



# TODAY'S CATHOLIC

## Pope apologizes for abuse, says priests called to bring God to world

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said the Year for Priests might have been ruined by the clerical sex abuse scandal, but instead became a “summons to purification” in the Church.

Concelebrating Mass June 11 with some 15,000 priests, the pope said that “the enemy,” Satan, wants to drive God out of the world and opposes those who work to ensure that God is at the side of every man and woman, especially in times of trouble.

“And so it happened that, in this very year of joy for the sacrament of the Priesthood, the sins of priests came to light — particularly the abuse of the little ones, in which the priesthood, whose task is to manifest God’s concern for our good, turns into its very opposite,” the pope said in his homily at the Mass concluding the Year for Priests.

The priests, 80 cardinals and 350 bishops and archbishops, who were sitting under the hot sun in St. Peter’s Square, signaled their agreement with the pope’s statement by applauding.

The Vatican said that with so many priests vested for Mass and reciting together the key words of the Eucharistic Prayer with their hands extended toward the altar, the liturgy marked the largest concelebration ever held at the Vatican.

Addressing the abuse scandal in his homily, Pope Benedict said the Catholic Church begs forgiveness from God and “from the persons involved, while promising to do everything possible to ensure that such abuse will never occur again.”

In admitting men to the seminary and priesthood, he said, “we will do everything we can to

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Pope Benedict XVI and some 15,000 priests concelebrate a Mass to conclude the Year for Priests in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican June 11.

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## Andrew Budzinski to be ordained to priesthood June 26

BY KAY COZAD

SOUTH BEND — Deacon Andrew Budzinski will soon see the fruits of his labor when on June 26 he will be ordained into the holy Priesthood of the Catholic Church by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. His ordination is the culmination of a long and interesting discernment journey.

Born May 11, 1973, the youngest of Eugene and Carolyn’s two sons, Andrew Budzinski was raised in South Bend. His family’s membership at the Holy Family Parish had him involved in the choir, youth group and as an altar server. His Catholic



DEACON ANDREW BUDZINSKI

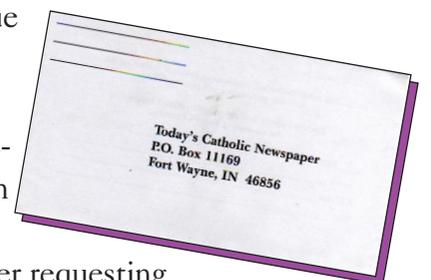
education began at Holy Family School where brother Bob’s presence, first as custodian, then as social studies teacher, kept the young Andrew in check. “There was no getting into trouble,” he says, “He (Bob) would have known about it!”

The first inkling that there might be a calling to the priesthood occurred in seventh grade when Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor and director of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South

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# Joined by priests of the world, pope leads vigil for Year for Priests

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Meeting with nearly 10,000 priests from around the world, Pope Benedict XVI expressed the Church's gratitude for their ministry and encouraged them to resist secularizing influences.

At a vigil in St. Peter's Square June 10 at the end of the Year for Priests, the pope said the clergy shortage cannot be solved by turning the priesthood into merely "a normal profession, a job," and added that today's priests need to be on fire with love for Christ.

While he did not explicitly speak of clerical sex abuse cases, he appeared to refer to the crisis when he defended priestly celibacy. He said celibacy was a scandal for the world because it anticipates eternal life with God, a reality rejected by many people today.

The role of the faith, he said, is to announce this "great scandal" of God's place in their lives, a task that is made more difficult by the "secondary scandals of our own inadequacies and sins." He asked for prayers that God would free the Church from such sins.

The evening encounter featured testimonials from priests working around the world, including Latin America, France and Hollywood, Calif. When the pope arrived and rode his popemobile through the vast crowd, he was greeted with a standing ovation.

Answering five questions posed by priests, the pope began by expressing his appreciation for their work and his sympathy for the problems they face in ministering to populations that are increasingly large and fragmented.

He said today's priests must not try to do everything, but should focus their energies in key areas: Providing the Eucharist and the sacraments, preaching well and helping the poor and suffering. He urged them not to neglect their own spiritual lives and, when needed, to "find the humility and the courage to rest."

He spoke beneath a banner portrait of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests. The pope proclaimed the yearlong focus on priestly ministry to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the saint's death. Several of the questions posed to the pope suggested that the world doesn't really understand priests or the priesthood.

A priest from Slovakia, for example, said he fully appreciated the importance of celibacy, but was disturbed when reading "the many worldly criticisms of this gift."

A Japanese priest said the very unworldly lifestyle of St. John Vianney, especially personal and sacramental penitential practices, also seem to run counter to contemporary ways of living.

In response, the pope said the Church must make clear to an often skeptical world that its



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The Eucharist is carried in procession during Pope Benedict XVI's prayer vigil with some 10,000 priests as part of the closing of the Year for Priests in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican June 10.

practices are not designed to close priests off from people, but to direct them toward others.

An African priest said theology as taught in modern seminaries sometimes reflects modern tastes and tendencies instead of being focused on God and Jesus Christ

— as if the world were judging the faith and not vice versa. He said this has led to the "spread of subjective opinions that allow the introduction, even in the Church, of a non-Catholic way of thinking."

The pope answered that this was a difficult and painful problem in the Church. He called it an "arrogance of reason" that seeks to deny the greatness of God.

Pope Benedict said he's seen nearly three generations of theologians come and go,

including times when such "scientific" ideas appeared to gain the upper hand, but which today "have grown old, and are practically worthless today, in fact many of them seem ridiculous." His words were greeted with applause.

All week long, priests from more than 90 countries filled the streets of Rome, attending liturgies and conferences at major churches in the city. They spent most of their time praying, listening and chatting among each other.

Among the approximately 300 from the United States was Father Anton Quang Dinh Van of San Francesco di Paola Parish in San Antonio, a native of Vietnam who has lived in the United States since 1981. He said he came to Rome to meet other priests and find better ways to "bring the Gospel to our people."

Asked about the effect of the sex abuse scandal, he said the close of the special Year for Priests was a moment for priests to reflect on their promises.

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Priests follow hymn booklets during a large gathering at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome June 10. Cardinal Marc Ouellet of Quebec addressed the priests, who are in Rome to conclude the Year for Priests.

# Regional migration reports paint a complex picture for churches

BY PATRICIA ZAPOR

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Common themes run through reports from Catholic migration organizations of Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, including concern for families left behind by emigration, the need to care for migrants passing through their countries or after being deported home, and how to improve their own economies so people don't leave.

In reports prepared for the 2010 Regional Consultation on Migration held in Washington June 2-4, a complex picture emerged of how Catholic migration agencies try to address economic, sociological, psychological and medical needs related to migration.

In Guatemala, for example, the human mobility commission of the national bishops' conference described trying to provide assistance for travelers passing through the country to Guatemalans who are trying to make enough money to be able to stay and to families left behind by the daily emigration of about 200 people.

An estimated 1.5 million Guatemalans live outside their country, the vast majority in the United States, and most lack visas allowing them to be in the United States legally, according to the commission. Guatemala's population is about 13.5 million.

In 2009, Guatemala had 105,000 people who were either repatriated by the governments of the United States and Mexico or who returned on their own because of economic hard times in countries to the north, the report said, noting that the government has no official policy or programs for dealing with those who are returned.

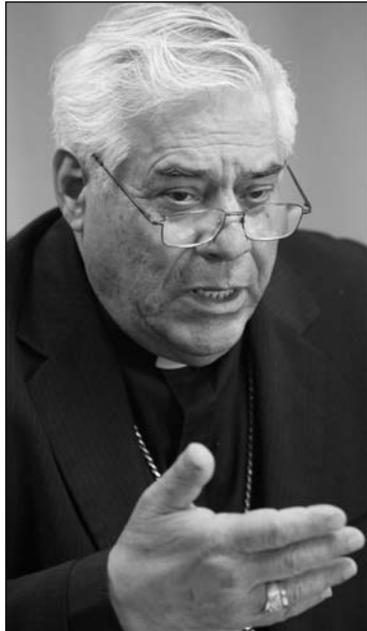
Those returnees, both voluntary and involuntary, combined with the recession that cut into income of migrants in the United States, contributed to a dramatic decrease in money sent home to support families in Guatemala, the bishops reported.

Remittances to Guatemala were down from \$4.3 billion in 2008 to \$3.9 billion in 2009. Monthly reports for March and April 2010 showed slight improvements over a year earlier.

A report given during the migration meeting by Scalabrini

Father Leonir Mario Chiarello about his order's work among Western Hemisphere migrants noted that the population of the hemisphere has nearly doubled since 1970, from 514 million to 934 million, with the population expected to be 1.2 billion by 2050.

"International migrants are 6



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**Bishop Rafael Romo Munoz of Tijuana, Mexico, who heads the Mexican bishops' migration commission, gestures during a press conference at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' headquarters in Washington June 3. The bishop was attending a regional bishops' consultation on migration.**

percent of the region's population," Father Chiarello noted. "Today the region hosts 57 million migrants, more than one in four of the world's migrants, up from 34 million in 1990."

The flow of those migrants targets the U.S.-Mexican border

more than any other in the world, Father Chiarello said.

"While Mexico-U.S. irregular migration tends to dominate the debate, a number of other relevant issues exist," he continued, "such as, for example, brain drain, remittances, integration,

transnational communities, voluntary and forced return migration, return migration, human rights, internally displaced persons, trafficking and smuggling for forced labor, slavery or prostitution and national security."

Like their neighbors in

Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, the Guatemalan bishops reported trying to provide various services to the many people affected by the phenomena of migration and a range of the issues raised by Father Chiarello.

All the reports described their countries as having multiple types of migration concerns, with many people passing through from countries to the south en route to Mexico and the United States.

Costa Rica's report by the bishops' conference noted that in its population of 4.4 million, one in seven is a migrant, three-quarters of whom move to other places in "irregular" status, meaning they lack a passport, visa or identity documents.

Cuba's particular problem is that of having a large proportion of its citizens living outside the

## PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES



- Tuesday, June 22, 2 p.m. — Meeting of board of directors of Catholic Charities, South Bend office.
- Wednesday, June 23, 10 a.m. — Meeting of board of directors of the Our Sunday Visitor Institute, Detroit, Mich.
- Thursday, June 24, noon — Luncheon with diocesan tribunal staff
- Thursday, June 24, 5:30 p.m. — Priests' summer picnic, bishop's residence, Fort Wayne
- Friday, June 25, 11 a.m. — Hispanic Apostolate picnic, Noll Hall, Lake Wawasee
- Saturday, June 26, 10 a.m. — Priesthood Ordination Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Sunday, June 27, 9:45 a.m. — Mass for Holy Cross Sisters, Church of Loretto at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame
- Monday, June 28, 5:30 p.m. — Priests' summer picnic, St. Pius X Parish, Granger
- Wednesday, June 30, 1 p.m. — Visit to Vincent Village, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, July 1, 6:15 a.m. — Mass, St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne



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**Bishop Francois Lapierre of Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, gestures during a press conference at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' headquarters in Washington June 3. Also pictured is Chicago Auxiliary Bishop John R. Manz, left, and retired Bishop Franco Gayot of Cap-Haitien, Haiti. The bishops were attending a regional bishops' consultation on migration.**

country, estimated at 2 million expatriate Cubans compared with a permanent population of about 11 million. After the peak one-year departure of 124,000 people in 1980 — the height of a mass exodus known as the Mariel boatlift — annual departures have leveled out at about 45,000 a year, the bishops' conference reported.

The report by the Honduran bishops' human mobility organization observed that leaving the country to provide for one's family is a dangerous decision.

"The hope to bring their families a better quality of life is converted into a threat" of assault,

theft, human trafficking, being mutilated while trying to ride atop a train through Mexico, as well as starvation, cold and other problems, the Honduran report said.

Meanwhile, back home, "the migrant is seen as a fountain of wealth, not as a human being who yearns to return to his country of origin." Remittances sustain the Honduran economy, the report observed, but the emigrants don't benefit from the income they send back home, while other effects include the disintegration of the family structure.

