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Women's Care Center dedicated

Honors Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — “We ask for grace upon this center and on all who work here, volunteer here and who come here for help,” said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the May 24 dedication and blessing of the newest addition to the list of area Women’s Care Centers (WCC) — the Most Reverend John M. D’Arcy Women’s Care Center. Located at 921 Coliseum Blvd., directly across from an area abortion clinic, the facility has been named for Bishop D’Arcy after receiving a generous gift from Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) in his name. The amount of \$100,000, one of two monetary retirement gifts Bishop D’Arcy received from OSV for his favorite charities, was used to equip the new care center.

Bobby Williams, director of development for the Women’s Care Centers, began the dedication ceremony with introductions and gratitude to all who support the center. After an eloquent history of the Women’s Care Center, Williams presented Bishop D’Arcy with a large plaque that will identify the building in his name. “Bishop D’Arcy has been a good shepherd, walking with us ever step of the way,” said Williams.

Bishop Rhoades then took the floor to invoke prayer from those gathered as they reflected on a reading from Ephesians read by Rev. Ron Francis, pastor emeritus of St. Paul Lutheran Church in New Haven, who continues to be active in the pro-life movement.

Ann Koehl, Allen county director of the Women’s Care Center, offered the responsorial psalm, after which Bishop D’Arcy addressed the crowd of over 100 supporters.

“One of the blessings is the work God has done

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Bishop John M. D’Arcy, left, is presented with the plaque during the dedication ceremony on May 24, that will hang at the newest Women’s Care Center on Coliseum Blvd. in Fort Wayne. The center has been named the Most Reverend John M. D’Arcy Women’s Care Center in honor of the enduring support the bishop has given the centers which are open to expectant mothers in the diocese and surrounding area.

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YEAR of our PRIESTS

BY MARK WEBER



FATHER TIM WROZEK

As the Year for Priests comes to a close, as well as this series of articles, which has provided a local focus on priests in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, there is a particular statement that has been repeated, in

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Corpus Christi celebrates Spanish Mass and procession

BY KAY COZAD

SOUTH BEND — St. Matthew Cathedral will be the site for a special premiere event hosted by the Office of Hispanic Ministry on Sunday, June 6. The feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated there with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at an all-Spanish Mass at 1 p.m., followed by a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of South Bend.

Those parish groups who will participate in the procession will meet in the back of the cathedral following Mass for brief instructions. Each group will accompany the Blessed Sacrament, carrying their own unique Eucharistic banner as witness to their

faith in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The procession, first blessed by Bishop Rhoades in the cathedral, will track a 1.7 mile route through the streets of South Bend from Dubail and High to Franklin and Culvert streets where it will culminate at Our Lady of Hungary Parish with Benediction.

The route follows the neighborhood streets surrounding the cathedral where close to 350 Hispanic families reside. Enid Roman-DeJesus, director of the diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, said not only is this event a celebration of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ but that, “The bishop invites the community to bring Christ into the

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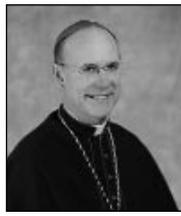
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Holy Spirit is the principal agent of the Church's evangelization



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Pentecost Sunday

With the feast of Pentecost, we have come to the end of the Easter season. For 50 days, we have celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus, the crowning truth of our Catholic faith. On Pentecost, the Apostles, gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem with the Blessed Virgin Mary, received the Holy Spirit. The new life derived from Christ in His resurrection was infused by the Holy Spirit into their souls. They became courageous witnesses to Christ's resurrection and went forth, strengthened by the Spirit, to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church and strengthens us to bear witness to the Lord Jesus in the world today. Since the day of Pentecost, the great family of the Church has borne witness to Christ, filled with that fire of love, which is bestowed upon us by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the principal agent of the Church's evangelizing activity. The Holy Spirit helps all of us to live, spread and defend our faith. May the Holy Spirit enlighten and guide all of us as we strive to follow the Lord Jesus each day!

The Sacrament of Confirmation

During the past two weeks, I have celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation at the following churches: St. John the Evangelist in Goshen, St. Matthew Cathedral (for St. Monica, St. Bavo and St. Joseph parishes in Mishawaka), St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne, Sacred Heart in Warsaw and Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne. Today, Pentecost Sunday, I confirmed adults at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. In this beautiful sacrament, our candidates become more firmly united to Christ and to His Church.

I still have several Confirmation Masses to celebrate in the coming weeks. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit that our newly confirmed Catholics receive bear abundant fruit in the vineyard of the Lord!

Graduations

This is a season not only of Confirmations, but also of graduations. Congratulations to all the graduates of our colleges, high schools and elementary schools!

On May 14, I had the joy of celebrating the baccalaureate Mass for the graduates of Saint Mary's College. This was my first visit to Saint Mary's and I am truly grateful for the warm welcome I received from President Carol Mooney and the administration and faculty of Saint Mary's. The baccalaureate Mass at Saint Mary's was beautiful. I told the graduates that each of them has received a call, a personal vocation, and has a unique part to play in God's saving plan, in building up the Body of Christ, the Church, and in extending Christ's Kingdom. I reflected on the words of



PROVIDED BY SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades processes into Angela Athletic Facility at Saint Mary's College to celebrate the baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 14, the day before commencement. The Mass celebrates the achievements of Saint Mary's Class of 2010. It was the first time Bishop Rhoades had visited the college and the first time he celebrated Mass there since his installation in January.

Jesus in the Gospel that day: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." We prayed that the graduates would go forth to do the works of the Lord, to bear fruit that will endure.

After the Mass, I had the pleasure of meeting many of the Saint Mary's graduates and their families, including several from our diocese and from the Diocese of Harrisburg. At a dinner reception, I met the co-valedictorians of the class, two very impressive young women, both from Kokomo, in the diocese of Lafayette: Carly O'Connor and Audrey Marrah. Carly will be continuing her education at the Pope John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Washington, D.C. She hopes to serve in family life ministry in the Church. Audrey will be going to Guyana in South America to do mission work with the Mercy Volunteer Corps. How beautiful it is to see such young people using their talents in the service of the Church!

I also participated in the baccalaureate Mass and graduation at the University of Notre Dame that same weekend. Then, I shifted to our eighth-grade graduates, celebrating Mass for the graduates of 20 of our Catholic schools in the South Bend area at St. Matthew Cathedral on May 17. I remained in South Bend that evening for Catholic Schools' Night at the Silver Hawks baseball game, where I stood on the pitcher's mound in a light rain to throw out the first pitch. I got the ball over the plate, though the umpire, Msgr. Michael Heintz, was very generous in calling it a "strike!"

This coming week, I move onto our high school baccalaureate Masses. I am looking forward to praying with our graduates from

Marian, Saint Joe's and Bishop Luers High Schools. Bishop D'Arcy will be celebrating the baccalaureate Mass at Bishop Dwenger High School, the same night as the baccalaureate Mass at Saint Joseph's.

Education for Ministry graduates

On May 11, I celebrated Evening Prayer at the St. Theodore Guérin Chapel with the 47 graduates of our Education for Ministry program. For two years, these devoted men and women have gathered for classes in theology, preparing to serve the Church in a variety of ministries throughout our diocese. It is certainly impressive to see the dedication of these generous men and women to service in the Church. Special thanks to Our Sunday Visitor for funding this important program!

Deacon candidates

I had my first gathering with the 11 men in formation for the permanent diaconate in our diocese on May 15. I celebrated Mass with them on that day in which they were gathered for a weekend retreat directed by Father Jim Schafer. Using the example of St. Isidore the Farmer, whose feast day it was, I spoke to our deacon candidates about prayer. St. Isidore, a simple, peasant farmer got up early every morning to attend Mass, and then prayed constantly throughout the day while working in the fields. Interestingly, his wife, Maria de la Cabeza, is also a saint. This married couple is a beautiful example for all of living an ordinary life with deep faith and fervent charity. They were also known for their generosity to the poor, though they were poor themselves.

I am looking forward to the ordination of these deacon candidates next May. Speaking of deacon ordinations, this past Saturday I returned to Harrisburg to ordain 23 men as permanent deacons. I was happy to be invited back (they are still waiting for a new bishop in Harrisburg) since I accepted these men into the diaconate program and had been a part of their formation the past four years.

Concordia Lutheran Seminary

On May 18, Bishop D'Arcy and I were guests of Dr. Dean Wenthe, president of Concordia Lutheran Seminary, in Fort Wayne for a luncheon with him and some of the seminary faculty. We had a very enjoyable conversation about our ecumenical relationship and discussed ways for future collaboration and activities together. I was particularly happy to see our shared beliefs and common commitment in several areas of moral teaching, particularly regarding the sanctity of life and the sacredness of marriage as instituted by God. I look forward to a strong relationship with Concordia in the years ahead.

The Lord desires the unity of all Christians. May the Holy Spirit help us who believe to be one in heart and soul!

Holy Spirit creates unity, universality of Church, pope says

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The gift of the Holy Spirit creates the unity and universality of the Catholic Church, overcoming barriers of nationality and language and opening people's hearts to work with and serve one another, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"The Church is, by its nature, one and universal, destined to live among all nations, all peoples and in the most varied social contexts," the pope said May 23 during his homily at a Mass celebrating the feast of Pentecost.

The gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out on the Apostles on the first Pentecost, continues to be given to Jesus' disciples, the pope said.

Where there are tensions and misunderstandings, the Spirit "creates unity and understanding," he said. And in the modern world, when many people see themselves simply as "individuals in competition or in conflict with one another," the Spirit "opens them to the experience of communion" and helps them form one Church, he said.

"Unity is the sign of recognition, the 'calling card' of the Church," he said.

The unity of believers is important in parishes and dioceses, Pope Benedict said, but it also is essential that local Catholic communities are in full union with the universal Church and its head, the pope.

Pope Benedict also said the Holy Spirit's constant movement



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

Pope Benedict XVI gives Communion to a choir boy during Mass on Pentecost in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican May 23.

toward unity is a key tool for determining whether a person or action is truly Christian.

"If a person or a community is closed off in its own way of thinking or acting, it is a sign that it has moved away from the Holy Spirit," the pope said.

But, he said, the Holy Spirit's unifying action does not grind away all differences among believers; rather, it values different gifts and helps people place them at the service of the entire Church.

"The Church is never a prisoner of political, racial and cultural boundaries; it cannot be confused with nations or even federations of nations because its unity is of a different kind and aspires to cross all human frontiers," he said.

The pope said the Church can

be a sign and instrument of unity "only if it remains autonomous from every nation and every particular culture."

While he did not mention specific countries or areas of the world in his Pentecost homily, the pope did offer special prayers for Catholics in China when he recited the "Regina Coeli" prayer after Mass.

Pope Benedict has designated May 24 — the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians — as a day of prayer for the Church in China.

"While the faithful in China are praying for deeper unity among themselves and with the universal church, Catholics — especially those of Chinese origin — around the world are uniting with them in prayer and charity," the pope said.

Cardinal backs bill fixing health reform law on abortion, conscience

BY NANCY FRAZIERR O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A bipartisan bill before the House of Representatives would bring the new health reform law "into line with policies on abortion and conscience rights that have long prevailed in other federal health programs," said the head of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

In a May 20 letter to House members, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston urged passage of H.R. 5111, legislation proposed by Reps. Joseph Pitts, R-Pa., and Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., and co-sponsored by 91 other House members.

"Efforts to ensure that our healthcare system serves the life, health and conscience of all will be a legislative goal of the Catholic bishops in the months to come," Cardinal DiNardo said.

The cardinal warned, however, that if "these genuine problems are not addressed in their own right, they will be taken up and used as ammunition by those who favor repealing (the health reform law) outright, which would eliminate the positive as well as negative aspects of the new law."

Cardinal DiNardo said the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama March 23, was "an important step toward ensuring access to health coverage for all Americans" but was "profoundly flawed in its treatment of abortion, conscience rights and fairness to immigrants."

Cardinal DiNardo said H.R. 5111, called the Protect Life Act, would address problems in the areas of abortion and conscience rights in five ways. It would:

- Ensure that all funds "authorized or appropriated" by the new health reform law would be cov-

ered by the Hyde amendment, which limits federal funding of abortions to cases of rape, incest and danger to the mother's life.

- Prevent the use of federal funds to subsidize health plans that cover abortions beyond those permitted by the Hyde amendment, consistent with the policy already in place for Medicaid and Medicare, the Children's Health Insurance Program and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

- Restore a conscience provision approved by the House last November to ensure that federal, state and local governmental entities receiving federal funds may not discriminate against health care providers who decline to participate in abortions.

- Stipulate that state laws restricting abortion or protecting conscience rights will not be preempted by the federal health reform law.

PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES



- Sunday, May 30, 11 a.m. — Adult Confirmation Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, May 31, 6 p.m. — Visit to Center for the Homeless, South Bend
- Wednesday, June 2, 12:05 p.m. — Mass and visit at University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, June 3, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Elkhart
- Friday, June 4, 7 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Our Lady of Hungary Church, South Bend
- Saturday, June 5, 11 a.m. — Talk and luncheon at Men's Discernment Retreat, St. Francis Convent, Mishawaka
- Saturday, June 5, 2 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at St. Patrick Church, Ligonier

Saint Joseph's High School's Fed Challenge team wins nationals

SOUTH BEND — A Saint Joseph's High School team of five students and two faculty coaches has done what no other Catholic high school has ever done nationally before — won the National Competition for Fed Challenge.

Seniors Elizabeth Everett, Theodora Hannan, Donny MacDonell, Angela Watkins and sophomore Joseph Watkins moved through the state and regional competition to find themselves sitting at the table of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in the National Competition in Washington, D.C., on May 18.

Each Fed Challenge team presents an analysis of the current state of the economy backed by current economic data and a monetary policy recommendation for the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC). After the presentation, judges question the team about their presentation and their knowledge of macroeconomic theory. Federal Reserve governors and Reserve Bank presidents judge the national finals.

This talented group of students and their coaches, Julia Chismar and Phil DePauw, had the incredible thrill of hearing the countdown placement among the teams, starting with the fourth-place finisher, and hearing Saint Joseph's High School announced as the first-place winner. Thanks to the world of modern technology, word of their National Championship reached the halls of Saint Joe within moments of the announcement.

A joyous contingent of friends, family and teachers was on hand to welcome them home at the South Bend Regional Airport. An escort of police cars, a motorcycle and a fire truck led the team and enthusiastic fans back to Saint Joseph's. Blaring sirens and blasting horns announced the arrival of



SUSAN LIGHTCAP

Saint Joseph's High School's Fed Challenge team was the first Catholic school to win a national championship May 18 in Washington, D.C.

the national champions to the awaiting crowd at Saint Joe. A celebration, which surely began on Tuesday in Washington, continued on the streets of South Bend and the steps of Saint Joseph's.

Angela Watkins commented, "This is the highlight of my entire high school career. I've never had so much fun! It couldn't have been a better team! I'll never forget it."

Donny MacDonell added, "I couldn't have asked for anything better when it comes to my Fed Challenge experience. Coming back from a tough loss last year (Angela and Donny were both on the 2009 team), this was the best possible outcome. I am so proud of everything my team and I have accomplished."

Sophomore member Joe Watkins was a man of few words, "We are the national champions. We were better than everyone else."

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response to the question, "What made you want to be a priest?" That answer, with slight variations, was, "I wanted to be like him," with reference to a particular priest admired by a boy of grade school age, often an acolyte for a certain priest.

Just last week, I was in the midst of a congregation of grade school students, which quite possibly may have included one or more such undeclared candidates for priesthood. This was the 1:30 p.m. Wednesday School Mass at the St. Joseph campus of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School with Father Tim Wrozek, celebrant.

With up-tempo music and a few ad lib "shout-outs" between the celebrant and the student congregation, Father Wrozek minimizes his presence and brings the student body into a full mystical embrace of the sacrificial love taking place at the altar.

