Bishop visits Vincent Village

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Vincent Village Executive Director Ann Helmke, Vincent Village staff and board members gathered to welcome special visitor Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on June 30 for an informational meeting and tour of the organization’s complex. Following congenial introductions, those gathered with Bishop Rhoades viewed a short video promoting the history and essence of the Vincent Village program.

During a brief discussion the bishop came to know firsthand information concerning clients served, programs available and funding for the village. Following the discussion Helmke and a few board members served as tour guides as they walked Bishop Rhoades through the St. Hyacinth Community Center, the shelter, youth services and around the neighborhood where several abandoned houses have been rehabilitated by Vincent Village.

Vincent Village, formerly known as Vincent House, is located at 2827 Holton Ave. in Fort Wayne, and serves homeless families with children as a transitional shelter. It is the only one of its kind in Allen County, working to keep families together. According to Helmke, it began as a small shelter serving up to seven homeless families at a time in 1989, and has grown to the current organization that provides shelter, supportive services and affordable housing for an average of 60 homeless families each year.

The largest percentage of families served by Vincent Village is single female-headed, but the number of two-parent families have risen recently due to the economic situation in the area. Because the organization welcomes children, 70 percent of its clients are age birth through 18.

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Bishop dedicates new St. Anthony of Padua Church in Angola

ANGOLA — “The most important part of the dedication ceremony is not the anointing of the walls or the blessing of the building, important as those parts are. The most important part of this rite is the dedication of the altar,” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said in his homily at the Mass of Dedication at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Angola on Saturday, July 10.

He said, “The altar will be anointed with the sacred chrism, the same oil that is used at Baptisms, Confirmations and Ordinations. Why is this so important? Because the altar is the most important object in this church. Indeed, it is the center of this church edifice since on it the memorial of the Lord is celebrated; the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated on it; and from it we receive the Body and Blood of the Lord.

“The most important reason why this church was built, and the greatest act to be celebrated here, is the Eucharistic Sacrifice,” Bishop Rhoades said. “Every time you gather in this church for Holy Mass, you will be strengthened by the Holy Eucharist to live your faith and to be witnesses of Christ’s love. The Eucharist is what builds you up as a parish and nourishes you to love as Christ loved and to be a true evangelizing community here in Angola, a community that proclaims the truth of the Gospel in word and deed.”

The Mass of Dedication of the new church began with the handing over of the church to the bishop. Contractor Bill Kinder of Kinder and Sons Construction, architects Ron Dick and Jeremy
Eucharist helps us to be an evangelizing community

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHoades

Holy Cross Sisters

Two weeks ago, I was honored to visit and celebrate Holy Mass for the Sisters of the Holy Cross at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes in South Bend. I had already visited the communities of the Holy Cross Brothers and Priests in recent months. I have enjoyed getting to know the Holy Cross family of sisters, brothers and priests. The Congregations of the Holy Cross have played, and continue to play, an important role in our diocese. They were among the pioneers of the Catholic Church here in our diocese. The Holy Cross Sisters were certainly some of the pioneers of Catholic education here.

When I celebrated Mass for the sisters and guests at the Loretto Chapel, I thanked all the Sisters of the Holy Cross for their example of consecrated life and generous service of Christ and His Church. After enjoying lunch with Sister Joan Marie Steadman, the congregational president, and the leadership team of the congregation, I was able to visit many of the infirm sisters who were unable to attend the Mass. It was very moving for me to meet these incredible women and to learn about their lives and apostolates. I even met some sisters who had taught in Catholic schools in Lancaster, Pa., in my former diocese. I met many sisters who had devoted their lives to serving in various foreign missions and others who served in our diocese and throughout the United States. I left with thanksgiving in my heart for the selfless devotion and example of holiness of these consecrated religious women.

Priest picnic gatherings

One of the enjoyable traditions of our diocese is the summer gatherings of our priests, at both ends of the diocese. I enjoyed hosting a picnic at my residence in Fort Wayne at St. Mary's in Fort Wayne and also joining the priests' picnic at St. Pius X in Granger some weeks ago. As I have said many times, we have a great presbytery here in our diocese. These opportunities for fellowship build our fraternity and provide an opportunity for relaxation and refreshment. Many of our seminarians also joined these gatherings. Please continue to support our priests and seminarians with your prayers.

Vincent Village

For months, I have heard so many positive things about Vincent Village in Fort Wayne. I was finally able to visit there on June 30. Located on the campus of the former St. Hyacinth Church, Vincent Village and two other organizations, Literacy Alliance and Park Center, are using diocesan property to serve the needs of the community.

Vincent Village provides shelter, basic needs, supportive services and affordable housing for homeless families with children. Ann Helmke, the executive director, and members of the board of directors, gave me a tour of Vincent House, the former St. Hyacinth convent, which is the temporary shelter for homeless families. Then, we walked through the neighborhood, which has truly been revitalized by Vincent Village through the 32 homes that have been renovated and are now attractive and affordable homes for families who are ready to leave the shelter. It is great to see that a poor inner-city neighborhood can indeed be revitalized when people join together and work together with such vision and commitment, motivated by faith. It was remarkable to see the transformation not only of buildings, but of peoples' lives.

Thanks to all who support Vincent Village!

Let us always remember the words of Jesus: I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me. — Mt 25:35-36.

Mass at St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne

A few months ago, the faith-filled parishioners of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne who attend the daily 6:15 a.m. Mass invited me to celebrate this Mass for them sometime. I was privileged to do so on July 1, the feast of Blessed Junipero Serra. I expected to see a few dozen parishioners at that early Mass and was pleasantly surprised, and very edified, to see 150 people in attendance, including parishioners of all ages. I joked with the people that I had to set two alarm clocks so I would not oversleep and miss the Mass!

I wish to thank Father Tom Shoemaker and Father Bob D’Souza who serve at St. Jude’s and also all who attended the Mass. I spoke in my homily about Father Serra, the holy Franciscan missionary of California. In my prayers, I also remembered the members of our Serra Clubs, who do so much to promote priestly and religious vocations, on the feast of their patron. I share with you the opening prayer of the Mass on that feast since Blessed Junipero Serra is an example for all of us of our missionary vocation:

God most high, your servant Junipero Serra brought the gospel of Christ to the peoples of Mexico and California and firmly established the Church among them. By his intercession, and through the example of his evangelical zeal, inspire us to be faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
The Brown Scapular: Sign of devotion and consecration to our Blessed Mother

by James Gontis

One of the most popular sacramentals in the Church is the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is July 16, and an appropriate time to focus on this venerable and beautiful tradition.

Before talking about the Brown Scapular specifically, it is perhaps helpful to discuss how sacramentals are in general and how they are related to sacraments, as well as how they differ. One of the great treasures of Catholicism is sacramentals. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) speaks of sacramentals as “...sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By means of them, one who is disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy.” — CCC 1667.

Sacramentals bear a certain resemblance to the sacraments; they are distinct from them. “Sacraments are effective signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us by the work of the Holy Spirit.” — Glossary of the CCC.

Sacramentals produce effects in our souls “ex opere operato,” literally, from the work performed. Whereas all seven sacraments were instituted by Christ himself, sacramentals were not. Rather, sacramentals are sacred objects or actions that are approved by the Church and derive their effectiveness from the prayerful petition of the person using them and from the Church’s approval of them. Paragraph 1670 of the catechism goes on to say that “Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they do prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it.”

The Brown Scapular is a sacramental which signifies on the part of the wearer the commitment to follow Jesus, the model of all disciples of ours, as well as our consecration to the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of God, Mother of the Church, and bead in the Carmelite Order.

In 2006 on the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which is observed on July 16. Finally, the wearing of the Brown Scapular implies a pledge to imitate the virtues of Mary, in particular her profound humility, her lively faith, her ardent charity, and her constant chastity.

Note: All people are called to live chastely, whereas a single person is called to live chastity in complete continence, one who is married is called to live out the virtue of chastity in complete fidelity to his or her spouse, in permanence, and with openness to life and love.

The Brown Scapular itself consists of two brown pieces of cloth connected by two thin straps with one piece hanging over the wearer’s chest and the other piece hanging over the person’s back. It dates to the Middle Ages and its roots are found in the desires of laypeople to share in the spirituality and, in some sense, even in the garb of the Carmelite Order.

It is a tradition that in the 13th century, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, the Prior General of the Carmelite Order. It is said that the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Simon holding a scapular and said to him, “This is for you and yours a privy-lege: the one who dies in it will be saved.” The Carmelite Order’s (O.Carm) Web site states that “the scapular itself has remained for all Carmelites a sign of Mary’s motherly protection and as a personal commitment to follow Jesus in the footsteps of his Mother, the perfect model of all disciples.” Often one will find in the scapular these words: “Those who die wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.” However, the implication here is that one is trying to live the Gospel faithfully and as a loyal son or daughter of Mary. While a sign of Mary’s special help and protection before and at the hour of our death, the scapular is in no way to be seen superstition-ally, or as a guarantee of salvation regardless of how the wearers live their lives.

Those being invested in the scapular must have it conferred upon them by a priest or deacon. The long form for investiture in the scapular is found in the Book of Blessings, Chapter 46. A short form of the custom would consist of a priest or deacon placing a blessed scapular over the head of the person being invested and reciting the following prayer such as a Hail Mary or the Salve Regina (Hail, Holy Queen).

When a scapular wears out or breaks, it should be disposed of respectfully by burning it or burying it. One need not be reinvested when he/she gets another scapular; investiture suffices for all future Brown Scapulars that are made of cloth. There is also a Scapular Medal, first approved by Pope St. Pius X, that may be substituted for the cloth scapular. It has a picture of Jesus showing his Sacred Heart on one side and of our Blessed Mother on the other side. Unlike the cloth Brown Scapular, if the Scapular Medal is replaced, the investiture ceremony must be repeated.

Many of our popes and saints have had a great devotion to the Brown Scapular. In 1951, on the 700th anniversary of the vision of St. Simon Stock, in his Apostolic Letter, “Neminem profecto latet,” Pope Pius XII wrote of his hope for the Carmelites that the Scapular would “be to them a sign of their consecration to the most sacred heart of the Immaculate Virgin.” In 2001, in a Message to the Carmelites Family for the 750th anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin to St. Simon Stock, Pope John Paul II wrote the following: “This intense Marian life, which is expressed in trusting prayer, enthusiastic praise and diligent imitation, enables us to understand the most genuine form of devotion to the Blessed Virgin, expressed by the humble sign of the scapular, is consecration to her Immaculate Heart ... I too have worn the Scapular of Carmel over my heart for a long time!”

Besides the above mentioned Carmelites, canonized saints known for their devotion to the Brown Scapular and the spirituality implicit therein include St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. Robert Bellarmine, St. John Vianney, St. Bernadette Soubirous, St. John Bosco, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, St. Pius X, to name just a few. With fervor, love, and deep devotion to Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, we pray, Queen and Beauty of Carmel, give us your scapular, your sign of your protection!

James Gontis is the director of the Harrisburg diocesan Department of Religious Education. Reprinted with permission from The Catholic Witness, Diocese of Harrisburg.

The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointments:

Effective July 15:
- Rev. Andrew Thu Pham, SVD, to parochial vicar at St. Patrick Parish, Fort Wayne.

Effective July 26:
- Rev. Andrew Martinez, OFM Conv., to administrator of St. Joseph Parish, LaGrange.

Effective Sept. 7:
- Rev. Bernard Zajdel, OFM Conv., to parochial vicar at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Angola.

Effective immediately:
- Rev. Jason Freiburger to director of ecumenism for the Fort Wayne area. Father Freiburger continues as vice-chancellor of the diocese and chaplain of Bishop Dwenger High School.

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Letter of thanks for Haiti relief

Dear Bishop Rhoades:

On behalf of the USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America and Catholic Relief Services (CRS), we express our heartfelt thanks to you and your faithful for your contributions to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti after the devastating earthquake of Jan. 12, 2010. Below you will find a report of the amount we have received to date for your diocese for the Special Haiti Relief Collection, the amount CRS has received from other groups and individuals with zip codes in your diocese, and the total of the two.

