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Corpus Christi Procession unites Latino neighborhoods

BY JODI MAGALLANES

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades met the diocese's Spanish-speaking faithful on Sunday, June 6, when hundreds accompanied him on a 1 2/3-mile Corpus Christi procession through the Hispanic neighborhoods between St. Matthew's Cathedral and Our Lady of Hungary parishes in South Bend.

In observance of the solemnity, the afternoon began with Mass at the Cathedral — the first time the parish has hosted a Spanish-language Mass, and a first for the bishop as well.

"This is the first Mass in Spanish in the diocese for me, and it's appropriate that it be for the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ," he told worshippers. He then thanked them for being present to their new bishop.

"I'm very happy to celebrate this feast day with you, the Latino community of the diocese. When I received the news that Pope Benedict XVI would appoint me to this diocese, I was excited because I knew it had a Hispanic community. I was excited because I believe that your presence is a blessing to the U.S. Church," he said.

Following the Eucharistic liturgy, the Body of Christ began its journey through the streets of South Bend's near southwest side. Pilgrims emblazoned with the name of their home parish followed on foot and in song, with the Hispanic choir of St. John the Evangelist Church in Goshen providing live music.

At the procession's second stop, Los Rosales market on South Michigan Street, Rebecca Rosales waited anxiously for the throng to arrive.

"We were so excited that they would have



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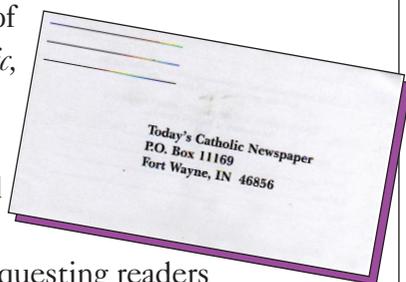
At the final stop of the Eucharistic Procession at Our Lady of Hungary Church in South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades kneels before the Blessed Sacrament.

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Bishop Rhoades visits Center for the Homeless

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Service to God and country was celebrated this past Memorial Day, as the feast of the Visitation also fell on May 31.

In South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades spent part of his day with some of the area's neediest people, and those who serve them, at South Bend's Center for the Homeless. Arriving in time for the center's Monday evening meeting, he met with folks from a variety of backgrounds. Some shared their stories and everyone listened as Bishop Rhoades talked about some of his experiences as a priest and bishop.

"I wanted to be here tonight because I

think this is an extremely important mission of the Church," said Bishop Rhoades. "Not only financially, which we do support, but also spiritually, through our prayers and our outreach. I'm just so proud of people who are here to provide service, to help people who, for whatever reason, might be down and out. We've all had times like that in our lives, where we experience some troubles and challenges. Sometimes we need someone who's going to be there for us ... providing us a place or whatever kind of support we need."

Bishop Rhoades had the attention of everyone in the room, which included peo-

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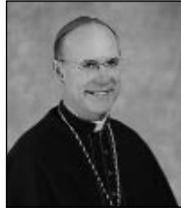
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Holy Eucharist, the Church's most precious treasure



IN TRUTH
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CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Center for the Homeless

On the evening of Memorial Day, I had the pleasure of visiting the Center for the Homeless on Michigan Street in South Bend. The executive director, Steve Camilleri, invited me to participate in their weekly community meeting. The meeting began with the presentation of the colors, followed by announcements by Steve and others. Then I was invited to share some thoughts and answer questions. After closing with a prayer and blessing, I had the opportunity to meet several of the residents.

I was truly impressed by the wonderful work of this center. It not only provides food and a shelter for the homeless, but also a multitude of services to help people who have encountered various difficulties in life. I met and spoke with two men who were celebrating 18 months of sobriety, thanks to the assistance of the center. Other guests receive educational assistance and various life skills. I was very impressed by the individualized attention each guest receives. Each person is treated according to their unique situation and particular needs, whatever circumstances precipitated their homelessness. The Center for the Homeless appears to me to address the root problems of homelessness and is committed to breaking the cycle of homelessness. I am glad our diocese supports this wonderful place.

Visit to the University of Saint Francis

I have been to the University of Saint Francis a few times since coming to Fort Wayne, but my first "official" visit was on June 2. I celebrated the 12:05 p.m. Mass there, followed by lunch with the sponsoring religious congregation, the Sisters of Saint Francis. Sister Elise, the president of the university, then gave me a wonderful tour of the beautiful campus. It was an enjoyable afternoon, an opportunity to learn more about the educational and spiritual life programs at our Catholic university in Fort Wayne. We are blessed to have the University of Saint Francis in our diocese. I am looking forward to returning there in the fall for a few events.

Confirmations

This week I finished the busy Confirmation season. I celebrated Confirmation Masses at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elkhart, Our Lady of Hungary Church in South Bend, and St. Patrick Church in Ligonier. It was my first visit to all three of these parishes. I have really enjoyed visiting so many of our parishes through the celebration of these Confirmation liturgies. Let us pray for all



DIANE FREEBY

Courtney Hammoud, a resident of the Center for the Homeless since last July, was welcomed into the Catholic Church this past Easter after attending R.C.I.A. at St. Monica in Mishawaka. Center for the Homeless Director Steve Camilleri says the residents celebrated with her when she shared her good news on Easter Monday.

the young people of our diocese who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit this spring through the sacrament of Confirmation. May they open their hearts to these gifts and be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus and strong members of His Church.

Discernment retreat for men

This past weekend, Deacon Terry Coonan led a retreat for young men discerning the call to the priesthood. It took place at the motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis in Mishawaka. As always, the sisters spoiled us with their great hospitality and delicious food! I was very edified by the faith and zeal of the young men thinking about the possibility of seminary. I enjoyed an hour session with them in which I spoke about obedience, chaste celibacy and voluntary poverty, important aspects of the life of a priest. A question-and-answer period followed. It was enjoyable to talk to some of the men over meals, learning about their lives and interests. I pray that each one will be open to God's call, whether it be to the priesthood, religious life, marriage or the single life. Of course, I am hoping that God is calling several of them to serve as His priests here in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend!

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

The highlight of my week was the celebration of the beautiful Eucharistic feast of Corpus Christi this past Sunday. St. Matthew Cathedral was filled for the diocesan Hispanic Mass I celebrated at 1 p.m. After the Mass, we processed with the Blessed Sacrament to Our Lady of Hungary Church. It was a beautiful, prayerful and

reverent Corpus Christi Procession. I couldn't believe when we ended that it was about 5 p.m.! We sang hymns to our Eucharistic Lord, prayed the holy rosary and received Benediction at different locations along the way.

We cannot thank God enough for the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Church's most precious treasure. While carrying the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance, my heart was filled with joy and thanksgiving. Carrying our Lord, I felt the whole diocese was present in our prayer. The devotion of our Hispanic brothers and sisters was also a source of great joy for me.

St. Thomas Aquinas called the Eucharist the greatest of the miracles of Jesus Christ. St. Peter Julian Eymard, the founder of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, wrote that the Eucharist "is superior to all the other miracles in its object and surpasses all the others in its duration. It is Jesus' permanent incarnation and perpetual sacrifice. It's like the burning bush burning on the altar forever. It is the manna, the true bread of life which comes down daily from heaven."

The Second Vatican Council also affirmed the greatness of this sacrament when it proclaimed that "the Most Blessed Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth, that is, Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread. Through His very flesh, made vital and vitalizing by the Holy Spirit, He offers life to men."

I encourage all the people of our diocese to be faithful to Sunday Mass, especially during these upcoming summer months. If you are going away on vacation, please be sure to check out the churches and Mass times at your destinations. For those who are unable to attend Holy Mass due to sickness or frailty, I invite you to watch Mass on TV if possible, making at that time a spiritual communion. The Eucharist is the center of our lives! We cannot live without it, because we cannot live without Christ, who is indeed the Bread of Life come down from heaven.

I also encourage all to make visits to the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacles of our churches and also in those churches where the Blessed Sacrament is exposed on the altar for adoration. In His Eucharistic presence, our Lord remains miraculously in our midst. Let us not be afraid of silence in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoring Christ in the Eucharist, we listen to God who speaks to us in our hearts. In our busy and noisy world, we need the inner silence found in Eucharistic adoration where we are centered on Christ, on God who is love.

This Friday, we will celebrate the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope Paul VI called the Eucharist "the outstanding gift of the Heart of Jesus." It is the greatest of all the sacraments, a sacrament of love par excellence.

"May the Heart of Jesus in the most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world even until the end of time! Amen."

Diocesan graces flow from the Year for Priests

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

The fruitfulness of our efforts to promote vocations depends primarily on God's free action, yet, as pastoral experience confirms, it is also helped by the quality and depth of the personal and communal witness of those who have already answered the Lord's call to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life, for their witness is then able to awaken in others a desire to respond generously to Christ's call. — Pope Benedict XVI

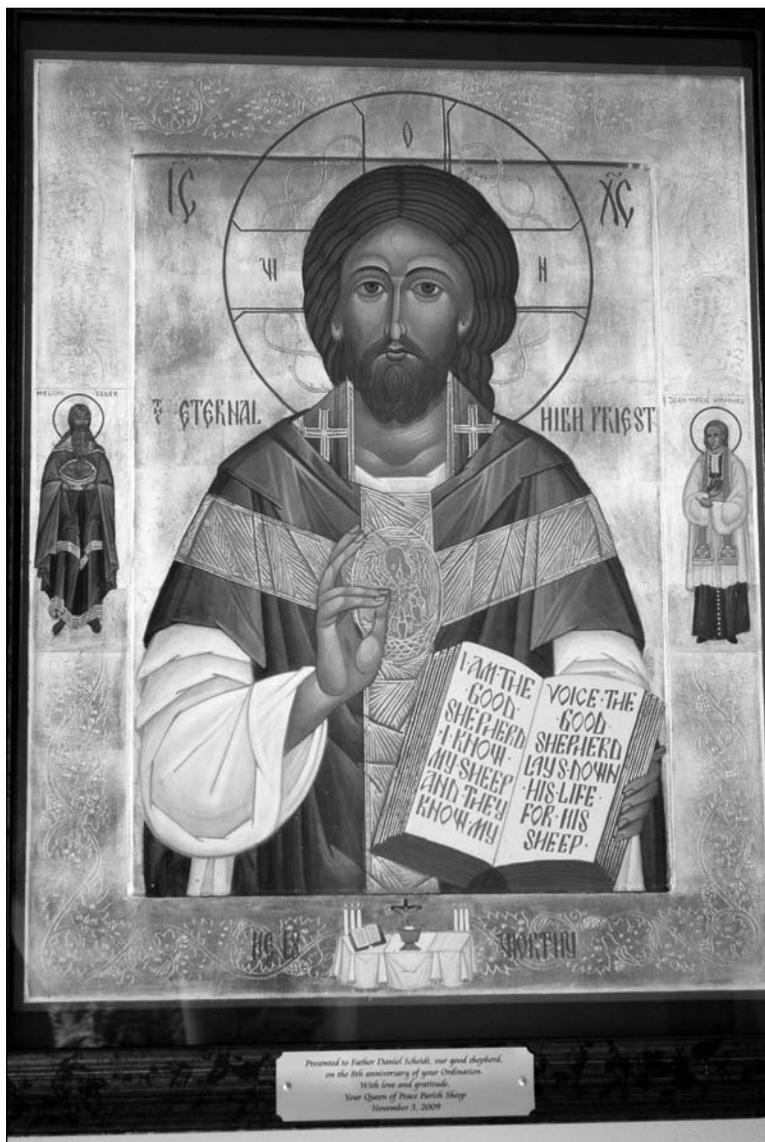
MISHAWAKA — As the Year for Priests concludes June 19, many within the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend have benefited from the graces that have flowed from this year's activities. Clergy throughout the diocese have received spiritual bouquets in the forms of Mass intentions, the rosary, general prayers, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Hours and fasting and offerings by parishioners that have been recorded on the diocesan Vocation Office Web page.

Father Daniel Scheidt, pastor of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka, attests to the power of prayers for those in the priesthood. "I always tell people that their prayers are, so to speak, the 'spiritual oxygen' that my brother priests and I breathe. That is to say, we rely in the most necessary and vital way on the prayers, sacrifices, and friendship of those we serve. The Year for Priests has truly been a providential 'breath of fresh air' for the renewal of priests in their ministry and the Church in her witness of faith to the world."

Another grace to come from the Year for Priests is the young men who are discerning the priesthood as a vocation. Within Queen of Peace Parish, parishioner Tom Scheibelhut, a 2003 graduate of Mishawaka High School, explains his faith journey as he enters seminary this fall.

"My first experience of possibly being called by our Lord to such a life was at the apex of my initial 'reversion' to our Catholic faith. Our Blessed Mother had a lot to do with my return to the Lord. She called me out of a sinful life by her mother's touch and gaze of profound love and purity. Having been freed from the chains of sin by the transforming and liberating graces of the sacrament of Confession, I was deeply moved to pursue the Lord."

He adds, "I was blessed at that time in my life to know some amazing people of God and lovers of Our Lady. They became great models for me, and I soaked in the spirit of truth as they proclaimed Jesus and Mary to me."



Presented to Father Daniel Scheidt, our good shepherd, on the 10th anniversary of your Ordination. With love and gratitude. Your Queen of Peace Parish Clergy November 3, 2009

KAREN CLIFFORD

At the close of Scheibelhut's freshman year at a secular college he needed to decide whether to search for a religious order or apply to Franciscan University of Steubenville. He decided to do both and was accepted at Steubenville while continuing to discern the possibility of a religious vocation.

During his senior year at Steubenville, Scheibelhut met with one of the mentors that Pope Benedict XVI mentioned as awakening his desire to respond to Christ's call.

"I started meeting with Father Dan Scheidt on a somewhat regular basis," he says. "He became my spiritual father, helping in a tremendous way to guide me to the Holy Spirit's direction."

After graduation from Steubenville, his association with those in the clergy expanded. "The examples throughout my life of the amazing, sacrificial love of our priests, especially our own Bishop-emeritus John D'Arcy has been very instrumental. I have been lovingly accepted by Bishop Kevin Rhoades, who is truly a humble man, a shepherd after the heart of Christ, one that I desire to follow, by God's grace and your prayers."

Scheibelhut says that the timing for discerning a vocation in

the priesthood is providential.

"It is indeed no mere 'coincidence' that so many young (and not as young) men in our diocese and throughout the whole universal Church have felt the call from Our Lord and His Bride, with Our Lady, to pursue the life that He Himself lived out for us; a life of total and utter sacrifice for His Bride, the Church."