Tim Wrozek's own childhood in Jackson, Mich., did not include aspirations to the priesthood. His idea of a happy life mirrored what he was part of, a large family. He wanted marriage, kids and a good job, but that had to wait while he joined the Navy and became a Radioman Second Class.

While serving in the Pacific, were thoughts of the priesthood really occluded? If so, why, when the U.S.S. Okinawa was at sea with no chaplain on board, did Radioman Wrozek step forward to improvise a Catholic scriptural service which many non-Catholic sailors attended ... and why did he find quiet satisfaction leading this service?

After the Navy, college at Western Michigan University followed with the job and family goal once again in place. The job was to be in teaching but failed to materialize. What did show up

was an executive job with the Boy Scouts of America. As an Eagle Scout, Tim was well suited for this position which required him to recruit, train and inspire volunteers to do the work of Scouting.

Tim was happy in his work, and after 10 years, a promotion required that he move to Fort Wayne.

It was at this point in his life that he considered becoming a permanent deacon in the Catholic Church. It looked like a perfect setup; he could continue his job, which he enjoyed. He had a good salary and he could do sacramental work of the Church, so he went for it and was ordained as a permanent deacon in June 1983 by Bishop William E. McManus.

Life as a deacon presented an unforeseen angle. Friends and parishioners he only knew casually suggested that he should consider priesthood. "You would be a good priest!" they said.

Tim liked the level he was at and did his best to suppress such thoughts of advancement, but at the end of one year, he requested permission to enter the seminary, and in five more years was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop John M. D'Arcy in 1988.

Years after growing up in a parish dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker in Jackson, Mich., Father Tim Wrozek finds a level of spiritual bliss as pastor of St. Joseph the Worker in Fort Wayne. He is uplifted by his part in bringing the sacraments to others. In Reconciliation he sees the penitent experiencing forgiveness from the Holy Spirit. In Anointing the Sick, he sees an example of how to die, and in Baptism and his Mass with students, he sees innocence and hope and faith.

"My aim and goal with my Mass for the kids is to have them love Mass and love giving worship and praise to God."

In observing Father Wrozek's student Mass, one can see how certain students may love the Mass to the point where they see themselves as someday offering it for others.

As the pill marks its 50th year, promises remain unfulfilled

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Fifty years ago this May, the Food and Drug Administration gave its approval for the use of a combination of the hormones progesterone and estrogen that the pharmaceutical company Searle said would prevent pregnancy 99.7 percent of the time.

Known simply as "the pill," it was a development that was heralded as the liberation of women from male domination that would lead to fewer divorces and a steep decline in the number of unwanted pregnancies and in the number of abortions. But statistics show just the opposite.

"It's very easy to find summaries from that time of everything that was promised," said Helen Alvare, an associate professor of law at George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, Va.

"There would be greater equality for women; they would no longer be essentially slaves to their biology," she added. "(The pill) was supposed to reduce unwanted births and the number of people looking for abortions and to increase the well-being of children, because only wanted children would be born."

But it didn't turn out that way.

In a talk called "Contraception: Why Not?" that has been reprinted or downloaded more than a million times since it was first delivered in 1994, moral theologian Janet Smith said "it was not a stupid expectation" in the 1960s "that contraceptives would make for better marriages, fewer unwanted pregnancies, fewer abortions."

"But I think the cultural evidence today shows absolutely the contrary," added Smith, now a professor of moral theology who holds the Father Michael J. McGivney chair in life ethics at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

There are plenty of statistics that prove her point:

- As the use of the pill became more widespread, the divorce rate doubled from 25 percent of all U.S. marriages in 1965 to 50 percent in 1975. Only when the United States had reached the point that all women who wanted access to the pill had gotten it did the divorce rate level off, Smith contends.

- Although the percentage of pregnancies that were "unintended" in 1960 is hard to pinpoint, 6 percent of white children and 22 percent of black children were born out of wedlock that year, Smith says. By the mid-2000s, one-third of white births, 70 percent of black births and half of Hispanic births were to unwed mothers. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy says more than 3 mil-



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When first introduced, the birth control pill was heralded as a development that would lead to fewer divorces and a steep decline in the number of unwanted pregnancies and in the number of abortions. Fifty years later cultural evidence shows those expectations to be unfulfilled.

lion of the 6.4 million pregnancies in the United States annually are unplanned; about 1.2 million of those result in abortions each year.

- Although abortion did not become legal throughout the United States until 12 years after the advent of the pill, the availability of birth control has not reduced abortions, which totaled more than 45 million between 1973 and 2005. The number of abortions slightly decreased each year in the 2000s, but few credit the pill for the decline. The Guttmacher Institute says about 54 percent of women who have abortions used a method of contraception during the month they became pregnant.

- The well-being of children has declined by a variety of measures, from depression to diet to the number living in poverty and the number experiencing child abuse or neglect, according to the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics.

The belief persists, however, that the pill has had a positive influence on the lives of children, families and especially women.

Fifty-six percent of respondents to a CBS News poll in early May said they thought the pill had improved women's lives, although men (59 percent) thought so more than women (54 percent) did.

Half of the respondents also thought the birth control pill had improved American family life, but opinions differed widely depending on the respondents' religion. Only 38 percent of Catholics and 41 percent of white evangelicals thought the pill had improved family life, but 52 percent of mainline Protestants thought so.

The margin of error for the CBS News poll was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Alvare, who served for many years as the U.S. bishops' chief

pro-life spokeswoman, believes that the achievements women have made toward obtaining equal treatment with men have "nothing to do with the chemicals they've swallowed."

Even though women today might have "access to places and positions that once belonged to men," that "isn't a full measure of women's equality and dignity," she added. "They are now in all the places where men were, but they have never been seen more as sex objects than they are now."

The major disconnect caused by the arrival of the pill has been a loss of "the idea that men and women make babies," Alvare said. "In any literature today about sex, it seems that unprotected sex makes babies" or even that technology can make babies apart from any human connection.

"That whole package of love, the intimate sharing of life was broken apart by the pill," she said. And as technological advances in artificial reproduction are made, "the idea that God plays a role in procreation" is lost in favor of the idea that "technology does or the failure to use it does," she added.

The Catholic Church's teaching that artificial birth control is morally wrong was reaffirmed by Pope Paul VI in 1968 in the encyclical "Humane Vitae ("Of Human Life").

Writing recently in a blog for the Ontario-based National Post, Canadian writer Barbara Kay said the pill "coincided with, and arguably caused, the greatest paradigm shift in relations between the sexes in all of human history."

In the 50 years since its arrival, Kay said, "we have hardly even begun to take an honest cultural measure of what has been gained and what has been lost in the transition."

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Three sisters to join the ranks of centenarians

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — It is not often that three religious sisters turn 100 years of age during the same spring. Sisters Francis Rose Ruppert, Lourdes Kelly and Rose Veronica Mattingly will join the ranks of Sisters of the Holy Cross centenarians, including Sisters Aloysia Marie Mulcaire, Helen Patrice Whelan, Joseph Marie Cuminsky and Laurentia Boyle.

A very lively Sister Lourdes was born May 20, 1910, and entered the community in 1935 at age 24. She was born in Dublin, Ireland, came to the United States specifically to join the Sisters of the Holy Cross. Her sister, Sister Martha, was already a member of the congregation.

She was very influenced by two religious sister friends of her mother who visited her family. They encouraged her in her desire to be a sister. Another influence was Sister Margaret, who always accompanied her sister, Sister Martha, when she came on her home visits.

"Margaret encouraged me to become a sister and join Holy Cross. My sister, however, didn't think I had a vocation, but finally agreed to take me back to the United States with them," she said. "I have never regretted it, and God has blessed me a hundredfold."

When asked what she wanted to do for a ministry, she told the superior that she just wanted to be a sister. Sister Lourdes just assumed she would be a housekeeper "like the Blessed Mother." She was shocked when her first assignment was to go to St. Joseph Grade School in South Bend. It was a good move because she really enjoyed teaching and she got along well with the students.

"Most were children of people (at St. Joseph's) who came from Ireland and they were thrilled." This began a full life of teaching.

Asked what she attributes her long life to, she said it was good genes and a healthy lifestyle. Attitude is important too, and she gives this wise advice, "It is all in the hands of God and the Blessed Mother. Give your life completely or you won't be happy."

"I have never looked back because I feel close to God and the Blessed Mother. I have learned to pray and accept the crosses and now I am ready to meet the Lord."

Her advice to everyone is to "Just talk to our Blessed Lady like a real mother and say the rosary every day."



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Sisters of the Holy Cross who are enjoying a century of life include, from left, Sisters Lourdes, Francis Rose and Rose Veronica.

June 6 marks the 100th birthday of Sister Rose Veronica Mattingly, who was born in Nashport, Ohio, just outside of Zanesville. She had three sisters and one brother. Two of her sisters entered religious life. One joined the Dominican Sisters of Peace and the other, Sister Regina Dolores, entered Holy Cross.

Although Sisters of the Holy Cross never taught her, she did have a great-aunt in the congregation, and she was one of the inspirations that led Sister Rose Veronica to eventually join the community.

"I wanted to become closer to God and be as helpful to him as I could," she said. "I was interested in the spiritual life from the time I was very young."

Like Sister Lourdes, most of her life was spent in the classroom. She taught for 51 years in schools in the West and Midwest. After her teaching career ended, she went home to care for her parents and then to Columbus, Ohio, to be with Sister Regina Dolores, who was very ill.

In 1981 she began a new ministry with the elderly in Columbus. "We made home visits to the elderly, especially in the northern part of Franklin County," she said. "That was a very satisfying experience because we were able to allow many people to retain their independence rather than go to a home or a hospital. I could still drive then, so I was able to take them to the doctor or to other places they needed to go, and it was a great pleasure to continue to be of service for so long. I was 88 when I left, and many of the people I was helping were younger than I was."

After 17 years she came to Saint Mary's in Notre Dame, where she is very active and par-

ticipates in all the activities and community gatherings. She continues to develop her gift of art and two years ago took a beginning Spanish class. One would never guess she will soon celebrate her 100th birthday.

What does she attribute to her long life? She credits "good senses and lots of activity."

Sister Francis Rose Ruppert will also soon join the ranks of Holy Cross centenarians. Born June 18, 1910, in Washington, D.C., she attended the Academy of the Holy Cross. She entered the congregation after graduation. She chose Holy Cross because "I really liked them." She was in the middle of eight children, all of whom lived a long life. Her sister Erma lived to be 100. "Our family has good genes," she said.

Much like Sisters Lourdes and Rose Veronica, the majority of Sister Francis Rose's active life has been in teaching and religious education. "I taught every grade from second through college. I got educated along the way."

In her later years she was engaged in retreat work and spiritual direction at Mary's Solitude on the grounds of Saint Mary's. At a ripe old age she spent a year ministering in Bangladesh. She "retired" in 1997 and lives in Queen of Peace Convent at Saint Mary's where her ministry is to pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

Her advice to those who want to live long is "Work hard and live a good, honest life."

Heritage Fund awards 27 grants totaling \$149,000

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has awarded 27 grants totaling \$149,000 from the St. Mary's Heritage Fund to various organizations from throughout the diocese, including parishes, schools and agencies. Total requests amounted to \$739,828.88. The following were awarded grants upon the approval of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades:

Parishes — \$33,000

Fort Wayne:

- St. Joseph — \$5,000 for tuition assistance for distressed parish families at St. Joseph/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

- St. Mary — \$5,000 for Ave Maria House Emergency Assistance Fund

- St. Patrick — \$10,000 for tuition assistance for nine student parishioners at St. John the Baptist, Queen of Angels, Bishop Luers and St. Charles Borromeo schools

South Bend:

- St. Casimir — \$6,000 to help pay part-time adult education coordinator for English as a New Language Program

Area:

- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw — \$2,000 to beautify and safeguard entrance to the church

- St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — \$5,000 to start a day-care for Hispanic working families

Schools — \$108,000

Fort Wayne:

- Bishop Luers High School — \$25,000 to provide Catholic education for families who want one

- Queen of Angels — \$10,000 for financial aid

- St. Therese — \$4,000 for families in need

- St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel — \$6,000 for tuition assistance

South Bend:

- Holy Cross — \$2,000 to match Freedom 22 scholarship funds

- Holy Family — \$5,000 for tuition assistance to match up with Freedom 22

- Our Lady of Hungary — \$7,000 part-time resource teacher

- St. Adalbert — \$20,000 for scholarships for students in need
- St. John the Baptist — \$3,000 for tuition assistance

- Corpus Christi — \$5,000 to provide financial assistance to those in need

Area:

- Marian High School, Mishawaka — \$10,000 for financial aid for minority students

- St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$3,000 for tuition assistance

- St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart — \$4,000 for tuition assistance for Hispanic families

- St. Aloysius, Yoder — \$1,000 for tuition assistance for families in need

- St. Mary, Avilla - \$3,000 for tuition assistance

Agencies — \$33,000

Fort Wayne:

- Vincent Village — \$8,320 to provide supervised tutoring, educational and recreational activities for homeless children and \$1,680 to send six homeless children to camp for one week

- Catholic Charities — \$10,000 to provide financial assistance for parish referrals

- Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinic — \$4,000 for medications for Burmese patients

- The Franciscan Center — \$2,000 toward St. Joseph's Medicine Cabinet Program

South Bend:

- Christ Child Society — \$2,000 for winter clothing services

- St. Vincent de Paul, St. Joseph County — \$5,000 for programmatic expenditures associated with the area of most need

The \$3-million endowment fund was established in 1997 to provide financial assistance to the poor and needy throughout the diocese. The St. Mary's Heritage Fund was created through the collaboration of the late St. Mary's Pastor, Father Tom O'Connor, and parishioners using money received from fire insurance on the historic church. Since its inception, the fund has awarded annual grants totaling \$3,220,347.88 from interest gained on the fund's principal.

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Maritime Mass gives special recognition to those affected by oil spill

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Mass for mariners and people of the sea celebrated in Washington May 22 took on special significance in light of the massive oil spill endangering people's livelihoods and sea life in the Gulf of Mexico. Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, the main celebrant and homilist, dedicated part of his homily to the situation. "Perhaps it takes a tragedy such as the events in the Gulf of Mexico to remind us of how life-giving the water is and how it touches all of us in one way or another" said the archbishop. Hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Apostleship of the Sea national office and the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, the Mass was celebrated in the Crypt Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Concelebrants were Scalabrinian Father Anthony Dall Balcon, Msgr. William Cuddy Jr. and Father Joseph Opalda. Since November 2005, the U.S. bishops have declared May 22 as the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea. The Mass was celebrated to commemorate merchant mariners, seafarers, fish and water workers, port personnel and others in the maritime community.

Vatican greets development of first synthetic cell with caution

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The successful development of a synthetic cell can have many practical applications, but the technology must be regulated, said the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*. A team of geneticists in the United States announced May 20 that it had created a living artificial cell. After mapping on a computer the complete DNA code of a bacterium, the team led by J. Craig Venter, inserted the synthesized DNA into a bacteria cell, which was then able to replicate and be controlled by the synthetic genome. Synthetic cells could be used to convert carbon dioxide into fuel or to create new vaccines for treating diseases, Venter told CNN May 22. The Vatican newspaper emphasized that scientists had not created life, but had "substituted one of its engines." Venter's creation has produced "an interesting result," which could have many applications, but the new technology "must have rules, just like everything that lies at the heart of life," it said in an article May 23.

PARISHIONERS CONTINUE ROUND-THE-CLOCK VIGIL



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Eleven-year-old triplets Scott, Christian and Sean Arnold help keep a round-the-clock vigil at the closed St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Church in Scituate, Mass., May 21. The Arnold family has kept watch inside the church nearly every Friday night since the parish was shuttered by the Archdiocese of Boston in October 2004. The Vatican supreme court recently denied the appeals of parishioners trying to save 10 churches the archdiocese closed that year. The decision means that the process to close the parishes complied with canon law.