Your generosity helped to raise $80,090,607.82 so far for the Special Haiti Relief Collection, making it the largest special collection of its kind in memory.

Addition donations have brought the grand total to $143,433,522.41.

Received from Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for the Special Haiti Relief Collection: $560,000.99

Received from other groups and individuals with zip codes in Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend: $512,986.07

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Mishawaka Antioch offers teens spiritual home

BY KAY COZAD

MISHAWAKA — A new kind of youth ministry is taking Mishawaka by storm. Built around the national program, the Mishawaka area Antioch is a viable program that attracts private and public high school students from the surrounding area.

The Mishawaka area Antioch had its humble beginnings at St. Jude Parish several years ago under the faithful formation of Father James Stoyle, pastor there. Pulling youth from the surrounding parishes, who were unable to financially sustain their own youth ministries, Antioch offered biannual retreats and regular youth meetings there. With the transfer of Father Stoyle, Father Barry England took Antioch under his wing. Over the past several years the program has flourished, moving, as the spirit does, to areas it is most needed.

Today under the auspices of an enthusiastic young married couple, Chip and Virginia Leinen, the youth ministry in Mishawaka has transformed into a community youth ministry that invites youth from St. Bavo, Queen of Peace, St. Monica and St. Joseph to deepen their faith formation.

“All the pastors are on board. For us to have four phenomenal priests gives us such security and allows us to be firmly rooted in the ministry,” says Virginia.

As newlyweds the Leinens became involved as volunteer facilitators under the leadership of Gus Zuehlke, pastoral associate at St. Bavo, at Antioch retreats about seven years ago. “I’d never experienced anything like that before,” says Chip of the retreats.

Currently the Antioch retreats are based talk and an activity or praise and worship, a theme-based talk and an activity or small group discussion. Recently the Leinens have discovered the Life Teen ministry and have begun to use it as a resource and support for their youth program.

Virginia, who has a degree in special education and is mother of three children, can’t say enough about the teens who attend the program. “They are awesome teens,” she says.

And she sings the praises of the Antioch core team, Nate Krakowski, Christa Shoemaker and Ellen Meyer, who she admits are indispensable to the program. “Without them we could not do this. They love the Lord and their witness to the teens is wonderful,” she says. And, of course, of the program runs smoothly with the assistance of parents who provide food and housing as well as discussion coordination at the retreats as well.

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PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE LEINENS

A group of teens on the prayer team gather on an Antioch Retreat in spring of this year at Queen of Peace Parish.

Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30-9:30 p.m., where parishioners will witness the presence of up to 25 teens in reverent prayer.

Catechesis and community come to the youth in weekly praise and worship meetings, held at the convent of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka where the teens gather to learn about and discuss their faith more fully. “This is a place where the teens receive unconditional love and affirmation. Then they can go back to school and know they have a back up,” says Chip.

And as the teens grow in faith, they have the opportunity to assist with future retreats. Teams are formed for specific tasks, including a prayer team, whose sole responsibility is to pray for the spirit’s movement during the weekend.

The all important weekly meetings held throughout the year consist of a social time, praise and worship, a theme-based talk and an activity or small group discussion. Recently the Leinens have discovered the Life Teen ministry and have begun to use it as a resource and support for their youth program.

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TOTAL: $1,073,381.06

In the months since the earthquake, CRS has distributed food and water to hundreds of thousands of people, while providing emergency shelter and medical care to many thousands more. As the humanitarian response begins to have a real impact, USCCB has begun to address the needs of the local Church. The Catholic Church was an important institution in Haiti before the earthquake and it will continue to play a significant role long into the future. Funds have been granted through the Subcommittee on Latin America for transitional parish centers so that faith communities can gather and be nourished by the sacraments. We have also provided transitional structures for the National Seminary so that the next generation of Haitian priests can continue with their formation.

Since a portion of the Special Haiti Relief Collection will be used by the USCCB to rebuild parish communities and church structures, we have been working very closely with the Haitian bishops to help them put in place a construction entity that can ensure that all building carried out with our funds will follow accepted codes and practices. This initiative is being developed as a collaborative effort involving the Haitian Bishops’ Conference, the French Bishops’ Conference, the USCCB, and CRS. We look forward to providing more details on this construction entity so that you can share its existence and its services with groups in your diocese interested in funding similar reconstruction activities in Haiti.

USCCB and CRS are dedicated to using all funds in a responsible and accountable way, both for immediate relief and long-term development. We are doing everything possible to help rebuild lives and communities for the long-term. But our task is only beginning. We will continue to call for your prayers and support as our brothers and sisters in Haiti recover from the devastating earthquake.

With prayers and gratitude to you and to all the faithful, we remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. José H. Gomez
Coadjutor Archbishop of Los Angeles
Chairman, USCCB Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America

Most Rev. Timothy Dolan
Archbishop of New York
Chairman of the Board
Catholic Relief Service

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Dedication of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Angola

This past Saturday, I had the privilege of dedicating the new church and altar at St. Anthony Parish in Angola. This was my first visit to Angola. The new church is truly beautiful. It was interesting to see how the architects incorporated some of the items of the previous churches into the new church, including stained glass windows, the Stations of the Cross and other artwork. One item of particular interest is the center circle of the rose window over the main altar which shows a bouquet of lilies. This window had appeared over the main entrance of the original church. It had been removed years ago, stored in a garage, and forgotten. It was only rediscovered when the garage was being demolished. A parishoner found it in a pile of scrap. Now refurbished, it appears in the beautiful rose window above the main altar of the new church. Some parishioners commented about how appropriate this is since their patron, St. Anthony, is the patron saint of lost articles.

The dedication Mass was beautiful. I was very impressed by the excellent music of the parish choir. Conventual Franciscan Friars, who have staffed the parish since 1931, continue to serve at St. Anthony’s. Several of the friars concelebrated the Dedication Mass, including the provincial, Father Jim Kent. I thank the devoted pastor of St. Anthony’s, Father Fred Pasche, and all the priests and parishioners of this vibrant parish community.

During the liturgy, I reminded all that the most important reason why the new church was built, and the greatest act to be celebrated there, is the Eucharistic Sacrifice. Every time we attend Mass, we are strengthened by the Holy Eucharist to live our faith and to be witnesses of Christ’s love. The Eucharist is what builds up the parish and nourishes its members to love as Christ has loved us. The Eucharist helps us to be an evangelizing community, one that proclaims the truth of the Gospel in word and deed.

Our diocese now has another parish in Angola and the northeast region of our diocese! Our diocese now has another parish in Angola and the northeast region of our diocese!
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Italian Archbishop Velezio De Paolis, an expert in Church law who specializes in religious institutes, to be head of the Holy See’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

De Paolis, 78, has served as rector of Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass., since 2005. He replaces German Cardinal Walter Kasper, who had headed the congregation since 2001.

The appointment was announced July 11.

**In major appointments, Cardinal Ouellet to head bishops’ congregation**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed new heads of several Vatican departments, naming Cardinal Marc Ouellet of Quebec as prefect of the Congregation for Bishops. Cardinal Ouellet, 66, will head the office that helps the pope choose new bishops, replacing Italian Archbishop Rino Fisichella, who succeeds 76-year-old Italian Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, not a stranger to Rome or to the Roman Curia. He studied in Rome and returned to the city to teach in 1996.

A year later, he was appoint- ed chair of dogmatic theology at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family. In 2001, he was named a bishop and appointed secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and also served on the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.

**Help those in need, even while on vacation, pope says at Angelus**

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — “Don’t forget about helping people in need, even while on vacation,” Pope Benedict XVI said.

Speaking during his Angelus address at the papal summer residence of Castel Gandolfo July 11, the pope said, “to be Christian means to be faithful to the words and example of Jesus, especially by loving a God of love and neighbor.”

As the parable of the Good Samaritan teaches, he said, people need to be like Christ, who is motivated by love and charity, and to serve their brothers and sisters “with sincere and generous love.”

Especially during the summer holidays, people should not lose sight of the Word of God and people in need, he said. “May the Lord give us grace and courage so that we may always respond generously, as good Samaritans, to the needs of all who suffer, near and far,” he said. The pope also paid homage to the patron saint of his pontificate, St. Benedict of Nursia, the father of Western monasticism and patron saint of Europe.

The saint’s feast was celebrated July 11.

**Names in the news:**

Two new Boston auxiliary bishops named; Bishop Allue retires

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named two seminary rectors as auxiliary bishops of Boston and accepted the resignation of Bishop Auxiliary Bishop Emilio S. Allue. The appointments of Fathers Arthur L. Kennedy and Peter J. Uglietto, both priests of the Boston Archdiocese, and Bishop Allue’s resignation were made public June 30 by Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantheaume, charge d’affaires at the apostolic nunciature in Washington.

Bishop designate Kennedy, 68, has been rector of St. John Seminary in Brighton, Mass., and formerly headed the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs in Washington. Bishop designate Uglietto, 58, has served as rector of Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass., since 2005.

**Pope names Vatican canon lawyer as interim head of Legionaries**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Msgr. Robert W. McGory, pastor of St. Gregory Parish in San Mateo, Calif., as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The appointment was made public June 7 by Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantheaume, charge d’affaires at the apostolic nunciature in Washington. Bishop-designate McGory, 56, formerly served as vicar for administration of the San Francisco Archdiocese and has been at St. Gregory’s since 1996.

**San Mateo pastor named auxiliary bishop of San Francisco**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., and has named Bishop E. Marie Skelly Blass of Rapid City, S.D., to succeed him. The appointment and resignation were announced June 30 in Washington by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop Skylstad, 76, has been a bishop since 1977 and has led the Spokane Diocese since 1990. He’s a former president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Bishop Cupich, 61, has been bishop of Rapid City since 1996.

**Bishop Rosazza, auxiliary in Hartford, Conn., retires at 75**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has accepted the resignation of Auxiliary Bishop Peter A. Rosazza of Hartford, Conn., at the age of 75. The bishop’s resignation was made public June 30 by Msgr. Jean-Francois Lantheaume, charge d’affaires of the apostolic nunciature in Washington.
Lindenwood holds Quiet Day of Reflection

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being taken at the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center for the Quiet Day of Reflection program, “The Lord is with you, Eucharist Throughout the Day,” to be held Monday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day will begin with Mass, with the homily as the opening conference. Please bring a Bible. Facilitator Father Michael Winkowski, a priest of the society of the Precious Blood, has taught middle school and junior high in Detroit and South Bend. Father Winkowski has also taught at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting. He pastored at St. Patrick Church in Walkerton and is now retired. Program fee is $27 and includes the noon main meal. Registration deadline is Monday, July 12. For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1763 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit www.lindenwood.org.

Mary Moran makes first commitment to the Associates

DONALDSON — After several months of initial formation, Mary Moran, from Fort Wayne, made her first commitment as an Associate with the Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper at a ceremony at Marian Convent Chapel in Fort Wayne on May 11. She joins 136 Christian women and men from five different dioceses across the Midwest who are active associates within this spiritual family.

The Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper is comprised of the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Congregation, the Associate Community and the Fiat Spiritus Community. All three expressions of the Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper are devoted to sharing the charism of Blessed Catherine Kasper, who founded the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ religious congregation in Germany in 1851. Each associate lives in different circumstances and can contribute in ways depending upon their personal commitments, such as family and work commitments.

University of Saint Francis announces election of trustee

FORT WAYNE — At a recent meeting of the Provincial Council of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Charles Fisher was elected to the University of Saint Francis Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Fisher is chief executive officer of Rea Magnet Wire Company, Inc.

VNNH offers Lunch and Learn series

FORT WAYNE — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home will host Medicare 101: Addressing questions and concerns about Medicare benefits,” with speaker Linda Parish-Kruse, United Healthcare Advisor with Secure Horizons, on Wednesday, July 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 5910 Homestead Rd. The session is the second in the Lunch and Learn series. There is no cost and a light lunch will be served. Reservations are taken at (260) 435-3222 or e-mail bonnie.davis@vnnh.org.

