feasts of course derive from the events being commemorated, but the Church also records the lessons taught by the feast, and through the readings for these feasts, as highly important for the spiritual lives, and understanding of the faith, among Catholics. Pentecost also is an ancient Jewish feast. The first Christians almost invariably were of Jewish origin. The Apostles were Jews. So, they were observing Pentecost.

In the Jewish context, this feast celebrated the identity, unity and vocation of the Hebrew people. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, and in the overall context of salvation in Christ Jesus, Pentecost took on a greater meaning for Christians, a meaning centered in Christianity.

So, Christians now see, and so long have seen, Pentecost as their holy day, recalling the moment when God the Holy Spirit vivified the Apostles. Receiving strength and power from the Holy Spirit, the Apostles then went forward to proclaim salvation in Christ to the entire world.

This first reading recalls this event and its aftermath. Under the leadership of Peter, the Apostles were united. They were emboldened. They never relented from their mission of declaring Jesus as Lord and Savior.

According to tradition, all but one died as a martyr.

An important lesson is in the fact that the Christians very clearly were a community, gathered around the Apostles, with Peter undeniably at their head.

For the second reading, the Church presents a passage from First Corinthians. Absolute faith in Christ, as God, and as Savior, is key. It also is vital. Without grace, humans are confused and liable to even fatal misstep.

St. John’s Gospel is the source of the last reading, a Resurrection Narrative. The Risen Lord appears before the Apostles. The reading is profoundly relevant for Catholics. As God, possessing the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives the Apostles the power to forgive sins, extraordinary because only God can forgive sins.

This reading makes abundantly clear the Lord’s conferral of divine authority and power upon the Apostles.

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CATEQUIZ’EM

By Dominick Campilsson

On May 27, we remember St. Augustine of Canterbury, who was sent to bring the Church to England. This quiz takes a look at this saint.

1. Despite his association with Canterbury, Augustine was born in:
   a. Hippo
   b. Rome
   c. Ireland

2. Augustine was a monk in this Roman (non-golf playing) community:
   a. Pablo Beach
   b. Abbey Fields
   c. St. Andrew’s

3. Who sent Augustine to England?
   a. Pope Clement XXXIX
   b. Pope Gregory the Great
   c. Anabaptist II

4. What story was popular to explain that pope’s interest in the English?
   a. He had seen slaves for sale in the market and, impressed with their fairness, declared them not “Angles (English) but angels.”
   b. He had been asked by the emperor to stamp out soccer hooliganism in Europe.
   c. He had known St. Patrick and was impressed that the Irish had missionaries in England.

5. The pagan king of this area of England (its name related to Canterbury) welcomed Augustine:
   a. Kent
   b. Tubery
   c. Cantical

6. Forty monks of this order accompanied Augustine to England:
   a. Anglicans
   b. Dominicans
   c. Benedictines

7. When did Augustine and the Christian missionaries arrive in Britain?
   a. the end of the sixth century
   b. the end of the seventh century
   c. the end of the eighth century

8. This venerable British historian is one of our main sources for data on these early missions:
   a. Sneede
   b. Bede
   c. Jede

9. Part of the territory where the monks preached included a ruined church of St. Martin. Why were there ruined churches in England?
   a. Anglicans
   b. Dominicans
   c. Benedictines

10. The missionaries to pagan England rejected the use of this to gain converts:
    a. Latin
    b. the use of Anglo-Saxon language in ministry
    c. coercion

11. When Augustine informed the pope about the different rituals to be found in Britain, he replied that he:
    a. Had to use the Roman Missal or be excommunicated
    b. Was at liberty to adopt from the usage of other churches
    c. Must stick to the Tridentine liturgy or else

12. Augustine went to Gaul to be consecrated a bishop. Where is Gaul?
    a. modern France
    b. Wales
    c. Italy

13. The European missionaries in England eventually met and disputed with the Celtic bishops of Britain. What was the origin of the Celtic missionaries?
    a. The Celtic church was derived from the Irish evangelization of northern Britain.
    b. The Celts invaded England and captured Augustine’s flock in 657.
    c. The Celts arrived disguised as “wolves in sheeps’ habits.”