Queen of Peace Parish will mark the conclusion of the Year for Priests, on June 19 with a Mass at 9 a.m., followed by Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration until 3:30 p.m. Reconciliation will be offered from 3:30-5 p.m. with Benediction following at 5 p.m.

While the Year for Priests comes to a conclusion, Scheibelhut asks for continued prayers for all clergy and those in discernment.

"Please pray for all of us seminarians that we may continue to discern authentically and unselfishly the call to such a life," he says. "Pray that we may be formed and molded, in the heart of our Mother Mary, into Christ. Pray for our priests, even after this Year for Priests. And pray for Bishop Kevin Rhoades. What a gift!"

PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES



- Sunday, June 13 — Meetings of USCCB Committees on Doctrine and on the Catechism, St. Petersburg, Fla.
- Monday through Friday, June 14-18 — Spring Assembly of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Priesthood is call to transform world with love

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — The primary purpose of both the ordained priesthood and the common priesthood of all baptized Catholics is to change the world with love, Pope Benedict XVI said.

The priesthood of Christ, "which the Church inherited and continues throughout history, in the double form of the common priesthood of the baptized and that of ordained ministers," aims "to transform the world with the love of God," he said at Mass June 3.

In his homily at the Mass for the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ in Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran, Pope Benedict focused his remarks on the priesthood of Christ.

The Mass was moved indoors after an early evening downpour. The pope's traditional Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Rome to the Basilica of St. Mary Major was canceled.

To accommodate the large crowd that usually would gather for Mass on the huge lawn outside the basilica, very few chairs were set up inside. Thousands of people stood packed together for the Mass.

The liturgy ended with Pope Benedict and most of the congregation kneeling in Adoration of the Eucharist for 15 minutes.

"Contemplating and adoring the Blessed Sacrament," the pope

said in his homily, Catholics recognize "the real and permanent presence of Jesus, the eternal high priest."

Jesus was not a priest in the Jewish tradition, he said, but was more like the Jewish prophets.

"Jesus took his distance from a ritual understanding of religion," which sometimes put more emphasis on following rules than on "observing the commandment of God, in other words, love for God and for one's neighbor, which 'is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices,'" the pope said, quoting the Gospel of St. Mark.

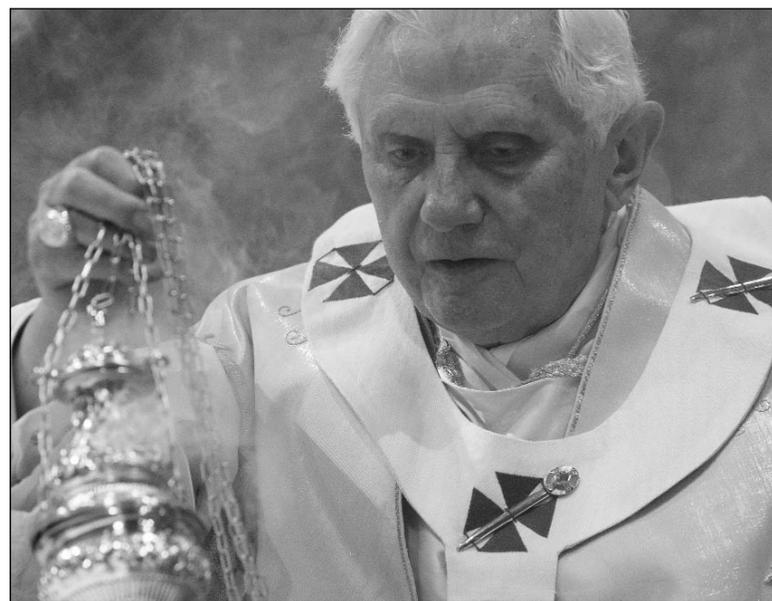
The offering Jesus made, he said, was the offering of his own pain, suffering and, finally, death on a cross in order to save the world.

Through love and prayer, "the tragic trial that Jesus faced was transformed into an offering, a living sacrifice," he said.

The divine power of love, which made the Incarnation possible, is the same power that transformed "the extreme violence and extreme injustice" of his death "into the supreme act of love and justice," Pope Benedict said.

"The priesthood of Christ brings suffering. Jesus really suffered, and he did so for us," the pope said.

Jesus did not need to learn how to be obedient to God, "but we do and always will," he said.



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Pope Benedict XVI uses incense during Mass on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome June 3.

Report claims some groups that receive CCHD funds defy Church teaching

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A report by the American Life League charges that the Catholic Campaign for Human Development continues to fund some community-based groups whose efforts conflict with Church teaching.

Released June 1, the report said that 46 CCHD-funded agencies have directly or indirectly supported abortion, contraception, same-sex marriage, homosexual rights and "other affronts to morality and Catholic teaching."

Funding such organizations, said Michael Hichborn, director of the league's Project in Support of Catholic Teaching who wrote the study, "amounts to the Catholic Church, ostensibly, giving money to its enemies."

CCHD officials at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops could not be reached for comment. The campaign is the bishops' domestic anti-poverty initiative and each year provides grants to more than 250 groups.

Bishop Roger P. Morin of Biloxi, Miss., chairman of the bishops' CCHD subcommittee, told bishops Nov. 17 at their fall general assembly in Baltimore that accusations the campaign is "providing funds to groups that are pro-abortion or groups that are not in support of the family ... and other untruths" are "outrageous claims."

Since 2008, CCHD has taken steps to defund organizations that initially received poverty-fighting grants and were later found to violate funding guidelines. In all, six organizations lost CCHD funding after officials learned of activities the groups participated in were unethical or contrary to Church teaching.

Hichborn told Catholic News Service the report was sent to each U.S. bishop as well as diocesan pro-life directors May 20.

In a letter accompanying the

report, Hichborn said the American Life League wanted the bishops to be "better informed on why faithful Catholics have been questioning and sounding the alarm against the CCHD for so many years."

"We'd really like the USCCB to thoroughly investigate CCHD, find out why so much money is going to these organizations, get to the root cause of that organization and make sure anything coming out of Catholic donations is going to organizations strictly in line with Church teaching," Hichborn told CNS.

"It's not right versus left," he added. "It's about the Church funding its enemies, period."

CCHD officials have worked for nearly a year to strengthen the campaign's vetting process for awarding grants to groups working to lift people out of poverty through community organizing efforts and campaigns designed to empower marginalized people to act on their own behalf.

In a March 24 interim report to the USCCB's Administrative Committee from Bishop David A. Zubik of Pittsburgh, a member of the bishops' Subcommittee on CCHD, outlined steps being taken to strengthen the review process for grants. The report also explained how new efforts will be made to identify issues and responses that reflect Catholic teaching.

Hichborn's findings largely revolve around collaborative efforts that most of the cited organizations have joined. In some cases, several members of the coalitions have taken stances on pro-life or family issues that are contrary to Catholic social teaching.

Editor's Note: The American Life League Report can be found online at www.reformcchdnow.com. Information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found online at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Pope asks Catholics in Cyprus to be witnesses of God's love

BY CINDY WOODEN

NICOSIA, Cyprus (CNS) — The Catholic minority in Cyprus and the Christian minority in the Middle East are called to be witnesses of God's love, of hope in the face of suffering and of a tenacious commitment to dialogue for peace, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Meeting with members of Cyprus' tiny Catholic communities in the morning June 5, celebrating Mass that evening with Church workers and celebrating Mass June 6 in a sports stadium, the pope said they can be a force for good in the region and in the world by strengthening their bonds of affection for one another, building unity with other Christians and respectfully working with followers of other religions.

"We are called to overcome our differences, to bring peace and reconciliation where there is conflict, to offer the world a message of hope," the pope said in his homily June 6 in Nicosia's Eleftheria sports arena.

"We are called to reach out to those in need, generously sharing our earthly goods with those less fortunate than ourselves. And we are called to proclaim unceasingly the death and resurrection of the Lord," the pope told an estimated 10,000 people from Cyprus and throughout the Middle East.

The Vatican estimates there are about 25,000 Catholics in Cyprus. Most belong to the Maronite Church; the Latin-rite Catholic community is composed of a tiny group of Cypriot Catholics and several thousand foreign workers, particularly from the Philippines, Sri Lanka and India.

The pope's meeting June 5 with Catholics at the St. Maron School brought together representatives from all the Catholic communities, including Filipino, Sri Lankan and Indian domestic workers who had the day off.

One of them, Violet Saldanha, 45, was singing in the choir. Coming from Mumbai, India, she has been working as a housekeeper in Cyprus for 10 years and said the Church nourishes her faith, gives

her support and is a place to socialize.

The Latin-rite choir was just a tiny part of the program put on for the pope; hundreds of children from 4-year-olds to teenagers danced for the pope and a Maronite choir sang traditional hymns as well as mournful folk songs.

The sad songs reflect the fact that many of Cyprus' Maronite villages were on the northern part of the island, which has been under the control of Turkish Cypriots since 1974. Thousands of troops from Turkey are stationed in the North.

Elena Solo is from one of the northern villages, Ayia Marina.

While Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots cross over the U.N.-patrolled buffer zone with relative ease, Ayia Marina and some other villages are off limits.

"We are not allowed to go inside the village, not even to visit the church. There are Turkish troops there," Solo said.

Still, she said, the situation is the result of a political problem between Cyprus and Turkey, not a religious problem, and it does not prevent Greek and Turkish Cypriots from working together and even being friends.

In his introductory remarks, Pope Benedict greeted the Maronite Catholics, giving special mention to Ayia Marina and three other villages once inhabited by the Maronites who fled south after the 1974 tensions.

Maronite Archbishop Youssef Soueif of Cyprus asked the pope, "Help us return to our villages. Remember Cyprus in your prayers. Our villages are beautiful spaces where we preserve our identity, our particularity in the spirit of openness toward everyone."

Openness was a key theme in the pope's address to about 2,000 people gathered in the hot sun on the schoolyard.

The pope said the fact that Catholics were such a small minority on the island gave them the opportunity each day to foster good relations with other Christians and with Muslims.

"Only by patient work can

mutual trust be built, the burden of history overcome, and the political and cultural differences between peoples become a motive to work for deeper understanding," he said.

The pope urged the Catholics of Cyprus "to help create such mutual trust between Christians and non-Christians as a basis for building lasting peace and harmony between peoples of different religions, political regions and cultural backgrounds."

After the event at the school, the pope was the guest of Orthodox Archbishop Chrysostomos II, head of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus. Before visiting the Orthodox museum and joining the archbishop for lunch, the pope praised the Cypriot leader for his role in supporting dialogue and peaceful coexistence.

The pope told the archbishop that he joined him "in praying that all the inhabitants of Cyprus, with God's help, will find the wisdom and strength needed to work together for a just settlement of issues remaining to be resolved, to strive for peace and reconciliation, and to build for future generations a society distinguished by respect for the rights of all."

At the evening Mass June 5 with priests, nuns, seminarians and parish leaders at the Church of the Holy Cross, the pope focused on the theme of the cross and of suffering transformed by love.

The cross, he said, "is indeed an instrument of torture, suffering and defeat, but at the same time it expresses the complete transformation, the definitive reversal of these evils; that is what makes it the most eloquent symbol of hope that the world has ever seen."

The cross "speaks of love, it speaks of the victory of nonviolence over oppression," he said.

On the eve of presenting the working document for the special Synod of Bishops for the Middle East, Pope Benedict said he wanted to remember the many priests and religious in the Middle East "currently experiencing a particular call to conform their lives to the mystery of Christ's cross."



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Pope brings message of peace to Cyprus, Middle East

BY CINDY WOODEN

PAPHOS, Cyprus (CNS) — As tensions swirled just to the north in Turkey and to the south in Gaza, Pope Benedict XVI landed in Cyprus praying for peace.

The pope began his June 4-6 visit to Cyprus, in the far eastern Mediterranean Sea, by blessing an olive tree.

The trip began one day after the president of the Turkish bishops' conference was killed by his driver, who had been experiencing psychiatric problems.

And even as the pope was flying from Rome, international tensions were simmering over Israel's raid on a flotilla of boats trying to run the Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Cyprus itself is not a stranger to tension; the island has been divided between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots since 1974. U.N. peacekeepers patrol a buffer zone between the two sides, and the Vatican nuncio's residence, where the pope was staying, is in the zone.

Arriving at the airport in Paphos, Pope Benedict told President Demetris Christofias and the Cypriot people, "May the love of your homeland and of your families and the desire to live in harmony with your neighbors under the compassionate protection of almighty God inspire you patiently to resolve the remaining concerns that you share with the international community for the future of your island."

Christofias told the pope, "Your presence here conveys a strong message of peace over hatred and war. We share with you the same vision for peace and social justice."

Pope Benedict went directly from the airport to the Church of Agia Kiriaki Chrysopolitissa, which stands in the midst of an archaeological park with the remains of a fourth-century Christian basilica.

Amid the cream-colored stones and ancient marble columns, the pope presided over an ecumenical prayer service honoring Sts. Paul and Barnabas, who preached the Gospel in Cyprus in about 45 AD.

According to the Acts of the Apostles, the pro-consul of the Roman Empire converted to Christianity as a result of the



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Pope Benedict XVI blesses children dressed as flowers during a ceremony at St. Maron Catholic School in Nicosia, Cyprus, June 5.

Apostles' ministry.

"Thus it was from this place that the Gospel message began to spread throughout the empire" and take root in Europe, the pope said.

The pope told Archbishop Chrysostomos II, head of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus, that his church was right to be proud of its direct link to the Apostles.

Even though Christians of the East and West split almost 1,000 years ago, there exists a "communion, real yet imperfect, which already unites us, and which impels us to overcome our divisions and to strive for the restoration of that full, visible unity, which is the Lord's will for all his followers," the pope said.

"Today we can be grateful to the Lord, who through his Spirit has led us, especially in these last decades, to rediscover the rich apostolic heritage shared by East and West, and in patient and sincere dialogue to find ways of drawing closer to one another, overcoming past controversies and looking to a better future," the pope said.

In his greetings to the pope, Archbishop Chrysostomos asked for prayers for peace and the unity of Cyprus and denounced the continuing presence on the island of thousands of Turkish troops and their occupation of the northern third of the island.

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ple from many different religious backgrounds, or no religious background at all. He talked about the three greatest virtues, beginning with faith.

