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Bishop Rhoades celebrates Mass for Antioch youth, retreatants

BY DIANE FREEBY

MISHAWAKA — “Awesome!” “Epic!” “Inspiring!”

Those are some of the words used by area teens to describe the time they shared with 2,000 other young people during a weekend youth conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville, six hours from South Bend in eastern Ohio.

Fifty-one kids from the Antioch and South Bend St. Anthony's youth groups boarded a bus from St. Bavo in Mishawaka early Friday, July 16, and returned in time Sunday evening for Mass celebrated with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Chip and Virginia Leinen lead the Antioch youth group, and this year marks the third time they have offered the trip to Steubenville. According to Chip, 15 young people attended his first year, and that number doubled last year. Next year, he expects to take two busloads of young people to what many refer to as a “life-changing” event.

“It was amazing to watch the transformation in the teens this weekend,” said Chip. “They shared stories on the bus ride back, and it was amazing to hear about some really broken lives and the peace they were able to find this weekend. What I heard from the guys, when we met in the evening, was what they felt all weekend long was love. Love of the Eucharist, love from others ... everything was surrounded by that love, I guess.”

Many of the young people who participated are from either Marian or Saint Joseph's High School.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades delivers the homily July 18 at St. Bavo in Mishawaka, reminding the young people to be open to God's call. “I just encourage you to pray about God's plans for you,” said Bishop Rhoades, referring to vocations to the priesthood and religious life, holy marriage and single life, “because God has unique plans for every one of us.”

GIRLS CARRY PEACHES



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Girls carry baskets of peaches after the fruits were blessed during Mass at the Pontifical Church of St. Thomas of Villanova near the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, July 25. Children brought baskets of peaches to Pope Benedict XVI before the Angelus prayer at the villa.

New era in Lafayette as Bishop Doherty is ordained, installed

BY KEVIN CULLEN

LAFAYETTE (CNS) — Malinda Gustafson said she'll never forget it: entering the historic Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception for the first time; being part of a standing-room-only crowd of 700; hearing the music swell, then watching plumed Knights of Columbus, 200 vested priests, 25 mitred bishops and two red-robed cardinals move toward the altar.

Behind the altar, the oaken cathedra, or bishop's chair, still bore the coat of arms of Bishop William L. Higi, who retired in May after serving as Lafayette's bishop for a generation.

An era was ending; a new one was about to begin.

People came from across the nation and around the world to be part of the July 15 ordination and installation of Bishop Higi's successor, Bishop Timothy L. Doherty, 59, sixth bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette. With solemn promises, sacred chrism and ancient symbols — a crozier, a mitre and a ring of amethyst — he became a successor to the Apostles.

“It was a wonderful experience,” said Gustafson, 26, of St. Cecilia Parish in DeMotte. “My favorite part was when they held the Book of the Gospels over his head. He was crying, and I got goose bumps.”

“I think he'll do a great job, getting out into the community and meeting people,” she told *The Catholic Moment*, Lafayette's diocesan paper. “He's a huge (Chicago)

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Increase in vocations is a great blessing, offers hope



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Here we are at the end of the July. The summer is passing quickly. I hope that you have been having a good and refreshing summer. We have had some hot and humid days, not unlike what I experienced during the summer in Pennsylvania. Still, I enjoy the warmth of summer and especially the opportunity for outdoor activity and some sports.

Seminarians

Two weeks ago, I enjoyed a day with our seminarians at Holy Family Parish in South Bend. It was a good opportunity to share with them some thoughts on the call to priestly holiness and then to meet one-on-one with our young men in priestly formation. We finished the day with Mass and dinner, to which the parents of our seminarians were invited to participate. It was good to meet the parents and to thank them for their support of their sons' vocations.

I am very happy to announce that we have experienced a significant increase in applications to the seminary this year for our diocese. In addition to the 15 men currently in formation, I accepted 10 new seminarians who will begin their priestly formation next month. This increase is a great blessing and gives me much hope for the future of priestly vocations in our diocese. I thank all the faithful of our diocese for their prayers for this intention. I believe that the prayers of our people are the main reason we are seeing such an increase in number of seminarians. I also thank Msgr. Bernard Galic, the director of our Office of Vocations, and his staff for their dedicated work in support of this mission.