Ecumenical conference hosted in Elkhart

ELKHART — Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart, will host a preparatory conference July 28-31 for the World Council of Churches’ 2011 International Ecumenical Peace Convocation. Christian peacemakers of all traditions and disciplines are invited to attend this ecumenical peace conference, which will focus on contemporary North American responses to war.

The meeting will include presentations from leading thinkers and activists, such as Stanley Hauerwas, Rita Nakashima Brock and Brian McLaren. Participants will have opportunities to engage presenters on contemporary issues as well as discuss the future of ecumenical peacemaking in North America. Morning prayer and evening confessional worship will frame the beginning and the ending of the conference.

Conference registration is now open. The event schedule and detailed program information are also posted on the conference Web site www.peace2010.net.

Women’s Entrepreneurship Initiative welcomes Lt. Governor for Women in Business Seminar

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College and its new Women’s Entrepreneurship Initiative (WEI) welcomed to campus Lt. Governor Becky Skillman for a seminar titled “Advancing Hoosier Women in Business.” The July 15 event, sponsored by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and locally by the North Central Indiana Small Business Development Center, was one of four such seminars that Skillman is holding across Indiana. In its fourth year the seminar focused on entrepreneurship and featured local successful women business owners. Resource panels and networking opportunities offered advice on growing or starting a business.

Lindenwood holds Quiet Day of Reflection

DONALDSON — Registrations are now being taken at the Lindenwood Retreat and Conference Center for the Quiet Day of Reflection program, “The Lord is with you, Eucharist Throughout the Day,” to be held Monday, July 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day will begin with Mass, with the homily as the opening conference. Please bring a Bible. Facilitator Father Michael Winkowski, a priest of the society of the Precious Blood, has taught middle school and junior high in Detroit and South Bend. Father Winkowski has also taught at Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting. He pastored at St. Patrick Church in Walkerton and is now retired. Program fee is $27 and includes the noon main meal. Registration deadline is Monday, July 12. For more information or to register, contact Lindenwood at (574) 935-1763 weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or visit www.lindenwood.org.

Mary Moran makes first commitment to the Associates

DONALDSON — After several months of initial formation, Mary Moran, from Fort Wayne, made her first commitment as an Associate with the Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper at a ceremony at Marian Convent Chapel in Fort Wayne on May 11. She joins 136 Christian women and men from five different dioceses across the Midwest who are active associates within this spiritual family.

The Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper is comprised of the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Congregation, the Associate Community and the Fiat Spiritus Community. All three expressions of the Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper are devoted to sharing the charism of Blessed Catherine Kasper, who founded the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ religious congregation in Germany in 1851. Each associate lives in different circumstances and can contribute in ways depending upon their personal commitments, such as family and work commitments.

University of Saint Francis announces election of trustee

FORT WAYNE — At a recent meeting of the Provincial Council of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Charles Fisher was elected to the University of Saint Francis Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Fisher is chief executive officer of Rea Magnet Wire Company, Inc.

VNNH offers Lunch and Learn series

FORT WAYNE — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home will host Medicare 101: Addressing questions and concerns about Medicare benefits,” with speaker Linda Parish-Kruse, United Healthcare Advisor with Secure Horizons, on Wednesday, July 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 5910 Homestead Rd. The session is the second in the Lunch and Learn series. There is no cost and a light lunch will be served. Reservations are taken at (260) 435-3222 or e-mail bonnie.davis@vnnh.org.

Ecumenical conference hosted in Elkhart

ELKHART — Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 3003 Benham Ave., Elkhart, will host a preparatory conference July 28-31 for the World Council of Churches’ 2011 International Ecumenical Peace Convocation. Christian peacemakers of all traditions and disciplines are invited to attend this ecumenical peace conference, which will focus on contemporary North American responses to war.

The meeting will include presentations from leading thinkers and activists, such as Stanley Hauerwas, Rita Nakashima Brock and Brian McLaren. Participants will have opportunities to engage presenters on contemporary issues as well as discuss the future of ecumenical peacemaking in North America. Morning prayer and evening confessional worship will frame the beginning and the ending of the conference.

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South Bend Seniors becoming a part of social networking

SOUTH BEND — One might expect seniors at Sanctuaty at St. Paul’s to be experts at many things, like singing in the choir or even playing the handbells. But, it might be surprised to learn that seniors at St. Paul’s have been busy learning the world of social networking. A new program, Connected Living, has been introduced to help seniors get on-line in a fun and easy way.

“I remember computers first coming out when I worked at Notre Dame,” said Helen Iams, St. Paul’s resident. “But they have changed so much that I am learning them all over again, and it’s kind of fun.”

Connected Living includes activities such as e-mailing family and friends, sharing photos, a music and movie library, memoir writing and even brain-exercising games. A dedicated group of staff members have been introducing residents to Connected Living. They meet once or twice a week, beginning with the basics like navigating with a mouse.

Connected Living is a part of MyWay Village that was founded in 2007. Their mission is to connect residents across generations by combining simplified technology with high-touch, personal computer support.

Sanctuaty at St. Paul’s is an integrated Retirement Campus in South Bend on 3602 S. Ironwood Dr. It serves seniors of the community with residential options ranging from apartments, assisted living and memory care.

Correction

In the July 4 issue of Today’s Catholic a Sister of the Holy Cross was misidentified in the photo on page 13. The sister Bishop Rhodes is greeting is Sister Marilla. Our apologies for the error.
Teen's work their way to Spain and WYD

BY CLAIRE RONNER

In one year and two months a group of teenagers and young adults from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, led by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, will make a pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain, for World Youth Day 2011. The group will tentatively visit Lourdes and Fatima along the way, stopping for prayer at two locations where the Blessed Mother appeared to young people.

“I am most excited for the pilgrimage to Lourdes,” says Victoria Barry, a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Fort Wayne. “I chose Bernadette for my confirmation name and she has always been one of my favorite saints.”

For many pilgrims, this will not be their first World Youth Day. Bishop Rhoades led youth from the Diocese of Harrisburg in the past, and others want to repeat the experiences they had on their previous trips.

“This is actually my second time going to WYD,” says Chelsea Dominco of Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw. “I went back in 2008 to Australia. I had such a good time experiencing another country and being able to learn more about my faith.”

Spain’s history is deeply rooted in Catholicism, and 68 percent of Spaniards identify themselves as Catholic. This is the second time the country has hosted World Youth Day (WYD), the first being in 1989 at Santiago de Compostela.

Of course, with the influx of hundreds of thousands of Catholic youth from around the world to Madrid for the six-day event, airfare, transportation, housing and food services are increasing prices. The Office of Youth Ministry is in the process of finding ways for the community to assist with scholarships for the Fort Wayne-South Bend pilgrimage, but each is currently raising money for the trip amid a less-than-ideal economic backdrop.

“By paying for this trip will not be easy,” comments Dominco. “Since I will be starting school in the fall, I have to learn how to budget money. The first thing my mom said when I told her that I wanted to go was, ‘You’re paying the first payment of $500, I thought about how much I need to save my money now.’

“All the people that are going through our church just sat down and started thinking about how to raise money,” she continues. “In the past we have done garage sales, car washes, auctions and other things that we have in mind.”

Many students are finding other ways of earning money, such as taking on extra work and odd jobs around their neighborhoods.

“My parents are helping me pay for the trip, but I am also earning money by helping take care of a friend’s grandma,” says Barry. “It had been really nice to get to know this lady. She is very kind and also very close to Christ.”

Unfortunately, a number of young adults who want to attend WYD cannot commit to making the payments because of financial situations. Those signed up to go express a concern for their friends denied the opportunity to experience the spiritual culture-sharing event.

“I have a friend who is not planning to go because of finances,” shares Barry. “I would like to know if there is a way for her to get financial aid. Any information on that would be helpful.”

Although the youth face financial barriers for the trip, they know the spiritual benefits of WYD will be worth the monetary strain.

“The highlight for me during WYD is Mass,” describes Barry. “It’s a spiritual draw, and it’s hard to narrow it down.”

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St. Vincent’s Life Teen ministry brings youth closer to Christ

BY CLAIRE RONNER

FORT WAYNE — It’s a Wednesday night, 7 p.m. A group of high school students is gathered together, chatting and laughing with each other as they trickle into the gathering space, enjoying the company of a few common bonds: high school, Catholicism and Life Teen.

St. Vincent de Paul’s youth ministry program has flourished over the past several years. High school students join, tell their friends about their experience, who tell their younger siblings, who continue spreading the word about the Life Teen program.

“It’s hard not to keep coming back to Life Teen once you get started,” said Samantha Baus, a graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School, who participated in the youth ministry program for three years. “There is so much that I still need to learn about the Church, and the core members are continually trying to give it to us in a way we can understand. I love learning, so why would I ever stop?”

St. Vincent’s Life Teen program, which is their youth ministry, communicates to the high school students through a variety of activities that include Life Nights held after the teen Mass on Sunday evening, prayer ministry, and the core members are well prepared to address the inquiries.

“When we discuss difficult social topics of our time, … the adult leaders are no longer just presenting positive messages about Christ’s love, but how the world that they live in is trying to pull them away from Christ,” describes Hill. “They (the teens) live in the world more than any other age group, especially in regards to the atmosphere and social aspects of high school. You can say that the world doesn’t reflect Christ’s love: they know it, they see it, they live it. What’s more challenging is to help them to see ways that they could do something about it now, and to encourage them to actually do it.”

St. Vincent’s program draws students from surrounding area schools including Bishop Dwenger, Carroll and Leo. While the majority does come from Bishop Dwenger, the combination of public and private school experiences supplements different points of view during discussions.

“We have found that Catholic high school culture is very much like public school culture in that many teens talk about drinking and sex,” says Black. “Teens from all the schools find strength to resist worldly and sinful temptations through learning, discussing and praying together.”

Both leaders and teens find joy in the youth ministry program, and they carry on the experiences during Life Teen with them throughout their lives, grateful for the faith formation.

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 Effective youth ministries embody decisive components

Solid and productive catechesis for its energetic and truth-seeking youth is a priority for the Church community of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. And according to Cindy Black, director of the Office of Youth Ministry and Spiritual Formation, an effective program must embody several components.

Firstly, the catechist must be willing to teach by word and action. “Those entrusted to catechize our youth need to remember that their actions teach young people what it means to be a follower of Christ,” says Black, who adds that one must be well versed and passionate about the teachings presented in the youth ministry program.

Teachings should draw on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Scripture, lives of the saints and the liturgical calendar. Many diocesan youth programs incorporate the four pillars of the Catholic Church — the Apostle’s Creed, the seven sacraments, the Ten Commandments and the Lord’s Prayer — into their teachings. But to be effective it is paramount that the catechist show the youth how these teachings are relevant to their lives.

Black says the use of technology is key with the youth. “We must use technology to reach young people; as they learn through many other means in today’s world,” she says, adding, “It is very effective to use things of their culture as hooks to draw them in, then catechize them on the topic at hand. For example, using a short clip from a popular movie or TV show that relates to the topic to segue into a well prepared teaching.”

Ministering to both private and public school students requires a relationship commitment as well. “To draw in teens from public schools we must be sure that everything we do is rooted in the truth and done with care and quality. Adults should engage in relational ministry with the teens to establish credibility and genuine concern for them. It should always be clear that we ourselves have encountered the love of Christ and the joy that comes from living in His light through the teachings of the Catholic Church, and we want them to share that same joy,” says Black.

And one of the pivotal issues in an effective youth ministry, concludes Black — “We must be able to answer the difficult questions they have with love — never watering down the full truth of all that the Church teaches.”

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TODAY’S CATHOLIC

Diocesan youth programs keep teens hopping

By Kay Cozad

Catechesis for the faith formation of the indispensable youth of the Catholic Church does not end with the formal preparation and reception of the sacrament of Confirmation in eighth grade. To further this formation the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend boasts a plethora of strong youth ministry programs with high school youth as well as many dynamic youth ministries to meet the catechetical needs of this energetic population.