U.S., Mexican president meet; bishops urge them to focus on migration

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the presidents of the United States and Mexico declared their intentions to work together on immigration-related problems and other issues, the bishops who head the migration committees of the two nations called on them to critically examine their immigration policies "and their adverse impact on human beings." In prepared statements at the White House Rose Garden May 19, Presidents Barack Obama and Felipe Calderon noted that in earlier talks that day, the two had paid special attention to migration issues, particularly the recently passed Arizona law which, among other provisions, requires officers to arrest those they encounter in the course of police work if they are not able to provide documentation of their legal status. Both Obama and Calderon criticized the law and said they would work to address border-related problems, including drug and human smuggling. Other topics of the presidents' talks included trade, the environment, hemispheric cooperation and battling crime. In a state-

ment released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Mexican Episcopal Conference, Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, who heads the U.S. bishops' migration committee, and Bishop Rafael Romo Munoz of Tijuana, Mexico, who heads the Mexican bishops' migration commission, said that while they "respect the obligation of both countries to ensure the integrity of their borders and the security of their peoples, we believe they can achieve these goals without sacrificing the basic human dignity and rights of the migrant."

Evangelization is urgent task in contemporary culture, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Spreading the Gospel message has become a more urgent and in some ways more difficult task in a contemporary culture that tends to exclude God, Pope Benedict XVI said. Modern evangelizers need to be prepared for resistance, other types of trials and even persecution as they announce Christ, he said in a talk May 21 to officials of Pontifical Mission Societies meeting in Rome. The pope described

the Church's missionary duty as "immense," especially because the modern age is marked by "a lack of wisdom and reflection and the spread of a humanism that excludes God." Nevertheless, he said, announcing the Gospel remains an "immeasurable service" that the church performs for the world, because "no people or sector of society should be deprived of the light and grace of Christ." Modern-day missionaries will inevitably face problems and suffering because "they run into the resistance and the powers of this world," the pope said.

People of faith want pipes that carry Internet data to be 'agnostic'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It's one of those situations where context makes all the difference. In the world of religious belief, faith leaders want their people soundly committed to their faith, not agnostic, defined as a person who believes that the human mind "cannot know" whether there is a God. But many faith leaders would like the pipes that carry Internet traffic to be agnostic, which they define as not knowing what is moving from one comput-

er to the next. That is one way of describing the principle of net neutrality. The Federal Communications Commission this spring announced its intent to draw up language that would enforce net neutrality. Already a couple of net neutrality cases with religious overtones have surfaced. When a barbershop quartet aficionado tried sending files of public-domain barbershop quartet music via a file-sharing service but was blocked by Comcast from doing so, The Associated Press conducted its own test, trying to send the similarly copyright-free King James Bible using a file-sharing service. AP's file-sharing was likewise blocked. In January, Catholic Relief Services sent text messages to Sprint telephone users, asking them to call CRS to make a donation for Haitian earthquake relief. But three days into the initiative, Sprint told CRS, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency, to shut down its text-to-call operation or risk losing access to all Sprint users. Faith leaders have called for net neutrality to keep their own message from being blocked.

USCCB withdraws from human rights group over support of court nominee

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has withdrawn from the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, citing the group's "expanded and broadened agenda" that fails to "reflect the principles and policies of the bishops' conference." In announcing the withdrawal May 19, Bishop William F. Murphy of Rockville Centre, N.Y., chairman of the bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Peace, pointed to the rights group's support of the nomination of Elena Kagan to the U.S. Supreme Court as the most recent example of how the concerns of the two organizations' have diverged in recent years. Traditionally, the bishops have been neutral on court nominees, said Mercy Sister Mary Ann Walsh, director of media relations for the bishops' conference. Kagan, U.S. solicitor general, was nominated by President Barack Obama May 10 to replace retiring Justice John Paul Stevens. "In light of recent events," Bishop Murphy said in a statement, "it has become increasingly clear that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' continued membership ... is not possible because (the civil rights conference) expanded and broadened agenda. The interests of the leadership conference and those of the USCCB have diverged as (the civil rights conference) has moved beyond advocacy of traditional civil rights to advocacy of positions which do not reflect the principles and policies of the bishops' conference," he said.

Queen of Angels teacher receives Golden Apple Award

FORT WAYNE — A special surprise assembly was held on Monday, May 10, in honor of fifth-grade teacher, Mary Waning. With school children, fellow faculty, parents and family members looking on, Jennifer Blomquist from Indiana's NewsCenter began by introducing the purpose of the assembly.

The Golden Apple Award is designed to bring recognition to schools by rewarding outstanding teachers for their contributions to education and the students they teach. Blomquist invited four students to come forward to read from their nominations of Waning.

Jacob Kelly wrote, "Fifth grade has been my hardest year, but Mrs. Waning has always taken the time to help me when I am confused or not doing things right, even during her free time. This is Mrs. Waning's last year of teaching. We will miss her dearly and that is why this will mean a lot."

Emily Noye wrote, "She treats everyone with kindness and even calls us 'cherubs.'"

Waning was then called forward to accept the May 2010 Golden Apple Award.

She has been teaching in the diocese for 25 years, spending the last 15 years at Queen of Angels School. She will retire at the end of this school year, but will have many lasting memories of this very special day to take with her.

USF offers summer tutoring in reading, math and writing

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis' Oaks and Willows Center is offering an academic support program for children Monday through Thursday mornings on the university campus, beginning June 24.

The program is open to all students in the community who need individualized help in reading, math and written expression for remediation or enrichment. Students work in a small group of their peers with one tutor to enhance their skills. Work within the group is prescriptive. The program provides computer-assisted instruction along with a variety of hands-on materials under the direction of experienced teachers from the community.

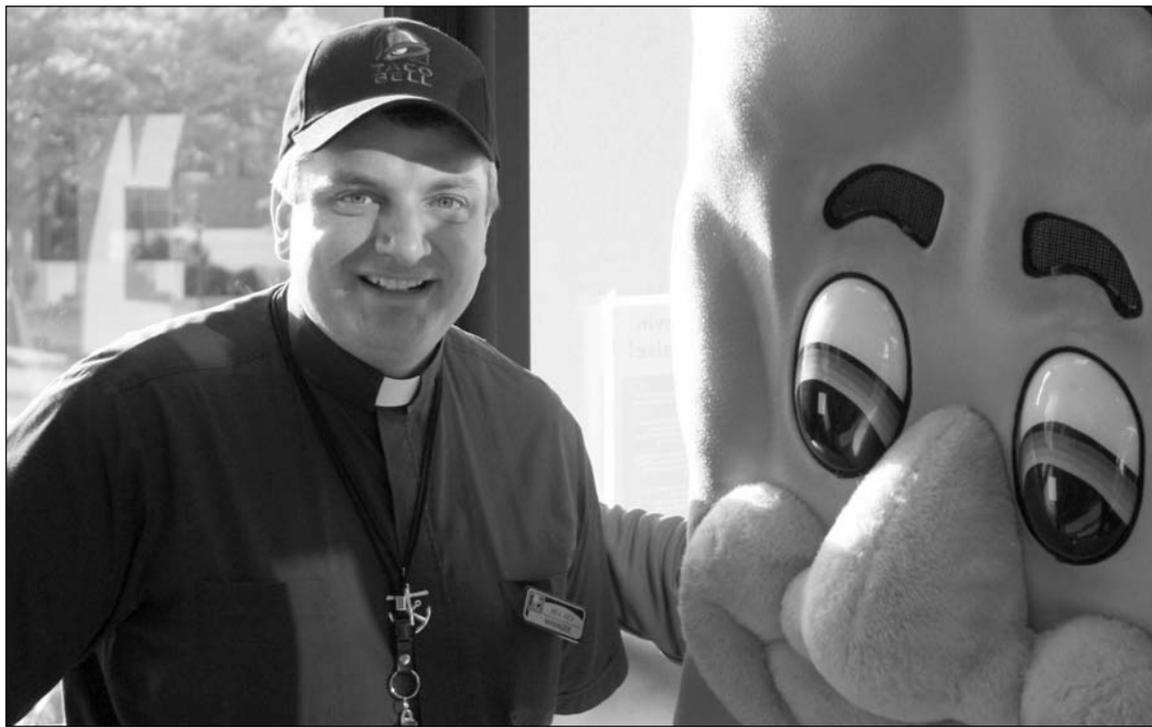
Children in grades 1 through 3 attend class from 8:30-10 a.m. Children in grades 4 and up attend class from 10:15-11:45 a.m.

The cost is \$250 for the first child and \$200 for each additional child in the same family. A 10 percent early bird discount will be given if a 50 percent deposit is received by June 1. The fee includes all activities, evaluations and supplies the child will need while on campus.

For further information and registration, please contact Staci Mathias at (260) 399-7700, ext.

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TACOS BRING FUNDS TO HOLY CROSS COLLEGE



DIANE FREEBY

Holy Cross Father Kevin Russeau did a little moonlighting in May for a good cause. "Rev Kev," as he is affectionately known, put in some hours at two South Bend area Taco Bell restaurants to raise scholarship money for Holy Cross College. Having worked at Taco Bell during his college years, Father Russeau said it was nice to be back during the May 3-6 shifts he worked in Roseland and South Bend. According to Robert Kloska, vice president for mission advancement at Holy Cross College, Father Russeau raised about \$6,772.83 serving up tacos and hot sauce to packed restaurants each night. Taco Bell contributed 10 percent of all store sales during Father Russeau's shifts.

8409. The registration deadline is June 11, 2010.

Saint Mary's College to host 25th Annual Carmelite Seminar

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its annual Summer Seminar on Carmelite Spirituality June 16-20. The 2010 event will be a conference entitled "Carmel's Quest for the Living God." The celebration will take place on the campus of the college under the sponsorship of its Center for Spirituality. Laity, religious sisters and clergy of all faiths have attended this annual event since June of 1985 and are welcome at the 2010 conference. This year as well as in the past participants have come from countries as far away as England, Japan and the Philippines to explore how Carmelite Spirituality may enrich the lives of Christians.

The conference will open with a lecture on Wednesday evening, June 16, by Father Camilo Maccise, former superior general of the Carmelites. Father Fernando Millán Romeral, prior general of the Carmelites, will lecture late Saturday evening, June 19. Dolores

Leckey, a fellow at Woodstock Jesuit Center for Theology, will lecture on Thursday evening, June 17. Leckey will lecture on how the laity can learn to live a fuller Christian life by exploring the wisdom of Carmelite Spirituality.

On Friday evening, June 18, participants will be guests of the University of Notre Dame's Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism. This "Evening of Sacred Music," will feature the University of Notre Dame Folk choir under the direction of Steven Warner. This event of sacred music will occur at Washington Hall, on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

During the mornings of June 17, 18 and 19, members of the North American Carmelite Forum will present workshops on the spirituality of Carmelites like Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, St. Therese of Lisieux and Elizabeth of the Trinity, Carmelite Devotions and other topics. The Carmelite Forum have been teaching in this annual event since the summer of 1985. This group consists of Vilma Seelaus, Constance FitzGerald, Mary Frohlich, Kieran Kavanaugh, Kevin Culligan, John Welch, Patrick McMahon, Daniel Chowning, Steven Payne and Keith

J. Egan, all of whom lecture and teach Carmelite spirituality throughout the world. Workshops and lectures in the past have been made into CD's and into several books. The keynote lectures of the 2010 conference will be available in CD form by the *Clarion*, a Carmelite publication.

A banquet on Saturday evening, June 19, will be part of the conference's anniversary celebrations. The conference will conclude with the celebration of the Mass on the morning of June 20.

This conference is part of the yearlong 25th anniversary celebration of the founding Saint Mary's College in 1985. Inquiries about this conference and other events can be made to Kathy Guthrie at the Center for Spirituality, (574) 273-6064 and kguthrie@saintmarys.edu or by going to www3.saintmarys.edu/carmelite-seminar for more information.

Knights' council donates piano

SOUTH BEND — The Knights of Columbus Council 553 in South Bend recently donated a piano to a mother and her two children.

The piano had been with Council 553 for many years; how-

ever, it had not been in use recently. The council voted to donate the piano, and Brother Eric Snyder began looking for a suitable recipient. Consulting with a local music studio, Brother Snyder learned of Leslie Plonka, a mother who has two children, one with autism. She had been hoping to find a used piano for her home for her daughter to practice her piano lessons. Since the son relates to music as well, the piano benefited both children.

Brother Snyder, Grand Knight Bob Zielinski, Trustee Rick Alexander, and a couple of strong family members moved the piano to the Plonka home on May 6.

USF professor honored

FORT WAYNE — Dr. Ted Remington, assistant professor of English and director of writing at the University of Saint Francis, was accepted into the prestigious "Herodotus' Histories as Literature" seminar on Ancient Greece in the Modern College Classroom.

This seminar is sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges. More than 120 applications were received, and only 23 individuals were selected. The seminar will be held in early August in Washington, D.C. at the Center of Hellenic Studies.

Correction

In the May 16 issue of *Today's Catholic*, the photo of Holy Cross Brother Charles Smith was inadvertently placed in Brother Gregory Teodecki's write-up. *Today's Catholic* is publishing the photo of Brother Gregory Teodecki and his writeup. We apologize for the error.

50-year jubilarian

• Holy Cross Brother Gregory Teodecki served as a skilled electrician and maintenance man for his entire religious life. On two occasions he served at St. Joseph Farm in Granger for a total of eight years. He then served nine years at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame before he retired at Columba Hall in 2005.

Courtyard at Saint Anne renovation completed

FORT WAYNE — A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on May 5 to unveil a completely remodeled courtyard for the residents of Saint Anne Home. This new courtyard was designed and landscaped by Paragon Landscape, Inc., in Harlan.

The design was chosen because of its Scripture-based theme and increased accessibility for residents.

Cutting the ribbon for the grand-opening was 103-year-old resident Edna Williams, who proclaimed, "this is a beautiful day, a beautiful courtyard, we are so very blessed!"

Father John "Jack" Overmyer, Saint Anne's full-time chaplain, was on-hand to provide the blessing.



BROTHER GREGORY TEODECKI

Victory Noll Sisters continue their environmental efforts

HUNTINGTON — Stewardship of the earth's natural resources has long been a part of the mission of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, and recent events at Victory Noll serve as an example of how the sisters have drawn on their past conservation efforts with an eye always on the future.

For the past 40 years, Victory Noll has celebrated Earth Day and Arbor Day with blessings of their grounds and planting of new trees around the 150-acre campus, located on the west side of Huntington. Each year, students from Huntington Catholic School are invited to take part in the event, and each student takes home a sapling tree to plant at their own home. This year's program was held on April 30, with students and sisters celebrating with songs and prayers.

On the same day, the Victory Noll Sisters took another step to maintain the health of their grounds with the installation of a windmill. The windmill was positioned next to Lake Kateri, a pond

that is home to a variety of wildlife and includes a small wetlands area supporting various waterfowl. The windmill harnesses the forces of nature to help aerate the pond and improve the ecosystem for fish, frogs, turtles and other animals using the pond.

Since they arrived in Huntington in 1925, the Victory Noll Sisters have cared for their grounds, which sit on a hill overlooking the Wabash River Valley. The area once was maintained as farmland, and it also included orchards. The sisters took part in the harvest and even took care of their own bee colony that helped to pollinate the fruit trees. Flowers and other flora are in bloom with ever-changing colors throughout the seasons, culminating with a spectacular final burst of color in the fall.

The sisters created the Cherish the Earth Committee, which guides the course for the community's efforts in taking care of the grounds. Sister Mary Joan Ginsterblum was part of the initial



PROVIDED BY OUR LADY OF VICTORY MISSIONARY SISTERS

Sister Mary Joan Ginsterblum of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters, right, hands out tree saplings to students from Huntington Catholic School during the Arbor/Earth Day celebration April 30 at Victory Noll.

kinds here. It's been very interesting to be here at Victory Noll. I feel that the trees and the flowers are my friends and that they are part of us."