"Number two is hope," continued Bishop Rhoades. "Even if things are really tough, there can always be a brighter day because the Lord is on our side. He's always there to pick us up. ... I've experienced that in my own life."

"And of course the greatest of the virtues, the third one, is love. God created us in His image, and if we're ever going to be fulfilled in our lives it's through love that we're fulfilled," he added. "That's our vocation. I'm a bishop, and that's my vocation. But whatever we're called to do, we're called to be self-giving. ... I think everyone knows it's through love that we find meaning in our lives. It's the way God made us."

The group, which included several veterans, responded with a lengthy applause. Sapphire Marks, who hopes to return to her military career in the National Guard, called the bishop's talk "inspiring." Bishop Rhoades said he would keep everyone there in his prayers.

"Will you pray for me?" piped up a woman in the front row, who said her name was Leslie.

"I have a prayer book, Leslie," Bishop Rhoades assured her, "and I write the names of people I say I'm going to pray for so I don't forget!"

"My last name's Brown. Leslie Brown. Put my name in there!"

"Leslie Brown. I will remember!" replied the bishop. "My first name's Kevin, by the way, Bishop Kevin Rhoades."

Joslyn Lewis, a resident at the center for three months, held her nine-month-old baby on her lap and asked Bishop Rhoades about the large cross worn around his neck. He explained that he wears a pectoral cross and a ring to help identify him as a bishop.

Steve Camilleri is the director at Center for the Homeless. A parishioner at St. Joseph Parish in South Bend, Camilleri said he was thrilled when Bishop



PHOTOS BY DIANE FREEBY

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades chats with residents Danny Forrest and John Peepers before a Memorial Day gathering at South Bend's Center for the Homeless.



Joslyn Lewis and her baby daughter, residents of Center for the Homeless, enjoyed meeting Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades last month. "It was inspiring," she said of bishop's talk on faith, hope and love. "I felt like he was speaking from his heart."

Rhoades responded just a few days after he sent a letter inviting him to visit.

"What we're doing here takes a whole community," said Camilleri, who also has experience with the Alliance for Catholic Education and Notre Dame Vocation Initiative. "I know how involved the community churches are in our mission. As the shepherd of our Catholic

community, it's so important that he met the folks who live here."

Camilleri said he appreciated how well Bishop Rhoades interacted with the residents, making everyone feel welcome as he also took advantage of several "teachable moments."

"We, as an organization, are not religiously affiliated," explained Camilleri, referring to Center for the Homeless and its mission, "but there's a real sense of spirituality, and he tapped into that 100 percent. When he talked about faith, hope and love and that sense of continue to be encouraged because there is great hope for you, and to tell us that he's going to pray for us ... by name! That was sincere and it really came from the heart and it was easy to see."

One woman recalled her experience as a cab driver, giving then-Bishop John M. D'Arcy a ride from the airport, and the peace she felt just talking with a Catholic priest. She thanked Bishop Rhoades for taking time on a holiday to come visit the people at the center.

"It was a real blessing!" exclaimed Tina-Louise Fennessee, who has been a resident since March. "People think just because we're homeless, we're no one. You can be homeless and still be spiritual. You can be homeless and believe in God."



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Outgoing Catholic University president to become coadjutor of Trenton

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The outgoing president of The Catholic University of America, Vincentian Father David O'Connell, has been named coadjutor bishop of Trenton, N.J., by Pope Benedict XVI. The appointment was announced June 4 in Washington by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop-designate O'Connell, 55, is a native of Philadelphia who attended St. Joseph Preparatory High School in Princeton, N.J., and colleges in New York and Pennsylvania before his ordination for the Vincentians in 1982. As coadjutor he will automatically succeed Trenton Bishop John M. Smith upon his retirement. On June 23, Bishop Smith will turn 75, the mandatory age at which bishops must submit their retirement. Bishop-designate O'Connell has been president of Catholic University since 1998. In October he announced his intent to step down at the end of the school year, which ended in May. His episcopal ordination is scheduled for July 30 at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral in Trenton. He has asked Bishop Smith to be his consecrator, to be assisted by Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark, N.J., and Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington, Catholic University chancellor. "Trenton has been a second home to me," Bishop-designate O'Connell said at a June 4 news conference in Trenton after the announcement of his appointment.

Martyred Polish priest beatified at Mass in Warsaw

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — A martyred Polish priest was praised for standing against the oppressive forces of communism when he defended human rights in his sermons during a beatification Mass in the Polish capital. More than 140,000 people listened intently during the June 6 ceremony in Pilsudski Square as Archbishop Angelo Amato, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Saints' Causes, recalled how Father Jerzy Popieluszko "did not yield to temptation to survive in this death camp" under communist rule. "Father Jerzy ... helped only by spiritual means, such as truth, justice and love, demanded freedom of conscience for citizen and priest," Archbishop Amato said of the 37-year-old priest who was linked to the Solidarity labor movement and murdered by communist secret police agents. "But the lost ideology did not accept the light of truth and justice." "So this defenseless priest was shadowed, persecuted, arrested, tortured and then brutally bound and, though still living, thrown into water by criminals with no respect

SANDALS OF MOTHER TERESA DISPLAYED AT BASILICA



CNS PHOTO/BOB ROLLER

A woman looks at the sandals of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta during a display of relics of the future saint at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington June 2. Looking on are two members of the Missionaries of Charity, the order Mother Teresa founded.

for life, who thus left him contemptuously to his death," he said. More than 3,000 priests and 95 bishops were among those who attended the ceremony.

Thousands of volunteers build homes for Chilean earthquake victims

MACUL, Chile (CNS) — On a chilly Sunday morning, a small group of young adults hammered, sawed and hauled sheets of particle board in Macul, one of the sprawling districts south of the Chilean capital. Overnight rains had cleared the layer of smog that usually obscures the surrounding mountains, now covered with a blanket of snow, providing an idyllic backdrop for the volunteer builders. Pablo Alcaino was in charge of the volunteers sent to build homes for families who lost their dwellings when a magnitude 8.8 earthquake rocked the country Feb. 27. "We came here to build 10 (homes) this weekend, and we're running a bit behind," Alcaino said. "We'll just have to stay until they're finished." Alcaino is a regional coordinator for A Roof for Chile, a Catholic non-profit organization that 15 years ago set out to eradicate extreme poverty in the country by building homes for families living in shantytowns. In recent years, the organization shifted its priorities to focus on the social ills afflicting the country's poor. However, when the

powerful earthquake and subsequent tsunami left thousands of people in south central Chile desperate and homeless, the organization was asked to do what it does best: Build homes in a hurry. "The interest in volunteering was overwhelming," Alcaino said, "so much so that our Web site crashed in that first week after the earthquake."

Archbishop Wenski first native son to head Miami Archdiocese

MIAMI (CNS) — The deluge let up just as the festivities began. Two hours later, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski emerged from St. Mary Cathedral into bright sunlight, having officially been installed as Miami's fourth archbishop. On a rain-soaked June 1 — the first day of the hurricane season, as the archbishop himself noted — this descendant of Polish immigrants — a man born during a hurricane — became the first native son to take the staff as chief shepherd of south Florida's 1.3 million Catholics. "Hopefully, this is not a prophecy," Archbishop Wenski joked as the rains fell earlier in the day, during a brunch for bishops, friends and family members that preceded the installation Mass. The downpours reminded Father John McLaughlin, a retired archdiocesan priest, of the days of the late Archbishop Edward

McCarthy, whose tenure as Miami's second archbishop seemed always to be "blessed," as he put it, by rain.

Pope calls for improved conditions in Gaza

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI deplored an assault by Israeli commandos on a flotilla of ships taking aid to the Gaza Strip, calling the series of events "tragic" and "very painful," as well as a cause for concern for all those who long for peace in the region. He also called on world leaders and local politicians to do all they could to improve the living conditions in Gaza, which Israel has blockaded since 2007, when the Islamic militant group Hamas took control of the territory. "Once again I repeat with a heavy heart that violence does not resolve controversies, but rather it augments the dramatic consequences and spawns more violence," he said at the end of his general audience talk in St. Peter's Square June 2. The pope made an appeal to all political leaders on local and international levels to "unceasingly seek just solutions through dialogue so as to guarantee the people in the area better living conditions, in harmony and serenity." In Geneva, the Vatican's representative to U.N. organizations there, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi, said "a full, impartial and

transparent investigation into the latest incident, based upon international law and international humanitarian law, is necessary."

Monsanto's 475-ton seed donation challenged by Haitian peasants

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Advocates for Haitian peasants said a U.S.-based company's donation of up to 475 tons of hybrid vegetable seeds to aid Haitian farmers will harm the island-nation's agriculture. The advocates contend the donation is being made in an effort to shift farmer dependence from local seed to more expensive hybrid varieties shipped from overseas. Haitian farmers and small growers traditionally save seed from season to season or buy the seed they desire from traditional seed markets. However, an official from the St. Louis-based Monsanto Co. told Catholic News Service that the seed is simply a donation to the Haitian government. The first two shipments — 135 tons — of hybrid varieties of corn, cabbage, carrot, eggplant, melon, onion, spinach, tomato and watermelon arrived in Haiti during the first two weeks of May. Bazalais Jean-Baptiste of the Peasant Movement of Papay, the primary group opposed to the donation, told CNS June 1 from his office in Brooklyn, N.Y., that farmers usually are skeptical of unknown seed varieties. "From my experience, the peasant (farmer) is very careful in using the seeds, particularly corn," Jean-Baptiste said. "They would not plant a seed they did not know because they invested time to prepare the land and the seed." In a widely distributed e-mail in mid-May, Jean-Baptiste's brother, Chavannes, executive director of the peasant group, excoriated the seed donation as "a new earthquake."

Church officials work with governments to clean up devastation

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (CNS) — Catholic officials worked with government authorities to try to clean up after Tropical Storm Agatha left at least 180 Central Americans dead and hundreds of thousands homeless. The season's first Pacific tropical storm dumped more than three feet of rain in some areas May 29 and 30, causing flooding and mudslides that forced the evacuation of hundreds of thousands. It left a trail of destroyed homes, fallen bridges and damaged roads that government and Church leaders said will take years to rebuild. "The destruction is extremely widespread. There is damage in at least 12 (of Guatemala's 22) departments, and it's severe," Ricardo Monterroso, the coordinator of emergency response for Caritas Guatemala, told Catholic News Service. "Entire villages were destroyed by mudslides."

Intermediate, middle school Catholic school graduates receive good citizenship medals

SOUTH BEND — Good Citizenship Medals were awarded last week to deserving eighth- and ninth-grade students in 31 schools throughout St. Joseph County. This award depicting good citizenship is given throughout all 50 states in the union.

Sponsored by the Schuyler Colfax Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, the winner is chosen by their peers and faculty advisors for displaying the characteristics of a good citizen: Courage, leadership, patriotism, honor and service to others.

The list of Catholic schools and their winners are: Christ the King School, Anna Boll; Corpus Christi School, Magdalena Rzesutek; Holy Cross School, Meli Bandera; Holy Family School, Elijah Breden; Marian High School, Nicole Hardig; Our Lady of Hungary School, Elizabeth Smith; St. Adalbert Elementary School, Dominique Nuñez; St. Anthony de Padua School, Grace Williams; St. Bavo School, Katie Arterbery; St. John the Baptist School, Nicole Charles; St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, Meghan Burmeister; St. Joseph School, Corinne Lankowicz; St. Jude Catholic School, Jared Henry; St. Matthew Elementary School, Gregory Monnin; and St. Monica Catholic School, Grace O'Connor.

Central Catholic High School Alumni holds annual gathering

FORT WAYNE — Central Catholic High School Alumni will hold its annual gathering at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Reed Road on June 26 at 5 p.m. The classes of 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970 and 1975 will be honored. For more information contact Tony Martone at (260) 484-2233.

USF hosts Annual Three Rivers Invitational Exhibition

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis will host the opening of its annual Three Rivers Invitational Exhibition at the John P. Weatherhead Gallery in the Mimi and Ian Rolland Art and Visual Communication Center off Leesburg Road on Saturday, July 10, from 7-9 p.m.

This exhibition will encompass more than 60 artists on display from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. A variety of media will be exhibited including oils, watercolor, illustration, mixed-media, photography, ceramics, metalcraft and sculpture. There will be works of art for every interest.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (260)

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CORPUS CHRISTI CELEBRATED WITH SOLEMN PROCESSION



DIANE FREEBY

Father Daryl Rybicki, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish carries the Blessed Sacrament, on Sunday, June 6, the solemnity of Corpus Christi, through the neighborhood surrounding Corpus Christi Parish on South Bend's northwest side. Parishioners who live along the route offered their yards for altars where the procession paused for prayer. Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy and former longtime Corpus Christi pastor Father Camillo Tirabassi concelebrated Mass earlier with Father Rybicki. As the parish celebrated its patron feast day, it also kicked off a special jubilee year marking 50 years as a parish, and 25 years since the current church was dedicated by Bishop D'Arcy.

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St. Pius X School's first study abroad about to take off

GRANGER — Nine seventh- and eighth-grade St. Pius X students will spend June 9-20 immersed in the Spanish-speaking culture of the Central American country of Costa Rica. Father Bob Lengerich, associate pastor of St. Pius, Theresa Pace, the school's Spanish teacher, and four parents will accompany the students on the first study abroad experience offered by the Granger school that opened in 2008. The group will visit beaches, a volcano and a cloud forest, as well as spending time in Spanish classes at the Instituto Guanacasteco De Idiomas. To follow their journey visit <http://oursummerincostarica-stpiusx.blogspot.com>.

Saint Anne receives perfect state survey

FORT WAYNE — Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community

has announced that they recently received a perfect survey for the second year in a row.

Every nursing facility in the state of Indiana receives unannounced visits from the State Board of Health each year. These annual surveys are conducted to ensure the quality of care that each resident receives. These surveys are thorough in examination and are performed to conclude a facility's compliance for state regulations.

For a second year in a row, Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community received "0" deficiencies and a perfect survey.

Italy's president confers knighthood on director of Saint Mary's Rome Program

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College has announced that Italy's president conferred knighthood on Portia A. Prebys, director of the college's Rome Program. Giorgio Napolitano, president of the Republic of Italy, knighted her with the title of Cavalier of the Order of Merit of the Italian

Republic at a May 24 ceremony in Rome. She is now referred to as Cavalier Portia Prebys. The civil knighthood is an unusual honor awarded for meritorious service to the nation of Italy. She received the honor for her long career in international education, which includes her devotion to the Saint Mary's College Rome Program. It is the first of the college's study abroad opportunities, of which there are now more than 25.