Warsaw’s Sacred Heart Parish has a vital youth ministry in place since 1995. Current youth minister is Sacred Heart alumna Ida List, who began in the early years as an overnight retreat volunteer chaperone while her oldest daughter participated in youth group events. As an elementary religious education instructor and youth group volunteer, List was asked to assume the youth director’s position in 1998.

Taking responsibility for the youth of the parish was easy for List, who says, “I love working with teens. I find them very challenging.” Because she believes that high school age is an important time frame in a child’s faith formation, List jumped in with both feet. “I want a strong youth ministry for the kids,” she says.

So the 25 to 40 students meet from September to May every Sunday evening for about an hour and a half in the church and occasionally in the gym. The gatherings begin with prayer led by the students, with petitions and thanksgiving. The theme for each session varies, says List, “to keep the teens interested.”

The variety of themes is presented through adult team volunteers, DVD or CD use, and speakers from around the diocese including priests, parents, religious brothers and sisters, and seminarians, who gather to form panels and offer Church teachings on topics ranging from vocations to theology of the body. Following the presentation, students form small groups where adult volunteers facilitate discussions on the topic.

The session concludes with 15 minutes of prayer. List says the students learn in different forms of prayer including the Litany of the Hours.

Occasionally a topic or speaker will spark special interest and List will invite other area parish youth from St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton, St. Martin de Porres in Syracuse and St. John the Evangelist in Goshen, to attend the Sunday gathering. Twice each year Sacred Heart hosts XLT, a faith gathering with worship music and Scripture for all the area teens as well.

The youth group at Sacred Heart has grown exponentially with “teens inviting teens,” says List, who says she encourages the students to be peer mentors to each other, in church and school. And she says that the Sacred Heart community has been a great support to the youth ministry during the biweekly teen Masses in which the teens participate as greeters and ushers are interested in different forms of prayer including the Litany of the Hours.

The youth ministry also participates in World Youth Day as well as an annual retreat at Franciscan University in Ohio where students join other Catholic teens from around the country to learn about their Catholic faith tradition. The youth also offer community service for a variety of agencies as well as visiting nursing homes and the home bound.

The goal of this ministry, says List, is to encourage students as they leave high school to seek out churches and Newman Centers where they can continue participating in their faith. “Faith,” says List, “is continued learning. There’s always something new.” Tara Schmitt couldn’t agree more as she serves the youth of St. Pius X in Granger. A 2002 convert to the Catholic faith, Schmitt and her husband, Rodney, temporarily took the youth ministry program over that same year, while both were teaching in South Bend schools. After a year of helping out, Schmitt resigned her teaching position to take the youth director’s chair full time.

After establishing a core team of young adult volunteers, Schmitt discovered the Life Teen Program and that is when, she says, the St. Pius youth ministry became “a solid program.”

The core team of eight volunteers help plan and implement each Sunday night session for the 80-100 students who attend, which is “kick-started” with a prayer followed by a game, video clip or skit that introduces the night’s theme. A core team member offers a teaching on the theme, each based on the four pillars of Catholic Church — the Apostle’s Creed, the seven sacraments, the Ten Commandments and the Lord’s Prayer — after which the students discuss the teachings in small groups. Each two-hour meeting concludes as the teens come back into a large group for prayer.

Occasionally, says Schmitt, a current topic is discussed for the teens’ edification, such as the clergy scandal or theology of the body.

“At the beginning of the year I give the kids the chance to tell me about issues or activities they want to do. And sometimes I feel like I need to cover a specific topic,” says Schmitt.

Each Lent the teens follow the parish theme in their unique way and participate in a Paschal retreat during the Easter Vigil.

Each month Schmitt tries to incorporate a “hot topic night,” two catechetical sessions and a social evening for the teens. “That continues to build community,” she says.

The group meets on Wednesday nights for a still structured but more relaxed discussion time during the summer months and has the opportunity to attend a popular mission trip in June.

Community outreach for these dynamic and faith-filled teens include the parish Giving Tree where they assemble and deliver care packages for children and families in the area, and various helping hands projects for the homebound. “Our goal,” says Schmitt, “is to do more outreach.”

These and many more youth ministry programs are providing the youth of the diocese with a firm foundation in the teachings of the Catholic Church as they continue to develop their faith.

Teens from Sacred Heart youth group gather for this photo at FaithFest.

Teens from St. Pius X youth group enjoy trivia night at their parish.
St. Michael the Archangel Church gets a face-lift

WATERLOO — St. Michael the Archangel Parish, one of the hidden treasures of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, is nestled amongst the trees in a corner of Northeast Indiana’s rolling countryside. The beautifully ornate country church built in 1921, the third building for the parish community that dates back to 1880, is spiritual home to some 400 families and has recently had a facelift and a much-needed interior restoration as well.

“We’ve spent the last 20 years talking about this. Then the last four years we got serious,” says Father David Carkenord, pastor of St. Michael. It was in 1980 that the church was last painted says Father Carkenord, who added, “The thrust was to restore the church to more original condition rather than renovate.”

So after much planning, Weigand Construction began their work the first week in January. The interior of the church was near gutted, flooring stripped and the pews removed and sent to Tennessee for refinishing. Chicago-based Daprato Rigali Studios brought in a decoration department led by interior designer Lisa Rigali, who selected colors, marble and other necessities to coordinate the restoration.

The interior walls of the church, that boasts magnificent stained glass windows from the 1940s, have been restored with the original stenciling of green, gold and maroon uncovered and untouched for inquisitive future generations. The freshly painted sanctuary. The old boiler that produced inefficient steam heat was replaced by geothermal heating. The initial funding, half of the needed amount was raised in a mere six weeks. 

As the six months of construction took place the parish community met faithfully in the gym of the Ashley Community Center about five miles up the road for three weekend Masses, with daily Mass celebrated in the St. Michael office youth room. Father Carkenord was pleased the attendance remained steady even with the move.

The effort has been generously funded by the parish community, says Father Carkenord. The initial funding, half of the needed amount, began with a trust fund left to the church by two members “We asked the parishioners for the other half and they came through,” Father Carkenord says, adding proudly that the needed amount was raised in a mere six weeks.

Four-foot plaster Stations of the Cross, cleaned in Chicago, once again adorn the sanctuary walls. Jan Blomeke, longtime parishioner and parish office manager, says there was as much construction and restoration going on downstairs as there was in the sanctuary. The old boiler that produced inefficient steam heat was replaced by geothermal heating. Father Carkenord reports that this type of heating and air conditioning is “friendly to the environment” and uses piped in well water to circulate through the system that heats eight delineated zones in the church.

Blomeke says the basement parish hall, where gatherings and religious education classes take place, was spruced up as well. New plaster on the walls, all done by parishioners, paint, trim, new lighting and ceiling tiles give the space a warm and welcoming look.

Outside, the front steps were rebuilt due to structural problems. This was an unanticipated venture but much needed none-the-less says Father Carkenord. Other unexpected restoration expenses included replastering the ceiling and the addition of a new wooden floor under the pews.

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The construction was completed in early July and a rededication Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be held on Aug. 29 with the annual parish picnic to follow.
Classes of all types in session at St. Henry’s

BY MARY KINDER

FORT WAYNE — Walk into a classroom at St. Henry’s Catholic Church and you’re likely to see ballerinas, novice guitar players or a roomful of new arrivals to our country studying English. It’s all part of a plan to keep St. Henry’s buildings full.

The parish, located on Fort Wayne’s southeast side, has a unique design — the church is located in the basement of the school. It was ideal when St. Henry’s had its own thriving school, but has posed a problem for the past few years. The parish had been home to Benoit Academy, a Catholic school that opened in 1994 as a merger between three area Catholic schools, including St. Henry’s. At first it was a thriving school with more than 300 children attending. However, as enrollment dropped the difficult decision was made to close the school two years ago. That put the future of the parish in question as well.

However, St. Henry’s pastor, Father Daniel Durkin, quickly convinced parishioner Dennis Farnan to serve as development and marketing director. The pair’s first mission was to publish a brochure extolling the virtues of the campus grounds. Working through Catholic Charities, St. Henry’s held classes to teach the Burmese immigrants English and provided furniture and other household necessities.

While working with the Burmese, it was discovered that many of the children suffered from lead paint poisoning which affects the development of fine motor skills and speech. A special program, sponsored by East Allen County Schools and Parkview Hospital, is housed at St. Henry’s. The unique program brings together teachers and therapists to help those children catch up before entering schools. Parents also attend weekly classes to learn how to continue the work at home. Because it is the only program of its type anywhere in the United States, it is being closely monitored by the president’s staff and educational leaders across the country.

Head Start, another program helping children succeed at school, is also housed at St. Henry’s. Under the guidance of Community Action of Northern Indiana, or CANI, Head Start provides pre-school classes for children of low-income families and educational resources to their families. St. Henry’s is one of five Head Start locations in Fort Wayne. St. Henry’s added a fully-functional kitchen as part of the program, so students can benefit from healthy meals. A new playground that meets all government safety requirements was also added.

Father Durkin and Dennis Farnan are optimistic about a new school which they hope will fill an entire floor of classrooms. St. Henry’s is working with a group planning to open Aspire, a private middle school, this fall. The new school will focus on presenting new educational opportunities to students who aren’t living up to their full potential in public schools.

Aside from classrooms, the campus features a large gym, a stage and a parish center available for parties ranging from wedding receptions to business meetings. The parish center was originally a convent and features 16 bedrooms and a working kitchen.

There is still space available at St. Henry’s. The facilities are clean, safe and available for the public as well as any community programs. The Fort Wayne Ballet rents space in the school, while the Summit City Fencing Club holds classes and tournaments in the gym. According to Farnan, nothing is off limits. “We want to get the word out there that space is available, we’ll work with interested parties to meet their needs, and

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FRANCISCAN BROTHERS MINOR RENOVATE CHURCH

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From the ground up; new church includes permanence

BY MARK WEBER AND MARILYN KARPINSKI

ANGOLA — The grand and impressive St. Anthony of Padua Church building, dedicated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, on Saturday, July 10, at 5 p.m. Mass, had a unique, plain-as-dirt ceremony that was profound in its meaning last November, when parishioners entered the shell of the new church and trod over bare earth to a spot where the altar would be located.

Individuals then stepped forward and placed stones brought from home on the ground to be locked in the earth forever unseen, symbolizing faith in the task at hand, memorializing loved ones, or as reminders that the presenters as living stones are the beneficiaries of the Redeemer’s sacrifice and heirs to the responsibility therein.

On that day, as the sun poured through the south wall facing Maumee Street, Conventual Franciscan Father Fred Pasche, pastor, repeated, with faith based on a harmonious combination of the elements, suppliers, workers and financial support, the first Mass in the new church would be on Easter.

Providence obliged, and with a happy Father Pasche stating that “there is no more appropriate time to mark a new beginning than at Easter,” a Vigil Mass was held at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, with four Batisms, two Confirmations and the introduction of nine catechumens.

The new church, either with standing room only congregants, a full choir, a clutch of concelebrants and clouds of incense, or silent and empty except for the Divine Presence, imposes an awesome responsibility brought about by being in the midst of the combined results of the skilled hands and minds of craftsmen with their tributes to the Almighty seen in glass, brass, wood, stone, fabric, water, design and space and illuminated by the Creator’s own touch, the sun.

The combination of sunlight and stained glass in 12-foot rose windows at each end of the church carry the theme of death and resurrection.

The window over the main entrance portrays Christ’s passion incorporating the purple of the passion and red stylized crown of thorns. At the opposite end of the church above the altar is the resurrection window where the crown of thorns has turned to gold and surrounds a bouquet of lilies. The portion of the window containing the lilies was once over the main entrance of the original church and was left behind and stored in a neighboring garage and forgotten. During the demolition of the garage it was noticed in a pile of scrap and identified by parishioner Liz Ickes. Since the lily is a symbol of St. Anthony of Padua, and St. Anthony is the patron saint of lost articles, it is pleasantly reassuring to conclude that it was his intention that this lily window turn up and show up in the new church.