"In Honduras, there are many families full of single mothers

who have a better lifestyle, but there is no father figure or joint parental figures governing the family," they said.

Among the challenges to the Church, besides providing for the many needs of migrants, is the struggle to educate its own priests and other leaders about the complexities of migration, noted the Guatemalan report.

Some priests have strong feelings against emigrants who leave to provide for their families, it said. "How sad to celebrate the Eucharist without love in your actions and message. Jesus taught us that service and solidarity are a form of human coexistence."

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"In every generation there is something bad, but the Holy Spirit is there to purify us. There are many holy priests and seminarians who have dedicated themselves to God and the people. It is a very good time for priests to renew their promises," he said.

Father Robert J. Carr, 51, the pastor of St. Benedict Parish in Somerville, Mass., said his parish had sent him to Rome to celebrate the end of the Year for Priests with the pope.

He said it meant a lot to his parishioners that he be present. Throughout the year, he said, "I've been working at being a better priest for them — supporting them, letting them know I am there for them, fostering their creativity."

As for the sex abuse scandal

coming up again during the Year for Priests, Father Carr said he didn't think it was a coincidence.

"I think what's going on, I think the Lord is cleaning up His Church, strengthening His Church because the world is heading for trouble" and holy ministers will be needed more than ever, he said.

Vatican officials and other main speakers at the closing events focused on such themes as "conversion and mission," the priest's configuration to Christ, priestly identity and the priest's relationship with laypeople and bishops.

But several also mentioned the sex abuse scandal in their talks.

The pain of the clerical sex abuse crisis has led to a "providential awareness" that the priesthood must experience a season of rebirth and spiritual renewal, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, Vatican secretary of state, told hundreds of priests gathered at the Vatican June 9.

"We have had to experience pain because of the infidelities, sometimes very serious, of some members of the clergy, which has had a negative impact on the credibility of the Church," he said.

Cardinal Bertone reminded the priests that in May Pope Benedict had spoken to reporters of "a 'persecution' that was born within the Church itself" and said the experience must lead to a conversion, purification and reconciliation.

Quebec Cardinal Marc Ouellet spoke to priests June 10 about an

"unprecedented wave of challenges against the Church and the priesthood following the revelation of scandals whose gravity we must recognize and sincerely work to repair."

"But beyond the necessary purification our sins require, we must also recognize that at the present moment there is open opposition to our service to the truth and there are attacks from both outside and inside that aim to divide the Church. We pray together for the unity of the Church and for the sanctification of priests, these heralds of the good news of salvation," he said.

Cardinal Claudio Hummes, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy, spoke at a Mass June 9 in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. He said that while priests are called to minister to all Catholics, they have a special obligation to care for the poor who "are marginalized from the table of material, social, cultural and — often — spiritual goods."

German Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Cologne lamented the drop in the practice of the sacrament of Reconciliation, saying it has hurt the Church and priests.

"Where a priest is no longer a confessor, he becomes a religious social worker. In fact, he is missing the experience of the greatest pastoral success, which is when he can collaborate to ensure that a sinner leaves the confessional as a sanctified person," the cardinal said.



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**Pope Benedict XVI greets priests as he arrives to celebrate Mass to conclude the Year for Priests in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican June 11. Some 15,000 priests concelebrated the Mass with the pope.**

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weigh the authenticity of their vocation and make every effort to accompany priests along their journey, so that the Lord will protect them and watch over them in troubled situations and amid life's dangers."

The priests and bishops, who turned St. Peter's Square into a sea of white albs and stoles, were well aware of the scandal and of the shadow of doubt it cast over the Catholic priesthood.

But, the pope said, the scandal should make priests grow "in gratitude for God's gift, a gift concealed in 'earthen vessels' which, ever anew, even amid human weakness, makes His love concretely present in this world."

"Let us look upon all that happened as a summons to purification," the pope said. He then led the priests in the solemn renewal of their priestly promises to be faithful ministers of Christ, working not for their own interests, but for the good of all men and women.

Father Paul Daly, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Heywood, England, said, "I think the pope was spot on" in saying the Year for Priests was about thanksgiving and renewal, not shouting the glories of the priesthood.

"It wasn't a triumphalistic celebration, but was calm and reflective," he said.

As for the pope using the Mass to apologize for abuse, Father Daly said, "He says and continues to say from the heart

that he is shocked and sorry. The pope would have been pilloried if he hadn't said anything, but he also needed to apologize for the past and renew the Church's commitment to making the Church safe for children."

In his homily, the pope said, "God wants us, as priests in one tiny moment of history, to share his concern about people."

Called to be shepherds, imitating Christ the Good Shepherd, he said, "we are not fumbling in the dark. God has shown us the way and how to walk aright."

When priests, like anyone else, walk through "the dark valleys of temptation, discouragement and trial," they must remember that God is there, he said.

"God personally looks after me, after us, after all mankind. I am not abandoned, adrift in the universe and in a society that leaves me ever more lost and bewildered," he said.

Continuing the work of the Good Shepherd, the pope said, "the Church, too, must use the shepherd's rod, the rod with which he protects the faith against those who falsify it, against currents which lead the flock astray."

The "rod and the staff" help the Church exercise its love for people and for their true good, he said.

"Today we can see that it has nothing to do with love when conduct unworthy of the priestly life is tolerated," he said. "Nor does it have to do with love if heresy is allowed to spread and the faith (is) twisted and chipped away, as if it were something that we ourselves had invented," the pope said.

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# Granger student commits names of popes to memory

BY JODI MAGALLANES

GRANGER — Eleven-year-old John Paul Fitzmaurice has completed a project so difficult that few lay men and women even attempt it.

The Granger boy has committed the names of all 265 popes to memory. From St. Peter to Benedict XVI he can recite them, in order of their ascension to the apostolate of Peter. They roll off his tongue so quickly that it's hard to keep up with him on a "Popes Throughout History" wall chart. Just 20 seconds into an impromptu recitation, he's already down to Pope No. 31, St. Eusebius.

The Fitzmaurice family attends Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka, where John Paul and his brother, 8-year-old Gregory Benedict, are altar servers at daily Mass. Father Dan Scheidt has been the pastor at Queen of Peace since 2007. It was his arrival at the parish that precipitated John Paul's memorization project.

"My cousin told me that Father Scheidt set this challenge when he was at Marian. His challenge was to memorize all the popes, but no one ever did it. I thought, 'I want to try that,'" he said.

Mom Rebecca home schools John Paul and his younger brother Gregory in both religious education and regular academics. At first, she and John Paul's father, Mike, thought he was too young to take on such a large project. But in 2009 they agreed and added the project to his daily lessons.

He began in March by memorizing 10 popes a week. Quickly realizing the size of the task, Rebecca and John Paul decided to use a memorization system laid out by Kevin Vost in his book, "Memorizing the Faith."

First drawing maps of rooms in their home, neighborhood and church, they added symbols that would cue John Paul to the name of a pope. For example, any pope numbered "the eighth" wears sunglasses on the drawing, because sunglasses look like a sideways eight. Then the drawings and cues were committed to memory at the rate of 10 popes every two weeks.

His best time for repeating the list is down to a mere six minutes. Although he's discovered



JODI MAGALLANES

audience to steady his nerves, John Paul then ran down all 15 rows of 18 or so pontiffs.

Vost traveled to South Bend to see the young man's second recitation, for a Catholic home school talent show last month. The family says that he subsequently mentioned John Paul's accomplishment on the Catholic television network, ETWN.

John Paul wants to give a recitation for Pope Benedict XVI at World Youth Day, but mom won't let him go before he's 14, so he's set his sights on attending the 2014 event.

**John Paul Fitzmaurice, 11, of Granger, has committed the names of all 265 popes to memory. From St. Peter to Benedict XVI he can recite them, in order of their ascension to the apostolate of Peter. In the photo is Gregory Benedict, John Paul, Rebecca and Mike Fitzmaurice.**

that it's not quite as rare an accomplishment as he first thought, he's still proud that he's in select company.

"I thought before I'd be maybe one of 10 people who could do it. Then I learned that all priests have to do it. So now maybe I'm one of hundreds," John Paul said.

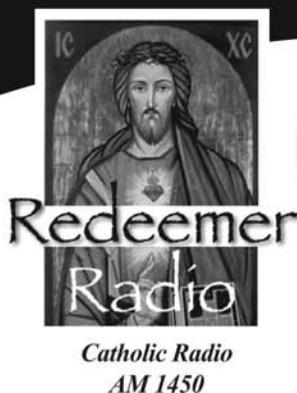
The project fit in well with the Fitzmaurice family's deep and traditional Catholic religious practices. In addition to daily Mass, both boys practice daily prayers both in English and Latin and have memorized other precepts of the faith, such as the corporal works of mercy and the Marian dogmas.

"Kids this age just soak it in so much I think this is the time when they can do something like this the best," Rebecca said.

Last month, John Paul gave his first public popes' recitation at a Queen of Peace first Communion Mass. He was nervous at the time, John Paul said. But now, he can tell the story of the recitation and laugh.

"Father's point was how long the Eucharist has been with us, so he listed all of the U.S. presidents — and of course it's been with us even longer. Everybody thought that was great. I think they clapped. Then Father (Scheidt) says, 'Oh, you haven't seen anything yet.'" With his back to the

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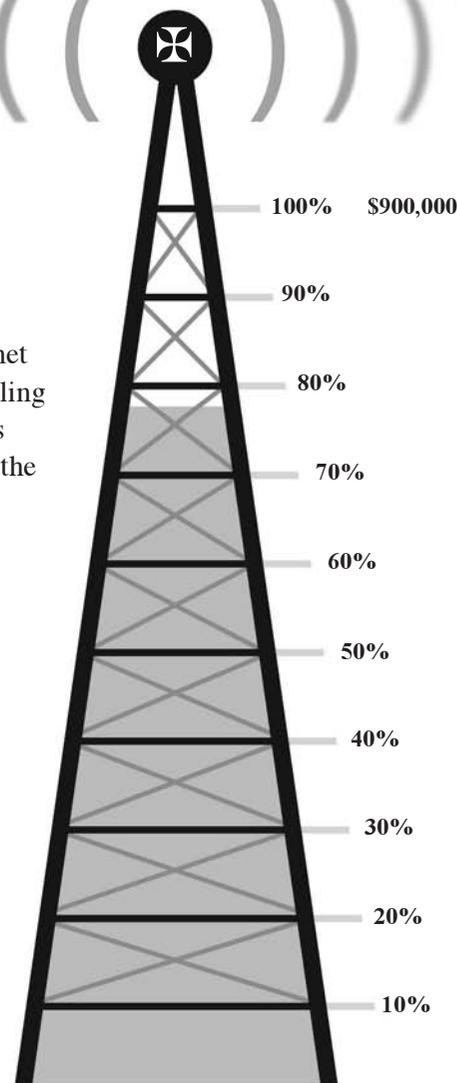


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## Evangelical leaders unite, push for comprehensive immigration reform

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Immigration reform is “about the only public policy issue upon which there is great unanimity across the Christian spectrum,” said the Rev. Rich Nathan, of the Vineyard Church of Columbus, Ohio, in a forum of conservative evangelical leaders working for comprehensive reform. “Abortion divides us, gay rights divide us, war and peace divides us — comprehensive immigration reform unites us,” Rev. Nathan said in the June 9 press conference at the Capitol, shortly before participants had meetings with congressional leaders and the director of the White House Domestic Policy Council. The meeting was “truly historic,” group founder Juan Hernandez said at the Conservatives for Comprehensive Immigration Reform conference. “We’ve never had all these groups sitting at the table favoring comprehensive immigration,” Hernandez said in a June 10 phone interview with Catholic News Service. Johnny Young, executive director of Migration and Refugee Services for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, told CNS in a later interview that “the evangelicals are a significant portion of the U.S. population, their numbers can’t be ignored,” and said the USCCB is pleased to see a “convergence of views, and that we can work together in pressuring our legislators to move on this much-needed change in legislation.” Approximately 26.3 percent of the U.S.’s adult population are evangelicals according to a 2007 survey by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life. About 23.9 percent of U.S. adults are Catholic, according to the survey.