Sister Mary Joan has been instrumental in the creation of many of the wildlife areas, including Lake Kateri and the wildlife areas. She also helped create areas for reflection on the campus.

In 1989, a summer storm topped part of a large blue spruce tree at Victory Noll, with only the bottom 10 feet of the tree left intact. Sister Mary Joan had the bark stripped from the dead tree and she spent the rest of the summer carving a peace pole. The pole honored the Miami Indians who once lived on the land, and contains many Native American symbols. There is a peace prayer carved in both English and Spanish, along with "pehkokia," the Miami Indian word for peace.

The peace pole is the centerpiece of the Miami Memorial Peace Garden, also created and still maintained by Sister Mary Joan.

Many other areas take advantage of the natural beauty of the Victory Noll campus.

The Victory Noll Cemetery is surrounded by the land's original wooded area. The cemetery is the final resting place of many of the sisters, as well as Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters founder Father John Joseph Sigstein and Archbishop John Francis Noll, the primary benefactor in bringing the Victory Noll Sisters to Huntington in 1925. Stations of the Cross are built into the natural hillside at Victory Noll. Most recently, a labyrinth was constructed on top of the hill overlooking the valley. The labyrinth is a popular stop for reflection for those visiting Victory Noll Center, which provides programs for spiritual growth, personal development and social justice education.

The new windmill may be the newest sight on the Victory Noll campus, but Sister Mary Joan says the work will continue to go on.

"We're putting in a birdbath, and we're going to put in a new hummingbird feeder in an area where our sisters who can't get outside can still enjoy watching out the window," she says. "We keep thinking of new things to do. God provides."

efforts in the conservation and environmental efforts, and even now at 90 years old, she still takes an active role in maintaining the grounds and directing efforts for new initiatives.

"It's a really special place here because of the variety of what we have, and how we've taken care of it. We've tried to keep it beautiful," says Sister Mary Joan, who joined Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters in 1939. "It brings you close to God. God gave us all this. I find it real hard to sit in the chapel and think of God, but if I walk outside, there's no end to it. I can praise God for so much. He's given us so much beauty here."

The farmland has been replaced by areas of native prairie grasses supporting numerous bird species and other wildlife. There are wooded areas that are home to deer. On the southern end of campus, a hillside was turned into a wildlife corridor as a variety of tree species were planted to not only stabilize the hillside but to provide habitat for animals and birds. Sister Mary Joan maintains more than a dozen birdhouses on the grounds.

"When I was a younger sister, one of the other sisters got me

interested in birds," says Sister Mary Joan. "She gave me this great big book and told me to study the birds. I didn't have any binoculars or know anything about birds, so I went out and looked in all the bushes, and I could see these little sparrows and their nests. For years, I've kept charts to keep track of the birds I see and I check it every week."

A number of trees across campus include tags identifying the species of tree, and also includes the name of a Victory Noll sister. Each sister, past and present, has a tree dedicated in her honor, now totaling more than 350 trees. Additional trees have been donated to Victory Noll over the years, and those also include markers. Sister Mary Joan maintains a catalog of each tree's type, location and associated sister.

"Another sister and I went through the woods and made a trail. We wanted to put tags on the trees, but we didn't know what kinds of trees they were," says Sister Mary Joan. "So I would gather up leaves and look them up, and I started making a book of all the trees on our grounds. Then I started on the wildflowers. I would draw them and watercolor them in a book as a catalog to the different



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Speaker offers advice to those caring for Alzheimers, dementia patients

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

DONALDSON — Being empathetic by not arguing and actually listening to those who suffer from Alzheimer's and/or dementia can help not only the person, but the caregiver as well.

Instead of frustrating and fruitless attempts to make the person believe that they are in 2010, it is better to tune into what they are feeling and thinking, said Naomi Feil, a certified social worker who recently led a workshop on Validation Method at Ancilla College for both healthcare professionals and caregivers.

Feil has personal experience when it comes to the elderly. She grew up in a geriatrics home that was managed by her father, who was a psychologist. Feil's mother was a social worker.

The technique of validation was developed while Feil was working as a group therapist with elderly and disoriented people in a Cleveland nursing home. There she found that when she used reality orientation, behavior orientation and confrontation, she found her patients became more withdrawn. Feil instead tried to then listen with empathy and without judgment.

"When you use (validation), their eyes light up, their gait improves, the well-established, familiar social roles return, there is less need for chemical restraints, less crying, blaming, swearing, acting out," said Feil who has since written about her method. She also has spoken at workshops

such as the one held at Ancilla.

"A very old person, who is disoriented and suffers from physical and sensory deterioration, is often not emotionally nor logically in the present," Feil said. "A worker (or family member caregiver) should ask questions which accept the reality of the old person and help her resolve unfinished business which she buried before."

That's how one patient could believe that someone in the kitchen was poisoning her in the nursing home, Feil said as an example. Instead of arguing about how unbelievable her accusation was, Feil noted that caregivers should instead ask her what the food tasted like in order to try to uncover her past. She may have overfed by someone as a child and felt out of control at mealtimes.

Feil gave another example of how another patient yelled and punched the air as if she were punching someone in front of her. After questioning her empathetically a caregiver learned that she was punching someone — her husband who used to bully her.

Feil's method, which is Christian-like, teaches that the person is accepted without judgment. It begins where the person is in his or her head and does not try to convince them otherwise. The therapy also draws on helping the individual resolve the pain of past conflict.

"It helps them to bring peace to a situation that they might have buried," said Feil. She said that the method should only be used for the elderly who suffer from senso-

ry loss, physical deterioration of the brain and a lack of meaning in their lives.

It brings peace to their lives before they die by helping them resolve conflicts, Feil noted.

Using validation therapy depends on the values held by each caregiver. Those who are caregivers should not be judgmental or bring their emotions into the situation. The caregiver should try to understand the physical, emotional and social losses that brought the patient to the disorientation. They should also assess the patient's feelings, rather than their intellect. Caregivers should know their own inner feelings so as to validate them. It is generally not beneficial to contradict the disoriented patient.

Light touching, as well as lowering to eye level and maintaining eye contact are some ways to bring comfort to the distressed.

Caregivers, including family members, should mirror the movements of the person and match their emotions as well.

Feil noted that there is often meaning behind repetitive behaviors such as rocking back and forth. Actions such as stroking a person's cheek in a light circular motion helps bring the distressed back to eye contact and possible communication.

Others who cannot communicate otherwise can sing songs from their past, she added.

Each time a caregiver works with validation, those who are cared for show decreased signs of stress, incontinence and distressed behaviors. Deterioration may slow as well.

Goals of the therapy are to help the elderly who suffer from confusion to regain dignity, self-worth and identity, reduce stress and help to resolve life's unfinished business before death.

"It just takes five minutes to walk in their shoes," she added, giving hope to caregivers and those who suffer with Alzheimer's or dementia everywhere.



PROVIDED BY THE POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST

Naomi Feil, a certified social worker, shows how a caregiver can stroke a cheek while holding a person's face lightly to reconnect to a disoriented elderly person. Feil developed validation therapy, which is a tested model of practice for both professionals and personal caregivers who work with confused older adults.

BISHOP D'ARCY CELEBRATES MASS WITH SCOUTS AT JAMBOREE



TOM UEBBING

Bishop John M. D'Arcy celebrated the feast of the Ascension Mass Sunday, May 16, at the LaSalle Council Boy Scout Jamboree held at the Saint Joseph County Fairgrounds. The jamboree celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Approximately 2,500 people, including 1,500 Scouts, attended the event on Saturday, May 15. Many Scout troops are sponsored by churches, both Catholic and Protestant. Today's Catholic will feature Catholic Eagle Scouts from the diocese and other Scout awardees in the July 4 issue.

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HAIL HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE



BEN WAGNER

St. Joseph, Bluffton, honored the Blessed Mother with a rosary procession around the parish's grounds on May 9. Father Francis Chukwuma, pastor, proposed the procession idea which as he informed his flock is quite commonplace in his homeland of Nigeria. Nearly 40 parishioners spanning all ages joined in the solemn tribute to Mary with the first Communicants leading the way, followed by senior high school youth group members shouldering the processional, which housed the statue of the Blessed Mother, that dates back to the first Catholic church settlement in Bluffton nearly a century ago. The ceremony concluded with a final blessing in the church narthex followed closely by the official May Crowning at the 10 a.m. Mass.

Blessed Mother crowned during annual May Procession at St. Matthew School

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — With the rain clouds breaking, it was as if divine intervention had occurred for St. Matthew School's May procession as it began. On May 21, 346 students dressed in their best finery lined both floors of the school in anticipation of the afternoon's ceremony to process, honor and crown Mary, the Blessed Mother, in the diocese's co-cathedral in South Bend.

Principal Mary Anne Retseck remarked that the May procession has been an annual event for 50 years at St. Matthew School. Prior to the procession's start, second graders, who had recently made their first Communion, were among the younger students forming a line on the first floor. On the second floor, the school's May queen, her court and an honor court of eighth-grade boys, descended the stairs adorned with carnations, along with other classmates.

Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, was keenly aware of the significance of the celebration. "The May Procession is one of the most beautiful celebrations of Marian devotion the children of the cathedral school experience during their time here. It's truly one of the highlights of the year and they all take pride in participating in it. Its importance lies in helping the children to experience the genuine Marian dimension intrinsic to Christian faith. I am always deeply moved by their devotion, reverence and love for God."

Brad Monnin, one of the honor guards, remarked that the procession was special because it honors Mary the Mother of God and it was a tradition at the school. Gabi Flores, who was a part of the May Queen Court, emphasized the blessings that Mary gives to all people on earth made the day exceptional.

May queen Abby Mehall was selected by her eighth-grade class as the person who represents Mary in her class behavior and friendship. Mehall stated that the Blessed Mother has been a major inspiration in her life. "My grandmother and I used to go to the grotto of Notre Dame to pray when I was younger and Mary's influence stayed with me."

The students processed slowly and reverently from the school building to the pews inside the cathedral. With parents in attendance, the children took their seats and watched as the color guard processed in and then formed lines facing each other on each side of the center aisle. With the color guard in place, the May queen's



PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD

A carnation is set in a vase at the foot of the statue of the Blessed Mother.



MARY KINDER

St. Jude Church in Fort Wayne held a May Crowning May 7. The school processed from the church, around the block to the front steps for the crowning ceremony. In the photo, pastor Father Tom Shoemaker speaks to students.



Students from St. Matthew School process from the school to the cathedral during the annual May Procession.

court processed down the center aisle of the church, with each girl holding a carnation. A statue of the Blessed Mother was centered in front of the altar, and at her feet a vase in which the court placed their flowers. The court then formed a semicircle at the altar.

After all the flowers were placed, the May queen processed down the center aisle as those in attendance sang "Flowers of the Fairest." During the verse "Mary we crown thee" Mehall placed the crown of flowers on Mary's head,

then knelt facing the crucifix at the altar, with the color guard kneeling at the altar rail. With the congregation kneeling, the May queen recited the Memorare with everyone in attendance joining in the prayer.

Afterwards, she and her court, along with the color guard, took their seats as Msgr. Heintz delivered a homily about the Blessed Mother. The ceremony ended with the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer and a closing hymn.

LuersKnight 'rocks the house'

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School recently celebrated its 30th year of LuersKnight traditions. LuersKnight raised a record \$131,200 in the Bishop's Auction that will go toward needs-based tuition assistance. Another record was set in raffle tickets sales with \$37,500 tickets sold.

Over 312 were in attendance including Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The attendees were first entertained by the Bishop Luers Jazz band followed by the Bishop Luers Show Choir.

Luers senior Deshaun Thomas was the guest speaker. Thomas said in his talk, "When I got to Bishop Luers, I knew that I would have to do better. I wanted to do better. One of the first things I told (Principal) Mrs. (Mary) Keefer was that I couldn't read very well. She told me that if I was willing to work hard, I would learn. When I was a freshman, Mrs. Keefer wondered how I can account for my gifts and

talent on the basketball court. I told her what I learned from my Grandma. God has been very good to me. I thank Him every day for my ability. I do not take it for granted. I am aware that I could wake up one day and it would be gone. God has asked us to share our talents and our gifts. I am grateful for what I have learned in high school. I will take what I have learned with me to college. Bishop Luers High School has been very good to me."

The Bishop's Auction was orchestrated by Bishop Rhoades and diocesan Master of Ceremonies Jim Fitzpatrick.

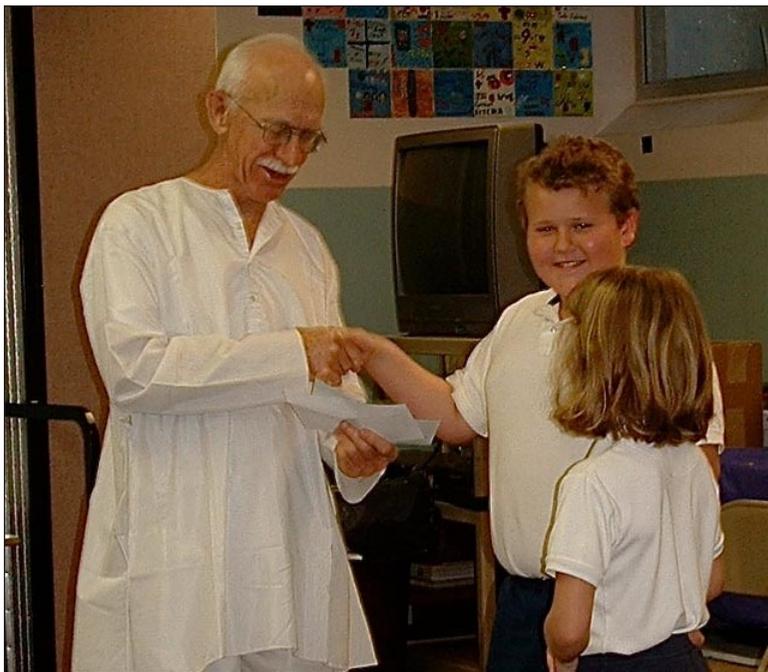
Bishop Luers thanks its corporate sponsors, donors, committee members, guests, parents, students and staff. Additional information about the event is available at the Web site, www.bishoplurers.org, and click on LuersKnight. Next year's LuersKnight will be held Friday, April 29, 2011.



LONA PRITCHARD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades conducts the Bishop Auction, setting a record \$131,200 for needs-based tuition assistance, at the LuersKnight fundraiser April 23.

GOSHEN SCHOOL HELPS THE POOR IN BANGLADESH



ROBIN KRUSE

Rhent Addis and Grace Ritchie from St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen present a check for \$863.41 to Father Bob McCahill, a Maryknoll priest. The students raised the money during Lent by participating in a "penny war." Father Bob McCahill serves the poor in Bangladesh.

Jaxson Burkins named salutatorian of Bremen Senior High School

BREMEN — Jaxson Burkins has been named salutatorian of Bremen Senior High School class of 2010. The Bremen native is a member of St. Dominic Parish.

During his academic career at Bremen High School Burkins says his senior year will be a standout memory for him. "Most of my senior classes have been advanced classes that are taken with only other seniors. I have been able to bond with my classmates and make some great memories," he says.

Extracurricular activities include four years on the men's basketball team, as well as being basketball and women's tennis team manager. Clubs the scholar served on include National Honor

Society, Student Council, Math Academic Team, Interdisciplinary Academic Team, Spell Bowl, Fellowship of Christian Students, Yearbook Staff and DECA. Burkins also enjoys reading, playing tennis, skiing and watching old Disney movies.

As a member of St. Dominic Church, Burkins has been active in the Antioch and Youth Groups, assisting with retreats and various service projects. He has also given witness talks at retreats and served as altar server and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Of his faith he says, "I try to incorporate my faith in everything that I do, whether it is going to youth group meetings, daily Mass or sim-

ply saying daily prayers. I have decided to go to a Catholic college where I can learn more about my faith. From there I hope to get married and raise a Catholic family."