"Portia Prebys has been the backbone of the Saint Mary's Rome Program since its inception 40 years ago," said Carol Ann Mooney, Saint Mary's College president. "To generations of Saint Mary's students she is a living legend. Her devotion to their experience in Rome is without equal. I am very pleased that the Italian government has honored her in this meaningful way."

"I am thrilled to have been chosen for Italian knighthood," said Cavalier Portia. "I am extremely proud to belong here in this very special way and hope to be able to contribute to the collective interests of Italy and the U.S. for many years to come."

Since the Saint Mary's College Rome Program began, Cavalier

Portia has worked with more than 3,000 students who have traveled to the Eternal City for what she calls an "education in paradise." For her contributions, Saint Mary's recognized her with the President's Medal at the college's Sesquicentennial Convocation, in 1994.

Bishop Luers, Bishop Dwenger seniors are CCHS Scholarship recipients

FORT WAYNE — Andrew Litchfield, Bishop Luers' Class of 2010, and Alec Green of Bishop Dwenger's Class of 2010, are winners of this year's Central Catholic Scholarship, which is awarded to a senior student who has expressed, in essay form, a passion and recognition for the value of his/her Catholic education. The \$500 scholarship is awarded by Central Catholic's Alumni Association.



ALEC GREEN



ANDREW LITCHFIELD

"Our association is growing and was able to fulfill part of our stated mission of supporting and promoting Catholic education this year by awarding both a Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers student with a financial award and also to make a contribution to each school to be used as needed," said Leanne Oddou Mensing, CC Alumni Association president.

Litchfield graduated in the top 20 percent of his class and will be attending Ball State University in the fall to study business.

Green graduated third in his class and plans to study chemistry and philosophy at Purdue University in the fall.

Saint Mary's justice education program director recognized

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College has announced that Jan Pilarski, director of the college's Justice Education Program, is a 2010 Hearts Afire Award recipient. The United Religious Community of St. Joseph County (URC) recognized Pilarski with the award May 6 at its annual Community Prayer Breakfast. Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff nominated Pilarski for the award and the URC Awards Selection Committee chose the recipients. The Hearts Afire Award acknowledges members of the South Bend faith community who have made an extraordinary difference in the lives of others.

Holy Cross History Association meets at conference

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — Over 50 Holy Cross religious from around the country and Canada met from June 3-5 at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, for the 29th annual conference on the History of the Congregations of Holy Cross.

The mission of the History Association is to promote and stimulate research on those religious communities that trace their origin to Blessed Basil Moreau of Le Mans, France.

This year's conference highlighted little-known Holy Cross members who had a great impact on the life and mission of their congregations. The conference began with Sister Kathryn Callahan, a Sister of the Holy Cross, who gave a paper on the history of the first 11 presidents of Saint Mary's College and their contributions to its early development.

The next day Canadian Holy Cross Brother Vianney St.-Michel

spoke of the long history of 141 years of Holy Cross' presence in Sainte Caesaire, a town close to where Blessed Brother André Bessette grew up.

On behalf of the Canadian Sisters of Holy Cross, Holy Cross Sister Cecile Charette presented a tribute to Holy Cross Sister Eva Ledoux, an artist from Canada. She included pictures of her beautiful paintings and told about the great influence she had on the hundreds of students who loved her.

Following Sister Cecile's talk, William Kevin Cawley, head of Catholic archives and archivist at the University of Notre Dame, introduced the Catholic Research Resources Alliance's Web site that helps researchers and archivists to locate hard-to-find historical information.

The morning's talks concluded with a paper on Holy Cross Brother Charles Borromeo Harding, who was very influential in the building of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and several other buildings, including the administration building, on



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Father John Connolly and Sister Kathryn Callahan share a word during the Holy Cross History Conference.

the campus of Notre Dame. Holy Cross Brother James Newberry showed how this little-known brother, with no formal engineering or architectural training, played a vital role in their design and construction. He was well-regarded by

Father Edward Sorin.

Holy Cross Brother Lawrence Stewart presented the last paper of the day. He spoke on the life of humility and service of Brother Alan McNeill, a Holy Cross brother who was faithful to assignments that he wouldn't have particularly chosen.

Father James Denn's gave the first paper on Saturday. His topic was about an attempt by a group of priests who wanted the chapter of 1932 to completely separate the societies of the priests and brothers into different congregations. They felt the brothers, because their society was much larger than the priests', were gaining too much power and influence. Due to the efforts of Holy Cross Superior General James W. Donahue their goal for complete separation was not realized. This would have been contrary to the Holy Cross charism of unity.

On a lighter note, Holy Cross Father John VandenBosche shared his discovery of poetry written by former superior general

Christopher O'Toole, a gift not known by many.

A paper by Holy Cross Brother George Klawitter told the story of Brother Hilarion Ferton, a pioneer who brought education to Algiers and the stumbling blocks he encountered.

Finally, Sister Maureen Rooney showed the impact that Sister Hildegardis made on the Sisters of the Holy Cross' education ministry, particularly in the western United States.

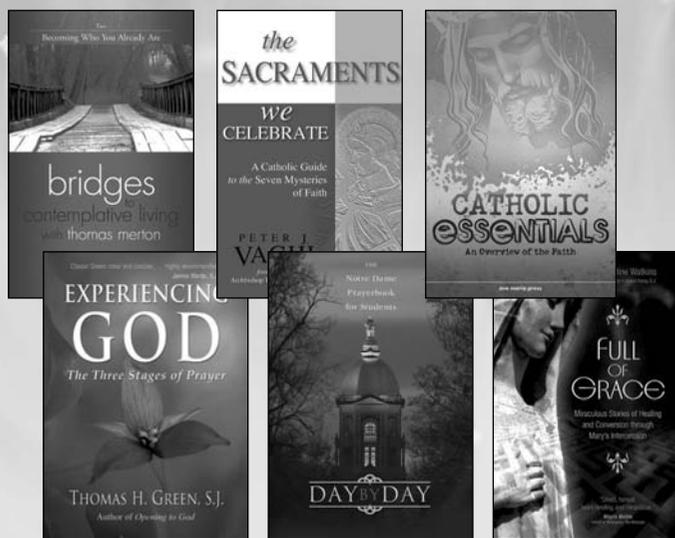
In the afternoon, participants were provided opportunities to visit the Midwest Brothers' Archives and the Sisters' Heritage Room as well.

The conference concluded with a Mass celebrated by Father Jim Connolly, president of the Holy Cross History Association, followed by a banquet at Andre Place in Holy Cross Village.

The theme for the 2011 conference will be "Exemplary Holy Cross Religious in Spirituality or Ministry," and will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, next June.

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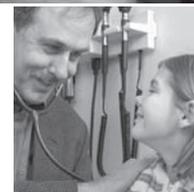
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Sisters of Providence celebrate anniversaries

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Several Sisters of Providence, a congregation of nearly 400 women religious with their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located northwest of Terre Haute, celebrate anniversaries this year.

80th anniversary

Two Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will celebrate their 80th anniversary this year. They are Sisters Ellen Catherine Conroy and Mary Charles Spalding.

One formerly ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. She is **Sister Ellen Catherine Conroy**, a native of Chicago. She currently ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at St. John the Baptist School (1953-1956) and at St. Patrick School (1958-1960).



SISTER CATHERINE CONROY

75th anniversary

Two Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will celebrate their 75th anniversary this year. They are Sisters Mildred Anne Dudine and Mary Terence Haag.

One formerly ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. She is **Sister Mildred Anne Dudine**, a native of Jasper. She currently ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



SISTER MILDRED ANNE DUDINE

Sister Mildred Ann entered the congregation Jan. 12, 1935, from St. Joseph Parish in Jasper. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1943. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at St. John the Baptist School (1938-1940 and 1944-1947).

70th anniversary

Seven Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will celebrate their 70th anniversary this year. They are Sisters Richard Bussing, Lourdes Kline, Bernice Kuper, Mary Roger Madden, Cecilia Ann Miller, Annette Schipp and Marie Agatha Vonderheide.

Two formerly ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Sister Lourdes Kline is a native of Kensington, Md. She current-



SISTER LOURDES KLINE

ly ministers as coordinator of Immaculata Junior College Alumnae and in convent services in Washington, D.C.

Sister Lourdes entered the congregation Feb. 10, 1940, from Holy Redeemer Parish in Kensington. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 5, 1948. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at Central Catholic High School (1949-1950).

Sister Mary Roger Madden is a native of Decatur, Ill. She currently ministers in oral history and coordinator of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister Mary Roger entered the congregation Sept. 16, 1940, from St. Patrick Parish in Decatur, Ill. She professed perpetual vows Jan. 23, 1949. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at St. John the Baptist School (1955-1958).



SISTER MARY ROGER MADDEN

60th anniversary

Thirteen Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will celebrate their 60th anniversary this year. Sisters Eileen Rose Bonner, Rosemary Bortrager, Theresa Clare Carr, Amata Dugan, Norene Golly, Mary Cecile Grojean, Jacquelyn Hoffman, Ruth Johnson, Elizabeth Meyer, Christine Patrick, Edna Scheller, Dorothy Ellen Wolsiffer and Joan Zlogar.

One sister is a native of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who also ministered there, and five others also ministered there.

Sister Jacquelyn Hoffman is a native of Fort Wayne. She currently ministers in music and Health Care Services, as a receptionist at Woods Day Care/Pre-School and as coordinator of Ladywood Alumnae at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister Jacquelyn, formerly known as Sister Theodata, entered the congregation Feb. 2, 1950. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1957.



SISTER JACQUELYN HOFFMAN

In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at St. John the Baptist (1982-2002).

Sister Eileen Rose Bonner is a native of Whiting, Ind. She currently ministers as a volunteer at Kentuckiana Cancer Institute at Louisville, Ky., and as a knitter for White



SISTER EILEEN ROSE BONNER

Violet Center for Eco-Justice at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister Eileen Rose entered the congregation Jan. 8, 1950, from Sacred Heart Parish in Whiting, Ind. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1957. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at St. Jude School (1969-1970).

Sister Rosemary Bortrager is a native of Chicago. She currently ministers as a volunteer in the Central Business Office and for Providence Health Care at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.



SISTER ROSEMARY BORTRAGER

Sister Rosemary, formerly Sister Rose Cecile, entered the congregation July 22, 1950, from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Chicago. She professed perpetual vows Jan. 23, 1958. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at Cathedral School (1953-1956).

Sister Theresa

Clare Carr is a native of Indianapolis. She currently ministers as a substitute teacher in Indianapolis. Sister Theresa Clare entered the congregation Jan. 8, 1950, from St. Patrick Parish in Indianapolis. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1957. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at St. John the Baptist School (1952-1953).



SISTER THERESA CLARE CARR

Sister Amata

Dugan is a native of Indianapolis. She currently ministers on the Residential Services and Health Care Services staffs at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister Amata entered the congregation Feb. 2, 1950, from St. Anthony Parish in Indianapolis. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1957. In Fort Wayne, sister



SISTER AMATA DUGAN

was a teacher at St. Jude School (1955-1957 and 1957-1959).

Sister Elizabeth Meyer is a native of Indianapolis. She currently ministers as a member of the Health Care Services staff at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister Elizabeth, formerly known as Sister Joseph Aloyse, entered the congregation Feb. 2, 1950, from St. Christopher Parish in Indianapolis. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1957. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at St. Jude School (1952-1957).



SISTER ELIZABETH MEYER

50th anniversary

Fifteen Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year. They are Sisters Mary Concetta Banez, Pauline Brockelsby, Kathleen Desautels, Thomas Jeanne Doriot, Rose Ann Eaton, Teresina Grasso, Marie McCarthy, Shawn Marie McDermott, Mary Moloney, Andrea Panepinto, Mary Grace Pesavento, Nancy Reynolds, Maureen Sheahan, Barbara Sheehan and Ann Stephen Stouffer.

Two are natives of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who also ministered there, and two others also ministered there.

Sister Thomas

Jeanne Doriot is a native of Fort Wayne. Her current ministry is in transition.



SISTER THOMAS JEANNE DORIOT

Sister Thomas Jeanne entered the congregation Feb. 2, 1960, from St. Patrick Parish in Fort Wayne. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1967. In Fort Wayne, sister was the education editor at *The News Sentinel* (1970-1972).

Sister Ann Stephen Stouffer is a native of Wabash. She currently ministers as director of residential life and administrator of Providence Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister Ann Stephen entered the congregation Feb. 2, 1960, from St. Francis Xavier Parish in Pierceton. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1967. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at St. Jude School (1966-1969).



SISTER ANN STEPHEN STOUFFER

Sister Pauline

Brockelsby is a native of Omaha, Neb. She currently ministers in prayer at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. Sister Pauline entered the congregation Sept. 12, 1960, from St. Thomas Moore Parish in Arlington, Va. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1968. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at Central Catholic High School (1965-1967).



SISTER PAULINE BROCKELSBY

Sister Nancy

Reynolds is a native of Indianapolis. She currently ministers as a general office on the Sisters of Providence leadership team. Sister Nancy, formerly known as Sister Ann Carita, entered the congregation Sept. 12, from Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. She professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1968. In Fort Wayne, sister was a teacher at Central Catholic High School (1966-1969).



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CORINE ERLANDSON

Dorothy Korte's and Naomi Cunningham's second-grade classes at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School in Fort Wayne released their butterflies May 19 near a shrine dedicated to Mary on the St. Elizabeth campus. The second graders had watched their butterflies grow through the growth cycle from caterpillar to butterfly. Cunningham led the second graders in prayer before they released their butterflies: "God, we ask that you bless our butterflies and watch over them. Butterflies, enjoy your new life!" The second graders watched their butterflies flutter off in this rite of spring.

Holy Cross students dip into water safety

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — The fourth-grade students at Holy Cross School in South Bend did more than just memorize the Ten Commandments, master long division and learn about the various weather conditions affecting the United States for the last five weeks. They spent five Wednesday mornings practicing water safety at the University of Notre Dame's Rockne Pool.

According to Susan Paepflow, physical education teacher at Holy Cross School, the goal of the program is for the students to develop the skills and knowledge for safety in, on and around the water.