## Pope asks more prayers for priests, cites beatification

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The benefits the Year for Priests brought for priests, for the Church and for the world cannot be measured, but they will be evident for years to come, Pope Benedict XVI said. Speaking during his midday Angelus address June 13, two days after he formally closed the Year for Priests, the pope said the year’s events were a reminder that “the priesthood is a gift from the heart of Christ, a gift for the Church and for the world.” Thanking God for “all the benefits this year brought to the universal Church,” he said that “no one would ever be able to measure them, but certainly we can see its fruits and will see even more. Let us continue to remember all priests in our prayers, thanking Christ for this great gift of his love and asking him to keep them in his grace as faithful friends and ministers.” Pope Benedict also used his Angelus address to draw Catholics’ attention to the recent beatification of two laymen. Archbishop Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation

# NEWS BRIEFS

## NUN HELPS COORDINATE DAILY LUNCH FOR CHILDREN



CNS PHOTO BARBARA FRASER

Sister Margarita Guevara, a Franciscan Missionary of Mary from Colombia, goes over the names of mothers who will take turns cooking lunch for 140 children at the parish in Zurite, Peru, June 3. According to health officials, more than a third of the town’s people suffer from malnutrition. Many residents lost homes and crops during unusually heavy rains in February.

for Saints’ Causes, presided over the beatification June 12 of Manuel Lozano Garrido, a journalist who lived in Spain 1920-1971 and was paralyzed for the last 26 years of his life. The ceremony was in Linares, Spain.

## Pope is focus of 2010 clergy sex abuse scandal stories, Pew study finds

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI figured in more than half of all of the stories published in print or carried by broadcast news earlier this year regarding the clergy sexual abuse scandal, according to a study by the Pew Research Center. Unlike the 2002 spate of coverage on clergy sex abuse, which had its epicenter in the Archdiocese of Boston, coverage in the six weeks during March and April examined by the study was greater in Europe than in the United States, as newspaper and broadcast stories focused principally on incidents in Ireland and the pope’s native Germany. An April poll by the Pew Research Center found that just 12 percent of those polled said Pope Benedict had done a good or excellent job in addressing the scandal, down from 39 percent in 2008, when the pope visited the United States and had an unscheduled meeting in Washington with victims of clergy sexual abuse. Those who said the

pope had done a poor or fair job went up from 48 percent in 2008 to 71 percent in 2010. The findings were part of a report, “The Pope Meets the Press: Media Coverage of the Clergy Abuse Scandal,” published June 11 by Pew. Coverage of clergy sexual abuse placed eighth in total coverage, accounting for 2.1 percent of all news coverage during the March 12-April 27 period studied, more than nuclear weapons policy coverage and that of the Tea Party movement.

## Constructive dialogue does not demean or demonize, bishop says

CHICAGO (CNS) — Dialogue should neither demean nor demonize those with whom one disagrees, Bishop Michael W. Warfel of Great Falls-Billings, Mont., said in the annual Murnion lecture sponsored by the Catholic Common Ground Initiative. The bishop spoke June 4 at the Bernardin Center for Theology and Ministry at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where the initiative recently relocated after the National Pastoral Life Center in New York closed. He said constructive dialogue “never uses belief as a bludgeon” and is not “a debate in which there is a winner and a loser. In constructive dialogue, with all our convictions intact, we often are forced

to rethink ‘this’ or ‘that’ position, or at least the reasons why we hold ‘this’ or ‘that’ position. We may discover that we are really not all that far apart from another person’s perspective on an issue or that the person we thought to be a demon is really not all that much a demon after all.” The bishop said Catholics are discussing “critical issues facing the Church” in a variety of contexts — “during family dinners, at dinner parties with friends, among co-workers who happen to be Catholic (or not), in parish and diocesan offices, at social gatherings at the parish, during meetings of parish or diocesan councils, at meetings of Catholic organizations.”

## Chinese authorities raze city’s only Catholic church, detain leaders

HONG KONG (CNS) — The only Catholic church in Ordos, in China’s autonomous region of Inner Mongolia, was destroyed the night of June 7, and the priest and lay leader were detained by police. The demolition is believed to have been carried out pursuant to a court order, reported the Asian church news agency UCA News. The agency reported that when parishioners arrived for morning Mass June 8, they found a pile of rubble littered with pieces of the altar and discovered a 16-foot cross in another

er pile of rubble. On June 9, parishioners set up camp near the ruins to try to prevent new construction on the site. The 170-square-yard Dongsheng Church, which served a community of about 1,000 Catholics, was legally registered with the government in May 2009. However, the local government recently demanded the demolition of the church to make way for a new road. Church leaders had talked with the government several times without success, sources told UCA News. They said about 100 people arrived around midnight June 7 to demolish the church. The pastor, Father Gao En, and lay leader Yang Yizhi were awakened by the noise and tried to stop the destruction but were taken away in handcuffs.

## Pope appoints Cardinal Rigali’s secretary as Philadelphia auxiliary

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Msgr. John J. McIntyre, secretary to Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, as an auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia. The pope accepted the resignation of Auxiliary Bishop Robert P. Maginnis, who has been a Philadelphia auxiliary since 1996. The changes were announced in Washington June 8 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, papal nuncio to the United States. Pope Benedict also named Capuchin Father William Fey, a native of Pittsburgh, to be bishop of Kimbe, Papua New Guinea. Bishop-designate Fey, 67, has been superior of the Capuchins in Papua New Guinea since 2007 and is secretary of the Commission for Ecumenism of the bishops’ conference there. He has been in the country since 1987. His appointment was announced at the Vatican the same day.

## Bishop Callahan, auxiliary in Milwaukee, named La Crosse bishop

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Auxiliary Bishop William P. Callahan of Milwaukee as bishop of La Crosse, Wis. He succeeds Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome E. Listeki, who was bishop of La Crosse from 2004 until he was named to the Milwaukee post in November. The appointment was announced June 11 in Washington by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

## Retired Auxiliary Bishop McKinney of Grand Rapids dies at age 81

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (CNS) — A funeral Mass was scheduled to be celebrated June 15 at St. Andrew Cathedral in Grand Rapids for retired Auxiliary Bishop Joseph C. McKinney. Bishop McKinney, 81, died June 9 at St. Ann’s Home in Grand Rapids following a lengthy illness.

## Our Lady of Hungary students receive Pentathalon accolades

SOUTH BEND — Students from Our Lady of Hungary School in South Bend won the Language Arts Pentathalon in the small school's division once again. Special recognition goes to the following students:

- Best Essay: Boniface Muguro, Austin Smith, Miko Stulajter, Zac Walker, Justin Gruber and Dominique Sanders

- Perfect Diagramming: Tiana Wilson

- Excellence in Poetry Recitation: Gabby Jones, Boniface Muguro, Jeff Smith, Austin Smith, Jessica Clements, Abriana Alvarez, Brion Doyle, Justin Gruber, Devin Herban, Corrina Howe, Dante Newbill, Liz Smith and Miko Stulajter

- Best Scoring Seventh Grader in the Small School's Division: Austin Smith

- Runner Up Seventh Graders: Boniface Muguro, Jeff Smith, Tiana Wilson

- Best Scoring Eighth Grader in the Small School's Division: Miko Stulajter

- Runner-up Eighth Graders: Dante Newbill, Justin Gruber, Liz Smith, Corrina Howe

The school reports that Our Lady of Hungary School has won first place in the small school's division every year for the past five years. Our Lady of Hungary eighth graders have won first place for three years.

## Religious leaders issue challenge to donate blood this summer

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop Emeritus John M. D'Arcy, of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and other religious leaders from the Fort Wayne area are encouraging people to consider donating blood during the summer.

To "kick off" the Red Cross promotion, several religious leaders, including Bishop D'Arcy donated blood on Wednesday, June 16. Those donating with him are: Rabbi Mitchell Kornspan, Congregation B'nai Jacob Conservative; Rev. Daniel May, president, Indiana District, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod; and Rev. Timothy Puls, assistant vice-president for church relations, Concordia Theological Seminary

According to the American Red Cross, every two seconds someone in America needs blood. That's about 38,000 units of red blood cells each day. Currently, blood centers across the country face shortages of particular blood types to supply hospital patients because people are busy vacationing and enjoying the outdoors — not thinking about or considering giving blood.

Persons at least 17 years of age, weighing a minimum of 110 pounds in good general health may be eligible to donate blood.

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## ST. MATTHEW QUIZ BOWL TEAM WINS COMPETITION



PROVIDED BY ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

The St. Matthew Cathedral School Quiz Bowl Team of South Bend is undefeated in the quiz bowl competition for the second consecutive year. Proud members in the photo are kneeling from left Kevin Hunckler, Liz Kramer, Emma Capannari, Nora Pendergast, Sarah Dillon and Kate Jagla. Standing are Daniel Herschel, Greg Monnin, Anna Bradley, Elizabeth Cook, Lori Lackner, Allison Menting and Dominique Saviano. Team members not pictured are Tim McMahon, Connor Russell and Alan Bowman. The director of the team is Elaine Throm.

That amounts to 50 percent of the current population of the United States, and yet only 5 percent of eligible donors actually donate.

For more information, questions about eligibility or to make a blood donation appointment please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-773-2767) or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

## Ancilla College hosts new student orientation

DONALDSON — Over 75 people were in attendance as Ancilla College hosted new student orientation on Tuesday, June 8.

Students and parents from throughout the local community were able to learn about student activities and athletics, register for classes and receive new student identification cards and parking passes. All in attendance were also treated to a free lunch as provided by the Office of Admissions.

"We were pleased with the turnout for both events," said Sarah Lawrence, assistant director of admissions. "It was a great way for students to spend some time on campus and get everything completed before the start of classes."

Ancilla College will hold their next Placement Party — where stu-

dents can take the college placement test — on July 7. The next new student orientation will be held on Aug. 11 and will also include a Placement Party. All offices will be open that day, and registration will be open to all students.

Contact the Office of Admissions at (574) 936-8898 Ext. 330 for more information.

## St. Vincent Knights host 'St. John in Exile'

FORT WAYNE — The St. Vincent de Paul Knights of Columbus Council 11353 hosted the one-man performance of "St. John in Exile" with proceeds going to Worldwide Seminarian Support (WSS), a lay Catholic organization formed in 1993 to raise money for seminarian education in the Third World.

In attendance at the Thursday, May 27 performance, were 14 Apostolic Life Community (ALCP) missionary priests serving in the United States. The priests had come to Fort Wayne for their annual retreat, held this year at the University of Saint Francis.

The ALCP is based in Moshi, Tanzania. Patty Becker, Redeemer Radio community relations direc-

tor, commented, "This was an exhilarating spiritual experience, and having 14 ALCP missionary priests present surely added to the joy."

For more information on Worldwide Seminarian Support contact them at (888) 437-8508, or visit their Web site at [www.SeminarianSupport.org](http://www.SeminarianSupport.org).

## Distinguished Knight nominations accepted

FORT WAYNE — Nominations are now being accepted for the Distinguished Knight Awards. Bishop Luers High School will honor both an Outstanding Alumnus and a Honorary Alumnus(a) after Mass at Homecoming on Oct. 8.

The Outstanding Alumnus Award honors a graduate who has contributed outstanding and distinguished service to his or her chosen profession and community. This individual lives out the mission of Bishop Luers High School in his or her everyday life and demonstrates ongoing dedication to the Catholic Church and its principles. Alumni nominees must be at least five years from graduation from Bishop Luers. Staff alumni nominees must have served Bishop Luers for at least three years.

The Honorary Alumnus Award is open to friends, faculty, former faculty, staff and benefactors who have lived out the spirit and mission of Bishop Luers High School through leadership and action. This individual will have contributed outstanding dedication, support and service to Bishop Luers, his or her community, and to the Catholic community.

For information and a nomination form, contact Sarah Shank at [sshank@bishoplueers.org](mailto:sshank@bishoplueers.org).