14. Augustine and the Celts could not agree on the date of the observation of this feast:
    a. The Fourth of July
    b. Easter
    c. Christmas

15. What is the status of Canterbury now?
    a. It remains the preeminent Catholic and church in England.
    b. It is no longer Catholic, having become Anglican in Tudor times.
    c. It reverted to the Catholic Church after being Anglican for 300 years.

ANSWERS:
1. b, c 2. c 3. b 4. a, b 5. c 6. c 7. b 8. c 9. b 10. c 11. c 12. a 13. c 14. b 15. b
An immigration debate primer

It's hard to imagine a more depressing spectacle in contemporary America than the immigration reform "debate." What a friend who's bailing out of the mainstream media recently described as a pre-lunch as "bumper-sticker politics" dominates the so-called "public discourse" on the question, and, truth to tell, some prominent Catholics have added more heat than light to the mix. How might Catholic social doctrine and a Catholic optic on politics turn the mutual exchange of rhetorical barages into a real national conversation? Herewith some preliminary thoughts.

• Catholic political theory places a high value on the rule of law, which it regards as morally superior to the alternative, which is the rule of willfulness imposed by brute force.

• The laws we make through our elected representatives are under the scrutiny of the natural moral law we can know by reason, which means that our political judgments should be rational, not glandular.

• The inalienable dignity and value of every human being from conception until natural death is the bedrock personal principle from which Catholic thinking about public policy begins. The dignity does not confer an absolute right on anyone to live wherever he or she chooses. A proper right on anyone to live wherever he or she chooses. A proper

• Responsible citizens who wish to be generous and uphold the rule of law and create a solution to the problem of illegals that doesn’t divide families or otherwise treat unjustly those who have, as Bob Royal put it, "taken advantage of a situation we have allowed to exist for too long" should demand that politicians stop playing the demagogue on this issue. Responsible citizens, while understanding the anguish of fellow-citizens along the southern border of the United States who are appalled at the situation they face on a daily basis and while demanding that the government fulfill its duty to protect the border, will also appeal to the common sense of their neighbors who imagine that deportation is a real-world solution.

Within these principles and facts, I suggest, lies an acceptable, if not perfect, solution to immigration reform.
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St. John Fort Wayne-St. Joseph Hessen Cassel soccer team, consisting of the following: front row, Maddie Strack, Aubrey Feipel, Mary Fink, Kirsten Comment, Emily Ludwig and Hanna Carteaux; second row, Haley Stronczek, Maddie Shank, Kate Eifrid, Claire Veldman, Taylor Tobe, Annie Whitman, Maddie Devlin, Sarah Sturm, Liz Kuras; and back row, Mike Stronczek, Dan Fink and Joe Strack.

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BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — After battling the rains, most of the Catholic Youth League (CYO) soccer championship games were finally played at Kreager Field on Tuesday, May 11. For the girls', the combined team from St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, and St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel defeated the seventh graders from St. Charles, 2-1, in a well-matched contest. Repeating their 2009 title, Coach Mike Stronczek explained, "The girls knew they had a difficult act to follow in their last year's undefeated season, but they were more than up to the task." The successful Lady Eagles finished with an 8-1 record. Their only loss came at the hands of the tournament's number one seed, St. Vincent, when a tying goal was scored just after the final whistle blew in the last regular season matchup of the year.

The 2010 CYO champions' roster was made up of 15 girls with a balanced mix of skilled club players, girls with speed and role players. When practice started back in March, Stronczek, along with the other Eagles' coaches, Dan Fink and Joe Strack, knew they had a special bunch of girls.

Anchored by starters from a year ago including: Hanna Carteaux, Annie Whitman, Haley Stronczek and Kate Eifrid, Stronczek added, "It was clear these women knew how to play 'the beautiful game!'"

St. John's added a group of seventh graders who provided energy, drive and skill. Stronczek described these girls, simply as "crazy" and felt they made practices and games an "absolute blast!"