"Unfortunately, many people lack the awareness required to recognize hazardous aquatic conditions or the skills necessary to get themselves or others out of danger in water emergencies," said Paepflow, who has been holding this program for 11 years. "Having been an employee of the South Bend Parks and Recreation Department for over 20 years and having been a lifeguard and water safety instructor for nearly 30 years, water safety has always been of great importance to me. These are life skills we're teaching. The idea for this course was formulated in conjunction with Paul McMinn of the South Bend Parks and Recreation Department who coordinated volunteers from their department, the South Bend Fire Department, including Chief Al Kirsits, whose children have all gone through this program, and the Department of Natural Resources, to help teach the class."

Paepflow feels water safety is important for children of all ages and chose the fourth-grade students to participate in this program because the children are becoming more independent at this age and they possess higher motor skills and the developing social skills necessary to understand and utilize the information and practices taught in this course. By fifth grade she finds that the students are eligible to participate in school sports, so the curriculum moves more toward developing skills and knowledge of sports and other activities in hopes that they will find activities that they can enjoy outside of the school environment.

"Including this program into the curriculum requires a lot of organization, including many schedule adjustments and arrangements for transportation and parent volunteers. Although the course takes a lot of planning to implement, the students are learning the physical benefits that water can provide and vital skills,



Holy Cross student Joseph Leyes demonstrates the use of a flotation device in a back float position in the water.



PHOTOS BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

Pictured are students from the Holy Cross Grade School's fourth-grade class demonstrating boat safety in the water.

which incorporate all of the physical education state standards for fourth grade," said Paepflow.

Student Caroline Bueno learned many valuable skills during the class, including how to perform a human chain, how to get out if a person falls through the ice and how to save someone using a boogie board.

"I thought it was really, really fun because they were really nice to us," said Bueno. "I learned CPR, what to do if someone else doesn't know how to swim and if they get on your back how to get them off."

Fourth-grader Brady Moore loved having the chance to be in the water and get out of school to do something unique and fun.

"I learned it's important to wear a life jacket and if you're in cold water you need to huddle together to stay warm," said Moore.

Paepflow said the students learned a wide variety of things during their five weeks of classes. The skills taught included safe behavior in and around the water, proper use and importance of wearing a personal flotation device, basic swimming skills,

floating, boating safety, how to conserve body heat when in cold water, helping themselves when in danger in the water, how to assist others in a water emergency and basic CPR skills.

"Our program's motto is, 'Think so you don't sink,'" said Paepflow.

Paepflow said that if it wasn't for the generosity of the University of Notre Dame for allowing the school to use the pool facilities and all the help from the parent volunteers, the program would not have been such a success.

"Through the general water safety information provided in this program, we hope the students have gained an awareness of causes and prevention of water accidents, a desire to be safe, and the skills to promote fun, healthy and secure water recreation. Each year, I have students who are non-swimmers or who are fearful of water and end up in the pool by the end of the program with smiles on their faces. That is what makes this program worthwhile and most rewarding," said Paepflow.



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Catholic men urged to be clear about role in family, goals in life

BY BILL HOWARD

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (CNS) — Speaker Tim Gray told a Colorado Springs audience that men face two key problems today: A lack of goals or clarity in their roles in family life and passivity that comes without a mission in life.

“Without a plot, the story of their home lives can be a bit muddled, and if you aim for nothing, you usually hit it every time,” said Tim Gray. “Men need to know what to aim at. If men are to lead their families, they need to know where they are leading them to, and that is the first — but all-important — step.”

“Men without a mission can fall into the cultural trap of being spectators in life instead of active agents,” said Gray, president of the Augustine Institute in Denver.

He was one of several speakers who addressed 1,200 men from Colorado and surrounding states at the second annual Rocky Mountain Catholic Men's Conference, which had “Seize Life” as its theme.

Colorado Springs Bishop Michael J. Sheridan co-hosted the event with Denver Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, who celebrated the closing Mass, and Pueblo Bishop Fernando Isern, who concelebrated Mass and also led a Spanish-language breakout ses-

sion on fatherhood. The archdiocese and the two dioceses were the conference sponsors.

In his remarks Gray discussed a question in “Summa Theologica” in which St. Thomas Aquinas described men as becoming emasculated “by being overly accustomed to comfort, leisure, pleasure and play. Whining and complaining are signs of such softness that undermines manliness.”

For example, Gray said, spending “too much time playing video games or watching TV leads to passivity, and we are not created by God to be spectators in life but rather live life to the full.”

Speaker Steve Bollman decried a societal attitude that he said has developed over the last three decades which says a woman does not need a man and does not to be married to have children.

“We need men to step up to the plate. At the end of the day, as Pope John Paul said in his (apostolic exhortation) “Familiaris Consortio,” (on) the role of the Christian family, the future of the world and of the Church passes through the family,” he said. “Men are important to their families and families are important to society. Beyond that, God has made the family the foundation for the work he wants to do in the world today.”

Bollman is the founder of a

parish-based men's ministry program called “That Man Is You!”

He related several studies showing that the father-child relationship often affects the child's education: When a father is more involved in his child's life, the child is less likely to end up committing crimes and is more likely to be confident and have healthy self-esteem.

The conference agenda included a two-hour period for the sacrament of Reconciliation, offered by nearly three dozen priests in the upper levels of the conference center and in empty rooms around the main seating area.

Bishop Sheridan introduced the time for Confession by reflecting on the life of St. John

Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. For the Catholic Church's Year for Priests, which ends June 19, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed the saint patron of all the world's priests.

The bishop said the sacrament of Reconciliation is at the core of the priesthood.

St. John Vianney “spent at times 14-18 hours in the confessional,” he said. “I say that to priests today and they say, ‘When are we going to be able to go to our parish council meeting?’ If a priest told me he wanted to spend 18 hours in the confessional, I'd say, ‘Get rid of the parish council.’”

The confessional is “where we belong,” Bishop Sheridan said. “We belong as mediators and dis-

pensers of the mercy and forgiveness of God. ... I call on our priests, as the Holy Father has, to renew in us zeal for all the sacraments, but in a particular way for the sacrament of Penance.”

In his homily at the closing Mass, Archbishop Chaput brought the day full circle back to the conference theme.

“The purpose of your being together as brothers in Christ today is ... that you stop compromising your vocations as Christians, as husbands and fathers,” he said. “You're supposed to seize life, because Christ came so that you might have life and have it more abundantly. The way to that is through lives without compromise.”

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Simple cards help pay for needed cribs at Women's Care Center

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

SOUTH BEND — “It just made sense” and it was “something so easy that anyone, any parish can do it,” said Monica Eckrich, a Christ the King parishioner. She hopes other parishes will do it to help pay for much needed baby cribs too.

Just over a year ago, Eckrich came up with the idea to make little cards people could give to others stating they gave a donation to help pay for much needed baby cribs for the Women's Care Center.

“It really is so simple,” said Eckrich, noting that she doesn't remember exactly when and how the idea was born though she thinks it was during a brainstorming session at a Christian Action Commission meeting she attended. It really doesn't matter to her or others when and where the idea came, just that many babies are sleeping more comfortably because of it.

“We are so grateful,” said Judy McLochlin of the Women's Care Center in South Bend at LaSalle Street.

Eckrich says she talks about the project in hopes that others will decide to do similar projects at their parishes as well.

“If they could see how easy it is, they would do it. It just makes

sense to join in. I hope they take the idea and run,” she said.

Eckrich explained that the cards can be given to those who make a donation toward the purchase of a new crib for the Crib Club.

Last year a table was set up at Christ the King with cards that Eckrich made for parishioners in time for Mother's Day.

Eckrich said she was surprised that the project was “unbelievably” popular. “I was floored how many participated. I could not believe it. We raised enough to purchase 15 cribs last year and this year too! I am pretty well pleased with it,” she said. This year, Christ the King raised \$1,600.

Eckrich said she spent a good amount of time on the cards that first went out to moms. “I probably spent at least 20 hours,” she said noting that now they are making them much faster.

Other churches have gotten on board as well. St. Matthew Cathedral offers a similar project at Christmas time. The “Away In a Manger” project, which was organized by the second-grade class there, raised over \$1,500.

St. Anthony Parish also raised \$700 with a similar project a few weeks before Mother's Day.

Eckrich thinks that the reason people love it so much is that it is an easy one and is one that helps



Standing with a new, boxed crib at the Women's Care Center, administrative assistant Judy McLochlin holds a Crib Club card that will be given to those who donate toward the purchase of a crib. The card reads, “A donation has been made in your name toward the purchase of a crib for the Women's Care Center Crib Club.”

others.

“There's a mother out there that needs a crib, so let's help a baby get a good start,” Eckrich said.

The Women's Care Center appreciates what she has done, noting that they didn't have cribs to spare before the project started.

“The response is just amazing. We're fortunate to have a storage place at our location,” noted McLochlin. “Monica has done and does such an excellent job. It is really a huge help. Cribs are not cheap — \$129 for each one. It is such a warm and fuzzy feeling to think the way they are given.”

The two locations of the Women's Care Center that offer cribs are at Notre Dame Avenue and Lincolnway West. A new, boxed crib requires 14 coupons earned by attending parenting or educational classes. “We try to help them to become a better parent,” McLochlin noted. “When they earn it, it means so much more.”

McLochlin hopes that all who give realize just how much it means to those who receive the cribs.

“It's just such a wonderful thing. It's definitely such a blessing to the parents. If they didn't have it, the babies may not have had a nice place to sleep,” she said.

CATHOLIC LEGACY REMAINS STRONG IN MCMAHON FAMILY



PROVIDED BY JOAN MCMAHON

Joan McMahon, back center, proudly poses with seven of her 10 grandchildren during a family Confirmation party in May. Three of the grandchildren have graduated with a Catholic education from St. Matthew School in South Bend and Marian High School in Mishawaka. Of the other six grandchildren, one is in each grade from first through eighth, except the second grade, at St. Matthew School. The children kneeling in front from left are Brittany Martens, sixth grade, and Brianna Martens, seventh grade. In back are Brandon Martens, fourth grade, Taylor Meehan, fifth grade, Kaitlyn Meehan, third grade, Bryce Martens, first grade, and Tim McMahon, eighth grade.

Ending school year means drivers and parents need to be vigilant

INDIANAPOLIS — As schools begin closing for the summer, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS), Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and Indiana State Police (ISP) remind Hoosiers that increased numbers of children will be outside playing. Drivers should be extra cautious when traveling through neighborhoods and parking lots, and caregivers are reminded that safety begins with supervision.

“Parents and caregivers play an essential role in keeping kids safe while enjoying summer activities,” says IDHS Chief of Staff Mike Garvey. “In many cases, the key to child safety is adult supervision. Adults can recognize and avoid dangers that children will be unaware of.” Mike Garvey is an EMS professional with 33 years of experience.

IDHS provides training and credentialing to all EMS personnel throughout the state, and certifies training institutions and all emergency medical transports. Regular inspections are conducted to ensure that all required medical equipment on those transport vehicles is present and properly maintained.

Safe driving around kids

- When driving, pay attention and always scan the entire area around you.
- Look for children playing near the street and slow down. Children are often unpredictable and unaware of danger around them. They may dart unexpectedly into roadways.
- Slow down when driving near children and other pedestrians.
- Keep an eye out for crosswalks and watch for people about to step off the curb.

Neighborhood safety tips

- Never allow children to walk anywhere alone, whether to the store, a friend's house or the park.
- Children should never play outside alone. Some predators may cruise neighborhoods looking for unsupervised kids. Take turns with other parents in your neighborhood or enlist a trustworthy family member to help keep an eye on children.
- If your child rides a bike, roller blades or skateboards, make sure they are always with two friends. When the friends go

home, your child should go home too. Have all three children come to your house, and then escort the friends home.

- Report any suspicious strangers or vehicles in the neighborhood to police immediately.

Summer activity tips

- Teach children to appreciate and respect EMS professionals, firefighters and police officers, and when and how to dial 911 in an emergency.
- Always wear a helmet when biking, skateboarding, roller skating or riding a scooter.
- Always stop at stop signs and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Use sunscreen and wear sunglasses to protect skin and eyes from harmful sun rays.
- Use care when eating foods like hotdogs, grapes and hard candy or cut them into smaller pieces to prevent choking.
- Never allow unsupervised children to play near or swim in streams, pools, retention ponds or other bodies of water.

Find more summer safety tips at www.in.gov/dhs/getprepared.

Catholic faith inspires mothers

BY MARY KINDER

FORT WAYNE — Many mothers may jokingly refer to themselves as mother of the year, but that's the title recently bestowed on two Fort Wayne mothers. Sheri Carlstrom and Darlene Cyr both represented Indiana at the national convention of American Mothers, Inc.

American Mothers, Inc. is an interfaith, nonpolitical, nonprofit organization for women and men who recognize the important role of motherhood through educational programs and community outreach. Each year, the organization selects the National Mother and Young Mother of the Year from candidates across the United States.

Darlene Cyr was honored to be chosen to represent Indiana and a bit surprised. However, when talking to her, one can easily tell what a wonderful role model she is for mothers everywhere. She's been involved in American Mothers for a little over three years, joining at the suggestion of a friend. She enjoys the mentoring aspect of the organization.

Mentoring is an important part of American Mothers. Indiana chapter president Pam Leach says the intergenerational make-up of members provides a vital link to information. "Mothers today need so much information at our fingertips, sometimes it's difficult to know what's true. That genera-



SHERI CARLSTROM

tional support and advice of someone who has been there is vital."

Leach said both Cyr and Sheri Carlstrom, Indiana's Young Mother of the Year, represent the ideals of the organization. Leach was proud to send them to the national convention in Washington, D.C., where Carlstrom was named the National Young Mother of the Year. She describes both women as "having great faith and such love for their families that it's contagious. We're all better for knowing them."

Leach, who was Indiana's Young Mother of the Year in 2007, explains what it's like to be recognized, "As mothers, we tend to

spend all our time on the sidelines cheering on our children, but it's rare for mothers to be the honored. It's rewarding to get a pat on the back for the time you're dedicating to your family."

Both Leach and Cyr are Catholics and believe their faith enables them to be better parents. "My faith plays a huge role," says Leach, "being a parent is hard work. I rely on my spouse for teamwork, but our team still needs guidance." A mother of four, Leach is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish where her oldest three children attend school.

Darlene Cyr is also a firm believer in the power of Catholic schools, sending all eight of her children to Fort Wayne's St. John the Baptist School and Bishop Luers High School. Cyr says she and her husband chose a Catholic education because they knew their children were learning the same set of morals at school that they were teaching at home.