## ST. JUDE TEACHER HONORED WITH GOLDEN APPLE AWARD



PROVIDED BY ST. JUDE SCHOOL

Mike Barnes, St. Jude, Fort Wayne, second-grade teacher, receives the Golden Apple Award on June 7 from Jennifer Blonquist of Indiana's NewsCenter. Barnes has taught at St. Jude for 43 years and retired at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Barnes, who was declared legally blind 10 years ago, continued to teach with the help of his teaching aid, Jane Svarczkopf. Everyone is invited to an ice cream social on Aug 22 from 2-4 p.m. at St. Jude to celebrate Barnes and share their own experiences about him.

# Students of Mandarin Chinese perform at St. Michael School

BY IDA CHIPMAN

PLYMOUTH — Traditionally, on the last day before summer vacation at St. Michael School in Plymouth, the students put on a talent show for friends and parents. Thursday, June 3, was that day.

The talents were terrific. Piano recitals, the fourth grade singing "We are the World," and a song and dance by Mary Kate Flynn and Madeline Magee brought the house down, but a special surprise was in store when a group of students sang the Chinese New Year song in Mandarin.

A parent group at St. Michael's had an interest in having their children learn Chinese as a second language. Loretta Dobuck took the initiative and reached out to Culver Academies

to see if there was a program available that would fill their needs.

She was referred to Ning Schultz, who heads the Chinese program in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages at Culver. Schultz was equally as excited about the opportunity and said, "I am thinking about making this a senior project for our students (from China) on campus."

Schultz mused that they "might have a very good candidate(s) there."

She also noted that the academies have an outreach project attached to their Chinese program. Schultz asked if some of the Chinese culture could be injected into the program, as this would keep the interest of the younger students. Hence, the decision to sing the Chinese New

Year song came about.

After she successfully found a program, Dobuck approached St. Michael Principal Trudy Nawara to see if the school would be interested in offering this as an after school, extracurricular program two days a week.

It was immediately approved by Nawara and the administration moved forward with the pilot program.

The teachers are Culver Academy juniors Zixin Wei, Dongyue Li and their instructor.

It was agreed that St. Michael would run the pilot program with two classes: one for first-through-third graders and one for fourth-through-eighth graders. Classes began in March.

The Mandarin Chinese program has been such a success that next year, younger students will move up to the advanced



IDA CHIPMAN

St. Michael School, Plymouth, students singing the Chinese New Year song in Mandarin are from left, Matthew Dobuck, Avery Aquino, Ethan Oliver, Eleni Curtis, Katie Beckmann, Kameron Kopetski, Madalyn Aquino and Takis Curtis.



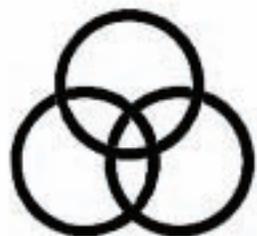
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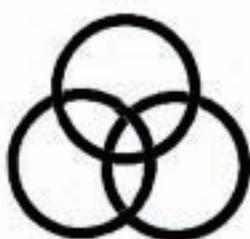
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level program.

A proud grandfather at the talent show program, John J. Oliver, Sr. said, "I truly hope this language effort gathers momentum. These kids will have a huge career advantage if they become fluent in Mandarin."

Oliver's opinions are well founded. Chinese is the world's oldest language, stretching back

over 3,500 years. Chinese is the largest ethnic grouping in the world and is spoken by more people than any other language.

Nathan Oliver is just as enthusiastic. He said, "Winnie, my teacher, is so much fun. I love to write in Chinese and would love for me and my papa to go to China someday."

## WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA HOLDS JUNE CELEBRATION



PROVIDED BY MARIAM SCHMITZ

The Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima's annual celebration took place on Saturday, June 5. The day included Confession, first Saturday meditation and the rosary at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy celebrated Mass. After Mass, the celebration continued at the St. Mary's Community Center with a breakfast and guest speaker Deacon Bob Ellis, the national coordinator of the World Apostolate of Fatima. In the photo, from front to back, are the following: at left, Luke Reidy, Grace Renbarger and Deacon Bob Ellis and at right, Gabrielle Renbarger and Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima's Spiritual Director Father James Seculoff.

# Queen of Angels' students assist Franciscan Brothers

FORT WAYNE — "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service" was the theme in all Catholic schools during the 2008-2009 school year. In light of this theme, Principal Marsha Jordan and her staff at Queen of Angels School began a push to increase the idea of service within each student that year. Classrooms planned many different service projects. Some were very large, like a school-wide food drive, and some were small, such as straightening all the books in the church for the weekend Masses after each Friday Mass.

This idea of service continued into the next year, but many teachers weren't sure if it had really made an impact on the students. One day during the 2009-2010 school year, fourth-grader Daphne Kimes walked into the room and asked the teacher, Kurt Homan, if he had read an article from *Today's Catholic* about the Franciscan Brothers Minor that had followed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to Fort Wayne. She wanted to help these men.

Homan decided to present the

article to his class and read it aloud. The article explained that these men live their lives completely for God. They live as the great St. Francis once lived: they do not get paid for their work, they live with very little and they dedicate themselves to helping others.

Moved by the brothers' story, the class began to discuss different ways they could help. Homan began to witness the power of the class's previous discussions about helping others. Twenty-seven fourth graders were ready to do whatever they could to help these men. Students planned lemonade stands, sold popsicles during lunch and sold suckers after school. In all, over \$100 was raised in a two-week period.

For the teachers, the most rewarding part of this entire project was that it was completely student driven. This wasn't organized or planned by a teacher or parent; this was a student asking a teacher to discuss an idea. The students then took the idea and ran with it.



PROVIDED BY THE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

**Sister Maureen Freeman, a Sister of St. Joseph, shows the alpaca fiber that is being donated to help control the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Sister Maureen is the director of White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.**

# Sisters of Providence alpaca fiber offered for oil-spill control

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, is contributing to a fiber recycling effort to help control the devastating oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico and beyond by donating alpaca fiber to Matter of Trust, a hair-for-oil-spills program.

About 40 pounds of seconds and thirds from 2009 and 2010 White Violet Farm Alpacas annual alpaca sheerings were mailed to a warehouse in Florida last week.

"We want to do whatever we can to help the eco-system down there," said Sister Maureen Freeman, a Sister of St. Joseph and the director of White Violet Center for Eco-Justice. "This is a step we can take to help stop the oil from ruining precious marshland and destroying native species."

The Sisters of Providence began caring for and breeding alpacas 12 years ago. They have about 60 alpacas in their herd.



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**The students of Kurt Homan's fourth-grade class at Queen of Angels proudly display the signs they used to raise money to donate to the Franciscan Brothers Minor.**

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# SIMPLE, EVERYDAY WITNESS CULTIVATES DEAF

BY DIANE FREEBY

**SOUTH BEND** — Deacon Andrew Budzinski may have been a surprise to his parents, arriving 12 years after his older brother, Bob. Entering the seminary at age 30 after beginning a successful career was also a surprise to some. But it's no surprise that strong family life, both at home and within his home parish, formed Andrew into the priest he is about to become.

"That's the best thing that could happen!" exclaims Andrew's father, Eugene Budzinski. "I didn't have any idea he wanted to become a priest. He had been working for years, then all of a sudden he said, 'I think I want to be a priest.'"

Known as an outgoing boy, family members say Andrew always had great communication skills.

"When he was little, he'd always do imitations of people," chuckles Bob, sitting in their boyhood home, nestled between Holy Family Church and Washington High School on South Bend's west side. "He acted in several plays throughout high school and enjoyed drama club."

Bob was a senior at Washington when Andrew started kindergarten at Holy Family, and had to drive him to school. Bob kept a close eye on his younger brother over the years and would later become Andrew's eighth-grade teacher, beginning a teaching career at Holy Family that continues into its 25th year this fall.

Eugene describes his family as "average, good church-goers." Bob says there was never a doubt about the importance of their Catholic faith.

"He always made sure we were going to church on Sunday," Bob said of the elder Budzinski. "No excuses, no questions. Especially in our teenage years. You were going to church, that was automatic. No question about it. So he played an important role in that."

Bob's wife, Angie, is also a long-time Catholic educator. Currently the principal at Holy Cross School just up the road, Angie says Bob and his dad may say they're average, but the family has always been very committed to the Church. Andrew's mother, Carolyn, sang in the choir while Eugene served as an usher. Bob worked at the church during the summers as a teenager before coming to teach and serve 18 years as a youth minister. He jokes that Andrew becoming a priest is yet another part of the "family business!"

Another inkling Bob had that Andrew might be destined for the priesthood came during those years as a youth minister, while Andrew was in high school.

"We were going to have a retreat at Holy Family for the high



Deacon Andrew Budzinski's kindergarten photo

school kids," recalls Bob, "and basically he put it all together. I knew he was gifted in that sense."

"I don't think you can minimize the quiet example of the family through it all," adds Angie, reflecting on Andrew's decision to enter the seminary. "When he finally said he was going to do this, we all went, 'Really?' and then 'Wow!' I think it's been that steady, quiet example of a church-going family."

The family's initial surprise stemmed more from Andrew's decision to leave a successful radio career than from any doubts. Following his years at Notre Dame, where Andrew entertained fans as the leprechaun mascot, he landed a job at a local rock music station.

"He was very good at what he did at U-93," says Bob. "He was making a lot of money. That's what surprised me, because he was doing so well in the business world. He gave all that up to go into the seminary."

Andrew spent about a year discerning his call to enter the seminary. During that time, he prayed about it, and talked with Bob and Angie.

"I think he really has that commitment to serve a diocese, and I think he'll be very good at parish work," says Angie, recalling some

of those talks. "It's that combination of being gifted at public speaking, but at the same time he's personable. I think with him, it's about the relationships with the people that is so critical in being able to pastor."

Angie also thinks Andrew will be a great example, showing how someone can have success in the secular world yet be open to God's call to a religious vocation. She maintains it is the simple, everyday witness of family that best cultivates that vocation.

"Many kids go through Catholic education, but how does the family respond?" she asks. "Are we only parishioners to have kids in school and then that's it, or are we integrally involved in that community? And that's what ultimately does its best to plant the seeds for a vocation and cultivate it."

The Budzinskis are looking forward to celebrating Andrew's vocation with a not-so-quiet witness of nearly 400 family and friends attending his ordination in Fort Wayne and the first Mass at Holy Family the following day.

And what does Andrew's father look forward to most, once his son becomes a priest?

"Hearing his sermons. ... I think he'll be pretty good!" he responds.



This Budzinski family photo includes Deacon Andrew's brother, Bob, and Bob's wife, Angie, daughter Victoria and Deacon Andrew's father Eugene.



Bob Budzinski is shown with his younger brother Andrew at the age of 10.

# DEACON ANDREW'S VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD



Deacon Andrew Budzinski in his Josephinum sweater gets his photo taken in the Archbishop Noll Garden Level.

KAY COZAD

## The leprechaun connection ...

BY CHUCK FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — Leprechaun ... Cubs fan ... salesperson ... disc jockey.

It sure doesn't seem like an ordinary path to the priesthood. Still, those are all roles Deacon Andrew Budzinski has filled on his way to ordination.

Deacon Andrew served as the leprechaun mascot for the University of Notre Dame from 1993-1995. It's a role that garnered him national attention, including a picture in *Sports Illustrated*.

"Andy just had an outgoing personality and a deep love for Notre Dame," says Irish cheerleading coach Jo Minton. "He always stated at the pep rallies that his blood was blue and gold. He put the university first."

In his second season as leprechaun, Deacon Andrew was also named a cheerleading team captain. He filled that role well despite an illness of his mother's, which eventually took her life that year.

"Andy's mom had been ill for a while," recalls Minton. "When she passed away, I had a campus bus take the cheer team to be with him at the viewing. He was really touched by all the support."

What also stood out to Minton was how well Deacon Andrew handled his leprechaun responsibilities while dealing with personal adversity.

"He was a teacher, mentor, friend, leader and leprechaun," states Minton.

While serving as the leprechaun, Deacon Andrew also interned at WNDV-FM radio, where he would take a job upon graduating. It wasn't long, though, before Deacon Andrew's dynamic personality earned him some time on the air.