Speaking of the promotion of priestly vocations, on July 21, I attended my first Andrew Dinner. Father Jacob Runyon, our associate director of vocations, led this evening event at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Fort Wayne. There were dozens of young men, mostly high school age, who attended the Andrew Dinner at the invitation of their pastors. These men were identified as having qualities that indicated a possible vocation to the priesthood. I was really impressed by the faith and joy of these young men and their openness to the possibility that God may be calling them to the priesthood. Several priests were also in attendance at the dinner. These dinners are named for the Apostle Andrew, who brought his brother Peter to Jesus.

Our Franciscan Brothers Minor are also experiencing growth in numbers. When they came here to Indiana with me, there were eight brothers, including Father David Engo, the superior. They now have three additional young men who have recently become postulants.

Please continue to pray for all our seminarians and those who are discerning the call to the priesthood.



DIANE FREEBY

Saint Joseph's High School senior Michael Shakour has an animated discussion with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades following the youth Mass at St. Bavo in Mishawaka. Shakour described Eucharistic Adoration at the Steubenville Youth Conference as "epic!" Shakour said he experienced a "happiness and joy incomparable to anything else!"

Institute for Catholic Liberal Education

I was happy to celebrate Holy Mass on July 14 for a group of Catholic School teachers attending the academic retreat at Holy Cross College. This retreat was sponsored by the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education, an organization that leads Catholic educators to a clear understanding of the riches of Catholic education and helps them implement the Church's vision in their schools. The theme of this year's retreat was "Truth and Joy in the Catholic School." It was good to meet teachers from Catholic schools around the country who are so strongly committed to the Catholic educational mission.

Ordination of Bishop Timothy Doherty

On July 15, I made my first visit to Lafayette to attend the episcopal ordination of the new bishop there, Bishop Timothy Doherty. Bishop Doherty was a priest in the Diocese of Rockford, Ill. It was a beautiful ordination liturgy. I extended to Bishop Doherty the prayerful best wishes of the faithful of our diocese. As you probably know, the territory of the Diocese of Lafayette was once part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne. The Diocese of Lafayette was established in 1944 when 24 largely rural counties of our diocese were separated to form the Lafayette diocese. This was during the time that Bishop John F. Noll was the bishop of our diocese. When it was created, the diocese of Lafayette was almost 10,000 square miles and had 30,000 Catholics. Ours was indeed "the mother diocese" of Lafayette, which has now welcomed its sixth bishop. May God bless Bishop Doherty as he

begins his episcopal ministry!

New pastor of St. Adalbert and St. Casimir Parishes

On July 17, I celebrated Holy Mass at St. Adalbert Parish in South Bend and installed the new pastor of St. Adalbert and St. Casimir Parishes, Holy Cross Father Peter Pacini. It was a joyful occasion as the parishioners of both parishes warmly welcomed their new pastor. Speaking of "warm," St. Adalbert's is not air-conditioned so it was indeed a warm evening. It reminded me of the church where I was once pastor in Harrisburg, St. Francis of Assisi, which was also inner-city and did not have air-conditioning. In any event, we cooled off after Mass in the parish hall, where we enjoyed a delicious dinner together. It is beautiful to see the sharing of cultures, both Hispanic and Polish, at these parishes, both at the liturgy and at the dinner. May God bless Father Pacini as he begins his pastoral ministry at these historic South Bend parishes!

St. Catherine of Siena Parish

On July 18, I celebrated Holy Mass at St. Catherine of Siena Parish (St. Jude Church) in South Bend. Again, it was a beautiful liturgy and joyful celebration. Many thanks to Father John Delaney for his warm welcome and hospitality! After the Mass, I spent a couple hours at the parish festival, enjoying especially a delicious Polish dinner following Mass. I believe this is the newest parish in our diocese, having been established with the merger of the former St. Jude, Sacred Heart and St. Mary parishes on the south side of South Bend. We are looking at the possible

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Cubs fan, so he's awesome in my book."

The two-and-a-half-hour celebration filled the senses. The 144-year-old church was transformed by the flicker of candlelight, the smell of incense, songs in English and Latin, and pageantry right out of the Middle Ages.