She credits the small class size and discipline as other reasons why she chose a Catholic education for her children, saying, "They knew what was expected of them. The teachers' expectations made my children want to do better."

While she admits it was a sacrifice, she says the Catholic education was worth it, "If you are involved monetarily and wholeheartedly (in your children's education), I believe they get a better education and stronger morals."

She goes on to say that she believes not enough people pay attention to children these days. She feels most children aren't get-



DARLENE CYR

ting that one-on-one connection with adults — at home or at school.

One ritual she insisted on while raising her family was eating together every night as a family. "Dinner time was family time," she says firmly. "That's when we talk, touch base with each other and really communicate."

Cyr feels that too many families are too busy these days. She believes kids should have to make decisions about activities, rather than simply joining everything at the expense of family time.

While raising her eight children, Cyr was a stay-at-home mother. She feels lucky she was able to do so, saying it's an important job.

"I was the taxi driver, cook, chief bottle washer ... all these

things," Cyr says. "That's where I was most needed."

She goes on to explain why she believes mothering is so important, "I feel so many people are missing out on that grounding touch, the chance to be involved in seeing the people children become."

Cyr claims her Catholic faith keeps her family grounded. They attended Mass each Sunday, sitting in the same pew each week. She says St. John's provided a safety net, helping to push her family in the right direction.

Today, Cyr's children are all adults. Her youngest recently graduated from Purdue University. So, as she says, she's out of the kid business. But, she is still very involved with her family. In addition, American Mothers gives her the opportunity to pass on her wisdom to other mothers.

American Mothers, Inc. knows that mothering doesn't stop at a certain age. Member's ages in the Indiana chapter ranges from early 30s to mid 80s. They all share the bond of motherhood and all believe in the power of faith to raise families.

Leach says, "Our organization is about enriching families and making friends."

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY FATHER DANIEL LEEUW

Sentiments on the priesthood by a priest

The following contains excerpts written by Father Daniel Leeuw who preached May 22 at the first Mass for Father John Shannon, recently ordained for the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. Father Leeuw's homily contains several comments appropriately reflecting on the priesthood as the Year for Priests concludes:

... I take you back to the greatest day of our Lord's life, Holy Thursday, the day of His love and tenderness. Jesus had fulfilled His promise. The mystery of love was communicated. He would be with us always — the gift of the priesthood and the gift of the Eucharist. As we know, without the priest, there is no Eucharist, and without the Eucharist there is no Church.

In the words of the late Cardinal Emmanuel Celestin Suhard, "The priest is the man who dies so his brothers can live, who washes the world in the blood of Christ and makes it acceptable to the Father." Civilizations come and go; the priesthood endures. That pledge, as God promised through the Prophet Jeremiah, "I will give you shepherds after my own heart," tells us what the priest will be — now and in centuries to come. In our own times, we are facing a culture war that challenges the Church as an institution and tries to destroy the very soul of our belief. But try as they might, those powerful forces of evil cannot conquer the heart of Christ. God's pledge and promise perdures, "I will give you shepherds after my own heart."

The great theologian St. Thomas Aquinas said that essentially a priest is a mediator, standing between God and man, a bridge builder who brings the blessing and grace of God to humankind through the Word of God, through prayer and the sacraments. The priest thereby brings the people closer to God. The priest images the Savior by attempting to be Christlike: bringing understanding to the alienated, hope to the hopeless, forgiveness to the sinner, just as Jesus did so many years ago along the dusty roads of Palestine. ...

Celibacy is a gift of God, made possible only by the daily grace of God. It is a gift not given to many, as the Lord himself said (Mt 19:12). Celibacy requires self-discipline because the vow to be celibate does not automatically shut off the roving eye or the errant desire.

Celibacy goes well with priesthood. In itself it is no great virtue, but rather it is a free and loving gift to God of something very personal, something very beautiful. And, it enables a priest to more freely give of himself, fully and lovingly, to all others — the people of God — whom he serves. Thus, it is a symbol of two-way giving. The celibate gives us a particular love to exercise a universal love. By not belonging fully to somebody, a priest can be called "Father" by all, and all can expect loving compassion, understanding and forgiveness from him. If this is not true in the life of a priest, he is just a selfish bachelor. The goal of celibacy is to make a priest a better priest, a true "Alter-Christus." ...

I must say, and all of us priests know especially in view of the recent crisis of purity in the Church, celibacy makes the priest more vulnerable and more needing of discipline and fidelity to his promises and vows because of the absolute trust people put in the priest. But we were not promised a rose garden; neither are husbands and wives who have their own problem of fidelity in the world today. ...

It is said by some, this is the best time in the history of the Church to be a priest. I agree with Pope Pius XI who so wisely said, "that we live in these times when it is no longer permitted to anyone to be mediocre, especially the priest."

In a day and age when permanent commitments are devalued by our society, and, in a particular way the priesthood is under attack for the sins of a small percentage (1.7 percent of the entire presbyterate), it is of utmost importance to re-emphasize the permanence and the dignity of the calling to the ministerial priesthood. With this thought in mind, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, declared on June 19, 2009, at Vatican City the Year for Priests. ...

Let us try to remember what a priest is. He is a teacher of faith. His fundamental charge is to announce and proclaim the faith. He is a witness of that force that transforms our lives into a proclamation of faith. The priest is father. He is the father of those souls he generates by faith, or regenerates by grace through the sacraments. The priest is shepherd. Every priest is the guide, the head of his flock, not to lord it over them, but to represent the kingship and generosity of Christ the Good Shepherd. The priest is sanctifier. He is the one who makes holy all those with whom he comes into contact. He helps his brothers and sisters share in the holiness of God by opening for them the doors to grace in the sacraments.

The priest is the man of the Eucharist. He is the one who gives his life for love, who makes himself the bread to be eaten by the hungry.

The priest is the beloved of Mary, the Mother of God. Both Mary and the priest look at Jesus — she on earth and now in heaven, the priest in the Eucharist — and we both say, as no one else can, "This is my body; this is my blood."

To capture the spirit and the beautiful thought of the memorable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the priest is the priest/victim. He is the one who offers and is offered. At every Mass he offers the bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ for the spiritual nourishment of our souls in our journey of faith to our home in heaven. And, by his life of purity, goodness and holiness, the priest becomes the victim for truth, justice, charity, and even his life in martyrdom for Christ and Gospel values.

For all of us gathered here today, I say, try to remember — What the priesthood is and who the priest is — it will lift up your heart! "You are not a priest for yourself; you are a mediator between men and God. So what are you, priest? You are nothing and you are everything."

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COMMENTARY

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Jesus is present in us

One time I read an account of an interview with the priest who wrote the book, "Heaven in Stone and Glass," and was bothered by a couple of statements he made. When speaking about Church architecture he said, "I think the gathered community is important — but not that important."

He also criticized a favorite liturgical hymn of mine, "Gather Us In." He said, and I quote, "There is a popular liturgical song that I particularly dislike.

Speaking of the presence of God in the midst of the assembly it says, 'Not in some heaven light years away, but here in this place, etc.' Well, that's just bad theology."

Well, I don't know where he studied theology, but

everything I learned about the Mass is that Christ is indeed present in the people gathered for worship.

As I reflected on these statements, I began to wonder how many church-going Catholics really know and believe that Christ is present in a special way when we come together to celebrate the Mass, the central and most important prayer of the Church?

Now this is what I remember from my study of liturgical theology. When we come together to celebrate Mass, Christ is present in the following ways: In the priest who leads the assembly, in the Word of God proclaimed, in the Eucharist (bread and wine); and in the people of God assembled for worship.

Jesus told us, "Where two or more are gathered together for prayer, there I am in their midst." We are, after all, the Body of Christ. We are his hands, his feet, his mouth, etc. We are the ones who carry on his mission to reveal God's love and to build the

reign of God on this earth. It is a big responsibility.

Because Christ is indeed present in the assembly at Mass, a priest celebrating Mass alone is frowned upon by the Church. Actually everyone who comes to Mass celebrates the Eucharist. The priest is the presider who leads the people in the celebration. He is the main celebrant, not the only celebrant. We each have an active role in the celebration. Mass is not a show at which we are the



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cians and priest.

The assembly participates by responding to the prayers, by singing the songs, by receiving Holy Communion, and by believing in what

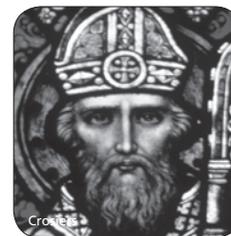
takes place. It is not a passive role, but a very active role. Together we offer the sacrifice of praise to our God, and Christ is indeed present in our midst.

Remember, we are the Body of Christ, and God is in each of us. That belief should make a big difference in how we live our lives. There are

big, beautiful cathedrals around the world, but the greatest cathedral that contains the presence of the Lord is His Body, the people who are the Church.

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spectators. We are not an audience. We don't just sit and watch what is going on in the sanctuary. We participate. The assembly has an important role just as do the lecturers, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, musi-



Barnabas

c. first century
June 11

The story of this early missionary, a Cypriot Jew called Joseph, is told in the Acts of the Apostles. He was named Barnabas (?son of encouragement) by the Twelve Apostles when he sold property and gave them the money (4:36-37). He introduced the convert Paul to the apostles (9:27), was officially sent by the Jerusalem church to Antioch (11:22-26), was set apart with Paul by the Spirit for a mission to Cyprus (13:2), attended the Council of Jerusalem (15:12), and returned to Cyprus with Mark (15:36-41). By tradition, he was martyred there.

CNS Saints

On making a good priest

Throughout this year we have been looking at various aspects of the priesthood. We have seen how important a ministry it is. In this last piece we would like to consider: How is one trained to be a good priest?

The Church universal has thought about this question on three occasions since the second Vatican Council. It seems to be a sign of the care and concern with which the priesthood is treated.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI promulgated a Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests ("Presbyterorum Ordinis"). It acknowledges that tasks of the greatest importance are being given to priests in the renewal of Christ's Church.

What special spiritual quality does this require? "Among the virtues that priests must possess for their sacred ministry none is so important as a frame of mind and soul whereby they are always ready to know and do the will of



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him who sent them and not their own will."

In the same year, Pope Paul VI proclaimed another decree, this one on priestly training ("Optatam Totius"). Why two? Because "this sacred synod is fully aware that the desired renewal of the whole Church depends to a great extent on the ministry of its priests."

This document gives a blueprint for the training of priests around the world. It speaks of general requirements, and then asks for a special "program of priestly training" to be undertaken

by each country.

Finally, the role of priests was the topic of a world synod of bishops. Since the second Vatican Council, bishops have gathered from around the world every five years to discuss key issues. These have included the laity, catechesis, evangelization, Scripture, and, most recently, the Eucharist.

In 1990 the topic was "the Formation of Priests in Circumstances of the Present Day." After the council, John Paul II summarized their conclu-

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Christ lives in us



THE
SUNDAY
GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 7:36-8:3

The first reading for this weekend's liturgy is from the Second Book of Samuel. Scholars refer to First and Second Samuel as historical books. Historical books in the Bible do not exactly fit the description of history books today, not because they are untrustworthy or make-believe, but because the point of the book is to tell a religious story.

For the authors of these ancient works, as well as for the prophets, nothing was more important in life than being true to God.

In this reading, Nathan, the prophet, confronts David, the king of Israel, with his relationship with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, the Hittite leader. Since Bathsheba was married, the relationship was adulterous. Ancient Hebrews detested adultery, and only one thing was worse, namely adultery with a pagan. Such unions weakened the commitment of Israel to the one, true God.

Nevertheless, when David admits the error of his ways, even in these grave circumstances, Nathan assures him that God forgives him.

The Epistle to the Galatians furnishes the second reading. This passage splendidly reveals what genuine Christian living is. "I live

now not I, but Christ lives in me." This one statement, so familiar to, and beloved among, Christians, captures the intimacy of the bond between the Lord and true disciples. It is a bond created in uncompromising faith. It is a bond that brings salvation to the disciple.

St. Luke's Gospel provides the third reading. It too is familiar to Christians. It is the story of a "sinful" woman. The text does not describe this woman as a prostitute, but over the centuries Christians usually have assumed that she was a prostitute.

Assuming that the woman was a prostitute only underscores the depth of God's love, shown in Christ's forgiving the woman. This aspect of the story, namely God's forgiveness, is the point of this passage.

Whether the woman was a prostitute is not the point. She was gravely sinful. All, very much including Jesus, saw her as such. In the Jewish culture at the time of Jesus, the greatest sins that a woman could commit were prostitution and adultery. She may also have been a prostitute.

Her gesture of washing the Lord's feet and perfuming them, was a great act of deference and humility.

God's forgiveness, given in Christ's mercy, is so great and unquestioning that the Pharisee, the specialist in theology, cannot fully comprehend what was occurring. Jesus had to explain God's love in a parable.

Reflection

First of all, the place of women in the New Testament intrigues many people. As so often said in the Gospels, the Apostles were in the Lord's company. They were Christ's special students and fol-

lowers. Also in the Lord's company were several women, including Mary of Magdala, from whom seven demons had been expelled.

The presence of the Apostles verifies their future role in the development of Christianity. The presence of the women shows the outreach of Jesus. Women, while not Apostles, hardly would have been admitted to the company of male figures so important to the unfolding of salvation had they been regarded as inferior.

Second, these readings teach that the mercy of God is unquestioning given those who humbly and sincerely ask for God's forgiveness of their sins.

The Gospel does not give us the exact details of the sin of the woman who met Jesus. However, the sin committed by David in his liaison with the wife of Uriah, the Hittite, is clear. Together, the picture is vivid. The women, as well as David, were guilty of grave sin.

Yet, mercifully, God forgave them. The key for us is to give ourselves to Christ, so that we "live not ourselves, but Christ lives in us."

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11 Gal 2:16, 19-21 Lk 7:36-8:3

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3b, 4b-7 Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-6b, 11, 16 Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20-21, 24 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-7 Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Ps 132:11-14, 17-18 Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-34 Mt 6:24-34

CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

June bugs are insects, but this quiz looks at the theology of the other types of bugs, namely cars.