"He was very passionate about whatever he did," says Corey Mann, who now hosts the popular "Pulse Morning Jumpstart" on Pulse FM in South Bend. "You can tell when he's passionate about something, because his words become very clipped and distinct."

Mann left WNDV to work for a local Protestant church, and that's when he first learned of Deacon Andrew's interest in the priesthood.

"When I decided to leave we had a heart-to-heart talk," reflects Mann. "He told me 'I really see myself being a priest someday. I feel a calling and I think I would be good at that.' He seemed to embrace it and have a great love for it."

As Deacon Andrew branched out into sports programming at the radio station, his love for Notre Dame was never hidden.

"Andy was a natural," recalls Sean Stires, former sports director at WDND and WNDV. "At that time we did our show from a stage outside the Joyce Center, and he loved to play to the crowd.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE BUDZINSKI FAMILY

Deacon Andrew's mother, Carolyn, became ill and passed away during his junior year at the University of Notre Dame. During that difficult time, he was also serving as the university mascot from 1993-1995. Andrew's family played a key role in his decision to stay in school and not take a year off.

He had a little Lee Corso in him. He especially loved to throw his Irish-laden opinions at fans of opposing teams."

Deacon Andrew is also a die-hard Cubs fan. In 2003, Stires gave him a pair of tickets to Game Six of the National League Championship Series, known better as "The Bartman Game."

"I was talking to him on his cell phone while the whole game was unraveling before his eyes," remembers Stires. "He went from being as giddy as a kid on Christmas Day to, well ... he's a Cubs fan."

Despite his rather eclectic background, few people Deacon Andrew has encountered are surprised he is now entering the priesthood.

"Andy was pretty affected by 9/11, and I think that was kind of when he started getting serious about becoming a priest," reflects Stires. "I just think he felt like God had a plan for him and that he could somehow serve the 'greater good.'"

"I remember he came to visit me at my office, which was not unusual," says Minton. "But this time he asked me to write a letter of recommendation for him to become a priest. We talked a long time that evening in my office and I could tell that this is what he really wanted in his heart. He is a fun-loving person, with a great laugh, and the best heart ever. He will be a wonderful priest."

# Congratulations

**ANDREW BUDZINSKI**

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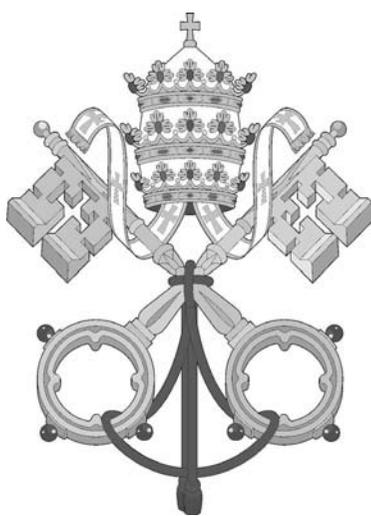


## BISHOP CELEBRATES NOVITIATE RITE OF INVESTITURE OF THE FIRST FRANCISCAN BROTHERS MINOR



ANNA WUNDERLIN

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Novitiate Rite of Investiture of the First Franciscan Brothers Minor at Our Lady of the Angels Friary in the former St. Andrew Church in Fort Wayne on May 18. In the photo are the following Brother John Paul Mary Engo, Bishop Rhoades, Franciscan Father David Mary Engo and postulant Randal Darnel; second row, Brother Leo Maria Kostrzewa, Brother Juniper Mary Padilla and Brother Felix Maria Stone; back row, Brother Lawrence Mary Engo, Brother Giles Marie Bentley and Brother Solanus Marie Bradley. Not pictured is postulant Chase Wall.



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# ORDAIN

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Following his graduation from Notre Dame, Budzinski began his professional career as the night deejay on U93 — WNDV FM radio, South Bend, accumulating all the goods and responsibilities of an upwardly mobile career man.

Four years later he was constructing Web sites as a project manager for the interactive division of Golden Dome Production. The division downsized and eventually closed as part of the restructuring and sale of WNDU-TV. Golden Dome Productions, now known as NewGroup Media, has been serving the diocese for nearly 25 years and continues to produce the Annual Bishop's Appeal video. Deacon Andrew was the focus of a segment of the 2009 Annual Bishop's Appeal.

Surprised and unsettled, Deacon Andrew found himself unemployed at age 25. Fortunately not long after the layoff, he returned to U93 radio, under new ownership, this time as a salesman. During his four years in sales, he kept his hand in broadcasting as co-host of the University of Notre Dame's football pre-game radio show.

At the same time, Msgr. Galic, determined to renew a vocation interest in Budzinski, invited the young professional to an Andrew



FRANCIE HOGAN

**Deacon Andrew Budzinski will be ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, on Saturday, June 26, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.**

Dinner sponsored by the diocese for young men interested in investigating the priesthood. And though Holy Orders had "crossed his mind" periodically, he declined the offer due to his investment in his career.

A renewed interest in his faith, however, found him attending daily Mass and Reconciliation on a regular basis. He began to pray about the priesthood and eventual-

ly met with Msgr. Galic to begin the process of discernment. "I took a year to pray on it and talk about it (before entering the seminary)," says Deacon Andrew. "You're never 100 percent sure. That's the point of the seminary."

One major event that triggered his discernment, says Deacon Andrew was 9/11. "I felt like I needed to pray, so I took time off to pray at the grotto. Then I started thinking, 'What am I doing with my life?'"

During the year of discernment, Deacon Andrew became an RCIA sponsor at St. Pius X in Granger. While at the Easter Vigil when one of the candidates, a young disabled man, was to be baptized, Msgr. William Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X, gathered him into his arms and walked him to the baptismal pool. As he witnessed this act he says, "At that moment I wanted to enter the seminary. A priest takes people into their arms and claims them for Christ. ... I thought I'd like to do that."

So in the fall of 2004, at 30 years of age, Deacon Andrew left his career behind and entered the seminary at Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy in 2006 and a master of divinity and a master of arts in theology in 2010.

Of his seminary experience, Deacon Andrew says, "It was a lot of work and a lot of fun too. The fraternity, the community of friends is unlike any other life. ... It was a lot more human and normal

than I expected."

Parish assignments during his six years of studies included summer ministries assisting with Mass, hospital visits and sacramental preparation at St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne; Holy Family and St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend; and St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur. Following his ordination into the transitional diaconate in April of 2009, Deacon Budzinski preached homilies, and presided Baptisms and Marriages, as well.

What kind of priest does this well-rounded man hope to be? "Having a career and working for a living will have an impact on relating to people who have careers, especially those laid-off." Because he believes the culture views material wealth as more important than relationships with God and people, Deacon Andrew hopes to teach the youth that material wealth is meaningless without a relationship with God.

Since his graduation from seminary, Deacon Andrew has been on

retreat and enjoyed some time off. But he admits he is "excited and anxious to get going."

Following the ordination in Fort Wayne, where his seven newly ordained classmates from Pontifical College Josephinum will lay hands on him, Father Budzinski will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving in South Bend on June 27 at 3 p.m. at Holy Family Parish. Msgr. Galic will be the homilist and two grade school friends will proclaim the Word. A Polish-style reception will follow.

The soon-to-be Father Budzinski gratefully acknowledges the people of the diocese who made his seminary training possible by giving so generously to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. This humble and excited deacon concludes, "To be ordained at the conclusion of the Year for Priests is a tremendous honor. I'm very excited to be a brother priest with Bishop Rhoades and have him as my spiritual father and coworker in this part of this vineyard we call Fort Wayne-South Bend."

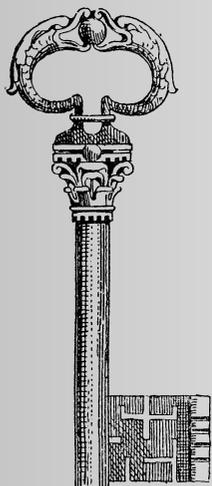
## Congratulations to our friend FATHER ANDREW BUDZINSKI

*who spent last summer in our midst  
offering valuable assistance in many ways.  
Good luck Andy. May Our Blessed Mother  
guide your ministry as you follow her Son.*

**ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH**

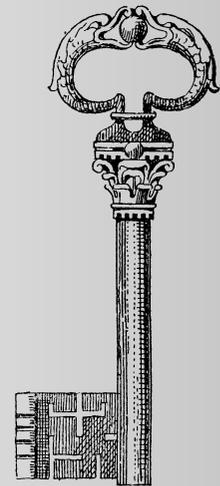
DECATUR

The Priests, the Staff and Parishioners of Holy Family Parish  
and the Faculty and Students of Holy Family School  
offer Congratulations and Prayerful Best Wishes to  
**ANDREW BUDZINSKI**  
as he is ordained in  
**THE PRIESTHOOD OF JESUS CHRIST**



*In a world which is too often forgetful of spiritual realities,  
you are called to bear prophetic witness to the primacy of God  
and to the transcendent human vocation which alone  
reveals life's meaning and purpose.*

POPE JOHN PAUL II, OCTOBER 28, 1989



GUEST EDITORIAL BY FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK, PH.D.

## Overselling the synthetic cell

In a recent article entitled "How We Created the First Synthetic Cell," Dr. J. Craig Venter waxes broadly about how his research team succeeded in constructing a bacterial cell out of its component parts. The story, which has captured the imagination of the media, appears to be a jaw-dropping breakthrough: "Scientists have created artificial life in a laboratory!" Such headlines evoke images of a Frankenstein creation, a Jurassic Park monster or an alien life form. But in the final analysis, the scientific achievement of Venter and his team, although notable, is considerably less dramatic.

The term "synthetic cell" suggests that they constructed the entire cell, brick by brick, molecule by molecule, from the ground up. What they really did was create a synthetic genome (a chemically manufactured copy of all the genes of a bacterium). This gigantic piece of DNA (a chromosome that happens to be the longest string of DNA ever assembled in the laboratory) was then placed inside another bacterium. Venter's group, rather than creating bacterial life out of non-living matter, instead achieved the impressive technical feat of converting one type of bacterium into another when the new DNA was introduced. Venter himself, notwithstanding his previous attempts at self-promotion, stressed: "We definitely have not created life from scratch because we used a recipient cell to boot up the synthetic chromosome." His accomplishment, then, was to produce a large synthetic genome, not "synthetic life" itself.

Nevertheless, a number of commentators have managed to miss the point. Bioethicist Art Caplan, writing on the *Scientific American* Web site, suggests that Venter's "synthetic cell" dispels the notion that life "is sacred, special, ineffable and beyond human understanding."

Faye Flam muses in a similar vein in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*: "What's shocking about the new organism isn't that it breaches a boundary between inanimate matter and life, but that it shows that no such boundary exists. Life is chemistry." Her article gets even more outlandish when she suggests that chemicals "have the power to assemble themselves into organisms — even complicated ones that can contemplate their own place in the universe. ..."

Natalie Angier of the *New York Times*, meanwhile, is more measured and precise in summarizing Venter's work:

"Every cell is a microcosm of life, and neither the Venter team nor anybody else has come close to recreating the cell from scratch. If anything, the new report underscores how dependent biologists remain on its encapsulated power. Bonnie L. Bassler, a microbiologist at Princeton, said, 'They started with a known genome, a set of genes that nature had given us, and they had to put their genome into a live cell with all the complex goo and ingredients to make the thing go.'"

The Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano*, while noting how Venter's work is an impressive example of cutting-edge genetic engineering, also stressed that the researchers who created the cell had not created life, just "replaced one of its motors."

Even though Venter's work does not fundamentally alter our understanding of life itself, it does challenge us to reflect on our increasing technical ability to manipulate life and to dominate it. The arrogant suggestion that man should "create life" and the accompanying Promethean quest for power and fame through such endeavors should raise some alarm bells. Reducing life, even though it is non-human life, to merely another quantity that we control, exploit and subject to market forces is to coarsen our sensibilities towards an important measure of our own being. In every living organism, whether humble bacterium, plant or animal, we encounter a faint glimmer of our own delicate life.