The principal celebrant was Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis. Co-consecrators were Bishop Higi; Bishop Thomas G. Doran of Rockford, Ill., Bishop Doherty's home diocese, and three other Indiana bishops: Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville, Bishop Dale J. Melczek of Gary and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Concelebrants included visiting bishops and archbishops, including retired Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill of Rockford, who ordained Bishop Doherty to the priesthood in 1976; Benedictine Archabbot Justin Duval of St. Meinrad School of Theology in southern Indiana; Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York; Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago; Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston; and priests from the Lafayette and Rockford dioceses.

The cathedral, once a parish church, was too small to seat all who wanted to experience the event. Those without a ticket watched a live TV broadcast in a nearby social hall and in the gymnasium at Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, at home on local television or on the Internet.

Leslie Mimms of St. Maria Goretti Parish in Westfield was among those fortunate enough to get a ticket.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime type experience," she said. "We're going into a new destiny for our diocese."

Bishop Doherty, formerly a pastor and healthcare ethicist in the Diocese of Rockford, was appointed in May by Pope Benedict XVI to

succeed Bishop Higi. Bishop Higi, 76, submitted his resignation letter when he turned 75 in August 2008, as required by Church law.

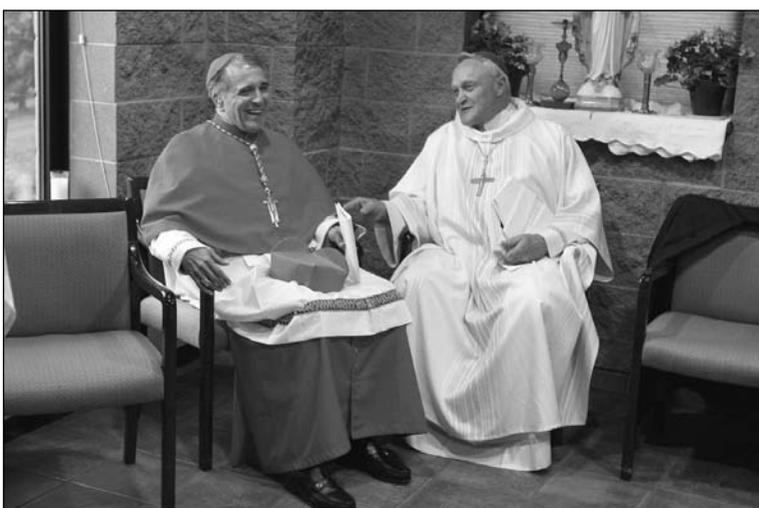
Mimms said she had long admired Bishop Higi, and she was thrilled to see Bishop Doherty become shepherd to the 24-county diocese, home to 105,000 Catholics.

"I think that any spiritual leader who focuses on prayer is going to shepherd people to holiness," she said. "He seems to be such a grounded, humble man. It is inspiring to know you can excel to



CNS PHOTOS BY BOB NICHOLS, THE CATHOLIC MOMENT

Cardinal Francis E. George of Chicago lays hands on Bishop Timothy L. Doherty during his ordination and installation Mass July 15 at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette. At left is Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston. Bishop Doherty became the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette.



Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston talks with Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger of Evansville prior to the July 15 ordination and installation Mass for Bishop Timothy L. Doherty at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette.

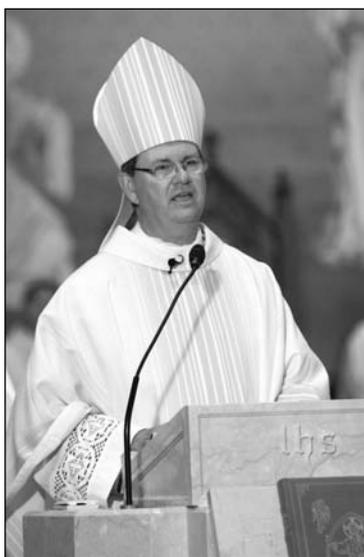
the position of bishop and still value humanity that much. He has a genuine love for the Church, and gratitude for the people who put him there."

In his homily at the ordination Mass, Archbishop Buechlein said, "Bishops are called to live the simple life of the Gospel in a way that somehow mirrors Jesus, the one who serves. Would you agree that when all is said and done, what our Church needs more than anything from us

bishops and priests, is integrity and holiness?"