Rounding out the roster for the Lady Eagles were three terrific players from Hessen Cassel: Aubrey Feipel, Mary Fink, Kirsten Comment, Emily Ludwig and Hanna Carteaux; second row, Haley Stronczek, Maddie Shank, Kate Eifrid, Claire Veldman, Taylor Tobe, Annie Whitman, Maddie Devlin, Sarah Sturm, Liz Kuras; and back row, Mike Stronczek, Dan Fink and Joe Strack.

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St. Anthony De Padua School names Roth as athletic director

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua School has named Jeff Roth to the position of athletic director. Roth is an active parent and parishioner at the school and church. He led Team 2 for the St. Anthony sixth grade during this past basketball season. The current athletic association has been instrumental in making sports an exceptional athletic experience for students of all ages. The growth and interest by students in not only ICCL sports but also in the vibrant intramural program offered to Pre-K through fourth-grade students has made the need for an athletic director who will help continue to grow, manage and direct the athletic program at the school.

Roth’s role will include working on schedules, budgets, communicating with coaches, sports coordinators and parents as well as being a strong liaison with the ICCL. Roth will also be working with the school and parish to continue creating a Christ-centered athletic environment for students and parents. St. Anthony follows the “Play Like A Champion” philosophy and Roth will continue to strengthen that area and promote character development through the various sports activities offered. A strong St. Anthony Athletic Association made up of parents will support Roth in his efforts.

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USF STUDENT-ATHLETES ACHIEVE 3.05 GPA FOR SPRING SEMESTER University of Saint Francis student-athletes excelled academically as well as athletically during the recently completed spring semester. In addition to winning the Men’s Basketball National Championship and the Mid-Central College Conference Women’s Basketball Tournament Championship, as well as sending several track performers to the NAIA Nationals, USF student-athletes recorded a combined grade point average of 3.05 on a 4.0 scale. The men’s track team took the honors for the best GPA for the men, while women’s volleyball claimed the women’s high GPA honors.
A GIFT FOR SHELBY GRUSS

BY YORK YOUNG

Imagine that one day you’re riding in a taxi or driving your car, listening to the radio, and you hear a voice unmistakably reading the Bible, one of the Gospels, in fact. But perhaps the tone sounds different, or the particular chapter and verse that is being read presents a story you might or might not be familiar with. Right there, you decide to read the four Gospels, so you are more familiar with the life and times of Jesus. Then, you decide to write essays about what you’ve read.

That, in a moderated form, is what happened to Mary Gordon — a writer of six novels, two memoirs and a several other fiction and nonfiction pieces — who is well-respected in literary circles. The published result is “Reading Jesus: A Writer’s Encounter with the Gospels” (Pantheon Books, $24.95).

Raised Catholic in the 1950s, Gordon’s adult life has been a little less religiously focused, and that is pointed out not to demean her. Adults of varying stripes fall away from the faith, sometimes permanently. Those who seek, though, often come back to the faith, or come to a relationship with God that can strengthen them.

So this may be what readers who pick up Gordon’s book may be prepared for. Unfortunately, it’s anything but. In fact, don’t read this book. I could stop there, but to earn my pay for this review, I really should give you more than 200 words, so here’s the Top 10 reasons not to read “Reading Jesus.”

10. Gordon concludes many of her chapters with a list of questions that essentially sneer at propositions that Jesus is divine.
9. Instead of delving into some of the difficult sayings of Jesus with an attempt to understand, the Lord is portrayed as just too mean — witness the fig tree incident.
8. The prose feels like Gordon is writing for her literary buddies, not for regular readers.
7. The only time she references Pope Benedict XVI is to suggest that all he cares about is “obedience and authority.”
6. She writes: “I do not know how to finish a sentence beginning with ‘I’ and including the word ‘Jesus,’” and spends several pages explaining this. How about: “I love Jesus.” Or, even less commit-tal, “I think Jesus might have been on to something.”
5. Jesus’ demands for us are too tough, according to Gordon.
4. A couple of Gospel passages seem to indicate the end time was near, perhaps within a generation or two of Jesus’ life, according to some. It didn’t occur, so Gordon points out, “so it would seem Jesus is wrong.”
3. People in the Gospels were mean to the Jews, therefore they and their teachings are not valid, she intimates.
2. She writes: “The God of love has uttered words that make it impossible for me to love Him.”
1. For Gordon, whether the Resurrection happened or not is inconsequential.