Professor Erwin Chargaff, who did pioneering work on the molecular structure of DNA, once commented in his rather biting style on the modern, almost condescending scientific attitude toward life:

"Because life is a mystery and will remain so, because we still can't say what life is, we need to be very careful. If we could find a way to turn off the element of self-interest, then there would be no problem. But our era is so appalling that, if (Sir Isaac) Newton were alive today, he'd have taken out a patent on gravity and we'd have to pay to walk around. One should not impose all the conventions of a market economy on the questions of life."

Even as our ability to manipulate biological life in the laboratory continues to grow, the principle of life itself remains elusive and beyond our grasp. Living beings, with all their structure and complexity, should never cease to impress us and inspire us with a certain awe, so that even in our bated eagerness to harness their powers, we might avoid reducing life itself to a mere commodity or raw material for our biotechnical prowess to conquer.

**Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.** earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

# COMMENTARY

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## Children of India need school supplies

Some of you have helped my children during the 2009-2010 school year. Thank you very much. God bless you. The need continues and is unending. Hence may I request that you help them for the 2010-11 school year by sending school materials such as pens, pencils, holy cards and other odds and ends. I can see postage costs are very high. You may prefer to send financial assistance to buy them

cheaper here and save the postage. I hope you understand my idea. Please help.

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## Thankful for priests

As this year's commemoration and attention to praying for our priests comes to an end, I would like to express my appreciation to our priests who work so diligently in serving our parishes. I'm also grate-

ful to them for dedicating themselves to the celibate life, which is such a powerful statement as they take the Church as their bride.

May they continue in their dedication to prayerful service as they provide us with the sacraments, daily Mass, teaching classes about our faith and in regularly making Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament available to our parishes.

May God bless our priests in their commitment and dedication to Our Lord.

Fran Holmes  
Granger

## Being a dad is not for chickens

Recently, I joined a Dads' group at my parish, St. Aloysius. After attending three meetings, I have to say it's been a good thing.

At the first meeting, we listened to a recording of a speaker who instantly caught my attention when he mentioned, every family needs a workshop. Just as Joseph had a workshop where he taught his foster son, Jesus, the carpentry trade, dads need to have a workshop or business for their families. It builds a Catholic family.

That got me thinking. My dad had a "workshop" of sorts. He was groundskeeper and cleaned the classrooms at St. Aloysius. And my brother David and I helped — although admittedly, I was reluctant at times. Even later, we helped my mom and dad clean offices after my dad retired from the parish work.

For some time, I had been toying with the idea of raising chickens. I want organic eggs. I even could use the manure as an activator in my Compost Tumbler. I also thought there could be some life lessons for Heather, 7, and it could be a project we could all work on together.

A workshop of sorts. Of course, that workshop talk in the dads' gathering was like God speaking to me, "Do it, Tim!"

So I delved into chicken research. Elizabeth, from the Huntington Orscheln farm store, became my "chicken consultant," answering lots of questions and providing resource books. I spent time on the Internet researching coops and breeds.

Visiting [www.mypetchicken.com](http://www.mypetchicken.com) helped me determine that Barred Rocks and Rhode Island Reds would work best for us.

I am now the proud papa of 10 chickens. We started with seven the first day. One died — there's that life lesson I'm talking about for Heather. After explaining to

Heather that we had to bury the chick and wiping her tears away, I promised we would return to Orscheln the next day and get one or two more chicks. Well, I came home with four more chicks.

The chicks had been living in a Christmas tree tote box in the garage and growing and growing and growing. They eat a lot! Heather helps feed and water the chicks.

A visit to Shipshewana produced a chicken coop that perfectly matches my yard shed. My buddy Curt helped me bring the coop home just two weeks ago. His wife, who happens to be Heather's teacher at St. Aloysius, has named the coop, the "McNugget Mansion."

In recent days, the chicks have "graduated" from the Christmas tree tote box to the chicken coop. Heather is fascinated by them. My neighbor kids, the nephews and nieces have also taken a "liking" to the chicks. I'm a bit taken with them too, especially a "pullet" that I named Francesca who likes to jump in my hand and be held. Although I suspect now, that



MANY  
HATS

TIM JOHNSON

Francesca is actually Frank, a "cockerel."

Any roosters, of course, are planned for a move to my friends' farm. I'm hoping for just eggs — the unfertilized kind. Still, I'm rethinking this as Frank is quickly becoming a pet and, by far, my favorite. He perches himself in the coop, looks out the window and is very friendly.

So we got the family workshop going, at least in the initial stages, and that Compost Tumbler — well it's producing some healthy compost these days thanks to our little flock.

Joseph taught Jesus the carpentry trade, but I wouldn't be surprised if Jesus had chickens too!



Thomas More

c. 1478-1535  
June 22

Born in London, Thomas studied at Oxford, married and had four children. King Henry VIII took this brilliant lawyer into his service in 1518, knighted him and named him lord chancellor. But Thomas broke with the king when he divorced Catherine of Aragon and set himself up as supreme head of the church in England. In 1532 Thomas resigned his post, and in 1534 was arrested when he refused to take the oath to the new Act of Succession. Imprisoned for more than a year in the Tower of London, he was convicted of treason and beheaded.

# The heart of grief

**A**s guest speaker for a graduate counseling class recently, I was formulating what the bulk of my message would be to these eager students, many of whom had experienced field training or currently held counseling positions within area middle or high schools. They all reportedly felt under qualified to address issues of grief and loss with their teenaged students.

What would be most important for these students of life to learn in the short time I was allotted? Surely the logistics of grief and its dimensions were important in the study and understanding of the process of grief. I would explain the difference between grief and mourning — grief being the innermost thoughts and feelings related to a loss; and mourning, the expression of those thoughts and feelings, or grief gone public. I would offer information on the importance of not only acknowl-

edging the emotions that sweep the bereaved as a tide wave racks the shore but also the healthy expression of those feelings.

A worksheet with a myriad feeling words would be helpful in eliciting the process of naming what is sometimes difficult to name. Words like fear, vulnerable, confused, lonely, irritated, relieved and so many more.

We would discuss the unpredictable and disorderly manner in which we as human beings experience grief. I would introduce the concept of dimensions to replace the antiquated five stages of grief put forth so boldly by Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross in the 1960s and how we move in and out of these dimensions as our need takes us.

A discussion on grieving as a whole person — body, mind, heart and spirit — would provide a snapshot of the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual manifestations of grief to be aware of



KAY COZAD

## HOPE IN THE MOURNING

and ministered to for these students of counsel. Such symptoms as fatigue and sleep disturbances, confusion and memory loss, anger, guilt and sadness, and the painful search for meaning coupled with doubting the very purpose of life and faith.

Our discussion would turn to grief expert Alan Wolfelt's six reconciliation needs of a mourner where we as counselors assist the mourner with acknowledging the loss, moving toward the pain, remembering the person who

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# Our eternal Father forgives and provides



## THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 9:18-24

**T**his is Father's Day in the United States, first envisioned by a woman attending services at an Episcopalian church in 1909 in Spokane, Wash., on Mother's Day. She thought similar recognition was due for fathers, so eventually this day came to be.

Rare would be the parish liturgy that failed to note Father's Day, but the Liturgy of the Word was composed for the entire world and for many people who do not observe American holidays. So, the readings are not strictly for Father's Day, but they coincidentally have a theme not far removed from what we venerate in good fatherhood.

The first reading is from the Book of Zechariah, who was of the priestly caste, born in Babylon during the captivity in the sixth century B.C. He began to prophesy as a young man.

Zechariah called the people of his time to faithfulness and to obedience to God's law. Also, he reminded the people of God's love and goodness.

This reading refers to an unnamed victim of the destruction of Jerusalem. This victim will be greatly mourned. The victim was uncompromisingly true to God.

Pious Christians have seen in the reading a reflection Jesus, the Son of God and Redeemer, loyal to God to the end.

Next, the Church presents a lesson from the epistle to the Galatians. It states that each person is a child of God, because each person, through the Incarnation, is a human brother or sister of Jesus. Each believer has been "clothed" with Christ, intimately and indelibly bonded with God, in Christ.

St. Luke's Gospel is the source of the last reading. In this passage, Jesus asks how the Apostles view him. Peter replies that Jesus is the "Messiah of God." Peter's confession on faith in Jesus reveals two important catechetical points.

The first is that Peter spoke for the Twelve. The Gospel recorded Peter's statement. Secondly, Peter was inspired and wise enough to recognize Jesus. Go no farther than the four Gospels to find evidence of Peter's importance in the unfolding of salvation in Jesus.

The Lord then declares that true discipleship is more than a warm feeling of somehow vaguely being connected with Jesus or admiring Him. Instead, it is a wholehearted identification with the Lord, verified by literally walking with Christ through the difficulties of life. Each true disciple must also carry the cross as Jesus carried the cross.

### Reflection

This weekend in the United States we celebrate Father's Day. The readings provide an idea of the goodness to us of God, the eternal Father.

The first reading was from Zechariah. Born when Jews were held in captivity in a foreign, hostile environment, Zechariah benefited from being in the generation

that was released from this captivity and was able to return to the Jewish homeland. He, and his contemporaries, never saw this release as the result of mere luck or coincidence. Rather, in their minds, God rescued them.

Galatians obliquely refers to God's love. God sent Jesus to humanity. In Jesus, humans can become nothing less than heirs to eternal peace. In Jesus, humans become brothers and sisters of the Son of God, with God their Father in a most special sense.

St. Luke's Gospel further describes Jesus as God's gift. As said by Peter, the Lord is the messiah. He frees us from our sin.

God loves us as a perfect, loving, forgiving and providing Father. However, God's love does not drag us away from ourselves. We must turn to God with true conviction. We must even carry the cross on occasion.

Carrying the cross is a struggle. Nevertheless, our loving Father assists us with the divine help of Jesus, and our loving Father awaits us with everlasting life at the end of our earthly struggle.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Zec 12:10-11;13:1 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Gal 3:26-29 Lk 9:18-24

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Ps 60:3-5, 12-13 Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Ps 48:2-4, 10-11 Mt 7:12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13;23:1-3 Ps 119:33-37, 40 Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Ps 137:1-6 Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21 Mt 8:5-17

## CATEQUIZEM

By Dominic Camplisson

On June 11 we celebrate the Sacred Heart. This quiz looks at some aspects of this feast.

- Whose Sacred Heart is the focus of this feast?**
  - Jesus
  - the Virgin Mary's
  - the Church's
- Why is the heart the focus of this devotion?**
  - The heart represents the whole person, especially in the attributes of mercy and love.
  - In the early Church, the hearts of martyrs were seen as miraculous and worshipped.
  - The heart device shows the connection between the pagan god Eros and Christianity.
- This devotion appeared in the 12th century. Which mystics wrote about it?**
  - Julian the Apostate and Blessed Camellia Sancta
  - Julius Agustian of Ipswich and Catherine the Great
  - Julian of Norwich and Catherine of Siena
- Who was primarily responsible for the introduction of this devotion in 17th century liturgy?**
  - Joan of Arc
  - the Cure D'Ars
  - St. John Eudes
- Which 17th century French saint had apparitions related to the Sacred Heart?**
  - St. Clementina de Metz
  - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
  - Blessed Faustina
- Where did she have these revelations?**
  - the Visitation Convent, Paray-le-Monial, France
  - Convent of the Little Flower, St. Mere Eglise, Normandy, France
  - Mt. Carmel convent of Lourdes, France
- She received promises as part of these visions; how many promises were there?**
  - 10
  - 12
  - 15
- The last of these was to give the grace of final penitence to people who do what?**
  - recite the rosary every day
  - receive holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months
  - complete a pilgrimage to Rome at least once in their lifetime
- The placing of a picture of the Sacred Heart in a home, with a consecration is called:**
  - encoration
  - enthronement
  - enfibrulation
- The Church forbids public devotion to depictions of the Sacred Heart without what?**
  - a depiction of the rest of the Body
  - a disclaimer following the iconoclastic formula
  - a dispensation from the Holy See
- What did Pope Clement XIII do in relation to this devotion in the 18th century?**
  - outlawed it by edict, except in cases of dire need
  - made it mandatory in all countries, except in the West
  - approved a Mass and Office for this feast
- What did Pius IX do, less than a century later?**
  - he extended the Mass and Office to the whole Roman Rite
  - he excommunicated those who had not heeded the Edict of Nantes
  - he advised that these devotions be confined to French speaking countries
- In 1929 this pope prescribed the Mass and Office used for this feast.**
  - Sixtus — (until November, Cardinal Demi Douze) VI
  - Joan I
  - Pius XI
- When is this feast celebrated?**
  - once every four years
  - every year on June 11
  - every year on the Friday after the feast of Corpus Christi
- Which is the most famous church named for this object of devotion?**
  - Hagia Sophia, in Istanbul (Constantinople)
  - (El) Corazon Sancto de la Virgen in Andorra
  - Sacre Coeur in Paris, France

### ANSWERS:

1.a, 2.a, 3.c, 4.c, 5.b, 6.a, 7.b, 8.b, 9.b, 10.a, 11.c, (1765), 12.a, 13.c, 14.c, 15.c

# Courage in Quebec

Quietly but often forcefully, senior churchmen speak of Cardinal Marc Ouellet, the archbishop of Quebec City and thus the Primate of Canada, as papabile: a man with the makings of a pope. The thought would doubtless elicit a groan or a laugh — perhaps both — from the 66-year-old Canadian theologian; no man with his wits about him wants to shoulder the burdens of the papacy, and Cardinal Ouellet is a man of high intelligence. Still, it should be noted that the Canadian cardinal recently demonstrated one of the qualities required of 21st century popes: a willingness to confront the increasingly aggressive secularism of the North Atlantic world with reason, conviction and courage.