The salutatorian feels he has much to be thankful for and says, "I would like to thank the generics: my family and friends. This sounds cliché but they have made such an impact on me. I would also like to specifically thank Mark Wagner, Chip and Virginia Leinen, Lynn Berndt and all of my other youth leaders. They have helped form my faith, and I will never be able to thank them enough."

Burkins plans to attend the University of Saint Francis in the fall to study accounting.

Scuba instruction makes a splash for St. Anthony

SOUTH BEND — For the second year in a row, physical education teacher Chris Fowler has brought the world of scuba to the Midwest. In partnership with local business Just Add H2O, St. Anthony's offers the seventh-grade class a glimpse into the world of scuba. Fowler's goal as a teacher is to constantly challenge his students from pre-K through eighth grade to see physical education as a life-long commitment that can come in many forms.

Fowler took his scuba certification through Just Add H2O and through this relationship with owner Kathy Lampert, the idea to expose his students to scuba developed.

Seventh-grade teacher Jaci Byrne loves the uniqueness and excitement that the scuba experience brings to the seventh graders. She praised the Just Add H2O team for their knowledge and ability to work with the children at their comfort level. The class was held at the YMCA in South Bend and each child was able to experience scuba and do as much or as little in the water as they felt comfortable.

Student Ben Taelman enthusiastically claimed it to be "cool, terrific and not scary at all." Fellow seventh-grader Matthew Faccenda thought it was a blast and wants to not only do it again but also get certified.

Fowler, along with four scuba

instructors, worked with the students from the initial introduction and question-and-answer period through getting into the water and actually diving. The instructors worked with the students in groups of four and were patient in teaching them about the equipment, how to breathe, move around and dive.

Parent Maureen Sibilla attended the session and was incredibly impressed with the instruction, patience and care provided by Just Add H2O. She is so pleased that St. Anthony's can present new and different experiences that help the students challenge their thinking about physical activity and what it can offer for a lifetime. Student Gio Schulte summed it up by saying she thought it was a blast and realized how lucky she was to have the opportunity to discover something new and now says, "bring on the ocean ... I'm ready for more."

Just Add H2O has been doing business in the area since 1976 as JR Aquatic. In 2008, they changed their name to Just Add H2O but their commitment to offering comprehensive training and a full-range of scuba equipment has remained unchanged. They now offer two locations to serve the public, their original location on 11th Street in Niles, Mich., (269) 684-7007 and their newest location at Heritage Square in Granger, (574) 217-7724.



PHOTOS BY MAUREEN SIBILLA

St. Anthony seventh graders listen to scuba instructors during gym class.



St. Anthony seventh-grader Austin Truler listens to directions from the instructor.

Pope Benedict's record speaks for itself in fight against clergy sexual abuse

HUNTINGTON — The latest accusations against Pope Benedict XVI regarding the clergy sexual abuse problem have left Catholics and others confused, disillusioned and angry. Many, relying solely on secular media reports regarding the scandal, have rushed to hold the pope responsible for how bishops dealt with abusers in their dioceses, even to the point of calling for his resignation.

Gregory Erlandson, president of Our Sunday Visitor, one of the largest Catholic publishing houses in the world, was one of those frustrated with both sides of the communication divide. The secular media was only telling part of the story, but on the other hand, Catholic media was either too quiet or speaking in language easily misinterpreted by the general public. Either way, people were confused about the issue and didn't know what to believe.

"When the accusations intensified against the pope, I could no longer rely on other sources to define the crisis for me," says Erlandson. "I made a commitment to follow the truth, no matter where it took me, to get to the real story."

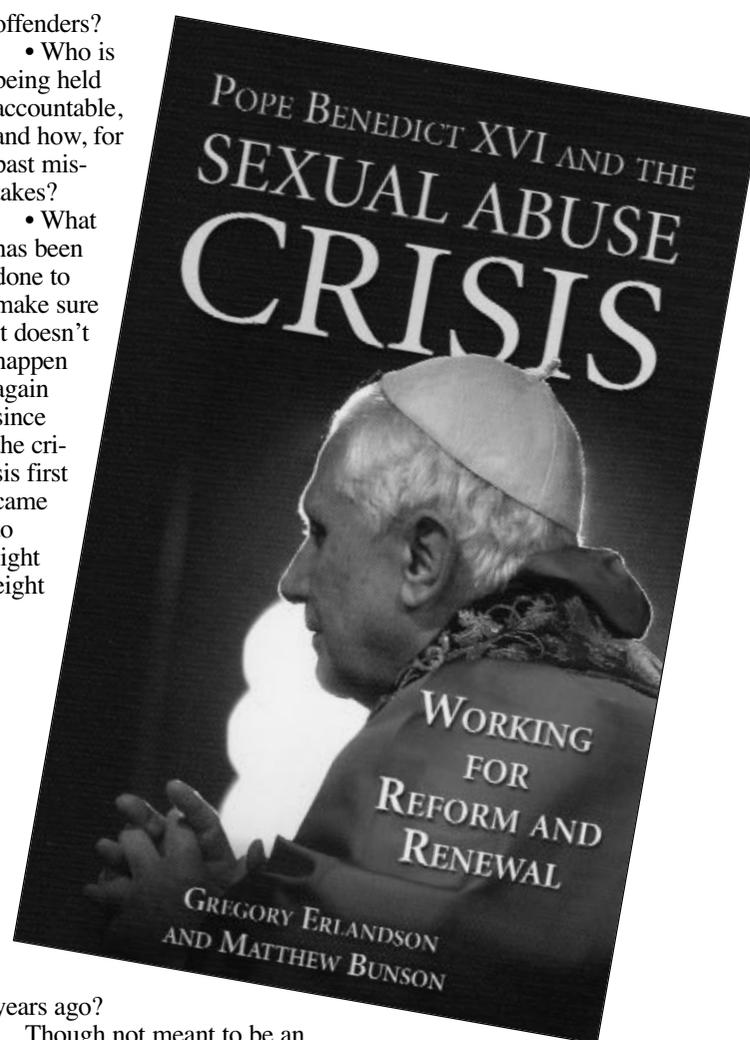
"Pope Benedict XVI and the Sexual Abuse Crisis: Working for Reform and Renewal" (Our Sunday Visitor, 208 pp), is co-authored by Erlandson and Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Almanac editor, Matthew Bunson. It is the first critically objective and comprehensive book on the clergy sexual abuse issue and more specifically, the pope's real response to victims, abusers, bishops, media and billions worldwide.

- What is the pope doing to ease the victims' pain?
- How is he dealing with

offenders?

- Who is being held accountable, and how, for past mistakes?

- What has been done to make sure it doesn't happen again since the crisis first came to light eight



years ago?

Though not meant to be an exhaustive study of the issue, "Pope Benedict XVI and the Sexual Abuse Crisis" gives the reader the truth about the pope. It reviews his past, his work as a priest and theologian, his ascent to heading the Vatican's office for Doctrine prior to becoming pope, what he knew and when, what he's doing to redress the problem, and how his top priorities include the pastoral care of the victims.

This book brings the issues

back into focus. It creates a stronger balance between facts and theories and between actions and words to alleviate confusion and assumptions. It provides the first objective presentation of the full truth, no matter how challenging, as it outlines what is needed for real reform and renewal to take place.

Summer reading stimulates heart and head

BY KAY COZAD

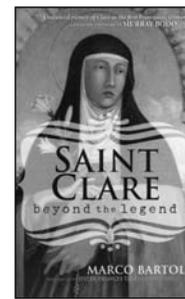
Summer is a time of relaxation and fun. The following books sent to *Today's Catholic* may touch the fancy of any Catholic or non-Catholic summer reader. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name and ISBN number for ease of purchase.

"Saint Clare: Beyond the legend," by Medieval scholar Marco

Bartoli is a

critical study of this woman who grew into her own as her understanding of the Gospel and how to live it out deepened. The author reconstructs the personality of

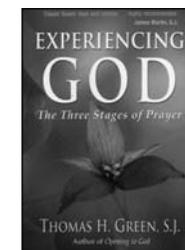
Clare using the "Legend of Saint Clare the Virgin," written by the pope's order on the occasion of Clare's canonization. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-0-86716-950-8



"Experiencing God: The Three Stages of Prayer," by Thomas H.

Green offers an easy-to-read guide with advice on how to deepen one's relationship with God through prayer. The book provides three chapters including

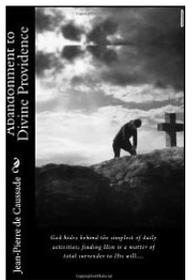
getting to know God, from knowing to loving and from loving



to truly loving that lead the reader to the heart of prayer. Ave Maria Press, ISBN: 978-1-59471-245-6

"Abandonment to Divine Providence," by

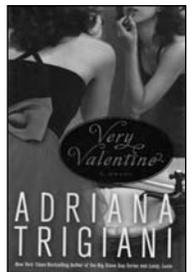
late 17th century French Jesuit priest Jean-Pierre de Caussade is a great classic work relevant to any age. De Caussade's belief in the sacredness of the present moment offers insight into how one finds holiness and God's will in every day situations. Expert commentary by Dennis Billy accompanies the text. Ave Maria Press, ISBN: 978-0-87061-253-4



"Very Valentine" and "Brava Valentine" by

New York Times bestselling author Adriana Trigiani, 1981 alumna of Saint Mary's College in South Bend, are the first two novels in a trilogy. These

books delight readers with the comical dynamics of the Catholic Roncalli and Angelini families. Trigiani's characters flourish in colorful descriptions of Manhattan and the hills of Italy. Both books are celebrations of young love and senior love, loss, the joys of family life and include Trigiani's trademark references to Saint Mary's College. HarperCollins Publishers, ISBN: 978-0-06125-705-6 and ISBN: 978-0-06125-707-0



Two new Marian books inform, inspire Catholic readers

BY CHRISTOPHER FENOGLIO

How much do you really know about Mary, the mother of God?

Most Catholics are very familiar with Mary. Every time we recite the Hail Mary or sing the song "Ave Maria," we recall the story of the visitation of Mary by the angel Gabriel and her faithful acceptance of God's call to bear his Son.

But familiarity is not the same as factual knowledge, so many Catholics search for more about Mary. Unfortunately, this search is made difficult because of the sparse information about Mary in the Bible.

Two new books add clarity and inspiration by helping Catholics look clearly at the existing information and realize deeper levels of understanding about the life of Mary. Through

these books, we come to a fuller appreciation of how she can be a shining source of inspiration for our lives.

"Discovering Mary,"

by David Mills is a straightforward, well-organized collection of facts and simple apologetic arguments about the historical Mary and her place in the Church.

Originating from a writing assignment for *Our Sunday Visitor* newspaper, Mills' book strives to eliminate opinion and conjecture, leaving just the facts and quotes from magisterial works. The result is a clear and concise presentation of what is known about Mary and what is surmised in Church teachings, without further elaboration. In Mills' words, he presents the



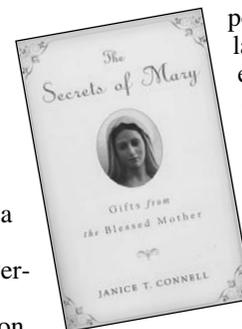
"atoms and molecules, but leaves the physics to the experts."

After a personal account of his limited understanding of Mary before and after his conversion to Catholicism, Mills delves into the subject, organizing the information in six chapters: the life of Mary, Mary in the Bible, Mary in Catholic doctrine, the feasts of Mary, Mary's titles, and, lastly, Marian devotions, prayers and apparitions.

This small book will be a valuable resource for anyone interested in learning more about the Queen of Heaven.

"The Secrets of Mary," by Janice T. Connell presents a collection of stories about Mary in a much more prayerful and inspirational style.

A recognized authority on



Marian apparitions, Connell's collection spans the centuries since Mary followed her Son along the road to Calvary. Scripture, photos, prayers and devotions are woven together to create an inspirational resource for daily devotions.

The book includes many stories of saints and their personal commitment and devotion to Mary. For instance, we find an ancient account of St.

Augustine's discovery of Mary's saving grace and power. A few pages later, we read a powerful account of how St. Norbert's devotion to Mary helped him shake the entrapments of his youth and guide him to initiate Christian renewal in Europe.

Connell's

expertise in Marian apparitions is recognized in her descriptions of the Fatima secrets in Portugal, the Church-recognized apparition in Akita, Japan, and the reported visitations in Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Throughout the inspirational stories and accounts of Mary's influence throughout history, there is a palatable, real sense of prayer and devotion. This is a rich, prayerful collection of stories in which readers will find daily comfort and guidance in the gifts from the Blessed Mother.

Christopher Fenoglio is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and an award-winning columnist for *The Tennessee Register* diocesan newspaper in Nashville, Tenn.

Annual Holy Cross history conference slated June 3-6

NOTRE DAME — The 29th annual conference on the history of the Congregations of Holy Cross will be at Holy Cross College on June 3-6. Ten papers will be presented during the weekend.

Blessed Brother Andre Bissette, who will be canonized in October, is the major focus of Canadian Brother Vianney St. Michel's Friday presentation, "Holy Cross Religious At College Saint Casaire, Quebec, 1869-2009" — 141 years in Brother Andre's hometown.

Sister Kathryn Callahan's paper, "The Early Sister Presidents of Saint Mary's College, 1844-1931," will be the first presentation on Thursday. William Kevin Cawley, senior archivist and head of historical collections at Notre Dame, will speak on "Holy Cross History and the Catholic Resources Alliance." "Brother Charles Borromeo Harding, Amateur Architect, 1838-1922," designer of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and several other campus buildings, is the subject of Brother James Newberry's presentation. Brother George Kiawitter's paper profiles Brother Hilarion Ferton, CSC (1817-1849), who led the return of the Brothers to North Africa in 1844. Sister Maureen Rooney's

research examines the work of Sister Hildegardis, supervisor of the Holy Cross Sisters' schools in the western United States from 1942-1957. Brother Alan McNeil, relatively unrecognized at Notre Dame, is the subject of Brother Lawrence Stewart's paper. Cecile Charette writes about Sister Eva LeDoux, artist and musician of the Canadian Sisters' province.

Former superior generals, James Donahue and Christopher O'Toole, are subjects of papers written by Holy Cross priests: James Denn — "The Chapter of '32'" and John VandenBossche — "The Poetry of O'Toole." Time to visit Archives and Heritage rooms and opportunities to visit with archivists are in the weekend schedule.

Two-hundred sixty-three papers on significant religious — brothers, priests and sisters — and institutions have been presented in the previous 28 meetings.

For information about the conference contact Holy Cross Sister Kathryn Callahan or Holy Cross Sister Bernice Hollenhorst, Archives, 101 Bertrand Hall, Saint Mary's, Notre Dame, IN 46556-5000, or through e-mail at kcallahancscsisters.org or by telephone at (574) 284-5902.

USF symposium offers education for the care of creation

FORT WAYNE — St. Francis of Assisi is a familiar figure in many gardens. The 13th century saint was widely regarded as a friend of nature before he was proclaimed the patron saint of ecology by Pope John Paul II in 1979.

But the Franciscan view of the environment goes far beyond enjoying the beauty of flowers and birds. It calls us to a deep understanding of creation and our duty to understand the human role in wise use and conservation of the world around us.

Educating for the Care of Creation: Contemporary Verses for the Cantic of the Creatures, at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, June 8-11, will take an in-depth look at these issues. The university is hosting the fourth biennial Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU) Symposium. This national gathering will bring together more than 250 faculty and staff from 22 AFCU members as well as representatives from other Franciscan organizations.

The public is invited to opening night keynote at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at the North Campus Auditorium of the University of Saint Francis, 2701 Spring St., Fort Wayne. Franciscan Brother Keith Warner will speak on The Incarnation Matters! Franciscan Education for Ecological Conversion. Brother Keith is assistant director for education, Center for Science, Technology and Society and lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, in



California.