More stained glass from the original “upper church” that was transferred to the altar area of the “lower church” was moved for a third time and is now showcased in the daylight doors opening onto the worship space as the sidelights and transom of the new church entry.

The Stations of the Cross from the original church have taken on new life when spotlighted in the stone arches along the interior side walls and stained glass that was there and later side windows in the previous church have new life as inserts in the doors leading off the worship space.

The marble and porcelain baptismal font with stained glass accents that welcomes all to the worship area is constructed in the form of a cross to symbolize dying to oneself and being reborn with Christ through baptism. It too, mixes the old and the new as the brass symbol depicting water flowing from a shell on the front of the font also graced the front of the baptismal font in the previous church.

The narthex of the new church also includes furniture and statues from the previous church. A few pews, for the convenience of those waiting for drivers and for additional seating for overflow crowds and social gatherings are there with statues of Mary and the Sacred Heart resting on stands created by parishioner Leroy Nelson.

On the brick walls to each side of the wood doors to the main body of the church are two statues of special significance to the Franciscans and to the St. Anthony Parish. On the left is St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar, who volunteered to die in place of a stranger in the Nazi concentration camp of Auschwitz in Poland, and on the right is parish patron, St. Anthony of Padua, priest, preacher and miracle worker, perhaps best known as the patron saint of lost items.

Originally a nameless mission church in 1924, services were held in the Angola high school, Tri-State University and in rented rooms over the Elston Shoe Store, with Father Charles Scholl, pastor of St. Michael the Archangel, Waterlooo, as celebrant. Through the efforts of Father Scholl, the faithful found their first permanent home in a residence at 704 E. Maumee St., which was remodeled for use as a church and was dedicated by Bishop John Francis Noll as the first Catholic church in Angola under the patronage of St. Rita, Aug. 29, 1926. It held 200 people and was in use until 1941. The American Legion purchased the property for a Memorial Park in November 1943.

In July of 1931, the Franciscan Fathers of the Order of Friars Minor Conventuals were authorized by Bishop Noll to establish a novitiate for their order in Angola. They were also put in charge of St. Rita Church and renamed it St. Anthony of Padua.

In October of 1940, a new church building at 700 W. Maumee St. was constructed to hold 400 people. At the time, summer Sunday crowds were at 1,500 people. Winter attendance was about 100.

In May of 1959, erection of a 120 foot by 60 foot Butler Building to accommodate 900 people was completed and became known as “the lower church.”

Attendance reached 700 persons in the summer Masses.

Since 1924 when the nomadic band of Christians found their first permanent home on Maumee Street in Angola, St. Anthony’s has had an abundance of blessings, and now, with the present congregation’s efforts through the nitty gritty of chili suppers, reverse raffles, men’s and women’s Christ Renews His Parish retreats, taco dinners, Meals to Heal, Bible study and a family picnic, a splendid edifice is in place that gives glory to the Almighty and at the same time, reflects the efforts and angst experienced in such an undertaking.

Another reflection, a real one, unplanned in the church design, occurs daily when the resurrection rose window above the altar bestows its image in the immensity pool of the baptismal font at the other end of the church, a silent reminder of the majesty, the power and the love of He who lives in this house and desires to live in our hearts.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades anoints the walls of Dedication on July 10.

An external view of the new church.

Ladies of St. Anthony Parish, Marna Gimbal, Smith, wipe down the altar after the anointing.
Hatfield of Design Collaborative joined the St. Anthony Building Steering Committee Chairman Dan Lepley and St. Anthony past- tor, Conventual Franciscan Father Fred Pasche as the building was presented to Bishop Rhoades. The Mass continued with the blessing of the holy water and sprinkling of the church, anointing of the altar and walls, the incensation of the altar and the lighting of the altar and the church.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades said, “In this solemn ceremony, we are reminded that the Catholic Church is built upon the foundation of the Twelve Apostles. The walls of the church will be anointed with sacred chrism at 12 spots. We are reminded, as St. Paul wrote, that ‘we are members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Himself as the cornerstone.’ This is something we must always remember. We are the living stones of Christ’s Church. The Apostles are the foundation stones. The Lord Jesus Christ is the cornerstone!”

Living stones was a popular theme with those assembled for the dedication. Youth Minister Lisa Lysaught commented that “the building is so much more than brick and mortar.” The teens of the parish were well represen- ted at the dedication Mass as servers and were one of the three generations of gift bearers symbolizing the future of the parish.

Missy Hamer, a parishioner who has belonged to the parish since the age of 6 and is now a grandmother, was the campaign funds manager. She told Today’s Catholic she was “overwhelmed by the generosity of the parish” as the parish received $4.2 million in pledges. But more importantly, she has seen spiritual benefits, especially since the introduction of Christ Renews His Parish at St. Anthony. Parishioners of St. Jude Church, Fort Wayne, helped bring the spiritual enrichment experience to St. Anthony last September. And Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude, was a concelebrant at the dedication Mass. Hamer appreciates how parts of the old churches were incorporated into the new church.

Jim Scott, who served with his wife Chris on the Interior Design Committee, said, “We’re in total awe.” Scott who has been a member of the parish for 40 years exclaimed, “How did we ever pull this off other than with God’s help!”

Although the design of the new church is similar to St. Therese in Fort Wayne, Chris Scott commented about the incorporation of the stained glass, especially the lilies, a symbol of St. Anthony, that was found and restored into the 12-foot rose stained glass over the altar.

The design committee, Chris Scott noted, worked to make the church feel warm, comfortable and inviting.

Before the final blessing of the impressive ceremonies, pastor Father Pasche, visibly moved, made a few remarks acknowledging the participation of individu- als involved in the long process which reached fulfillment with this Mass. Over the past eight years, he said, nearly every member of the congregation had contributed, in one way or the other, some with difficult sacrifice involved.

Of these offerings, perhaps none could be more dramatic than that of parishioner Marna Cimbal, who was baptized into the faith shortly before her wedding at St. Anthony’s in 1968, and whose beloved husband, George, was killed in a sudden highway accident only six days before Christmas of 2005.

As a tangible reminder of their life together, Marna Cimbal, wore their wedding rings on a necklace, often grasping them in a difficult or sublime moment.

As a widow, and a cook in the WalMart Deli, Marna was on a tight budget and in a difficult spot when contributions for the new church were requested. Aware of her late husband’s loyalty and love for his parish, she sold the cherished rings and added the widow’s mite for the good of the community. Such is the spirit of St. Anthony of Padua in Angola.

Vince LaBarbera contributed to this article.
The 23rd Annual Bishop’s Appeal

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal

Since the beginning of the annual effort, the Diocesan Finance Council has approved new parish building in the amount of $149,335,772. Fund-raising efforts have been successful because they begin in the parish and are oriented toward the diocese. When the parish is strong, the diocese is strong.

Here’s a closer look at some individual departments within the diocese.

The Business Office

• Nearly $18 million has been returned to parishes that have exceeded their goals. Parishes have realized a total of $125,798,478 from reductions in their parish assessments.
• More than $4.7 million has been given to less-affluent parishes, enabling them to strengthen parish schools, increase teachers’ salaries and support their ministries.
• The total benefit to the parishes has exceeded $143 million. Some have paid off parish debts, increased their outreach and have arrived at a more stable existence.
• In the past nine years, through an increase in the appeal, $2.8 million has been given in grants to 30 of our less-affluent parishes, enabling them to pay for the increase in teachers’ salaries.

The Office of Youth Ministry and Spiritual Formation

This office assists parishes in developing solid youth-ministry programs rooted in Jesus Christ through prayer, the sacraments, strong catechesis, Christian community and service to the poor. A large part of this training is the spiritual formation of adults, so they, too, can administer effectively to our youth. The office sponsors events to bring young people together to experience the richness of the Catholic Church and accept the challenge of the new evangelization. Diocesan-wide events include:

• FaithFest, a day of prayer, catechesis, worship and community for high-school teens and adult ministers.
• Confirmation Rally for those preparing for this sacrament.
• March for Life bus trip to Washington, D.C., for high-school teens.
• Palm Sunday diocesan World Youth Day.
• Servant Leadership training for high-school teens.
• Retreats for teens and adult ministers.
• XLT, an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and praise geared at young people.

Catholic Communications Office and Today’s Catholic

Working with print and electronic media to present the message of the Church and the response of the Bishop’s Office to current issues, these two offices reach thousands of people, thanks to the appeal.
• Two televised Masses broadcast live and independently from both South Bend and Fort Wayne every Sunday morning. Christmas Midnight Mass is televised live from the cathedral in Fort Wayne and a pre-taped Christmas morning Mass airs twice in South Bend.
• A free, monthly newsletter, “Reflections,” is mailed upon request to TV Mass viewers.
• The diocesan newspaper, Today’s Catholic, reaches 53,000 homes every week, is available on line and on a DVD and on cassette tape for sight-impaired individuals.
• A radio program, “Catholic Comment,” is broadcast early Sunday morning from our two major cities.
• The Annual Bishop’s Appeal Video is shown in parishes throughout the diocese and also made available on the diocesan Web Site.

The Office of Vocations

• As of September 2010, 25 young men will be studying for the priesthood in our diocese.
• On June 26 this year, one new man was ordained to the priesthood. Two more men recently have been ordained transitional deacons and are scheduled to be ordained priests in another year.
• The office leads annual visits to our four high schools to give talks and respond to questions from young men and women about the priesthood and the consecrated life, and sponsors visits to elementary schools.
• Prayers of the diocese invite young men annually to Andrew Dinners with the bishop and other priests.
• Our seminarians organize an annual retreat for high-school graduates.
• More than 100 priests from other countries have served among us for a few years so that our people will be offered the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice. Twenty such priests are now serving throughout our diocese and 17 parishes are under the pastoral care of priests from overseas.

The Office of Worship

This office prepares priests and parishioners for great moments in the Church’s life, such as the Christ Mass, the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion for those preparing to enter the Catholic Church, and the ordinations of deacons and priests.

The Catholic Schools Office

• Since 1985, the total cost of Catholic education in the diocese has amounted to $89,747,096. A total of 37.7 percent of that amount, $358,301,064, covered teacher’s salaries.
• New teachers who entered the system in 1985 with a bachelor’s degree will already have experienced an increase of 226 percent, an average of 9.42 percent per year. Those who began the same year with a master’s degree will have increased 231 percent, an average of 9.64 percent per year.
• As the 2010-2011 school year approaches, teachers’ salaries overall have increased by 152 percent since 1985, an average of 6.33 percent per year. Teachers will receive a total of $2,700 new dollars in raises over the next five years, and a cost increase is provided for unused sick days.
• In the past eight years, we have given more than $2.9 million to urban and small rural parish schools to help pay for the significant salary increases for our teachers.

The Office for Hispanic Ministry

Two priests from Mexico have been permanently assigned to our diocese. The Office for Hispanic Ministry stands at $4,121,022 as of March 31, 2010. This office assists parishes in developing solid Hispanic ministry programs rooted in Jesus Christ through prayer, the sacraments, strong catechesis, Christian community and service to the poor.

The Office for Hispanic Ministry also coordinates pro-life activities at the junior high, high school and university levels; coordinating pro-life activities and legislative advocacy across the diocese; arranging a variety of continuing education conferences, including diocesan marriage and family conferences, for both priests and lay people and, providing consultation on bioethical issues.

The Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization

Reaching out in a program of preparation and in evangelization, the parish mission is geared toward spiritual renewal of both those who faithfully attend Mass and those who have lapsed from the practice of their faith. In the past year, the office has led 13 missions and one parish enrichment, four, one-day retreats and an eight-week series on prayer.

Group studies continued in several parishes on the spirituality of women titled Women of Grace and Catholic Women Growing in Grace. The office also is supporting two diocesan conferences — one for men and one for women.

The Office of Hispanic Ministry

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TODAY’S CATHOLIC

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helped prepare three young men born in Mexico for priestly service in our diocese. Your generosity makes it possible for our seminarians and candidates to the permanent diaconate program to study Spanish in Mexico during the summer and also helps build bridges that will bring the two cultures together as one Church, one Body in Christ.