Instead of a reading of Jesus, this book is little more than a deconstruction of those who find faith and hope in the Gospels. You surely have much better books to read than this.
What’s Happening?

What’s Happening carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today’s Catholic, PO. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or e-mail: fhogan@fw.diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

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Promotion ends June 1, 2010.

Visit www.diocesefwsb.org for a complete calendar of events.

Misc. Happenings

Health and safety fair
Fort Wayne — St. Henry Catholic Church and Community Center, 3029 E. Paulding Rd., will host a health and safety fair, Saturday, May 22, from noon to 3 p.m. Sheriff’s children identification, SCAN Parent information on Internet safety, ASPCA animal safety, fire truck and free blood pressure screenings. For more information call Trina at (260) 456-8549.

German heritage celebration
Fort Wayne — In celebrating 2010 German Fest, St. Peter Church, 500 E. De Wald St., will have a German Mass and dinner on Sunday, June 6, at 11 a.m. The celebrant will be Father Charles Herman, with German music by the fort wayne Mannchor and Dannenchor under the direction of Greg Vey. Following Mass a German dinner of bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, dessert and beverages will be served in the pavilion. The cost will be $7 for adults, $5 for children 6-12 and those under 6 are free. Both the church and pavilion are handicapped accessible.

Evening of hope was a success
Arcola — An evening of hope was held Sunday, April 25, at St. Patrick Church for couples experiencing infertility. An evening of hope attendees are continuing to meet regularly for support and friendship. All women carrying the cross of infertility are welcome to join the group. For more information contact Nicki at (260) 672-2051.

NFP class to begin
South Bend — A Natural Family Planning class series will begin on Monday, May 24, from 6-8 p.m. in the Physician’s Lounge (ground floor) at the South Bend Clinic, 211 North Eddy St. The program offers instruction in the Ovulation and Sympto-Thermal Methods of family planning. This information can be used to achieve or postpone pregnancy. Contact Janet Betchter at (574) 234-5411.

FUNDRAISERS

Pancake breakfast
Fort Wayne — Knights of Columbus Council 12417 will have a pancake and sausage breakfast at our Lady of Good Hope Parish, 7215 S. Joe Rd., on Sunday, May 23, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Adults $4 and children under 10 $2.

Royal Fest announced
Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish on W. State St. will have a Royal Festival on Saturday, May 19, from noon to 4 p.m. with carnival rides and silent auction. Mass at 4 p.m. and then from 5-10 p.m. adults only with corn hole, cards, music and silent auction. Full menu available all day.

Breakfast at Hessen Cassel
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will have a pancake, egg and sausage breakfast on Sunday, May 23, from 8 a.m. to noon at the St. Joseph Hall on U.S. Hwy 27 South. Proceeds benefit the Women’s Care Center. Free will donations accepted.

St. Anthony de Padua Church and school Port-A-Pit fundraiser
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Church and School will have a Nelson’s Port-A-Pit chicken fundraiser Friday, May 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the school parking lot, 2210 E. Jefferson Blvd. Tickets are available for pre-sale from any school family or the Parish Office. Half-chickens will be sold for $5 each. Order forms can also be found at www.stanthonysb.org. Proceeds will help fund much-needed carpet replacement in each classroom.

Devotions

First Saturday devotions
The First Saturday Devotions on June 5, will be held at these locations: Fort Wayne — St. Joseph, 7:15 a.m.; St. Charles, 8 a.m.; Sacred Heart, 7:30 a.m.; Arcola — St. Patrick, 7:15 a.m.; Garrett — St. Joseph, 9 a.m.; St. Louis Besancon, 8:10 a.m.; New Haven — St. John, 6:55 a.m.; Warsaw — Sacred Heart, 8 a.m.; North Manchester — St. Robert, 8 a.m. For changes call (260) 459-7731.

Vespers to be sung
Mishawaka — Father Daniel Scheidt will lead sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, at 5 p.m. at Queen of Peace Church.