"The Church needs us to be nonsense, down-to-earth, holy, spiritual and moral leaders who are who we claim to be," he said. "With Jesus, in Jesus and for Jesus, that is the ultimate service, the ultimate witness to the unity of faith. God bless you, Bishop Doherty, with many fruitful years of living His call to holiness."

After the Mass, the new bishop thanked his family, his friends, former colleagues and his brother



Bishop Timothy L. Doherty speaks during his July 15 ordination and installation at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Lafayette.

priests from the Diocese of Rockford. Then he noted that July 15 was the feast day of St. Bonaventure.

"The love of God through Christ should mark the beginning and the end of our days," he said. "Today we remember St. Bonaventure, not because he was a rare mystic, but because he encouraged us all to live at that wonderful, deeper level."



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m. — Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Oratory, Big Long Lake, Hudson
- Wednesday, Aug. 11, 11 a.m. — Mass with Perpetual Vows of Sisters of St. Francis, Mishawaka
- Wednesday, Aug. 11, 6 p.m. — Andrew Dinner at Holy Family Parish, South Bend
- Thursday, Aug. 12 — Mass for Catholic School Principals, Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw
- Friday, Aug. 13, 6 p.m. — Mass for World Youth Day participants at St. Anthony of Padua, Angola.
- Saturday, Aug. 14, 11 a.m. — Mass for deacons, deacon candidates, and wives at Noll Hall, Lake Wawasee

Notre Dame's Father Richard Warner elected superior general of Congregation of Holy Cross

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Father Richard Warner has been elected superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross at its general chapter meeting on July 16 in Rome. Father Warner will leave his position as director of campus ministry at the University of Notre Dame to assume leadership of Holy Cross and its work around the world from its headquarters in Rome.

Father Warner will replace Holy Cross Father Hugh Cleary, who has served as superior general for 12 years, the maximum term allowable by the constitutions of the congregation.

As superior general, Father Warner will oversee the international mission and operations of the Roman Catholic religious community founded in France in 1837 by Blessed Basil Moreau, CSC. Holy Cross currently has an educational, pastoral and missionary presence in 16 countries on five continents, including Chile, East Africa, Mexico and the United States.

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1962, Father Warner studied theology at Catholic University in Santiago, Chile, obtained his licentiate degree from there in 1966, and was ordained the same year in Lakewood, Ohio.

From 1967 to 1973 he taught English and theology at St. George's College, one of the premier educational institutions in Chile, where he also served in the administration. In 1973 he became the provincial treasurer and member of the Provincial Council for the Indiana Province of the Congregation and was subsequently elected provincial superior in 1979. He served nine



FATHER RICHARD WARNER, CSC

years in that office.

Father Warner has been director of campus ministry at the University of Notre Dame for 21 years. For much of that time, he also served in a dual role as counselor to former president, Holy Cross Father Edward Malloy.

Since 2004, he has served as a general councilor in Father Cleary's administration. He is a life trustee of the university; chair of the board of directors of the Center for the Homeless, South Bend; chair of the board of directors of Memorial Hospital of South Bend; and corporate member of Holy Cross Family Ministries.

The University of Notre Dame awarded Father Warner an honorary doctorate of law degree in 1987.

Vatican says new norms will strengthen efforts against abusive priests

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican has revised its procedures for handling priestly sex abuse cases, streamlining disciplinary measures, extending the statute of limitations and defining child pornography as an act of sexual abuse of a minor.

Vatican officials said the changes allow the Church to deal with such abuse more rapidly and effectively, often through dismissal of the offending cleric from the priesthood.

As expected, the Vatican also updated its list of the "more grave crimes" against Church law, called "delicta graviora," including for the first time the "attempted sacred ordination of a woman." In such an act, it said, the cleric and the woman involved are automatically excommunicated, and the cleric can also be dismissed from the priesthood.

Vatican officials emphasized that simply because women's ordination was treated in the same document as priestly sex abuse did not mean the two acts were somehow equivalent in the eyes of the Church.

"There are two types of 'delicta graviora': those concerning the celebration of the sacraments, and those concerning morals. The two types are essentially different and their gravity is on different levels," said Msgr. Charles Scicluna, an official of the Vatican's doctrinal congregation.