Here are some of the works for those in need, which receive direct assistance from the appeal:
- **Medical Care for the Poor.** The Chapin Street Clinic, South Bend, and Matthew 25, Fort Wayne.
- **Clothing for Poor Children.** The Christ Child Society in St. Joseph County and the Christ Child Society in Allen County.
- **The Homeless.** Vincent House, Fort Wayne, and the Center for the Homeless, South Bend.
- **Hannah’s House in Mishawaka.** A pro-life residence for single young women expecting a child.
- **In addition.** Mishawaka Franciscan Services, Adult Literacy, St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen and St. Andrew’s Soup Kitchen, Fort Wayne; St. Augustine Soup Kitchen, South Bend; St. Vincent de Paul Society in both of our major cities; The Franciscan Center, Fort Wayne, and Little Flower Food Pantry, South Bend.

**Catholic Charities**

You have given direct assistance through the appeal to those in need through the following programs:
- **Pregnancy Services.** Services are provided to women, men and their families who are experiencing an unintended pregnancy.
- **ECOH (Education Creates Hope and Opportunity).** This school and home-based program provides guidance and resources to pregnant and parenting teens, enabling them to complete their high school education and successfully parent their children.
- **Adoption Services.** The agency offers a number of services to persons who are planning to build families through the adoption process.
- **Foster-Adoptive-Kinship Care Training (FACT).** This program services current and prospective foster, adoptive and kinship care providers.
- **Foster Parent Support Services.** This program provides support, guidance, information and advocacy for approximately 2,400 Foster Care and Adoption families.
- **Brief Services.** Services are offered to persons and families who need help with meeting basic needs. More than 1,300 families were served last year.
- **Food Pantries.** There are food pantries in South Bend and Auburn, which served more than 20,000 people last year.
- **Refugee Resettlement and Placement Services.** This program provides assistance to persons coming to the United States under Refugee Status as granted by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Population and Migration. We cooperate with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops/Migration and Refugee Services to provide resettlement services.
- **Refugee Job Development Services.** The agency provides job training and placement services for all refugees coming to the state. Services are provided to those refugees resettled by the agency and those resettled by other voluntary agencies within five years of arrival into this country. This service is also offered to those who have been granted asylum in the U.S.
- **Hispanic Health Advocate Services.** This program is designed to provide interpretation services to the Spanish-speaking population in Allen County for medical appointments.
- **Immigration Services.** Catholic Charities’ Immigration Services program provides accurate and affordable services to immigrants who seek to adjust their status, reunite with family members, obtain employment authorization or other paperwork through the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Assistance with naturalization is also available, and citizenship classes are offered.
- **Villa of the Woods.** This Fort Wayne retirement community is a state licensed residential facility that houses older adults. It is staffed 24/7, giving residents any needed assistance.
- **Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).** Catholic Charities sponsors this project of the Corporation for National and Community Service which assists adults over age 55 with volunteer opportunities. It is offered in DeKalb, Elkhart, LaGrange, Noble, St. Joseph and Steuben Counties of the agency’s service area.
- **Senior AIDS Program.** This program is available to low-income seniors in all 14 counties served by Catholic Charities. Its purpose is to enable older workers to achieve gainful employment and personal development through community services and training.
- **Professional Counseling Services, Fort Wayne.** Catholic Charities offers a variety of counseling services to individuals, couples and families.

**The Office of Catechesis**

This office continues to be a primary support service for parish catechetical programs throughout the diocese, as well as the diocesan Catholic high schools. Last year the first catechetical training program began for Hispanic catechists in the diocese (“Educacion para el Ministerio”) with monthly weekend sessions in Fort Wayne. The program has been averaging 75 attendees a month. A second program will begin in the fall in South Bend.

During the last two weeks of March, students in grades five, eight and nine were assessed with the National Catholic Education Association’s Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education. All 39 diocesan grade schools and the four high schools participated with the students performing well above the national averages and even improving diocesan average test scores at some grade levels.

“Education for Ministry,” the two-year program for deepening the theological training of catechists and others involved in parish ministry, had 55 participants in Fort Wayne complete the course. A new program will begin in the fall in Fort Wayne, and the current South Bend session will start its second year.

The Master of Arts in Theology Program continues to provide another opportunity for catechists to growth in the knowledge of their faith. This year, approximately 20 students are in the program with two preparing for comprehensive exams for their master of arts. Offered by the Theology Department of the University of Notre Dame, the program has had approximately 90 participants as it nears its 20th year.

The Catholic Schools Education Program completed another year of two-week summer school programs for Catholic school teachers at both ends of the diocese. Through the University of Saint Francis, approximately 30 teachers in Fort Wayne and South Bend received a three-credit course in either Creed or Morality.

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**Evangelization:**
- Spiritual Development
- Campus Ministry
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- Religious Education
- High School Endowment
- Subsidy

**Family and pastoral:**
- Tribunal
- Family Life
- Worship
- Hispanic Ministry
- Vocations
- Priest Retirement

**Charity:**
- Catholic Charities
- Poor Fund
- Parish-in-Need

**Campaign Results:**
- **100%** $900,000
- **90%** $810,000
- **80%** $735,500
- **70%** $675,500
- **60%** $630,000
- **50%** $575,500
- **40%** $535,303
- **30%** $500,000
- **20%** $461,846
- **10%** $435,500
- **0%** $0

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The Redeemer Radio Capital Campaign has met 89% of our $900,000 goal, thanks to gifts totaling $806,396. Now is your time – to help us raise the remaining funds as we share our message of Building Faith, Sharing Christ.

There are four main goals of the Redeemer Radio Capital Campaign:
- Relocate and Equip New Studios
- Develop Weekday Local Programming
- Add an FM Noncommercial Station
- Retire the Initial Investment

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Diocese accounts for financial operations

Dear Friends in Christ:

Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of our diocese for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2009. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

The year 2009 will be noted as a year of some of the most uncertain times in several decades — the futures of financial institutions were at stake. Unemployment was skyrocketing. The housing market was collapsing and the federal deficit was growing to record levels. Certainly, many challenges remain, but some areas have showed signs of improvement during the current fiscal year. The central operations of the diocese were within budget at June 30, 2009. Our parish ordinary income for 2008/09, the amount given by parishioners in the Sunday collection, was down by $900,000, approximately 2.4 percent. This was the first decrease since the Annual Bishop’s Appeal began 23 years ago.

DOIOCESAN AUDIT

The diocese is audited every year by Leonard J. Andorfer and Company, a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This means that the diocesan books, records and accounting principles are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the Audit Committee, but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council, and the Council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) that the council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been reviewed; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province, which, in this case, is the archbishop of Indianapolis. We require similar reporting from our parishes to the diocese.

PARISHES

It is also important that there be accountability and transparency in parishes. According to canon law, every parish must have a parish finance council. We have two retired accountants who do a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past four years, we have sent this financial report, done by our two auditors, to each member of the parish finance council. This enables this review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, controls have now been established similar to the accountability of each diocese.

It is important to understand how the Annual Bishop’s Appeal has sustained the parishes. It was the hope of our lay leadership prior to the institution of the appeal that the parishes would benefit. This has become a reality. The appeal has increased the incentive of parishes to seek funds. During the 23 years since the appeal began, our parishes have engaged in major capital fund drives. Since the appeal began, fund drives for parishes have brought in over $125 million for new buildings and renovations approved by the Diocesan Finance Council. This includes parish initiatives linked to the Legacy of Faith. Also, $125,798,478, which would have been paid to the diocese under the previous system, now remains in the parishes. In addition, $4.6 million from the appeal has been given in grants to parishes in need. As a result of the increase in goal for the last four years, $2.8 million from the appeal has been paid to 30 parishes to help them pay increased salaries to their teachers. We put emphasis on improving the financial stability of parishes that are experiencing deficit operations. Usually meetings are held with the pastor, finance council and school representatives from these parishes.

LEGACY OF FAITH

The Legacy of Faith campaign is also parish-oriented. As of March 31, 2010, $9,012,354 has been returned to parishes from the Legacy of Faith campaign. There were 11 parishes who had a combined drive. This means that, in addition to the Legacy of Faith, they sought to raise funds for a particular need, such as schools, increased classrooms, improvements in the church, etc. These parishes realized a total of $34 million over and above their commitment to the Legacy of Faith. This is in pledges, which they hope to receive over three to five years. A summary of the Legacy of Faith campaign is as follows:

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TWINNING PARISHES

A number of parishes have agreed to twin with certain targeted parishes to help them provide a full Catholic education. From January 1999 thru April 2010, a total of $1,818,094 has been received by 16 parishes. This is true Christian stewardship; and most of the parishes making these contributions do it as part of their parish stewardship effort. These parishes give a proportionate gift to other parishes in need. This twinning program has saved several parish schools.

THE GUARDIAN ANGEL SOCIETY

A group of people devoted to our schools has formed the Guardian Angel Society, which has already raised $1,477,553 in its first 11 years to help with tuition for students in those elementary schools which have a genuine need. In addition, $90,000 is pledged for its 12th campaign. There are no administrative costs for this initiative. All funds go directly to pay tuition. Special appreciation goes to Mary Slocum and Nancy Ketterweich, who guides and oversees this important project.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Over $24 million has been raised for building programs in our four high schools. Our high schools have recently engaged in or are planning future building programs. Our high schools continue to flourish; but not without challenges. The Annual Bishop’s Appeal gives $1.7 million to the high schools every year, which has created a sense of stability. Next year’s target will increase by $200 in our high schools. This will help us to pay for the increase in teacher salaries. Our high schools are also audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. Three high schools have debts to the diocese and all are paying on those debts.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHEAST INDIANA

Both the Development Office and the Business Office have helped us to put in place the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, which will enable us to provide funding for our parishes, high schools and other diocesan institutions to raise funds for an ongoing endowment. It takes just $5,000 to start an endowment for a parish or diocesan institution. Currently, there are 106 endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation. Talk to your pastor or school board about establishing an endowment for your parish and/or parish school. To establish an endowment and experience endowment growth involves planning giving — bequests, annuals, remainder trusts, as well as gifts and other creative ways by which you can make contributions. Funds placed in this trust will remain there and grow, and the interest realized will continue to fund designated purpose for years to come. These are gifts that keep on giving. Those who contribute will determine the area where these funds are to be restricted. Regular annual reports and quarterly newsletters are sent to the donors. The Catholic Community Foundation now stands at $12,225,250. This, despite a significant loss since two years ago, due to the decline on investment returns.

INVESTMENTS

Our investments are overseen by Slocum and Associates of St. Paul, Minnesota. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teaching. Slocum and Associates meet with our Investment Committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year in question here, investments lost 17 percent. This was favorable compared to other non-profits. We have experienced a recovery during fiscal year 2009/10, with one-year investment returns at 23.6 percent as of March 31, 2010. The current asset allocation is detailed in the pie chart bottom center.