Several weeks ago, Cardinal Ouellet spoke to a Canadian pro-life rally, praised the present Canadian administration for not including abortion funding in its G8 global maternal health proposals, deplored the lack of legal restrictions on abortion in Canada and reaffirmed the Church's ancient conviction, recorded in the earliest sub-apostolic literature, that abortion is a grave injustice whatever the circumstances. Pretty standard stuff, said, I'm sure, with Marc Ouellet's usual passion and elegance. But the commentariat and the politicians went bonkers.

Parti Quebecois leader Pauline Marois declared herself "completely outraged" by Cardinal Ouellet's remarks. The very minister whose federal government department would run the Harper Government's maternal healthcare initiative in the Third World — which Ouellet explicitly supported — condemned the cardinal's comments as "unacceptable." Patrick Lagace, columnist for Montreal's *La Presse*, then vented his secular-

ist spleen at the thought that there might be some role for religiously-informed moral judgment in public life:

"We're all going to die. Cardinal Ouellet will die someday. I hope he dies from a long and painful illness. ... Yes, (what) I've just written is vicious. But Marc Ouellet is an extremist. And in the debate against religious extremists, every shot is fair game."

Just to be clear on what's being claimed here: to articulate publicly a biological fact recognized by embryology textbooks — that human life begins at conception — and then to draw two logical moral conclusions from that fact — that the product of conception is an innocent life that deserves the protection of the law, and that abortion is the taking of that innocent life — is to be an "extremist," or even worse, a "religious extremist" of the sort whose minions throw acid into the faces of little girls wanting to learn how to read.

The Quebec National Assembly quickly got into the act, unanimously affirming the so-called "right to choose." But again, it was not the thought of back-alley abortions with coat-hangers but another Great Bugaboo that horrified some Quebecois legislators. "What we're seeing here is the rise of the religious right in Canada," fretted a Parti Quebecois legislator, Carole Poirier. Such are the phantoms that haunt the secularist mind: Marc Cardinal Ouellet, a mild-mannered intellectual and pastor, is really a French-speaking version of Pat Robertson, determined to force women into sexual peonage and likely to claim that volcanic eruptions in Iceland are divine retribution for Nordic unbelief.

Cardinal Ouellet backed down not an inch (or, to be precise in Canadian terms, not a centimeter).



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Rather, he returned service with brio, suggesting that those determined to foist state-funded abortion on Third World countries were guilty of "neocolonialism" and asking whether the smug secularists of Quebec were not themselves living in an "underdeveloped country," morally speaking, as they evinced so little regard for the dignity of the human person.

I have no idea what the Holy Spirit has in mind for Cardinal Marc Ouellet's future. But I do know that Quebec — once one of the most vibrantly Catholic parts of North America, now arguably the most religiously arid space between Baffin Island and Tierra del Fuego — is immensely blessed to have as its chief shepherd a man of solid Catholic faith, genuine piety, well-honed intelligence and deep compassion. Perhaps one day the commentariat and the politicians of La Belle Province will figure that out. That might be one small step toward their reclaiming a lost patrimony that is religious and cultural, not just linguistic.

George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

# St. Paul escapes stoning at Iconium

Where is Iconium where St. Paul and St. Barnabas were almost killed?

The city of Iconium is in central Turkey or ancient Asia Minor. Today it is called Konya and it is a large, heavily Muslim city with 2 million people, making it the fourth largest city in Turkey. When I was in Konya, there was a riot going on, but no one seemed to get hurt. In Konya is a beautiful small modern Catholic Church called St. Paul's. Fortunately the pastor there spoke English and said that many German Catholic construction workers stationed in Konya would attend Mass there. D. Darke says Konya is Turkey's most religious city and the center of the carpet trade.

In Iconium, St. Paul and St. Barnabas c. A.D. 50 spoke in the Jewish synagogue about Jesus and convinced many Jews and Greeks. But some of the townspeople disagreed with Paul and Barnabas and planned to stone them to death. So Paul and Barnabas fled



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to another town. A legend says that St. Paul met St. Thecla in Iconium, and she wanted to be baptized. For her safety, too, St. Thecla had to flee Iconium and follow St. Paul to Antioch in Syria.

E. Blake says Iconium is on the western edge of a great plain where clouds of dust in summer and blizzards of snow in winter sometimes sweep across the city. It is an extremely old city going back to the Hittite times in the third millennium B.C. G. Horobin points out various places of interest in the modern city of Konya. There is the Mevlana Tekke monastery with a fountained court,

the cells of the monks, the coffins of the abbots, a chapel and a manuscript room. Next door is the Selimiye Mosque from A.D. 1566, whose substantial columns rise to a high dome. Further on is the Serafettin Cami, or open-style mosque with side chapels and a central dome. A distance away is the large circular Aladdin Park with the Aladdin mosque on the park's hill. Inside this park are the remains of a Seljuk palace. There are many museums in Konya dealing with stone and wood carvings, ceramics and tile, carved tombstones, archaeology and human culture. Modern Konya is especially famous for the "Whirling dervishes," where the novitiates of the Order of Dervishes attain their ultimate state of mystical perception in a formal dance.

H. Hoefer mentions that outside of Konya is the former Greek village of Sille where you can see the remains of the Church of St. Michael from 1732 and a series of hermit caves.

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for June 20, 2010

Luke 9:18-24

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: a lesson in Jesus' identity and mission. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

ALONE	DISCIPLES	NEAR HIM
CROWDS	THE BAPTIST	ELIJAH
ANCIENT	PROPHETS	HAS ARISEN
THAT I AM	PETER	PRIESTS
SCRIBES	BE KILLED	THIRD DAY
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# HOPE

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died, developing a new self identity, searching for meaning and receiving ongoing support.

And finally we would discuss activities that they as counselors might use as tools to assist their grieving students work through their pain — activities such as drawing, journaling, group support sessions, creating a memory book or collage, writing a letter to their loved one and so many more.

There would be several handouts with lists of what to expect as time moves on in the aftermath of the loss and how they as counselors might companion those students who mourn a loss.

But the core of my message, I think, will be to explain that grief is heart work. One cannot think their way through it without the beat of their heart.

Following our "grief 101" discussion, during the energy-charged session, I asked each of these bright students to take a moment to recall a loss that they had experienced. As expected a variety of losses were reported around the room, from a recent death of a mother to an accidental death of a best friend some 15 years past.

As we shared our stories of grief the atmosphere in the room

changed from one of academia to one of intimacy and support. In their vulnerability these students shared tears and laughter, and exclamations of surprise that their memory would cause this unexpected pain to rise up with such fervor. Following participation in the activities that they might use with their own students, a new understanding dawned on this remarkable group as surely as the morning sun rises over the horizon — through the process of sharing your story of grief, the heart begins to heal.

These graduate students were now better prepared with tools to assist anyone who sought help with a loss issue, because they themselves had experienced a taste of the work to be done. And, I think, they learned to be gentle with themselves as well. With this, a new generation would come to understand that, though painful, the process of mourning a loss in healthy ways is important heart work that grows the fruit of a joy-filled, meaningful life after loss.

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# Sports

**LEWIS, KRUMANAKER TOP FINISHERS IN VICTORY NOLL CENTER 5K** Victory Noll Center in Huntington held its second annual 5K Run and 1K Fun Walk Saturday, June 12. The cross country run took runners through the campus and grounds of Victory Noll, home of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters. Cordell Lewis was the overall winner with a time of 19 minutes, 24 seconds. The top women's finisher was Brandi Krumanaker.

## Dwenger Saints crowned softball state champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In his early duties as the new principal at Bishop Dwenger High School, Jason Schiffli prepared powerful, celebratory remarks to send off the Lady Saints before a first-ever bus ride south to Indianapolis for the Class 3-A IHSAA state championship softball game on Saturday afternoon in the school's parking lot.

Joined at the podium by three priests representing St. Jude, St. Vincent and St. Charles parishes, where many of the players are members, Father Tony Steinacker, parochial vicar at St. Charles, felt Schiffli's comments were "hard to follow" and felt "ditto" was all he could add.

The principal reminded the girls that great moments are born from great opportunities and told them that winning becomes a habit when you make a habit of doing things right. He felt the girls had been "doing things right" this season and it showed on the field all season long.

He referred to personal quips about several of the girls' fancy latte drinks and designer sunglasses, but more importantly how much each player believed in the teammate next to them. Schiffli concluded by asking each member of the team to think of one special person to dedicate their game to and then requested they also remember their outgoing athletic director, Andy Johns, and retiring principal, J. Fred Tone.

Although not able to be present for the game because of a long-standing prior family commitment, Tone, one of the Lady Saints' biggest cheerleaders, left instructions to "Win One for the Toner."

Head Coach Dave Moyer was brief, simply turning the microphone over to senior Maureen



**Junior catcher Elaine Rorick puts finishing touches on the team bus windows before the Bishop Dwenger Lady Saints board the bus and head for their first-ever state softball appearance.**

Denihan who took on the job of inspiring the team the whole year long. The first baseman told fans how much her group thrived on their unity and charged down the lineup giving high fives.

Johns chimed in what many fans and parents in the crowd were also feeling: "Back in March and early April, this team started playing well. I knew we had something special."

Coach Beth Peters recalled her prediction earlier in 2010 how she would be busy this particular weekend in June.

Following Father Steinacker was Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Parish, who shared with the girls that the gifts that got them to this point are God's gifts. Father Jason Freiburger, parochial vicar at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, added what impressed him most about this team was their teamwork. He



PHOTOS BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

**Bishop Dwenger senior leader and first baseman Maureen Denihan high fives fans as the Bishop Dwenger team bus leaves for Ben Davis Saturday afternoon, June 12. The Saints defeated Booneville, 9-8.**



**Before loading the bus for the state softball championship, the Bishop Dwenger Lady Saints pose for a picture with an entourage of sheriffs, who led the police escort with sirens blaring to the county line.**

concluded, "Make history today, girls!"

And make history Bishop Dwenger did. Rated No. 8, the Lady Saints posted not just their first-ever softball state championship win, but an unbelievable, come-from-behind 9-8 win against the top-ranked, 34-1, Lady Pioneers from Booneville.

Down 1-7 in the fifth inning, Andrea Filler led the start of an amazing Saints' rally with a three-run homer to dead center. The scoring frenzy continued when Kelsey

Richard singled in another run by Elaine Rorick to close the gap, 5-7.

In the sixth inning, the leadoff lefty, Erica Miller singled and Laura Merz sacrificed a run. Then shortstop Ashley Burkhardt had a crucial double to bring in Miller. Now the Saints were down just a single run, 7-8.