Brother Keith takes the view that seeing St. Francis as the "patron saint of ecological consciousness" is more faithful both to John Paul II's ecological teaching and to recent scholarship of Francis' spirituality. This presentation will synthesize traditional Franciscan approaches to the organization of knowledge with the cultivation of an awareness of

creation based on relationship. It will propose a holistic approach to higher education so as to foster ecological consciousness and ecological conversion.

There will be a freewill offering that night for Catholic Relief Services for Haitian earthquake relief efforts. The symposium is dedicated to those in Haiti.

"The entire university community has prepared for this event," said Sister M. Elise Kriss, president of the University of Saint Francis and current chair of the AFCU Board. "We expect that our attendees will take away ideas to implement on Franciscan college and university campuses. We also anticipate that they will make connections with colleagues which will endure long after they leave Fort Wayne."

Father Corapi's July Cincinnati event highly anticipated

BY JANE M. BUXSTON

CINCINNATI — After much anticipation, Father John Corapi finally revealed the special theme for his all day conference to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 17 at The Cintas Center.

Through a series of first-time ever-heard talks, Father John Corapi will be addressing the teachings of the Church regarding the social issues of our time. Father Tom Euteneuer of Human Life International has agreed to be the emcee for the event.

"I think the event is becoming so popular because deep down, we all desire spiritual direction and knowledge on how to face today's social norms that challenge the Christian way of life," said conference host and coordinator Joe Condit, founder of CMG Booking, Inc.

All interested in attending are encouraged to purchase their

tickets as soon as possible. Tickets may be purchased by contacting CMG Booking at (513) 593-0089 or logging on to www.CMGbooking.com.

The floor seating has been completely sold out. Remaining seats available are mid section, \$49, and upper section at \$39. Handicap seating is available. Parking for the event is free.

The event will start at 8 a.m. on July 17 and end with Mass around 4 p.m. Father Corapi will give four talks throughout the day in addition to his conversion story.

His latest and newest merchandise will be available for purchase at the event.

"There is a spiritual battle among us in the times we live and we need to fight it by hearing the greatest preacher of our time," said Condit. "We expect an atmosphere and energy that has never been seen before at a conference like this."

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY LISA EVERETT, OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

The bitter pill: Facing the facts after 50 years

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the advent of the birth control pill, championed by many, then and now, as the long-awaited solution to unplanned pregnancy, child abuse, overpopulation and marital stress. After five decades of living with the pill, however, many facts have emerged from various fields of science that paint a very different picture.

Fact: The sexual revolution of the 1960s was facilitated in large part by the pill.

When the pill was introduced into American society, one of the main disincentives to sex outside of marriage disappeared overnight, ushering in a radical sexual revolution, the consequences of which reverberate five decades later. The reduction in unplanned pregnancies that the pill promised was offset by the greater numbers of people lured into sexual relationships by the false sense of security, which the pill provided. More people having sex has inevitably led to higher rates of unplanned pregnancy, abortion and STDs, especially among young people, because to be highly effective, contraceptives have to be used correctly and consistently. The pill continues to be the most commonly used contraceptive in the United States, and while its perfect use-effectiveness is 98-99 percent, its typical use-effectiveness is only 91-93 percent, according to the Guttmacher Institute, the former research arm of Planned Parenthood. Recent studies in England, for example, have reaffirmed that increased access to contraception for teens leads to higher pregnancy and abortion rates, as well as a dramatic increase in STD rates among 16- to 19-year-old girls. Even more striking was a recent report of the Guttmacher Institute, which found that the states which ranked highest in access to contraception also ranked highest in per capita abortion rates.

Fact: The pill contributed significantly to the doubling of the divorce rate in the U.S. during the decade it became widely available.

Robert Michael, an economist from the University of Chicago, analyzed the possible causes of the dramatic doubling of the divorce rate that occurred in one decade — from 1965 to 1976 — in the United States. He found that the most significant factor by far (more than 50 percent) was the diffusion of contraception in society, due in large part to the advent of the pill in 1960 and its widespread availability during the subsequent decade. — Source: "Why Did the U.S. Divorce Rate Double within a Decade?" Research in Population Economics. 6:367-399, 1988.

Fact: The pill skews the biochemistry of attraction between men and women.

Fact: The pill not only acts as a contraceptive, but can also cause a very early abortion.

A fascinating article published in the January-February 2008 issue of *Psychology Today Magazine* reported on recent research in biochemistry regarding scent and sexual attraction, based partly on a T-shirt experiment first performed in Europe and then replicated in the U.S. The findings? "Women generally prefer the smell of men whose MHC gene complements are different from theirs, setting the stage for the best biological match. But Wedekind's T-shirt study revealed one notable exception to this rule: women on the birth-control pill. When the pill users among his subjects sniffed the array of pre-worn T-shirts, they preferred the scent of men whose MHC profiles were similar to theirs — the opposite of their pill-free counterparts." This presents problems not only for the possibility of conceiving a healthy child but also for the relationship itself. "The tendency to favor mates with similar MHC genes could potentially hamper the durability of pill users' relationships in the long term." Rachel Herz, author of "The Scent of Desire," explains why: "It's like picking your cousins as marriage partners. It constitutes a biological error." As a result, explains Charles Wysocki, a psychobiologist at Florida State University, when the woman stops taking birth control, she may find herself less attracted to her mate. "On a subconscious level, her brain is realizing a mistake was made — she married the wrong guy." — Source: "Scents and Sensibility" by Elizabeth Svoboda, *Psychology Today Magazine*, January-February 2008.

Many people do not realize that the various formulations of the pill, also known as oral contraceptives, work not only by suppressing ovulation and therefore preventing conception, they also achieve their effectiveness by thinning the lining of the uterus in order to reduce an embryo's ability to implant should conception occur. While this fact is not generally advertised, it is admitted in the FDA-approved patient insert which accompanies every package of oral contraceptives:

"Combination oral contraceptives act by suppression of gonadotropins. Although the primary mechanism of this action is inhibition of ovulation, other alterations include changes in the cervical mucus (which increase the difficulty of sperm entry into the uterus) and the endometrium (which reduce the likelihood of implantation)." — Source: www.drugs.com/pro/ortho-novum.html. Several studies have shown that ovulation occurs in 2-10 percent of cycles of women taking the pill, and others suggest even higher incidences. This is known as breakthrough ovulation and it occurs even more frequently with the progestin-only "minipill," making its abortifacient potential even greater.

COMMENTARY

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Procuring organs 'Over my dead body?'

While it may cost an arm and a leg to live in the state of New York these days, it may soon cost a liver or kidney to die there.

Residents of the state have been debating a legislative measure, put forward by a state lawmaker that would automatically enroll all residents as organ donors. The law would rely on what is termed "presumed consent" and allow for the harvesting of a deceased resident's body parts unless that resident had specifically opted out of "donating" in this way when signing up for a driver's license.

This approach to organ procurement raises significant ethical concerns. Would we allow a bank (or even a worthy charity) the right to automatically raid customers' bank accounts upon their death unless they "opted out" of the program? As one commentator described the situation, "It really does smack of something quite dark when a system's default mode exploits the fact that dead men not only tell no tales, they refuse no proposals."

A recent editorial in the *Buffalo News* carried the analysis further: "A corpse may not have many rights, but one of them ought to be that the handling of it is not based on an invasive presumption. Informed consent should remain the standard. What is needed is to increase the number of donors through leadership and persuasion, not state-facilitated confiscation."

State-facilitated salvaging of organs in the absence of explicit consent undercuts the essential character of organ donations as a gift. As Pope Benedict XVI noted in 2008: "Informed consent is a precondition of freedom so that the transplant can be characterized as being a gift and not interpreted as a coercive or abusive act."

In fact, informed consent is so fundamental that the Catechism of the Catholic Church points out: "Organ transplants are not morally acceptable if the donor or those who legitimately speak for him have not given their informed consent."

So what might be the anticipated effects of mandated presumed consent? Perhaps the very opposite of what advocates were hoping for — it might, paradoxically, cause people to step back from donating. As one commentator, half in jest, declared: "So now, if you're 'dead enough,' they'll just pull the plug and walk off with your entrails under the guise of presumed consent which makes me think very strongly against being an organ donor."

Professor James F. Childress

commented on the importance of trust issues at the center of a very sensitive decision like organ donation: "If you ask why people do not currently sign donor cards, some of those reasons have to do with inertia, with not having thought about it, but some of them just have to do with trust and mistrust of the system."

Even among those who are fortunate enough to receive a scarce organ, there could be an awkward hesitancy introduced by such a legal maneuver. One organ recipient named Alison posted this comment about the presumed consent law on an Internet discussion site:

"As an organ recipient I would not have signed up for the UNOS (United Network for Organ Sharing) list if a law such as this were in place. I could not live with a transplant not knowing if the person was indeed dead when the organ was taken or if their religious beliefs were against organ donation and they just had not filled out an opt-out card. ...

Frankly, for me personally, the burden of knowing that someone had to die (accident, suicide, ... homicide, some family's tragedy) for me to live is hard enough and the only thing that helps is knowing they gave willingly. ..."

By forcing the issue of presumed consent, rather than patiently seeking to convince potential donors to "opt-in" of their own free will — which is the way organ donation occurs in most American jurisdictions — lawmakers and organ procurement agencies may experience significant setbacks as people respond to a perceived assault on their freedom.

Lawmakers and the medical

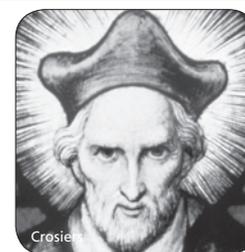


MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

establishment should rather educate potential donors as to the importance of organ donation and seek to win their trust throughout the procurement process. Building up such trust through the process of informed consent all the way to the procurement of the organs themselves will go a long way towards increasing organ availability for future transplant patients. Novel approaches such as mounting a public relations campaign from Hollywood might also increase the number of willing donors. The effect of having a noted celebrity on TV urging people to check the organ donor box on their driver's license renewal form could be significant. Building up an authentic culture of life — and encouraging organ donation in ethically acceptable ways — needs to be a real priority for medicine and society, as organ transplantation offers significant and enduring health benefits to the sick who oftentimes have no other hope.

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Philip Neri

1515-1595
May 26

Philip's Florentine family intended him for a merchant's life but he preferred serving God, and in 1533 went to Rome for philosophy and theology studies. He lived as a layman for 17 years, founding a lay brotherhood for common worship and caring for the sick and pilgrims. He experienced an ecstasy in the catacombs, and was later ordained. With priest friends he founded the Congregation of the Oratory in 1575. Something of a celebrity to all Romans, rich and poor, Philip was known as "the apostle of Rome."

Tragic loss of life sends torrent of tears

This article appeared in the May 14 issue of the Tennessee Register, newspaper of the Diocese of Nashville, Tenn. It was written by Mary Margaret Lambert, the secretary to Nashville Bishop David R. Choby whose father and stepmother, Joseph and Bessie Formosa, died in the recent floods.

My heart is filled with grief as I write this column, but it is something that I must do to begin the long process of healing from an unthinkable tragedy.

On Sunday, May 2, Nashville was deluged with rain of biblical proportions, and flooding occurred in many areas of our city. Waters from the Cumberland and Harpeth rivers exceeded their boundaries, and creeks all over town turned into raging streams, destroying and enveloping anything within miles of them.

My 88-year-old father and his 78-year-old wife, unaware of the seriousness of the situation, got

into his truck and started out of his condominium complex onto the main road, which was partially covered with rushing water. Despite shouts from bystanders for him not to proceed any further, his hearing loss and stubborn determination prevented him from heeding their warnings, and by the time he realized that the water was too deep and the current too swift, his truck was swept under the raging waters, trapping both of them inside.

We have spoken with eyewitnesses on the scene who told us of the heroic attempts of a young man who nearly lost his own life in a valiant effort to save theirs. We pray for him and ask God to bless him for his actions.

We had just left town early that morning, headed for a week-long vacation at the beach, and I spoke with my father mid-morning from my cell phone and cautioned him not to leave the house because of the heavy rains and

predictions of flash flooding. By the time neighbors started calling us with reports of heavy flooding in our area, I was unable to reach Daddy by phone and had friends and family members trying to locate him, thinking he was evacuated to a shelter with others.

One of our sons heard on the evening news that an unidentified elderly couple had lost their lives when their truck was submerged in high waters. He called the hospital, gave them my father's name and was told only that he was in the ER there. Upon arrival, he learned that both of them were deceased and I was called with that tragic news.

We drove all night to get back home and could not absorb the reality of what had happened. The last image of my daddy was the day before we left, when we went to visit and leave him a list of contact phone numbers for our

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Trinity explains us and how we live



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity Jn 16:12-15

The Book of Proverbs developed in a fascinating process with which people in 2010, especially parents, easily can relate.

It is part of a collection of Scriptures called the Wisdom Literature. It came about as Jews, who had fled or left the Holy Land for other places because of bad conditions at home, tried to keep their children within the fold of the Chosen People.

Their young people faced enormous pressures from the pagan culture all around them. Holding onto the God of Israel was not easy.

The pagan culture presented itself, or was perceived, at the ultimate expression of human wisdom.

Proverbs, thoroughly rooted in a deep faith in God and in the majesty of God so awesomely manifested in all of creation and most especially in God's loving mercy, ultimately builds on the principle that knowledge and acceptance of the revelation of the God of Israel is the most profound human wisdom. This book fundamentally says that trust in God, or belief in God, is not far-fetched.

Proverbs is a series of maxims and statements of advice, many of

which have found their way into commonplace speech. Since it draws its messages from many Middle Eastern cultures, and from many experiences of the Hebrew people, over a period of centuries, it is difficult to date.

A literary device in the Wisdom Literature, to personify wisdom, occurs in this reading. The Wisdom of God becomes a person and speaks.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans declares that those who have accepted Jesus as Lord are at peace with God. Moreover, as a result of this bond with Jesus, and as proof of this peace, true disciples have within themselves the very life and love of the Holy Spirit.

For the last reading, the Church on this feast selects a part of St. John's Gospel. It is the word of Jesus, spoken to the disciples. Splendid itself in a Gospel renowned for its eloquence and depth, Jesus promises the disciples that the Holy Spirit will be with them.

These words surely are reassuring, but they also reveal the oneness of the Lord with the Holy Spirit. Jesus and the Spirit are one. Jesus and the Father are one. Therefore, Jesus, the Spirit and the Father all are one. Followers of Jesus are linked with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit inseparably and eternally. This reveals the Trinity.

Reflection

The Church this weekend concludes the Easter season. Last week, in the aftermath of the feast of the Lord's Ascension, it celebrated the feast of the Pentecost. At Pentecost, the Church asked us all to remember the unity we have in the community of believers, the Church, and the power to live vir-

tuously that comes to us in the Holy Spirit.

At the Ascension, human and divine, crucified but risen, Jesus returned to the glory of God. But, Jesus did not leave us. Pentecost reassured us of the presence and guidance of God with us, in Jesus, through the Apostles, in the structure that has been called the Church.

Today's readings again emphasize that Jesus is God, perfectly living with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

In addition, continuing the very essential message of salvation in Christ, and the providential gift of the Spirit, celebrated at Pentecost, the feast powerfully tells us that God loves us. He shares with us the most intimate detail of divinity, namely the Trinity.

It is much more than an ethereal, an interesting, indeed awesome, but nevertheless distant, aspect of God. It explains the blueprint of life, especially of life as a Christian. We are created in the image of God, the Trinity. We are redeemed by Christ, and vivified by the Spirit. The Trinity explains us and how we should live.

READINGS

Sunday: Prv 8:22-31 Ps 8:4-9 Rom 5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Ps 123:1-2 Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17 Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8 Ps 71:8-9, 14-15b, 16-17, 22 Mk 12:38-44

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

In May we note the Trinity. This quiz looks at a few hat tricks.