This past fiscal year was a difficult environment for our diocese. However, the parishes, schools and institutions in the diocese are working to build a sound financial footing. Expenses generally fell in line with or below budget expectations. We have seen a recovery in the investment markets. May God lead us to continued success in our ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph G. Ryan, Chief Financial Officer

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### DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS

**INCOME**
- Tuition/Fees: 14,666,695
- Diocesan Assistance: 1,647,000
- Other Grants/Scholarships: 422,948
- Fund-Raising: 1,848,812
- Athletic/Other: 3,775,865

**TOTAL INCOME**: 22,361,320

**EXPENSES**
- Administrative
  - Cost of Employee-Teaching: 2,842,023
  - Other Administrative: 2,761,895
  - Total Administrative: 5,603,920
- Instructional
  - Cost of Employee: 8,386,377
  - Academic Department-Cost: 127,450
  - Other Expense-Teaching: 291,422
  - Cost of Employee-Supportive: 1,085,021
  - Other Expense-Supportive: 589,936
  - Total Instructional: 10,480,206
- Operational
  - Cost of Employee: 906,197
  - Other Expense-Operational: 1,706,667
  - Total Operational: 2,674,884
- Miscellanea
  - Capital/Miscellaneous: 0
  - Other Miscellaneous: 3,621,327
  - Total Miscellaneous: 3,621,327

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: 22,380,337

**SURPLUS/(LOSS)**: (19,017)

### 82 DIOCESAN PARISHES

**INCOME**
- Church Income: 55,491,165
- School Income: 30,892,367

**TOTAL INCOME**: 86,383,532

**EXPENSES**
- Church Expense: 34,782,731
- School Expense: 45,343,963

**TOTAL EXPENSES**: 80,126,694

**SURPLUS**: 6,256,838

### DIOCESAN SUPPORT AND REVENUE

**INCOME**
- Total Income: $17,865,529
- Temporary/Permanently Restricted Funds: ($1,573,494)

**TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE**: $16,292,035

### CENTRAL DEPARTMENTS

**Revenues, Expenses and Budgets**

**Expenses**
- Budgeted Expenses: $2,468,410

**Incomes**
- Church Income: 55,491,165
- School Income: 30,892,367

**Total INCOME/(DEFICIT)**: $(4,325,969)
Difficult pregnancies, precarious choices

Some medical conditions can be made worse by becoming pregnant. Pulmonary hypertension, for example, is often exacerbated by pregnancy: The additional blood volume of the pregnancy burdens the mother’s weakened heart and, in extreme cases, can result in heart failure and the death of both mother and child.

Although direct abortion is sometimes counseled to pregnant women who face this life-threatening difficulty, such a choice can never be moral. In these circumstances, medical strategies which seek to care for both mother and child need to be pursued, as they often provide satisfactory outcomes for both.

Recent advances in neonatal and perinatal medicine, along with so-called “expectant management” (close monitoring of a pregnancy with tailored interventions), have enabled an ever greater number of these high-risk pregnancies to be managed at least until the child reaches viability. Labor can then be induced or a C-section delivery can be scheduled. This ordinarily allows both mother and child to be saved.

An April 2010 research study showed impressive survival rates for pregnant mothers with pulmonary hypertension. This was achieved by combining multi-specialty collaboration with planned and managed delivery. The results, published in the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology (BJOG), indicated that all nine of the patients in the small study group survived along with their unborn children.

Nonetheless, there are times when our best medical efforts to save both mother and child will fail, and we face the heart-wrenching situation where nature may have to take its course. In these circumstances, some ask: Wouldn’t a direct abortion be permissible to save the mother (for example, a suction curette procedure, a common form of abortion when the fetus is often dismembered and parts are evacuated from the uterus)?

An analogy can help us grasp the unacceptability of direct abortion in a situation like this.

Let’s suppose that several firefighters enter a burning building to evacuate a child trapped on the third floor. The firefighters discover that part of the building has collapsed onto the only stairwell, with heavy, immobile concrete girders blocking the passageway further up to the landing. There is only a small hole in the girders that the firemen would need to crawl through to get to the trapped child, but the passageway is blocked by the body of a man who collapsed from smoke inhalation right in the crawl space where the firefighters need to go. He is wedged in there in such a way that his unconscious, but living, body cannot be moved aside or out of the way.

As the fire pulse they are burning around them, it becomes apparent that the only way the firefighters might be able to quickly pass would be to take a saw and cut the body of the collapsed man into pieces, causing his death, and then pull out sections of his body until a passage large enough for them to pass through had been opened up.

Clearly, the firefighters would be obligated to try every thing else to save the child and the collapsed man (shifting his body this way or that, trying to rouse him from his unconsciousness, etc.) but they could never choose to directly kill him by cutting up his body, even for the very good reason of gaining access to the next floor and saving the trapped child.

This example points towards an old adage sometimes cited by moralists: Better two deaths than one murder. Some might say that “murder” would not fit here, given that the term generally connotes a so-called “statutory” murder with a guilty mind, trying to rouse him from his unconsciousness, etc.) but they could never choose to directly kill him by cutting up his body, even for the very good reason of gaining access to the next floor and saving the trapped child.

The Washington Letter

NANCY FAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — It couldn’t come at a worse time. That’s the message coming from Catholic and other charitable organizations, magazine and newspaper publishers and direct mail companies as the postal rate hikes proposed by the U.S. Postal Service for next year.

“If the rates increase 5 to 10 percent, some organizations already 23 already guessed that their income would go down at least 10 percent,” said Franciscan Sister Georgette Lehmuth, president and CEO of the National Catholic Development Conference.

Sister Lehmuth, called the Catholic Fundraising Conference, the organization based in Hempstead, N.Y., brings together about 300 Catholic dioceses, religious institutions, social services or health-related groups, shrines and pious societies for education, networking and advocacy on their common interests, including postal rates.

The postal service announced a wide-ranging set of proposed price increases July 6, averaging about 5 percent, to cover part of a projected $7 billion loss in 2011. The increases, which cover first-class and advertising mail, periodicals, packages and other services — have to be approved by the Postal Regulatory Commission within 90 days in order to take effect Jan. 2, 2011.

Under the plan, first-class mail would increase from 44 to 46 cents for the first ounce and first-class postcards would go from 28 to 30 cents. Periodicals would receive an 8 percent increase, catalog mailings would go up 5.1 percent, standard mail parcels about 23 percent and media/library mail would be subject to a 7 percent rate increase.

Also under consideration is covering the projected deficit is an end to Saturday mail delivery, but that change would require the approval of Congress and few think the proposal is likely in an election year.

The National Catholic Development Conference — which includes some heavy hitters as Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services but also many small charities — joined with scores of other mail-dependent organizations in a protest of the rate hikes organized by the Affordable Mail Alliance.

To grant the requested price hikes, the Postal Regulatory Commission must pass a rule requiring that postal rate increases stay in line with inflation — which would keep the increases under 1 percent, USPS said.

The Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006 limits such waivers to “extraordinary or exceptional” circumstances in which the alliance said would include another anthrax attack or a major natural disaster, but not an economic recession or bad business practices.

“The first rule of business is if you’re in a hole, stop digging,” said Tony Conway, executive director of Nonprofit Mailers, at a July 6 news briefing.

“Increasing rates won’t put the Postal Service back on track — it will just drive more customers away, making their situation even worse,” he added.

“USPS needs to stop avoiding the difficult decisions and stop taking out their problems on the customers they desperately need,” Conway said.

Tom Schmidt, president of Carroll Publishing, which publishes the Spanish-language El Pregonero and the English-language Catholic Standard newspapers in the Archdiocese of Washington, said the increases, if approved, might cause Catholic and other publications to move away more quickly from a print-only model.

He told Catholic News Service July 7 that Carroll Publishing already has been wrestling with ways to “reduce the extent we do print mailings, like, otherwise dioceses around the country, has been “looking for better ways to use a strained resource pool.”

Schmidt, who chairs the Catholic Press Association’s advocacy committee, said postal rate increases might “hasten people’s decisions about what sort of mix they want for their delivery channels.”

In the case of Carroll Publishing, if the mail rates for periodicals go up 8 percent as planned, “that’s $25,000 I don’t have,” he added.

But Sister Georgette said the situation is even more dire for charities that rely on direct-mail fundraising as a major source of their donations.

“The Catholic community is like the rest of the nonprofit world, depends on mail as the primary way that people donate,” she told CNS July 7.

Citing a new study by the Boston College Center on Wealth and Philanthropy that said U.S. charities lost about 5 percent in 2009, representing a total decrease of $11.2 billion, she said “things are just beginning to turn around.”

But charities that provide social services, in particular, “are caught in a big Catch-22,” Sister Georgette said, because state and federal funding has dried up while the recession has brought in more people seeking assistance.

Of the proposed postal rate increases, she said, “This is just the worst time for this to happen to us. It would make it much more difficult to support our ministries.”

Sister Georgette said studies have shown that those who support charities through direct-mail solicitations will not move easily to other types of appeals.

There is something about holding a piece of paper in your hands and reading a story with pictures that encourages people to give, she said.

Even the massive amounts of money given by Internet, phone or text-message donations after Hurricane Katrina or the earthquake in Haiti would not have been possible unless charitable organizations “were already in place to be able to commit money to the services needed” in the disaster areas, Sister Georgette said.

And many of those organizations were “hustling” was down to continue to rely — on donations received from direct-mail solicitations, she added.
Nothing is impossible for God

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

Msgr. Owen E. Campion

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lk 10:38-42

The Book of Genesis, unfortunately, bears the burden of being remembered, and usually discussed, only in terms of its Creation Narratives. While the creation of all things and beings in existence by Almighty God is a major revelation, Genesis has much more to say than just about how long it took God to create, from nothingness, the world.

This weekend’s first reading is an example of the power of Genesis in its revelation of a circumstance far removed from the story of creation.

It is in the telling of the story of Abraham. For the ancient Hebrews, Abraham, who actually lived according to scholars, and who was no mythical or imaginary figure, was the great model of faith. He is no less worthy as a model for Christians.

In this weekend’s reading, God comes into the presence of Abraham. Three men stand before Abraham, and Abraham receives them hospitably. Abraham offers them drink and food as well as shelter from the hot sun. He tells Sarah, his wife, to prepare the best of foods.

Reflection

Often Martha is seen either as too preoccupied with herself, forgetting the important things, opposite Mary, a true disciple. Actually Martha was of great faith. In another reading, she rushed to Jesus after the death of Lazarus to express her faith in the Lord as the source of life. This weekend’s story simply shows that Martha was human, confined by human concerns and limitations.

These three readings altogether teach us that humans have problems, maybe legitimate problems. Sarah was unable to conceive when sterility, especially for a woman of her time, was a great source of scorn and of the personal sense of failure. Paul himself exemplified faith as an apostle and as a believer, insisting on the true justice. Martha just was concerned about the details of being the Lord’s hostess.

Jesus counsels Martha not to worry about these details, but instead to listen, — with Mary — to the words of salvation.

READINGS

Sunday: Gen 18:1-10a Ps 152:5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Mt 6:1-4, 6-8 Ps 50:6-8, 9a, 18bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mt 7:14, 15, 18-20 Ps 85:8 Mt 12:9-17

Wednesday: Jer 1:1-4, 10 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6a, 15, 17 Mt 13:19-23

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:6-7b, 8-11 Jrn 2012-2, 11-18

Friday: Jer 3:14-17 (Pss) Jer 31:10-12d, 13 Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11 Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11 Mt 13:24-30

ANSWERS

1. What is normally the last book of the Old Testament?
   a. Micah  b. Malachi  c. Moroni

2. Who was the last king of Israel (before the establishment of Judaism)?
   a. David  b. Solomon  c. George III

3. What was the last plague to be inflicted on the Egyptians?
   a. The death of the First Born  b. The Darkness  c. The hail

4. What is normally the last book of the New Testament?

5. What took place in an upper room in Jerusalem?
   a. The last trial of Jesus by Pilate  b. The Last Supper  c. The last Passover celebrated by Jews

6. Who was the last apostle to die?
   a. John  b. Paul  c. Unknown because most of the Apostles’ fates are not mentioned

7. Which Gospel is generally believed to be the last one to be written?
   a. John  b. Mark  c. Matthew

8. A last reception of Holy Eucharist, specifically when a person is on the point of death, is called
   a. Last will and testament  b. Last Call  c. Viaticum

9. Administered to a dying person, Communion, Anointing, Reconciliation (Confession), Confirmation (if needed) are known collectively as
   a. Last sacraments  b. Extreme Unction  c. Last stand

10. Who was the last Italian pope to date?

11. Who was the last Christian Roman Emperor (Byzantine emperor)?
    a. Romulus Augustulus (430-476)  b. Constantine XI Paleologos (1404-1453)  c. Unknown as he was killed in 1567 by the Turks and never identified

12. Which is the last Ecumenical Council recognized by the Orthodox Churches?
    a. Chalcedon  b. Second Nicea  c. Vatican I

13. Who was the last Catholic monarch of England?
    a. Queen Mary (Tudor)  b. James II (Stuart)  c. Queen Victoria (in secret)

14. When was the last anti-Catholic legislation abolished in English constitutional law?
    a. 1492  b. 1829  c. Not yet (Catholics still barred from the throne or marriage to a monarch)

15. The study of the last things or “end times” is called
    a. Eschatology  b. Terminology  c. Depressing
Papal kudos for the fourth estate?