1. The VW bug and the pope share this distinction

- a. both are originally Austrian
- b. both are originally Swiss
- c. both are originally German

2. The acronym BMW includes the name of this mostly Catholic German land

- a. Bade
- b. Berlin-Battenberg
- c. Bavaria (Bayern)

3. This car's name is usually pronounced to rhyme with the Sabbath

- a. Daihatsu Brabath
- b. Hyundai
- c. Mazda Mingo

4. The Law dominated the lives of Jews; those who spoke Latin may have referred to this

- a. Lexus
- b. Miata
- c. Le Baron

5. In combat theatres many Catholic chaplains in the U.S. military in W.W.II improvised an altar from the hood of this iconic car

- a. Land rover
- b. KubelWagen
- c. Jeep

6. Although spelled differently, this name reminds us of the month when the crucifixion took place

- a. Datsun (Duhstun)
- b. Nissan (Nisan)
- c. Infinit (Infintus)

7. The defenestration of Prague took place in the original homeland of this Eastern car manufacturer

- a. Dacia
- b. Skoda
- c. Trabant

8. This was the iconic much hated and loved car of the eastern portion of the divided Germany where the government pressured the small Catholic Sorb community to become secular

- a. Skoda
- b. Dacia
- c. Trabant

9. This was Mary's response the angelic message, as well as an Italian car

- a. Seat
- b. Fiat
- c. Audi

10. The British Hillman company had a small rear engine car that had this slightly demonic name

- a. Imp
- b. Satano
- c. Diablo

11. Poland, the most Catholic of Eastern nations, had this aptly named car during its communist phase

- a. Polski Polonez
- b. Warsava
- c. Le Chopin

12. This biggest Orthodox nation was home to the Lada, a warmed over Fiat design

- a. Turkey
- b. Russia
- c. Bulgaria

13. Citroen and Renault are both associated with this home of a former papal see, Avignon

- a. Spain
- b. Rome
- c. France

14. As well as being a loose English translation of cathedra, this is a Spanish car company

- a. Font
- b. Seat
- c. Chariot

15. The Ferrari name "Testarossa" might remind us that in iconographic tradition, this disciple is usually portrayed as having red hair

- a. Mark
- b. Paul
- c. Judas

ANSWERS

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

Press on!

Every ironing mama knows that her best thoughts come while doing that task. Whether it's the perfect retort to an earlier slight, an inspiration about home organization or a book she's been tossing around in her head, thoughts flow when the steam blows through the iron. For me, it's gotten to the point where I don't even iron without first grabbing a pencil and piece of paper to jot down ideas.

When I iron, thoughts spew like a Mt. Vesuvius eruption. First the stressful thoughts manifest themselves — I have to grade the girls' schoolwork. Have I signed up my son for that next SAT? Did I send in the payment for ballet? What's for dinner and do I have the ingredients in my fridge? Will I have time to stop at the grocery store before

picking up my daughter? Is there even gas in the van?

I could go on and on, but most busy moms can fill in the blanks themselves because the ideas are basically the same. Press, press.

Fold, fold. Hang, hang. Jot, jot. After those thoughts are released from the brain, the more philosophical musings begin to flow. Hmm, I'll ponder, why is it that right when you figure out one child's development challenge, it's over and another begins? Why does time go so slowly when you're a young but speed like a bullet once you've reached middle-age? How can God always eternally have been? I just don't get that. Hmmm ...

When I'm ironing, grand plans enter my mind. You know, I think to myself, I could clean out the boys' room, paint the old furniture a navy blue and maybe find some nautical hardware to replace the ugly, dull handles. Or, I'll muse, I could organize a cookbook project at the high school with the proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund. It would be

divided according to sport, with entries like Champion Chile in the football section. I wonder how many recipes would be necessary to make it profitable.

Most recently my grand plans have included writing an inspirational book about families who have homeschooled their children. There would be lots of stories. They would be funny, touching and all true. Maybe these would motivate people to keep going and press on when life gets difficult. These ideas are many, and my follow-up is generally not consistent, but sometimes I do accomplish something from these thoughts — the book idea, for example.

What I like about ironing is that I'm accomplishing something physical, while my mind is free. I



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that it offers me a chance to talk to God specifically and regularly about each person in my family. Once I have gotten past the eruptive thoughts, the philosophical musings and the grand plans, I settle into a peace, of sorts. I pray. As I reach in the basket for an article of clean, wrinkled clothing I immediately think of the person I love who wears it. "This is Matthew's. Oh God, bless him during this stressful junior year. Help him to feel Your presence as he prepares for finals. Help him make a good college choice."

The shirt is hung, and I reach for another — this time my husband's shirt. I pause and close my eyes. "God bless this man I love. He carries such a heavy burden supporting us financially and spiritually during these tough economic and moral times."

My mom ironed T-shirts. Her mom ironed pillowcases and underwear. I don't go that far. But I do like to iron, and I like the thoughts and inspirations that come with it. In earlier years I never would have thought that ironing would help me be organized or improve my prayer life, but it does. Press on!

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Why does time go so slowly when you're a young but speed like a bullet once you've reached middle-age? How can God always eternally have been? I just don't get that.

Hmmm ...

do admit to burning the inside of my arm when I was particularly caught up in some thought, but usually I emerge from ironing with no injuries, just freshly pressed, neat clothes, great ideas, resolve and a more organized mind.

Some women have given up ironing completely. I would never! I need this thinking time to, well, blow off steam. When I'm stressed, there's something soothing about conquering wrinkles. When life seems spinning out of control, I know I'm in charge when I wield the iron. I'm in command of each arm sleeve, each hem of a skirt. When I say "enough is enough," it is! I can make any skirt stand stiff or decide I'm done. No explanations are necessary. I like that.

Perhaps the greatest benefit I have found of ironing, though, is

tual formation. Yet the seminary training exists to create a space in which a man can "be with Christ" and learn from him. Four kinds of formation are identified: human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral. The priest grows on all four of these fronts.

A triple path is outlined for following Christ into ministry. "Faithful meditation on the Word of God, active participation in the Church's holy mysteries and the service of charity to the 'little ones.'"

The final chapter refers to "the ongoing formation of priests." A priest does not leave formation behind when he graduates from seminary. He remains attentive to conforming his heart and will to

Christ every day.

And in that ongoing process, we laity can help by prayer, friendship and solicitude. We can shoulder those burdens of ministry that are proper to the laity. The priest is a gift from Christ to us. In this Year for Priests, it would be good for us to remember the priest who was especially important to us, who gave us spiritual nourishment and consolation and thank him.

The Notre Dame Center for Liturgy provided this column as a series on the priesthood during the Year for Priests.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 13, 2010

Luke 7:36-50

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: the repentant woman and her jar of oil. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| PHARISEE | WOMAN | ALABASTER |
| OINTMENT | BATHE | TEARS |
| HER HAIR | INVITED | A SINNER |
| SIMON | TEACHER | CREDITOR |
| FIVE | HUNDRED | LOVE HIM MORE |
| WATER | KISS | ANOINT |
| OIL | GREAT LOVE | SAVED |

MUCH FORGIVEN

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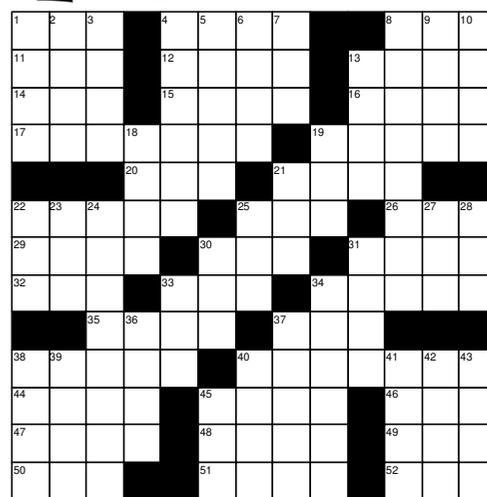
sions in an apostolic exhortation ("Pastores Dabo Vobis").

In the opening chapters it describes the challenges of being a priest, and the nature and mission of the priesthood. But at the end, it considers the formation of candidates for the priesthood. In other words, how do you make a good priest?

Surely not by human work alone! That is understood at the beginning. Christ must send the Holy Spirit because this is spiri-

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Zech 12:10-11; 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24 and 1 Kgs 19: 16b, 19-21; Gal 5: 1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

Across

- 1 Flying saucer
- 4 Throne
- 8 School group
- 11 # of days we should labor
- 12 Ruin
- 13 Nun "takes the ___"
- 14 Before, poetically
- 15 Brother (slang)
- 16 Detail
- 17 Summon (2 wds.)
- 19 Children of God
- 20 Conger
- 21 Salamander
- 22 More achy
- 25 Grace purifies from

Down

- 26 Computer makers
- 29 Secondary
- 30 Anoint with
- 31 Wine skin
- 32 Abdominal muscles
- 33 Boat rear
- 34 Dawn
- 35 Puff
- 37 Pro
- 38 Dropped the drink
- 40 Sinatra's town
- 44 Air (prefix)
- 45 Egg-shaped fruit
- 46 Brooch
- 47 "Neither slave nor ___"
- 48 Vale
- 49 Genius

- 50 Endoscopic ultrasound
- 51 Floating ice
- 52 Commandment

Down

- 1 Wiels
- 2 James and John wanted to call down
- 3 Elisha offered up
- 4 Son of Man must ___
- 5 Register
- 6 6th month (Jewish calendar)
- 7 Toddler
- 8 prayer
- 9 Level
- 10 ___-giving (Charity)
- 13 Look at
- 18 "Put out into ___ water"
- 19 Jesus referred to himself as a mother ___
- 21 Nix
- 22 Hotel
- 23 Ball
- 24 Inhales
- 25 "___ at my right hand"
- 27 British thermal unit
- 28 Chart
- 30 Often poetically
- 31 "Let the dead ___ the dead"
- 33 Picnic visitor
- 34 Planting seeds
- 36 Healing plant
- 37 Not as many
- 38 Not hazardous
- 39 South American country
- 40 Where Baby Moses was safe
- 41 Opaque gem
- 42 Costa ___
- 43 Had known
- 45 Former USSR's secret police

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

FORT WAYNE SCHOOLS RECEIVE SPORT ACCOLADES In Fort Wayne post-season highlights, Bishop Dwenger's doubles team of junior Danielle Maxson and freshman Elizabeth Maxson continued their stellar year by advancing to the state tennis finals. Bishop Luers' Annie Shank finished third in the mile at the IHSAA State Track meet with a time of 5:03.1. — Michelle Castleman

SAINT JOSEPH LIFE ATHLETES CLUB HOSTS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



PROVIDED BY LIFE ATHLETES

The Life Athletes Club of Saint Joseph's High School in South Bend hosted its fourth annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament. "It's a great way for the kids to have fun at the end of the year together," said moderator Chris Godfrey. "The evening began with Father Cam Tirabassi and it ended when the championship game was finally decided after four overtime periods." Goon Squad winners are Brian O'Connor, Connor Demarais, Max Matthews, Collin Hickey and Head Coach Sean Hart.

St. Pius narrowly wins ICCL track meet

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Perfect conditions, 11 meet records and a dramatic conclusion made for a memorable 2010 Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) girls track meet at Clay High School.

Led by their strong performance in Class A (seventh/eighth grade), St. Pius X narrowly held off St. Joseph-Mishawaka, 193-192, to claim the overall title. St. Thomas captured the Class B crown (fifth-seventh grade), while St. Joseph-Mishawaka took top honors in Class C (fourth-sixth grade).

"What a great meet," exclaimed ICCL track director Mike Favorite. "There were some very impressive efforts by many teams and individuals, great sportsmanship and an exciting finish."

"When you run against the best, you run your best and that is exactly what we did," said St. Pius X coach Susan Clines. "The Bible verse on our jersey says 'Let us run the race before us and never give up!' (Heb. 12:1). The girls never gave up and finished to the end."

St. Pius X did not win any individual events in Class A on

the way to the championship, but depth played a huge factor. The Lions placed multiple people in several categories. They were also aided when a St. Joe-Mishawaka runner was disqualified in the 1,600, costing the Wildcats valuable points.

Overcast skies and a light fog gave athletes prime conditions to post great numbers, and many of them capitalized. In Class A, St. Joe-Mishawaka's Allison Ketcham tied the long jump record with a leap of 14 feet-6 1/2 inches. Holy Family's Jordan Bueter set a new ICCL mark in the shot put with an 8-pound ball, heaving it 32 feet-10 1/4 inches. St. Joseph-Mishawaka's Gabby Ravotto was Class A's lone double winner in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Pius finished a mere 7 points behind Class B champion St. Thomas, thanks to a win by the sprint medley relay squad. However, the Spartans from Elkhart were at the top of the list all day long.

Victoria Mills (50, 100), Brianna Jondle (200, 400) and Lupita Rodrigues (800, 1,600) were all double winners for St. Thomas. Mills set a new class record in the 50-meter dash, blazing down the track in 7.1 seconds

to nip Corpus Christi's Sam Kambol.

St. Anthony's Maggie Weber set a Class B record in the shot put, with a toss of 32 feet-4 1/2 inches.

In Class C, St. Joseph-Mishawaka used its depth to overcome a strong Holy Family squad. The Wildcats had multiple place winners in six events and captured first place in the 4x100-meter relay. That squad of Alexis Jackey, Jasmine Rice, Victoria Micola and Abby Whitfield set a new meet record of 59.8 seconds. Whitfield also grabbed second in the 100 and sprint medley and third in the 50 and long jump.

That was all necessary to overcome two more brilliant individual performances. Holy Family's Olivia Dalton set new Class C records, winning the 100- and 200-meter dashes. The Trojan sprinter posted a time of :13.8 in the shorter race, followed by a :29.5 in the 200. Dalton also ran on the winning team in the Class B 4x100 relay.

St. Anthony's Nicole Kaczynski was the lone triple winner of the meet. The Panthers star set a new Class C record in the long jump, leaping 13 feet, 7 inches. Kaczynski also won the 400- and 1,600-meter runs.

St. Charles takes CYO softball championship

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In the 2010 Catholic Youth League (CYO) softball tournament championship, St. Charles beat St. Vincent, 4-3, on May 20.

Eighth-grader Jordan Schneider battled on the mound by holding runners at second and third in three different innings to secure the win for the Cardinals. St. Charles' defense was also stellar with only two errors committed in seven innings.

Coach Tim Atkinson was very pleased with his team's repeat title. Thanks to the outstanding pitching of St. Vincent's Demitra Burns, the Cardinals struggled a bit on offense, Atkinson admitted. However, he beamed, "We came up with clutch hits to win the game."

With two walks on base, Sierra Fischer singled to score the first two runs. Later, in the third inning, McKayla Atkinson had a

base hit to score the Cardinals' third run.