1. Genesis 5 tells us that Methuselah's father lived 300 years after the birth of his son. Who was this aged father?

- a. Enoch b. Jacob c. Kronos

2. The three sons of Noah were

- a. Him, Shep and Curley
b. Chico, Groucho and Harpo
c. Shem, Ham and Japheth.

3. Noah also built something 300 hundred cubits long. What was it?

- a. a temple b. an ark c. a cross

4. In Exodus, Moses was kept at home after birth for only three months. What happened to him then?

- a. He was sent to the Land of Canaan.
b. He was set adrift on the Nile.
c. He was sold off by his brothers.

5. In Exodus we also learn that this had to be three cubits high and made of Acacia wood

- a. the ark of the covenant
b. a cross
c. an altar

6. Leviticus 27:6 shows a difference in tax rates; girls paid three shekels and a boy

- a. five b. 30 c. 300

7. Numbers refers to Aaron, Moses and Miriam as the three. What three were they?

- a. They were siblings.
b. Nothing is meant by three here.
c. They were three top collectors of taxes.

8. Numbers 35 refers to the six cities of asylum. These were divided into three in the Land of Canaan and the other three are

- a. in Egypt
b. beyond the Jordan
c. east of Eden

9. In Judges 7 only 300 soldiers passed this weird test:

- a. They scaled the walls of Jericho.
b. They had all their hair shaved off and yelled "oorah."
c. They lapped up water in their hands to drink.

10. What is usually the third Gospel listed in Bibles?

- a. Matthew b. Luke c. John

11. How do we know there were three Wise Men or Magi?

- a. We don't; it is a tradition based in the number of gifts.
b. It is in Acts and Luke.
c. There were three camel corpses found in the desert in 1945.

12. This island is named for the Trinity

- a. Trinidad
b. Threbizon
c. Thresskill (Eire)

13. One of the issues that divided Eastern from Western Christianity during the Great Schism was this mind numbing issue, more commonly referred to as the "filioque"

- a. the fact that the father is greater than the Spirit
b. the double procession of the Holy Spirit from the Father and the Son
c. the fact that Constantine was his own grandpa

14. The Slavic three barred cross has this unusual feature:

- a. The bars are all different lengths
b. The top bar is both a titulus and a nimbus
c. The lower bar is slanted

15. When was the Third Vatican Council?

- a. during WWII
b. in 1973 (in secret)
c. there has not been a third Vatican Council (yet)

ANSWERS:

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

Trusting that God listens

You're in my thoughts and prayers.

I must have heard that a dozen times in the last week as my brother recovers from surgery. And I'm sure each one of you has said it to someone who has encountered some physical ailment or mental anguish.

It's a wonderful thing to say and a well-intentioned gesture. In many instances, it's about the only thing someone can say to the hurting or bereaved.

That's a lot of prayers being said for my family and me. It's good to know. I'm not sure that I believe that all these prayers actually are being directed at us as often as it is articulated. But everyone appreciates the kind thoughts, and really, kind thoughts are their own kind of prayer.

Do you ever wonder what impact someone else's "thoughts and prayers" have on you or a loved one?

Most of us probably think in terms of those thoughts and prayers leading to the outcome that we're hoping for. You know, pray for the successful outcome of a surgery or ask for God's intervention in a situation that could go either way. If the outcome is in our favor, then God answered the prayer.

But as Msgr. Michael Heintz from St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend pointed out in a recent exchange of ideas, "we have to get away from the idea that it's a kind of negotiation — bargaining with God — like we really have anything that gives us leverage."

What if my prayer for dry

weather so a charitable event can be successful is in direct opposition to the farmer who desperately needs the rain to save his crops? Who wins? Whom does God choose to favor?

A couple of years ago, I sat down and began to make a list of people for whom to pray. I tried to include not only family and friends, but my so-called "enemies" too.

I don't really have enemies. You've got to be more important than I am to actually have enemies. Let's just say there are a few people out there who don't love me quite the way some do. They were put on the list.

But like so many other well-intentioned thoughts/acts, I never quite finished the list, and I didn't stick to the goal of having that list nearby at my desk so I could look at it, think briefly about a person in my life, and offer up a warm thought or prayer for that moment or day.

I wish I would have finished that list and stuck to my intentions. I recently lost a friend who could have used more of my thoughts and prayers. Would we still have him today if I had actually included him on my list? Would he have found peace and comfort had just one additional person been praying for him?

Prayer isn't going to change God's mind — as if He had the type of "mind" that could be changed. Rather, we express our desires to God in order to cooperate with Him in bringing about certain effects that He has ordained for our good.



TIM PRISTER

FROM THE SIDELINES

"Prayer is not so much about swaying God as it is placing us in a kind of deeper awareness of the relationship we have to Him," said Msgr. Heintz. "In the end, what prayer changes most clearly is the person who prays."

By praying, we acknowledge that we cannot achieve things on our own. It is an act of humility on our part. We may grow frustrated at times because God doesn't react to things on our time schedule. But the mere act of praying — for the person who is saying the prayer and for whom the prayer is intended — prepares all of us for the acceptance of God's will.

In the end, we don't know what impact our prayers have — the human mind is not insightful enough to fully understand that — and that's okay. But I do know this. I'm going to finish that list and I'm going to look at it and pray for at least a few of those folks every day, trusting that God is listening.

Tim Prister is a 1978 graduate of Marian High School and a 1982 graduate from the University of Notre Dame.

St. Paul preaches in Perga

Why did St. Paul sail to Perga on his first missionary journey?

The Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament says that St. Paul, St. Barnabas, John and Mark set sail from the city of Paphos on the island of Cyprus to the city of Perga (or Perge) in southern Turkey (or ancient Asia Minor) in A.D. 46. Perga was a stepping stone to other cities in central Turkey that St. Paul wanted to visit and preach the gospel.

Perga was purposely a little inland from the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, so it would be more protected from pirates and invaders. To reach Perga from the Mediterranean Sea, you would sail up the Cestrus river, navigable in St. Paul's time, and there on a rise you would see the utterly magnificent city of Perga. St. Paul also could have chosen to land at one of the nearby seaports of Attalia (now Antalya) or Side, but the Bible does not specify his exact route to Perga. When St. Paul eventually left Turkey on his first missionary journey, the Bible does say he left from Attalia.

Perga is a beautiful and well-preserved archaeological site. Its main streets were over 21 meters wide. The main entrance into the

city is huge, allowing many chariots with their horses to parade in side by side celebrating their victories in war.

E. Blake mentions the main streets of Perga were lined with colonnades and a water channel ran down their center in a series of small waterfalls. Behind the colonnades stood the shops. The stadium and theater at Perga still survive. The stadium, seating 14,000 people, is one of the best preserved in Turkey. The theater held 15,000 people. There was a large and beautiful Temple of Artemis, in the time of St. Paul, but it has not yet been located.

D. Darke mentions at Perga you see the Roman baths, the agora or marketplace, and granite columns. There are the ruins of a basilica where St. Paul is said to have delivered his first sermons on the Asia Minor mainland and won his first converts here.

There is the nymphaeum, from which the water channel down the center of the main street was fed. There is also a palaestra or open courtyard by the gymnasium where exercises were done. The tombs at Perga are laid out in the normal way, beside the roads leading to the city gates. Then there



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are the ruins of the tomb of Plankia Magna, the second century A.D. priestess of Artemis who held the highest office in Perga, that of demiurge or magistrate.

A. Edmonds mentions another famous resident of Perga, namely Apollonius, a third century B.C. astronomer and mathematician who believed that the moon went around the earth as the earth went around the sun. His ideas were rediscovered during the Renaissance.

M. Grant says the Christian martyr Nestor died at Perga during the persecution of the Roman emperor Decius in A.D. 251. The line of Perga's bishops known by name goes back to the fourth century A.D. In the seventh century A.D. Arabs conquered Perga and most of the population left for the seaport of Antalya.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 30, 2010

Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Following is a word search based on the Second Reading and Gospel for the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Cycle C. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

JUSTIFIED	BY FAITH	PEACE
OUR LORD	ACCESS	GRACE
WE STAND	BOAST	HOPE
GLORY OF GOD	CHARACTER	DISAPPOINT
LOVE	POURED OUT	HEARTS
TRUTH	GUIDE YOU	SPEAK
WHAT IS MINE	DECLARE	FATHER

THE SPIRIT

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sons in case he needed something while we were gone. He was busy painting little "yard art" statues for their patio, which was so typical of him. He always had a project of some kind going on. Before we left, I kissed him on his forehead and told him we would see him in a week and I would call when we got to our destination so he wouldn't worry.

My mother and father married at the age of 18, and 10 months later, the day before his 19th birthday, I was born. He had saved coins in a jar for the duration of the pregnancy, and paid the hospital bill with his savings. A dark, curly-headed Italian boy who worked hard and arose before daybreak every morning to work with his father and two brothers in the family produce business, he was a bit of a rebel and always headstrong, but faithful and loyal to his wife and daughter.

When I was 11 years old, and hoping for a baby sister, I got a baby brother, who quickly became the blessing that made our family complete.

Daddy served in World War II as an aircraft mechanic, and after the war, he obtained his own pilot's license and small plane.

His ultimate goal was to teach me to fly as well, but my mother put her foot down on that plan very quickly.

He loved to build things and tinkered with engines constantly. He loved to fish and always liked being on the water. He and his brother bought a little fishing boat together and from there, he acquired a little runabout that became the first in a series of boats he owned and enjoyed throughout his life.

Some of his happiest moments were spent at Commodore Yacht Club with my mother and their many friends. When Mamma died at the age of 59, his world crumbled and he grieved for such a long time. Three years after her death, he remarried and found companionship once more that lasted for 26 years, until the day they died together in that tragic accident.

We are so very grateful for the many prayers, the countless acts of kindness and the love that has sustained us during these past days. Without each person's concern and God's grace, we would not have been able to endure this loss. Please continue to pray for all who have lost their homes and possessions as a result of the flood and do whatever you can to assist those in desperate need.

Treasure every moment with those you love for we never know when it might be the last time together.

Sports

BISHOP DWENGER STUDENTS SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT Bishop Dwenger High School's third baseman and catcher Mike Mugg and distance runner Nick Brand recently signed letters of intent. Mike Mugg will be continuing his baseball career as a preferred walk-on with Indiana University-Purdue University (IPFW) in Fort Wayne. A member of the 2009 Fort Wayne-South Bend All-Diocesan Cross Country Team, Nick Brand will continue to run both track and cross country for the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne.

PRIESTS TO RACE MARATHON FOR ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, CHIARA HOME



LESLEY KIRZEDER

On the Go for St. Joe! is slated Saturday, June 5, in South Bend. St. Joseph Parish's three priests, Holy Cross Fathers John DeRiso, John Patrick Riley and Kevin Grove, will run the Sunburst Half Marathon — a total of 39.3 miles — to benefit St. Joseph Grade School and Chiara Home. Pledge information is available at www.stjoeeparish.com.

ST. ANTHONY PANTHERS TAKE ICCL AAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT



PROVIDED BY STEVE WALTZ

The sixth-grade boys from St. Anthony de Padua in South Bend won the recent ICCL AAA baseball tournament and were also regular season co-champions of the league, completing the season with a record of 8-2. In the championship game St. Anthony defeated South Bend St. Joseph, 6-2. In the front row, from left, are Dan Taelman, Lucas Mazurkiewicz, Joe Canter, Benedict Adriatico, Lorenzo Martinez, Spencer Lippert and Andrew Hankins. In the back are Alex Krupp, Coach Fran Martinez, John Griffith, Evan Drinkall, Charlie Williams, Murphy O'Brien, Bob Canter, manager, and Coach Bobby Williams.

St. Vincent Panthers take CYO soccer crown

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Kreager Park was the field where the 2010 Catholic Youth League (CYO) boys' soccer champions were crowned on Tuesday, May 11. St. Vincent defeated St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, 1-0, in a hard-fought battle.

Coach Jeff Sorg explained, "We were fortunate enough to score an early goal just three minutes into the game. Then it was 47 minutes of nail biting."

Both the champs and the runner-ups finished with identical records of six wins, no losses and one tie. Because the "head-to-head" was a tie between the two Panther teams, the number one seed was determined by the most goals scored during the regular season and went to St. Joe/St. Elizabeth.

In his fourth season, Sorg and assistant coach, Martin Heiny's roster consisted of 16 eighth-grade boys. Although not all players were able to get into the championship game, Sorg explains, "They all helped us get there in one way or another. It takes an entire team to win a championship."

All players contributed in multiple roles for the Panthers during the season. Josh Lapp played the majority of his time as a defender. Derek Gloudemans, Michael Reecer, Evan Pagryzinski and Austin Hillman were all able to come into any of the positions when needed. The majority of Ian Arcellana, Jared Houlihan, Eddie Byrne and Luke Severinak's time was spent between midfield and forward positions along with Jordan Bly as a speedy forward. Stephen Colligan reluctantly started playing the most important role of goalie as a fifth grader. As the years went by, so did his reluctance. Through the entire season, Colligan only allowed four stingy tallies.

Just before the post-season, Sorg moved a strong rookie player, Ryan Watercutter into a center defensive position, upon Heiny's recommendation. Next to club player Jason Brand, the two were able to shore up the defensive line. This also allowed a Nick Heiny move to a crucial center midfield spot where he dominated play throughout the latter part of the season and throughout the tournament.

In the first round, the Panthers beat St. John Fort Wayne, 6-0.



PROVIDED BY THE ST. VINCENT PANTHERS

Members of the winning grades 7-8 boys 2010 CYO championship soccer team, the St. Vincent Panthers, are shown in this photo.

Round two of the tournament was rained out twice. Finally, as the sunshine dried a soggy Kreager Field, the Panthers faced St. Charles in the semifinals. The halftime score was knotted at zero in an intensely even match. It was not until Nick Sorg was able to break away from his club team practice about five minutes into the second half that Lucas Capito started his scoring rampage. Capito finished with four goals over the next 18 minutes for a 4-0 victory for the Panthers.

During the regular season game with St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, the Panthers' only tie of the season, St. Vincent had an unlikely hero — Grady Eifert, who rejoined the team for his eighth-grade season after playing golf the past two years. The Panthers were down, 1-0, until midway through the second half, when Eifert was able to even the score with a great left footed shot. Despite not participating in any previous organized soccer, both coaches noticed early on that Eifert's natural athletic ability and sense of where to be on the field would prove to be an asset to the Panthers.

The championship rematch started in the Panthers' favor, much to Sorg's surprise. Just three minutes into the game Nick Heiny pushed a high ball to Nick Sorg who headed directly to Eifert. Looking like a cool veteran, Eifert trapped the ball to an

open space then placed a beautiful pass forward to Capito who knew exactly what to do with it. The rest is Panther history.

As runner-ups, Coach John Connolly congratulated St. Vincent. Summarizing St. Joe-St. Elizabeth's awesome run, Connolly said, "We had fun and played hard. Hopefully the boys learned a little about the game of soccer and a little about the game of life. It was a great season." The Panthers also listed 16 on their 2010 roster.

For the younger boys' Catholic Youth League (CYO) soccer, St.

Charles sixth graders beat St. Vincent 6 by a narrow margin of 4-3 for the 2010 championship. Coach Jim Allegeier's

Cardinals and Bill Khorshid's Panthers

went head to head in an all-out shoot-out with a half-time score of 4-3 in the title match while the second half provided a defensive battle. The undefeated Cardinals were led by Nathan Conroy (two goals), Adam Whitcraft and Andrew Harter on the offensive attack, while center back Patrick Allegeier and goalie Joe Steigmeyer, anchored the defensive effort that allowed only one goal the entire regular season. Khorshid felt the championship game was a great contest. "There was a lot of hustle from both teams," he summarized.