That Pope Benedict XVI is Catholicism’s most effective spokesman and navigator through the rocks and shoals of Scandal Time II was demonstrated yet again in May, during a flying papal press conference en route to Portugal. Discussing the enduring meaning of the “message of Fatima,” the Pope said the following: “As for the new things we can find in this message today, there is also the fact that attacks on the pope and the Church come not only from without, but the sufferings of the Church come precisely from within the Church, from sin existing within the Church. This, too, is something we have always known, but today we are seeing it in a really terrifying way: That the greatest persecution of the Church comes not from her enemies without but arises from sin within the Church, and thus the Church has a deep need to release penance, to accept purification, to learn forgiveness on the one hand, but also the need for justice.”

Beautiful, profound, unexceptionable. Yet this lesson in theology was not lost on priestly sexual abuse and episcopal misgovernance had been, at long last, a virtual Catholic news story. The founder and navigator, John Paul II’s longtime spokesman, the Spanish layman Joaquin Navarro-Valls, as John Paul and Navarro-Valls demonstrated, the pope-press relationship works well when the spokesman is well-established in the culture and has access to the man he’s interpreting to the world. Building such a relationship with a spokesman may require a pope to alter his habitual patterns of work, but the effort seems worth it, judging by the results.

The ingrained media defensive ness of the Roman Curia must also change. The attitude, entrenched over centuries, that the best story is the one that infidelity, as the Holy Father continued, requires “conversion, prayer, penance and the theological virtues” (of faith, hope and love). Here are the essentials in the Church’s response to evil, which “attacks from within and without.”

These are ancient truths. Recognizing their contemporary salience does not, however, require us to stand mute on the occasions when the press manifestly gets it wrong.

Charity does require us to acknowledge that, in most cases — not all, but most — getting-it wrong is the result of ignorance rather than malice. Still, one significant difference between 2002 and 2010 has been that the malice of some newspapers and magazines has been clear to anyone with a critical eye.

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Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

1656-1680
July 14

Born to an Algonquin mother and Mohawk chieftain father in upstate New York, Kateri alone of her family survived a smallpox epidemic that left her face disfigured and her eyesight damaged. She lived with Mohawk relatives near what is now Fonda, N.Y. After she was baptized at Easter in 1676, her own people began persecuting her and she fled to Quebec to live with Christian Indians. Known as the “Lily of the Mohawks” for her kindness, she was beatified in 1980.
Bishop Luers alum Kiermaier goes pro

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Diocese to host screening of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen DVD

FORT WAYNE — At 7 p.m. on Monday, July 19, at the Allen County Public Library in downtown Fort Wayne, the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend will host a special screening of the new DVD, yet to be released, titled, “Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: Servant of All.” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be in attendance at the screening in Fort Wayne.

The film is not yet available to the general public, but readers of Today’s Catholic are invited to this special preview along with pastors, parochial vicars, seminarians, youth ministers, school principals, Knights of Columbus Councils, and other leaders of parish organizations.

To RSVP and reserve a seat, or ask questions, please call Natalie Kohrman at (260) 399-1437 or e-mail: nkohrman@diocesefwbs.org.

PARKING AT THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY IS FREE FOR THOSE WITH A LIBRARY CARD AND $1 PER HOUR FOR THOSE WITHOUT A CARD. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE DVD IS AVAILABLE BY EMAILING: SCREENINGS@MAXIMUSNG.COM.

A separate screening is being scheduled in South Bend on July 27 at St. Matthew Cathedral. The Archbishop Sheen DVD, expected to be released in 2011, introduces this beloved priest to a new generation — a generation that desperately needs this shining example of what it means to serve God. His messages remain as relevant and powerful today as they were nearly a half-century ago. Through the stories of those who knew him, viewers are reminded of his life and works. He lives on in the memories of those whose lives he forever changed.

Gator Gallop 5K Run/Walk held at St. Aloysius Parish

YODER — St. Aloysius Parish will hold its 10th annual Gator Gallop 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, July 31, with race start at 7 p.m. Plaques, trophies and walker competition ribbons will be awarded. Race costs are $12 pre-registered, $15 day of race and $30 for a family of three or more participants.

Preregistrations are now being accepted. PDF entry form is available at www.orgsites.com/in/gatorgallop. New this year preregistration/packet pick up will be Friday, July 30, at Three Rivers Running Company in Fort Wayne or registration and packet pickup from 6-7 p.m. in St. Aloysius School basement.

For more information contact race director Chad Ware at (260) 744-0290 or (260) 466-4272.

Director of Religious Education

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Decatur, Indiana seeks a Director of Religious Education. The responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Parish Religious Education Program K-8
- Helping at St. Joseph Catholic School
- Working with Knights of the Altar
- Liturgical involvement and training
- Scheduling of Ministries

High School Age Outreach • Sacramental Preparation

This is a full-time position with insurance and benefits. Applicant must be active and in good standing within the Catholic Faith with a solid understanding of the teaching of Jesus Christ as taught by the Church, and able to work well with people, possessing a love and desire to serve the Lord and His people.

Seek the Lord’s guidance and send a letter of introduction along with educational background to:

DRE Search c/o Fr. Dave Voors
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish
414 Madison Street, Decatur, IN 46733
What’s Happening?

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

MISC. HAPPENINGS

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, July 16, from 5-7 p.m. Adults $7, children (5-12) $3. Carry-out available.

St. Vincent de Paul plans sale
South Bend — The St. Vincent de Paul Society will have a 50 percent off sale Saturday, July 24, at both 3408 Ardmore Trail from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m and Greenwood Shopping Center from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Christ Child Society raffles Notre Dame tickets to help needy children
Fort Wayne — The Christ Child Society will sell chances to win tickets to the first Notre Dame home game on Sept. 4 against Purdue. Tickets are $5 each or 6 for $25. The seats are on the 45-yard line three rows behind the ND bench. Contact any Christ Child member or Michelle Castileman at (260) 515-4115 for tickets.

Golf tournament
Monticello — The K of C State Golf Tournament will be held July 17-18 in Monticello, Ind. Any K of C member interested in playing can call (574) 584-6495 or check out the K of C State Web site.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 12417 at Our Lady of Good Hope Church will have a spaghetti dinner to benefit the children of Jennifer and Doug Hake on Saturday, July 17, from 5-7 p.m. Dinner is $7 for adults and $4 for children 10 and under.

MaryTV to broadcast International Youth Festival
Medjugorje — MaryTV, a local lay apostolate dedicated to spreading Our Lady’s messages of prayer and peace, will be streaming live video over the internet, July 31-Aug. 6, of the International Youth Prayer Festival. Go to www.marytv.tv for information.

5K run/walk at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Fort Wayne — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 10700 Abisee Center Rd., will have a 5K run/walk in conjunction with Seton Fest, on Saturday, Aug. 14, at 8 a.m. to benefit the Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana. Pre-registration fee due Aug. 7: 20 years and older, $10; 19 years and younger, $5. Race day registration: 20 years and older, $15; 19 years and younger, $10. First 250 participants guaranteed a t-shirt and race day packet. For information or registration form, contact Kristin Spoltman at (260) 616-0687 or kspoltman@gmail.com.

Healing Mass at St. Theresa
Fort Wayne — Father John Raphael Hadihaj, OPM Conv, will celebrate a Healing Mass at St. Theresa on Tuesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. Father John is pastor of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.

Rummage sale at St. Theresa
Fort Wayne — St. Theresa Church, 2304 Lower Huntington Rd., will have a rummage sale Thursday, July 29, from noon to 4 p.m; Friday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m; and Saturday, July 31, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Queen of Angels plans garage sale
Fort Wayne — Queen of Angels Parish will have a garage sale Friday, July 23, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, July 24, from 8 a.m. to noon.

St. Anthony de Padua School offers Vacation Bible School
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua School will offer a fun and entertaining mini-Vacation Bible School entitled “Forever Faithful” from Monday, July 26, through Wednesday, July 28, from 8-11 a.m. in the church meeting room. The Vacation Bible School is open to all children grades kindergarten through 4. They need not be a student at St. Anthony School to attend. Cost for the three-day school is $10. Register by contacting Sarah Joyce, director of religious education, at the parish office, (574) 282-2308 or sj Joyce@st anthony sb.org.

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Helmke said the shelter, formerly the St. Hyacinth convent, provides a temporary home for up to 12 families. The former rectory holds two apartments used as part of the shelter program as well. “There are 60 families waiting to get in,” she said, adding that there is always a waiting list. Families enter the program according to the date of their application and begin an assessment process to identify their specific needs. The village is supported by 24 employees and provides services for two years, though families may stay in the homes for a longer period of time.

The 12 families in the shelter’s transitional setting are involved in intense case management services that assist them with life skills including budgeting, the dress for success program and parenting classes. The Literacy Alliance partners with Vincent Village to work with adults in the program to earn their GED, English as a second language and other important life skills.

While living in the shelter, the families maintain their own bedroom and bath, comply with house rules, attend house meetings, perform chores and prepare their own meals in the community kitchen. The children that stay at Vincent Village attend their original school if possible as well as camps and afterschool activities for summer months. They attend the 32 restored homes in the neighborhood offer hope. Each abandoned house, purchased by Vincent Village, has been renovated for occupancy. Once a family establishes permanent income and completes the life skills classes, they “graduate” into the Vincent Village homes. Rent for each home is commiserate with the family’s income. Gently-used furnishings are provided through the Mustard Seed, St. Vincent de Paul and other partner organizations. This, said Helmke, helps the families get back on their feet and become productive citizens.

A personal touch involves volunteers who come to the shelter five days a week to read to the children and give them the extra love they need to flourish. As the families move beyond their temporary stay in the shelter, they have the opportunity to move into and own a home of their own and get them to different services. The St. Hyacinth Community Center houses several programs where clients gather to receive services. New construction and renovation in the old church has made room for classrooms for three to five year olds, infants, toddlers and one large general classroom. A fully equipped playground is accessible to the center as well. In addition to the families being served, many feel the neighborhood has benefited from the center there. President of the Vincent Village Board Marian Welling spoke of the revitalization of the neighborhood as Vincent Village grows. “The community with Vincent Village as its center is a lovely neighborhood. It made this a vital part of the city. The crime has gone down. It is family friendly.” Bishop Rhoades was “impressed” with the program and said, “They are keeping families together, where some shelters don’t allow children. That’s very beautiful to keep families in tact.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joins Vincent Village Executive Director Ann Helmke, right, and board member Marian Welling on a tour of the renovated houses of Vincent Village on July 30.

He continued, “This is the work of the Lord ... a holy mission. To see all the donations and the impact on the neighborhood. And the families who get back on their feet. It’s a wonderful ministry. I’m glad to support it through the Bishop’s Appeal.”

Funding for Vincent Village, reported Helmke, is broad-based, incorporating individual fiscal and material donations, fund-raising, the Bishop’s Appeal and of course, volunteer time.

Donations of clothes, particularly large men’s clothes, maternity clothes and baby and children’s sizes can be made to the donation center adjacent to the shelter. However, Helmke said, they are most in need of diapers and dollars.

For more information on Vincent Village and its services call (260) 456-4172 ext. 229 or at the gate.

Help the homeless

On Saturday, July 31, at Headwaters Park in downtown Fort Wayne, Vincent Village will host the third annual “Roots and Rhythm” Festival for all ages from 6-11 p.m. to help raise awareness and funds for the homeless.

Families, groups of friends and neighbors, and individuals are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to celebrate with live music featuring five local groups: End Times Spasm Band, Deuce, The Sunny Taylor Band, Creole Stomp and Urban Legend. Food and beverages are available for purchase. The music begins at 6 p.m. and the gate opens at 5 p.m. with some seating available.

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