Position Opening

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church (South Bend) seeks a part-time Director of Youth Ministry. This position furthers the mission of the Parish by directing a comprehensive youth ministry program to high school (and, to a lesser degree, junior high school) students, in accordance with the U.S. Bishops’ document, Renewing the Vision. Youth Ministry at St. Joseph Parish aims to bring young people closer to Christ and his Church. Programming includes Sunday evening gatherings (thematically structured around catechesis, community-building, and reflection/discussion), prayer and liturgy, retreats, service opportunities, and a summer mission trip.

Qualified applicants will have a love for the Church and demonstrate a commitment to its teachings and mission. Applicants must possess a bachelor’s degree (or be on track to receive a bachelor’s degree) and have at least one year of related ministry experience. The successful candidate will also be open to the questions and concerns of young people, will have an enthusiastic and encouraging spirit, will be committed to works of charity and service, and will have the capacity to carry out administrative tasks.

Hours are flexible and include evening and weekend meetings and events. Qualified candidates should send a letter of introduction and resume to:

St. Joseph Parish
226 N. Hill Street
South Bend, IN 46617

Questions may be directed to Fr. John DelRiso, CSC, Pastor, at (574) 234-3134, ext. 20.
Bishop D’Arcy receives President’s Medal at Saint Mary’s College commencement

NOTRE DAME — Most Rev. John M. D’Arcy, bishop-emeritus of the Diocese of Fort-Wayne South Bend, and John J. O’Connor, outgoing chair of the college’s board of trustees were the recipients of the prestigious President’s Medal at the 163rd Annual Commencement at Saint Mary’s College, held Saturday, May 15. The medal is presented rarely and exclusively to those who have offered exceptional contributions to the life of the college and society.

Bishop D’Arcy, who retired in January, has been a faithful servant to the people of the Diocese of Fort-Wayne-South Bend for 25 years. As bishop, he engaged in ongoing dialogue with four Saint Mary’s presidents, and in 1991, Bishop D’Arcy received an honorary degree from the college. He participated regularly in campus events and enjoyed a climate of trust, mutual understanding and shared vision with the college.

As his citation reads, “Always pastoral, he frequently celebrated Mass with students. He lingered long afterward to answer questions and engage in conversation with the young women who were interested in deepening their faith. As the celebrant of our baccalaureate Mass, he shared the story of his graduation without any special honors, not even the prize for religion. He told students and parents that the greatest award of all, the one that counted most, was their diploma from Saint Mary’s College.” John J. O’Connor, of New Canaan, Conn., is the president and secretary of the State University of New York and also the president of its Research Foundation. The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive university system in the United States. He brought more than 25 years of senior level expertise in higher education to his position on the Saint Mary’s College Board of Trustees. He serves as a director of the American Ditchley Foundation, the King Juan Carlos Foundation, and a fellow of the British Royal Society for the Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce.

Most trustees have long ties to the college as either alumnae or parents. O’Connor is neither of these, a fact that makes his 12 years of service even more extraordinary. He has been a wise counsel to two presidents and a dedicated leader in his position as chair of the board. Trustee Mary L. Burke, 1985, was elected as the new chair of the board at the body’s most recent meeting, April 22-23.

Serrans present Christian Leadership Awards

FORT WAYNE — The 2010 Christian Leadership Award winners from Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers attended a luncheon in their honor on May 7. Principal J. Fred Tone from Bishop Dwenger and Pastoral Minister Sue Mathias from Bishop Luers introduced their students and their achievements at the respective schools.

Bishop Dwenger senior Stacey Litchfield, who is a parishioner at St. Mary of the Assumption in Avilla, has been an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist there. She was also instrumental in starting the Rosary Club and has been a member of the school orchestra. Litchfield plans to attend the University of Saint Francis.

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Representatives from Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne are Father Dave Ruppert, pastor of St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne, Miranda Jackson, Greg Jackson, Rosie Jackson, Principal Mary Keefe, campus minister Sue Mathias, Cynthia Welling, Michael Welling, Ed Welling and Father Cyril Fernandes, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne.

GRADUATION AND ON TO PRIESTHOOD

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