Erin Boedeker singled to drive in Rorick in the bottom of the seventh. Then Sara Spaulding sacrificed Boedeker to third just before the freshman (Miller) knocked her in for the win. The first run of the

game was scored by Maureen Denihan crossing the plate on one of two huge doubles from Rorick. In the No. 6 spot, Rorick went 4-4 in the championship game.

With three freshmen in the starting lineup and just the three seniors listed on the roster, the Saints may be a heavy favorite for a 2011 repeat trip of a lifetime. In addition to their explosive hitters from top to bottom, their relentless defense and ace pitching, junior catcher Rorick detailed how well the Lady Saints get along on and off the field — a special team chemistry and a special team comradere that is hard to describe — evidently, a vital piece to winning a championship. The backstop summarized the whole season culminating in a state title as "just unreal."



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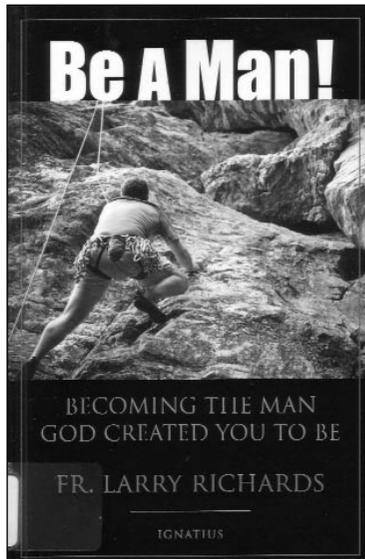
# Book dares men to be men

BY YORK YOUNG

What does it take to be a follower of Jesus Christ? What does it take to be a man?

For the modern man, according to Father Larry Richards, author of "Be a Man!" (Ignatius, \$14.95), becoming both takes the same approach. Father Richards, a gung-ho, boisterous, fun-loving man (or so his style of writing makes him appear, as well as stories he tells of how he can tick people off while at the same time getting across his message) pulls no punches in this direct call to fathers, husbands, brothers, sons — all males, in fact — to grow up, grab what Christ teaches us and be a man.

And for those who think this will be a call to a masculinity focused on physical strength and



power, you'll have to think again, because Christ's call to us to pray, be loving and repent, among other faithful characteristics, is what it's all about.

Father Richards lays out in

10 challenging chapters what it takes to be a man: Stay focused on the final goal; live as a beloved son; repent; live in the Holy Spirit; be strong; be loving; be wise; live as God creates us; be holy; change the world. He doesn't develop these out of whole cloth, or his own worldly goals. He constantly pulls on the Bible to make clear his meaning, and leads us to see examples in Jesus' life so we understand what is needed to reach this goal.

At the end of each chapter, he lays out "Three Tasks You Must Accomplish" to fully embrace what he is teaching. And these are not lighthearted affairs that can be done once and then you're done with it. He challenges men to pray every day, spend time in the presence of Our Lord in silence, go to Mass (more than once a week), and submit to the Holy Spirit.

This is hard stuff, and many may walk away from the book with a "that's impossible" attitude. But doing these things is not impossible. Difficult, yes, but not impossible. (That sounds like Christianity.)

In the 21st century, it's sometimes easy for men (anyone really) to blame circumstances, such as a rough childhood because of poverty or a broken home, but Father Richards tells men, "Get over it." In fact, he says, "Everyone grew up in a dysfunctional home." That's what sin does to us as a society. But that never absolves us from needing to strive to be a Christ follower.

Men like to be challenged; they even like dares on occasion. This book dares men to be men.

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**Knights of Columbus host fish fry**  
Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, June 18, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 East Jefferson from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and preschool children are free. Proceeds will benefit the high school youth on their summer mission trip and also help with the parish debt.

**Fish Fry at Our Lady of Hungary School**  
South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary will have a fish fry Friday, June 18, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 day of sale or \$7 presale. Children 6-12 are \$4.50 and children under 6 are free. Carry out available. Pre-sale tickets may be purchased at the rectory and before and after Sunday Masses.

**Fish fry and rummage sale**  
South Bend — The St. Augustine Altar and Rosary Society will have a fish fry and rummage sale Friday, June 18, from 4-8 p.m. at the parish, 1501 W. Washington St. Tickets are \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children.

**St. Hedwig Polish festival**  
South Bend — St. Hedwig will have a Polish festival Sunday, July 4, from noon to 5 p.m. in the Hedwig Memorial Center, 331 S. Scott St. A Polka Mass will be at 11 a.m. Trinkets and treasures, balloon art and a pastry booth. Food will include tradi-

tional Polish fare. Music will be provided by Soundsations. No admission fee.

**Annual luncheon planned**  
South Bend — The South Bend Area Council of Catholic Women will hold their annual luncheon Monday, June 28, at the St. Catherine of Siena at Sacred Heart CCD building, 63568 U.S. 31S. Rosary will be prayed at 11:30 and lunch will be at 12:15 p.m. CATERED luncheon will cost \$5 and reservations are required to Sue at (574) 784-3214 or Sharon at (574) 251-0206 by June 25. Non-perishable food will be collected for area food banks and attendees are asked to bring a wrapped gift (\$5 value) for auction.

**Cathedral Choir presents annual Patriotic Concert**  
Fort Wayne — The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception's annual Patriotic Concert will be held Wednesday, June 30, at 7 p.m. The Cathedral Choir will be directed by Michael Dulac with the Cathedral Brass and Kathy Miller, accompanist. Also on the program will be the vocal ensemble CHORDS. Admission is free and includes complimentary Atz's Ice Cream served afterward. The cathedral is located at 1100 S. Calhoun St. in downtown Fort Wayne. There is ample free parking. Contact (260) 424-1485 for more information. Early seating is advised.

**Pray to stop abortion**  
Fort Wayne — The rosary is prayed every Thursday morning from 9:30-10:30 a.m. across the street from the Fort Wayne Women's Health Organization at Statewood Baptist Church on Inwood Dr.

**Labyrinth Retreat and Workshop at Victory Noll Center**  
Huntington — The labyrinth at Victory Noll has been a popular destination for spiritual reflection. Victory Noll Center presents a Labyrinth Retreat and Workshop on Saturday, June 26. The day will be divided into a morning retreat from 9 a.m. to noon, and an afternoon workshop from 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$15 for each of the individual sessions, or \$30 for both that includes lunch.

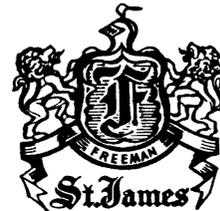
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July 4	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father John Pfister St. Mary Huntington <b>Airs at 7:30 a.m.</b>	Father LeRoy Clementich, CSC Notre Dame <b>Airs at 6:30 a.m.</b>
July 11	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Msgr. John Suelzer St. Charles Borromeo Fort Wayne	Father LeRoy Clementich, CSC Notre Dame
July 18	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Father Dom Carboneau St. Aloysius Yoder	Father Neil Wack, CSC Christ the King South Bend
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# Vince Wirtner ordained as Precious Blood priest

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne native Vincent Wirtner III was ordained as a Precious Blood priest by Society of the Precious Blood Bishop Joseph Charron, retired bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, on Saturday, June 12, at St. Charles Chapel in Carthagen, Ohio. The solemn ceremony was witnessed by family members, friends and supporters of the gregarious Father Wirtner.

Father Wirtner is the oldest of Vince Jr. and Charlene's three children and enjoyed a Catholic education at St. Joseph School and Bishop Luers High School.

As a boy Father Wirtner recalls being involved at his home parish at an early age. Inspired by his very active parents, the young Wirtner served as altar boy, sang in the choir and was a regular in the youth group.

"I loved going to church, being part of the community," says Father Wirtner.

The seed for a vocation, he says, was planted at an early age when in fifth grade he recalls how "comfortable it felt to be at the altar close to the priest and the Sacrament."

His friends teased with "You'd be a good priest!" and though he usually replied with a resounding "no!" he admits now that a "maybe" rested firmly in his mind.

He attributes the germination of that vocation seed to the priests who served in his life. "They helped me understand the call by being good role models. Not always directly — but by the lives they led," he recalls.

Following his graduation from Bishop Luers in 1981, Father Wirtner began a 13-year career at St. Joseph Hospital, where he "worked his way around the hospital," experiencing life from unit clerking to the emergency room. During the mid 1990s, Father Wirtner began a nursing program that would culminate in an Licensed Practical Nursing degree, after which he worked in health services at Lutheran Hospital and a summer camp for children stricken with cancer as well.

Later he became youth minister at St. Joseph Parish and was involved in the Teens Encounter



Newly ordained Precious Blood Father Vince Wirtner III, right, poses with his parents, Vince Jr. and Charlene, and Bishop Joseph Charron, CPPS, retired bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, following the solemn ceremony of Ordination. Father Wirtner wears the quilted chasuble sewn for him by his mother using fabric pieces sent to her by family, friends and supporters of the new priest.

Christ program for 10 years.

Then in 1997 Father Wirtner accepted the campus ministry position at Bishop Luers High School, where he ministered to the students for four years. His time at Bishop Luers "immersed in the teens' world," helped him develop a sense of compassion and a new awareness of his calling to the priesthood.

The neon sign he looked for affirming his desire to become a priest came during a campus visit from Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who asked Wirtner if he had ever considered being a priest. Wirtner admitted he had, but was looking for a sign and recalls with glee that the two men looked at each other and laughed with delight at the irony of the conversation.

Father Wirtner was attracted to the Precious Blood Order after working side by side with its members at St. Joseph Hospital.

"They were real," says Father Wirtner, adding "I was attracted to the lives they led. It was like how I saw myself being."

So in 1999 he attended a discernment retreat at St. Charles in Ohio where the motherhouse of the Precious Blood Order is located, where he says, "It felt like I was home."

As he began to learn more about the spirituality of the order, the symbolism of the blood he witnessed in the medical field and the

Precious Blood of Jesus was not lost on him. "I connected on a much deeper level with Precious Blood," he says.

The Society of the Precious Blood is considered a Society of Apostolic Life — different than a religious community. The work, rather than the community, drives the Precious Blood priests and brothers, who make promises to live a simple life, with fidelity to the community and Church, rather than a profession of vows.

In 2001 Father Wirtner entered initial formation, during which he earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies. Following initial formation he made his first commitment, which began a 13-month special formation program of travel and education.

Interim summer assignments included assisting at a parish on a Navajo Reservation in New Mexico, as well as at St. John the Baptist in Whiting, Ind. During a life internship, Father Wirtner lived in Florida with Precious Blood priests to understand community life more fully.

Father Wirtner returned to Ohio in 2006 to make his temporary incorporation before moving to Chicago to earn a master of divinity degree from Catholic Theological Union. He was ordained into the temporary diaconate in June of 2009 at Immaculate Conception Parish in



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Bishop Joseph Charron, CPPS, retired bishop of the Diocese of Des Moines, anoints Vince Wirtner III's hands with chrism oil at his Ordination into the Priesthood of the Society of the Precious Blood on Saturday, June 12, at St. Charles Chapel in Carthagen, Ohio.

Celina, Ohio.

At the ordination, Father Wirtner was vested in a quilted stole and chasuble that his mother lovingly sewed for him, using patches of cloth ranging from a patch of shirt to 100-year-old cloth from his great great grandparents' wedding garments, that friends, family and supporters sent at the family's request. The chasuble, says Father Wirtner, "brings us all together to celebrate how they all helped grow this priest."

The newly-ordained Father

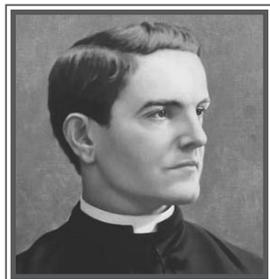
Wirtner celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving on June 13 at his home parish of St. Joseph in Fort Wayne with a reception that followed. He feels a peace with his ordination into the priesthood and says, "This is the place I'm supposed to be."

Father Wirtner has been assigned as vocations minister to the Cincinnati Province. He will reside in Dayton, Ohio, where in addition to his vocation ministry duties he will assist at Precious Blood Parish there.

## Congratulations Fr. Vince Wirtner III



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