Finally, with the score tied in the bottom of the seventh, Amanda Miller stole second then Madison Snyder sacrificed her to third. Miller scored on a passed ball for the fourth run and the win.

Atkinson concluded, "Our girls were amazing all year. The leadership from our eighth graders to the effort of the whole team was awesome. I couldn't have asked for more out of 12-14 year olds."

Highlighting their team's performance in the title game, St. Vincent Coach Jessie Burns explained, "Seventh-grade JV player, Greta Winkeljohn came in

as our designated hitter and had a huge single for us to tie things up in the bottom of the seventh inning with two outs. We had a great season."

In his third season, Burns also added, "Olivia Leacier had perfect fielding for us at second base with no errors the entire season."

He summarized, "St. Charles had a great pitching and catching pair and played a great game. The (CYO) league was strong this season. I predict St. Joe, Decatur, will be the team to beat for 2011."



PROVIDED BY ST. CHARLES

St. Charles beat St. Vincent, Fort Wayne, 4-3, to win the CYO softball tournament championship. In the photo are the following: Front row, from left, Montana Markiton and Alison Roussey; holding the plaque are eighth-graders Sierra Fisher and Jordan Schneider; second to back row, Lindsey Kumfer, Holly Weber, Amanda Miller, Jordan Cunningham, Ali Tippmann, Madi Snyder, Lucy Schenkel and Erica Nelson; and back row, Coach Tim Atkinson, McKayla Atkinson, Coach Bart Tippmann and Amelia Tippman.

St. Vincent students Run for Fun and wellness

FORT WAYNE — They trained diligently on the St. Vincent de Paul School football field every Friday afternoon beginning April 16, bravely dodging showers and suffering cool weather with an ultimate goal. The students were running for health and wellness, along with a way to give supplies for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

Over 200 students in kindergarten through grades 4 led by school nurse Cecilia Manning participated in the first Spring Fun Run on Wednesday, May 26. The event, sponsored by Dupont Hospital and the school, was at the beautiful Fitness Park behind the hospital.

"The idea is to promote physical activity for students with all athletic abilities and to make it fun and non competitive," Julie West, clinical dietetics specialist for Dupont Hospital said. "Everyone who finishes is a winner."

Runners received a participation medal and the satisfaction of knowing they gave back to the community through their food or dollar donation.

Health and wellness is an important theme adopted by St. Vincent's throughout the year supported by a new corporate partnership with Dupont Hospital. Assistant Principal Beth Kleber and Manning met regularly with Dupont dietitians to organize other wellness activities and to provide valuable information to the school community. Designed for both students and



PROVIDED BY ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL

St. Vincent de Paul School students in Fort Wayne participate in Spring Fun Run on May 26.

parents, the new program gives wellness ideas that benefit everyone.

Dupont Hospital provided food pyramid charts for every classroom and dietitians come to the school to meet with classes. The hospital also provided a monthly newsletter and a monthly calendar with timely hints promoting good eating and exercising habits.

Teachers and staff benefited from free wellness screenings in the parish hall in April, and Lou Ann Binkley, a hospital consultant, gave a retreat on taking care of our bodies physically, emo-

tionally and spiritually.

"The partnership is a great opportunity; it is a win-win for everyone in the community," West said. She cited the ability to reach over 400 families and about 800 students with the message of wellness.

Speaking of the partnership with the school, Sandra Guffey, principal at St. Vincent said, "This program has made a big difference in our whole approach to wellness and health in the school. We commend the great people at Dupont Hospital for providing us with their valuable time and resources."

Softball standout Filler leads Saints to state

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The freshman phenomenon The sophomore sensation. Now, just a junior, Andrea Filler is leading her Bishop Dwenger Saints all the way to the IHSAA Class 3-A state softball finals. Fueled behind her state's best batting average and domination on the mound, Filler has taken her Saints to places they have never been.

The 26-2 Saints earned an SAC outright title, skated through their sectional beating Concordia 7-1, Harding 13-0, then Angola 9-0, before downing Mississinewa, 15-6, for a first-ever Bishop Dwenger regional title.

In the regional game, Filler was incredible on both sides of the ball. Throwing a two-hitter, she retired the side in five of the seven innings. Then against a fellow all-state pitcher, she added a double and an inside-the-park home run to her already impressive stats.

In semi-state play, Bishop Dwenger beat Andrean, 6-2, in the semifinals.

The Saints then run-ruled South Bend's Saint Joseph's, 11-1, for the



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semi-state title.

Making their post-season run look easy, the Saints avenged the 5-6 loss to Saint Joseph's, their last, from April 17.

Filler got both wins on the mound and pounded the ball.

Verbally committed to Boston College, Filler went 2-2 with a solo home run against Andrean and 3-4 with yet another homer and three RBI's against the Indians.

Filler, who started playing ball at the age of four, has had some huge accomplishments in the soft-

ball travel league circuit where her team finished fourth place at nationals last season. But the slugger claims little compares to the excitement of a state appearance with the Saints, "This is such a great team. Everyone gets along and has great chemistry which shows on the field. It is like a dream, awesome!"

The eighth-ranked Saints will continue their dream season playing for a state championship at Ben Davis at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday against the 34-1 ladies from Booneville.

Key scenes for 'Lost' finale filmed at Honolulu Catholic school

BY ANNA WEAVER

HONOLULU (CNS) — The gateway to heaven is through the chapel doors at Sacred Hearts Academy in Honolulu. Or so one could argue after watching the series finale of the ABC-TV show "Lost" in late May. Several key scenes in the last episode were shot at the all-girls Catholic school.

The finale's penultimate scene showed the major characters from the TV show's six seasons reuniting after their deaths in a church before "moving on" to another life, as character Christian Shephard called it in the episode, named "The End."

It is Shephard who opens the main church doors, guarded on each side by an angel statue. Through the doors comes a blazing stream of light that fills the church and engulfs all of the waiting characters.

Several other scenes in the episode showed a coffin arriving at the front of the school grounds, characters talking in a lunch pavilion area outside the chapel, and Shephard and his son, Jack, talking in an office just outside the church.

Despite an attempt to make the scenes seem nondenominational, with Christian and Jack Shephard talking in an office filled with world religious symbols and a multi-faith stained-glass window, many TV critics and fans have interpreted the church to be a sort of purgatory and all of the characters as moving on to heaven, a very Christian ending to "Lost."

Sacred Hearts Academy has a few "Lost" fans on its faculty and staff, who never missed an episode and were thrilled to see their school featured so prominently in the "Lost" finale.

"When I watched it, I was laughing," said Toni Normand, director of special programs. "I called my husband in and said, 'Heaven is right outside of the chapel lanai!'"

"It was fun to think that all those actors were hanging out in our chapel," said Lisa Vega, the school counselor. "It just feels special that they picked the final scene to be here with the whole cast."

She and Normand joke that they can now go to heaven any time they are on campus.

"Lost" filmed at Sacred Hearts Academy during three days in March and April. Resident manager and maintenance supervisor Misha Roytman was the only school employee at the academy during filming. He said the "Lost" crew had tight security



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John Terry walks out of the door of a church in a scene from the series finale of the ABC TV show "Lost." This scene from the episode named "The End" was filmed at Sacred Hearts Academy in Honolulu.

and kept any extra people from coming into the chapel during shooting.

"They were very polite but very strict with their own rules," Roytman said. He got to peek around a corner to see a little filming but for the most part didn't see any cast members.

School business manager Randy Iwashita was the go-between with the "Lost" staff as they planned to film at the school, and he said they were professional and cordial. "They asked to use the school cafeteria for a gathering," he said.

The school was able to grant that and other accommodations, such as moving faculty cars out of the front parking lot early on the afternoon before shooting. However, Iwashita said the school had to say no to the crew's request to build a set near the chapel because of disruptions it would have caused to the school day.

Sacred Hearts Academy's head of school, Betty White, said the school doesn't normally rent its facilities out but had made an exception for "Lost" last year when the chapel was used in a season five episode.

When "Lost" production staff approached the school earlier this year about filming again at the academy, White said it was providential timing. She had just received a pricey estimate on repair costs to one of the chapel's large stained-glass windows.

In exchange for filming, "Lost" donated the needed amount for repairs. "It was as if God was helping us," White said.

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Knights plan benefit for Reins of Life
South Bend — Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council 553 will have a party in the parking lot at 553 E. Washington St. on Friday, June 11, from 6-10 p.m. to benefit Reins of Life. Music by South Side Denny with food, beer and pop. Tickets are \$8 per person and doors open at 5 p.m. Call (574) 220-1212 for information.

Redeemer Radio weekends
Parishes conducting Redeemer Radio Weekends, inviting support for the campaign, "Building Faith, Sharing Christ," include: Our Lady of Good Hope; Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception; St. Joseph, Garrett; St. Mary, Decatur; and St. Mary, Huntington.

Brother George Klawitter to speak on Blessed Brother Andre
Notre Dame — Brother George Klawitter, CSC, professor of English and author on Holy Cross History at St. Edward University, Austin, Texas, will speak on Blessed Brother Andre Bessete, CSC: How "Holy Cross" was the Holy Man of Mount Royal? on Friday, June 18, at 7 p.m. in the Driscoll Auditorium of Holy Cross College. The lecture is free and open to public. Refreshments will follow in the Atrium. Blessed Brother Andre will be the first member of the Congregation of Holy Cross to be canonized a saint on Sunday,

Oct. 17, 2010.

Central Catholic alumni to meet
Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic High School Alumni Association will have a get-together on Saturday, June 26, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Reed Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by music and fellowship. Cost for the evening is \$20. To make a reservation send a check payable to CCHS Alumni Assn. c/o Tony Martone, 3005 Whitegate, 46805. Call Leanne at (260) 485-0290 or Mary Lou at (260) 485-6164 for information.

Live in harmony with nature
Fort Wayne — All married and engaged couples as well as single women are invited to learn Creighton's newly emerging science of NaProTECHNOLOGY Saturday, June 19, from 9:30-10:30 a.m., at St. Jude Parish in Room C. The CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System unravels the mystery of women's cycles by standardizing monthly record keeping and can be used by women with regular cycles, irregular cycles, PMS, infertility, frequent miscarriage and PCOD. Contact Theresa Schortgen, CFPC, at (260) 749-6706 or e-mail chartdaily365@verizon.net to RSVP. The event is free.

Garage sale time
Fort Wayne — The Fort Wayne Christ Child Society will have the annual Garage Sale

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

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend
Notre Dame — A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held July 31-Aug. 2 for anyone suffering the aftermath of an abortion. This is a healing retreat weekend that includes discussions, spiritual exercises, a memorial service, sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass. It is a strictly confidential weekend. Contact Sue at ndsue33@hotmail.com or at (269) 683-2229. Cost is \$150 which includes room, all meals and retreat materials. Partial financial assistance is available.

Father's Day brunch
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 601 will have a Father's Day champagne brunch Sunday, June 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Knights Hall, 601 Reed Rd. Tickets are \$7 per person. Children under 12, \$3.

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Emma Ravotto, 94, Christ the King

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Edgar J. Frieberger, 84, St. Aloysius

Knox native, will perform a violin recital on Sunday, June 13, at 3 p.m., at the Ancilla Domini Chapel, PHJC Ministry Center.

Concert benefits St. Vincent de Paul Society
South Bend — A concert to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be Saturday, June 19, at Simeri's Old Town Tap from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cover charge of \$10.

Theology on Tap
Fort Wayne — Theology on Tap will present Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy Thursday, June 17, at Columbia Street West at 6:30 p.m. He will speak on "The Presence of Evil and Scandal in the Church: A Bishop's Reflection." Young adults 21-39 are invited.

DONATIONS
Mustard Seed Furniture Bank can use your donations
Fort Wayne — The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank accepts donations of bedroom and living room furniture, tables, chairs, bed linens and towels. Items must be in working order and free of rips, tears, stains, burns and animal hair. Donations may be picked up by calling (260) 471-5802. The Mustard Seed is dedicated to providing household furnishings to those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul Store always in need of donations
Fort Wayne — Donations are always accepted for cars, trucks and vans. Donations are tax deductible. Call (260) 456-3561 for pick up or drop off at the store, 1600 S. Calhoun St.

Dismas House has immediate needs
South Bend — Dismas House needs the community's support to help provide toiletries, laundry and dish soap, trash bags, paper towels and toilet paper. Also bath towels, wash cloths, twin sheets, blankets, pillows and pillow cases. Items may be dropped off Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 521 S. St. Joseph St. Contact (574) 233-8522.

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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
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thought of us too," she said. Rosales wanted to erect banners and hang flowers to enhance the appeal of the parking lot where a temporary altar was set up, but said the windy conditions precluded additional adornment.

Ovelia Navarette's four children had been baptized or made their first Communion the week before, so godmother Olivia Lopez asked if she could take them in Sunday's procession. Navarette waited for them at Rosales' business.

"We're so proud that they decided to come here. They've never done that before," Navarette said of the bishop and priests who concelebrated and walked with the Eucharist. "We had to take advantage of it."

Monica and John Sikorski said they decided to participate for similar reasons, even though Monica is seven months pregnant.

"It's so worth it. We've done this before, but it's our first time here in this area. And the weather even cooperated," Monica said.

Lourdes Silva of the diocesan office of Hispanic Ministry said that the effort was also planned as an outreach to the South Bend neighborhood situated between the parishes. Homeowner Ruben Hernandez accepted the gesture, receiving the Body of Christ and its followers with balloons strung over the sidewalk of his Calvert street home.

"The bishop wants us to know that he supports us," Hernandez

said, watching while the procession approached his house.

After a final prayer and blessing, Our Lady of Hungary Parish received the pilgrim Eucharist. Bishop Rhoades administered blessings on family after family, while others enjoyed a Mexican meal, music and a folkloric dance performance.

Bishop Rhoades said afterward that he was pleased with the first diocesan Hispanic event since his appointment and that the reverence and faithfulness of the Hispanic community had already impressed him.

"It's beautiful. That's the faith of our people," Bishop Rhoades said.



PHOTOS BY JODI MAGALLANES

The Eucharistic Procession began at St. Matthew Cathedral Church, circled around to the side parking lot where the altar was located, then processed out the back of the parish grounds, through the streets to Our Lady of Hungary Church in South Bend.



After leaving St. Matthew Cathedral Parish in South Bend, the Eucharistic Procession begins its route to Our Lady of Hungary Parish.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades carries the Blessed Sacrament in the Eucharistic Procession.



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