BISHOP THROWS PITCH AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' NIGHT



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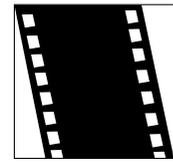
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was called up to the minor leagues for a one-day appearance with the South Bend Silverhawks, where he threw out the first pitch before a game with the Fort Wayne TinCaps. Bishop Rhoades is pictured here with his catcher, Holy Cross Father Kevin Groves of St. Joseph Parish, and umpire Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. On the far right is Silverhawks owner and former Notre Dame catcher, Joe Kernan. Kernan presented Bishop Rhoades with a souvenir bat, thanking him for taking part in Catholic Schools' Night at the Cove May 17. Student representatives from South Bend-area Catholic schools ran out onto the field during pre-game introductions before heading back to their seats to enjoy Dollar Monday and the ballgame. When asked which team he was rooting for, Bishop Rhoades tried to be diplomatic and praised both clubs. A re-match and another Catholic Schools' Night may be necessary since Fort Wayne swept the three-game series in South Bend.

EIGHTH GRADERS CELEBRATE GRADUATION AT CATHEDRAL



PHOTOS BY TESS STEFFEN

Bishop Kevin Rhoades, in his homily to the eighth-grade graduates from the Fort Wayne area schools, challenged them to keep an active prayer life during their high school years. He encouraged them to keep God as their best friend as they make new friendships in the years ahead. He also asked them to stay as active in the Church as they will be in high school clubs and sports. In the bottom photo Bishop Rhoades distributes Communion at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to area eighth-grade students, parents, school faculty and staff.



MOVIE CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) – Following are capsule reviews of theatrical movies recently reviewed by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“Letters to Juliet” (Summit)

Director Gary Winick's old-fashioned romantic comedy explores time-honored themes of love, loss, family and destiny amid a beautifully photographed Italian travelogue as it chronicles New York-based magazine fact-checker Sophie's (Amanda Seyfried) journey to Verona — the city of “Romeo and Juliet” — where, left on her own by her food-obsessed chef fiance Victor (Gael Garcia Bernal), Sophie visits Juliet's house and discovers a kind of Wailing Wall for the amorous, where lovesick women leave letters seeking relationship advice. Sophie's answer to one such missive, penned 50 years before by Englishwoman Claire (Vanessa Redgrave), prompts Claire to return, with her obnoxious grandson Charlie (Christopher Egan) in tow, determined to find her long-lost idol Lorenzo. An implied premarital relationship, a brief obscene gesture. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents.

The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG.

“Robin Hood” (Universal)

Thematically ambitious yet enervating version of the much-filmed legend concerning the 13th-century English outlaw (Russell Crowe) who, in this serious reworking awash in political intrigue and salubrious civics lessons, goes from common archer on King Richard's Crusade to the valiant unifier of a downtrodden, suffering nation. Director Ridley Scott drains the tale of energy and emotion without offering action thrills that would ingratiate a new generation of viewers. Though hovering on the edge of bawdiness, and despite jabs at the cold-hearted, oppressive church leaders of the period, the movie may be acceptable for some mature teenagers. Much — mostly bloodless — battle violence, a nongraphic sexual situation with fleeting rear nudity, an attempted rape, callous clergy, some innuendo and anatomical references, one instance each of crude and crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13 — parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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 (thematic sessions structured around catechesis, community-building, and reflection/discussion), prayer and liturgy, retreats, service opportunities, and a summer mission trip.

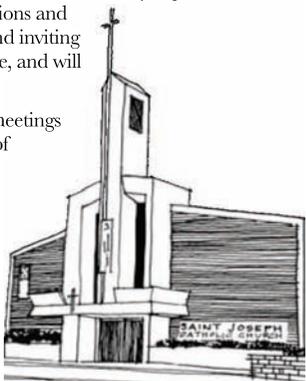
Qualified applicants will have a love for the Church and demonstrate a commitment to its teachings and mission. Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree (or be on track to receive a bachelor's degree) and have at least one year of related ministry experience.

The successful candidate will also be open to the questions and concerns of young people, will have an enthusiastic and inviting 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 resumé to:

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

Questions may be directed to Fr. John DeRiso, CSC,
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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, P.O. 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.

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic procession

Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish will have a Eucharistic procession around the parish grounds on the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ Sunday, June 6, concluding the 11:45 a.m. Mass.

Young Catholic Musicians to perform

Mishawaka — Queen of Peace Parish will host the Young Catholic Musicians, a 40-member orchestra and choir of teenage musicians from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. They will lead the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 5, followed by a concert of American patriotic and popular music in the gym. They will also lead the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 6, before continuing their tour to Toronto.

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.

Franciscan Brothers Minor to begin First Saturday devotions

Fort Wayne — First Saturday Devotions will be held June 5 at the Our Lady of the Angels Oratory (former St. Andrew Church) from 9-11 a.m. The event includes Mass, rosary, confession and holy hour followed by a talk on the biblical foundations of Marian devotion.

Prayer for Priests

Mishawaka — Join the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, 1515 Dragoon Tr., on Thursday, June 3, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in a special day of prayer for priests. Morning prayer and Mass, 7 a.m. rosary, evening prayer and Benediction, 5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day.

Theology on Tap for summer

South Bend/Fort Wayne — The Theology on Tap summer series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single or married, will be held at The Backstage Grill, 222 S. Michigan St. on Tuesdays in June at 6:30 p.m. Series theme is "The Church and Society." On June 1, "The Church and the Priesthood," with Father Stephen Koeth, CSC; June 8, "The Church and Science and Technology," with John O'Callaghan; June 15,

"The Church and Reproduction," with Lisa Everett and June 22, "The Church and Politics," with Father Daniel Scheidt. In Fort Wayne Theology on Tap will be held Thursday, June 3, at Columbia Street West, 135 W. Columbia St., at 6:30 p.m. on the topic "The Spirit of St. Francis," with Father Dave Engo, OFM, Cap. These events are hosted by the Office for Campus and Young Adult Ministry. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/TOT for information.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Tom Shoemaker will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, June 1, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father Tom is the pastor of St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne.

All family rosary

Fort Wayne — The all family rosary will be recited on Sunday, May 30, from 3:30-4:15 p.m. at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. The intention is for all families.

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Knights sponsor trip to Marytown
Granger — A pilgrimage to the National Shrine of St. Maximillian Kolbe in Marytown,

REST IN PEACE

Columbia City

Eugene C. Ness, 78, St. Paul of the Cross

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Arden L. Pease, 88, St. Vincent de Paul

Walter Donlan, 85, St. Charles Borromeo

Patricia Bornkamp, 81, Our Lady of Good Hope

Donna Jean Stanford, 71, Saint Anne Home Chapel

Brackin Terry, 72, Our Lady of Good Hope

Monroeville

Mary A. Beam, 76, St. Rose

New Haven

Helen A. Bowers, 102, St. John the Baptist

Notre Dame

Brother James Giles Kinsella, CSC, 80, Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel

South Bend

James Verleye, 68, St. Catherine of Siena at St. Jude

Julius S. Bagarus, 84, Our Lady of Hungary

Thomas Lane, 67, St. Matthew Cathedral

Betty L. Mangus, 83, St. Jude

Mary Varga, 84, Little Flower

Mary M. Bauer, 86, Holy Cross

Nelson G. Everly, 79, Christ the King

Amber L. Budzin, 34, St. John the Baptist

Ill., will be Thursday, June 10. Tickets are \$79 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Call (574) 274-8403 by June 1.

Funfest 2010 at PB

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood Parish will have Funfest June 4-5. On Friday dinner from Big Eyed Fish will be from 5-8 p.m. and a beer tent will be open from 5-10 p.m. On Saturday family fun will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dinner will be from 4-7 p.m. and the beer tent will be open from 6-11 p.m. with music from Loose Change. Raffle both days and no admission charge.

Knights plan fish fry

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

Notre Dame season ticket raffle

South Bend — The St. Hedwig Holy Name Society will raffle two Notre Dame season tickets. Donations are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Mail to 1104 N. Elliott St., South Bend, IN 46628.



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2010	Feast Day	Fort Wayne 10:30 a.m. WISE-TV, Ch. 33	South Bend 10:30 a.m. WNDU-TV, Ch. 16
June 6	Corpus Christi	Msgr. Bruce Piechocki Our Lady of Good Hope Fort Wayne Airs at 6:30 a.m.	Father Mark Gurtner St. Anthony de Padua South Bend Airs at 6:00 a.m.
June 13	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Jason Freiburger St. Vincent dePaul Fort Wayne	Father Daryl Rybicki Corpus Christi South Bend
June 20	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Dave Ruppert St. Therese Fort Wayne	Msgr. Bernard Galic Holy Family South Bend
June 27	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Msgr. Robert Schulte Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Fort Wayne	Father Glenn Kohrman St. Vincent de Paul Elkhart

Due to the French Open the TV Mass will air at 6:30 a.m. in Fort Wayne and at 6 a.m. in South Bend on June 6th.

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here. There is warmth and understanding — women talking to women,” said Bishop D’Arcy. He added that he was proud to be associated with the Women’s Care Center and to have one named in his honor. “If you have to have something named after you, this is what to have,” he said.

Following a prayer of blessing, Bishop Rhoades sprinkled holy water in each room of the center, which was formerly a sporting goods store owned by the Freeman family, many of whom were present. The dedication was closed when Bishop Rhoades led the crowd in invoking a blessing from the Blessed Mother on all the women and babies that would come to the center by singing the traditional Marian hymn “Immaculate Mary.”

Ann Koehl reported that the center has had 2,000 visits since it’s opening in December of this year, 22 of which were “wrong door” visits, where the visitor thought she was entering the abortion clinic. “The increased visibility at this location makes it a very viable spot for women in the area in need of our services,” she says.

Koehl says she is honored to have the facility named for Bishop-emeritus John M. D’Arcy, “Our Sunday Visitor gave us a wonderful gift in honor and to credit Bishop D’Arcy. He has been a support since day one ... since he heard that Women’s Care Center was coming here he’s been working full-time for us.”

The Women’s Care Center offers several free services to pregnant women and new mothers from 15 northern Indiana, southwestern Michigan and central Ohio. The Most Reverend



KAY COZAD

Bobby Williams, director of development for the Women’s Care Center, left, looks on during the dedication ceremony May 24 as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, right, shakes hands with Bishop-emeritus John M. D’Arcy, for whom the newest Women’s Care Center on Coliseum Blvd. in Fort Wayne has been named.

John M. D’Arcy Women’s Care Center is the third center in Allen county, offering pregnancy and other services along with facilities at 823 Webster St. and 2112 Inwood Dr. Nine of 13 WCC staff members float between the three centers where each offers a counselor and a registered nurse who performs ultrasounds for expectant mothers.

Last year 14,205 women made 68,555 visits to care centers for services that included free pregnancy testing, crisis pregnancy advocacy and post-abortion care. The centers also provide maternity clothes, baby clothes and supplies, and referrals to various community agencies. The Crib Club supplies are supported and managed by the Christ Child Society. Free school abstinence programs and parenting classes are also available through the centers.

Of the dedication ceremony

Koehl said, “I’m so honored to be part of this ministry and so grateful that both bishops could be with us tonight for the blessing.”

Of the center Bishop Rhoades said, “I think the mission and ministry that takes place here and at other centers is incredible. I am immensely grateful to all who have supported the center ... and for the support of Bishop D’Arcy. It is so appropriate that the center is named for him, who is such a good shepherd proclaiming the Gospel of life.”

“This is the culture of life,” added Bishop D’Arcy. “It is a blessing to be part of it.”

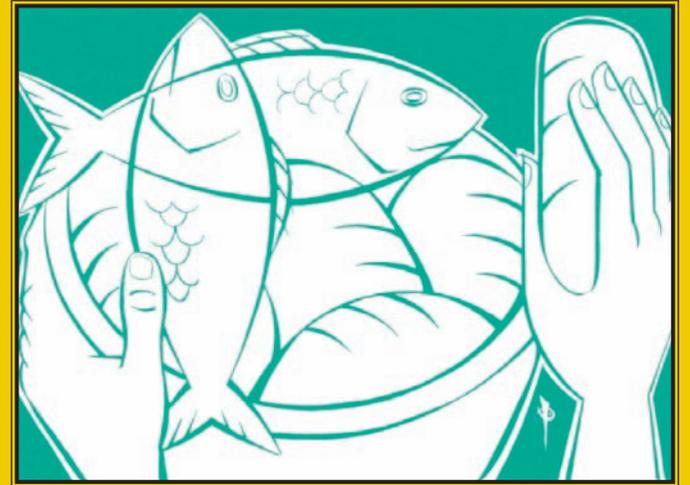
For more information on the Women’s Care Center on Coliseum Blvd. call (260) 482-8910 or visit www.womenscare-center.org.

SCHOOLS RECEIVE FUNDS FROM ANNUAL BISHOP’S APPEAL



TIM JOHNSON

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades presents checks to the four diocesan Catholic high schools with funds from the Annual Bishop’s Appeal. In the photo, from left, are Bishop Rhoades; Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne, Principal J. Fred Tone; Marian, Mishawaka, Principal Carl Loesch; and Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend, Development Director Jeff Boetticher. Bishop Luers High School’s representative was not available for the photo.



“and the fragments left over filled twelve wicker baskets...”

Generous Abundance

brings to mind the plentiful kindness demonstrated by our readers when donations were requested to support the effort of bringing *Today’s Catholic* into the home of every registered Catholic household in the diocese. Last year, two collection envelopes were available for this purpose, and your response was gratifying and beyond. This year, only one envelope will be in your paper, and that will be on June 20, 2010. Therefore, we take this occasion to thank you again for your thoughtfulness, and ask again for your continued support of this weekly expression of evangelization.

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streets of the Spanish community (where some have fallen away from the Church). ... We hope they will walk with the bishop. It’s a call back home.”

The bishop will stop at four predetermined sites where there will be communal prayer and blessing of the houses and community there. Neighbors along the route have been invited to set up tables displaying favorite saints so as to symbolize that “the saints and people are receiving the Lord.”

Once the Benediction takes place there will be a fiesta held at Our Lady of Hungary with music, cultural foods and regional dance groups.

According to Roman-DeJesus this inaugural event, petitioned from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, is the first of its kind in this diocese.

“This will be the first time an all-Spanish Mass will be celebrat-

ed in the cathedral,” said Roman-DeJesus, adding that a large group has come together to help plan this special celebration. Eight of the 14 parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend that have Hispanic ministries have assisted with this cultural activity. Information on the event has gone out to all diocesan parishes for use in bulletins as well as on fliers placed in neighborhood grocery stores and restaurants that enjoy a high volume of Hispanic customers.

Bishop Rhoades, who will celebrate the Mass entirely in Spanish, invites all who are interested, but especially Hispanic Catholics of the diocese to join him.

“I invite the Spanish-speaking faithful of the diocese to attend the diocesan Hispanic Mass on June 6, the solemnity of Corpus Christi, at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. After the Mass, all are invited to join me in the outdoor Eucharistic Procession through the streets from St. Matthew Cathedral to Our Lady of Hungary Church.

“The beautiful tradition of the Corpus Christi procession is a

wonderful opportunity to publicly express our love and devotion for the Lord Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Carrying the most Holy Eucharist through our streets and neighborhoods reminds us also that we are to carry Christ with us when we leave church, bringing His love and mercy into the world,” said Bishop Rhoades, who added, “Let us all be mindful of the amazing gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Real Presence of Christ ever in our midst. Christ is with us in this sacrament of love. Come, let us adore Him!”

Roman-DeJesus reports the expected crowd of over 1,000 processors will park on the west side of Our Lady of Hungary and ride to the cathedral via shuttles or car pools. She requests participants be at the cathedral the hour before the start of Mass to assemble.

Groups interested in participating in the procession are asked to call Enid Roman-DeJesus at the Office of Hispanic Ministry at (574) 259-9994, ext. 211 or Lourdes Silva, associate director at ext. 217, for preparation purposes.