Sexual abuse of a minor by a priest was added to the classification of "delicta graviora" in 2001,

and at that time the Vatican established norms to govern the handling of such cases, which were reserved to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The norms affect how Church law treats sex abuse cases; civil law deals with the crime separately.

The latest revisions, approved by Pope Benedict XVI May 21 and released July 15, for the most part codify practices that have been implemented through special permissions granted over the last nine years and make them part of universal law.

The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said publication of the revisions "makes a great contribution to the clarity and certainty of law in this field, a field in which the Church is today strongly committed to proceeding with rigor and transparency."

The norms on sexual abuse of minors by priests now stipulate:

- The Church law's statute of limitations on accusations of sexual abuse has been extended, from 10 years after the alleged victim's 18th birthday to 20 years. For several years, Vatican officials have been routinely granting exceptions to the 10-year statute of limitations. Exceptions to the 20-year limit will be possible, too, but the Vatican rejected a suggestion to do away with the statute of limitations altogether, sources said.

- Use of child pornography now falls under the category of clerical sexual abuse of minors, and offenders can be dismissed from the priesthood. This norm applies to "the acquisition, possession or distribution by a cleric of porno-

graphic images of minors under the age of 14, for purposes of sexual gratification, by whatever means or using whatever technology." Vatican officials said age 14 was chosen as the threshold age into puberty; canon law considers a child under 14 as a "prepubescent."

- Sexual abuse of mentally disabled adults will be considered equivalent to abuse of minors. The norms define such a person as someone "who habitually lacks the use of reason."

In 2003, two years after promulgating the Vatican's norms on priestly sex abuse, Pope John Paul II gave the doctrinal congregation a number of special faculties to streamline the handling of such cases. The new revisions incorporate those changes, which were already in practice:

- In the most serious and clear cases of sexual abuse of minors by priests, the doctrinal congregation may proceed directly to laicize a priest without going through an ecclesiastical trial. In these instances, the final decision for dismissal from the clerical state and dispensation from the obligations of celibacy is made by the pope.

- The doctrinal congregation can dispense with using the formal judicial process in Church law in favor of the "extrajudicial process." In effect, this allows a bishop to remove an accused priest from ministry without going through a formal trial.

- The doctrinal congregation can dispense from Church rules requiring only priests with doctorates in canon law to serve on

Church tribunals in trials of priests accused of abusing minors. This means qualified lay experts, including those without a canon law doctorate, can be on the tribunal staff, or act as lawyers or prosecutors.

- The doctrinal congregation's competency in such cases means it has the right to judge cardinals, patriarchs and bishops as well as priests. Vatican sources said this norm, which originates from a decision by Pope John Paul in 2004, indicates that if the pope authorizes a trial or penal process against such persons for sex abuse or another of the "more grave crimes," the doctrinal congregation would be the tribunal and could also make preliminary investigations.

The revised norms maintain the imposition of "pontifical secret" on the Church's judicial handling of priestly sex abuse and other grave crimes, which means they are dealt with in strict confidentiality. Father Lombardi said the provision on the secrecy of trials was designed "to protect the dignity of everyone involved."

The spokesman said that while the Vatican norms do not directly address the reporting of sex abuse to civil authorities, it remains the Vatican's policy to encourage bishops to report such crimes wherever required by civil law.

"These norms are part of canon law; that is, they exclusively concern the Church. For this reason they do not deal with the subject of reporting offenders to the civil authorities. It should be noted, however, that compliance with civil law is contained in the instructions issued by the Congregation for the Doctrine of

the Faith as part of the preliminary procedures to be followed in abuse cases," he said.

Father Lombardi added that the doctrinal congregation also was studying how to help bishops around the world formulate local guidelines on sexual abuse in Church environments.

He said that would be "another crucial step on the Church's journey as she translates into permanent practice and continuous awareness the fruits of the teachings and ideas that have matured over the course of the painful events of the 'crisis' engendered by sexual abuse by members of the clergy."

The new norms treat a number of other "delicta graviora" connected with sacramental issues.

On the "attempted ordination of a woman," the norms essentially restated a 2008 decree from the doctrinal congregation that said a woman who attempts to be ordained a Catholic priest and the person attempting to ordain her are automatically excommunicated.

The norms added that if the guilty party is a priest, he can be punished with dismissal from the priesthood. For those wondering why an excommunicated priest would also be laicized, Vatican sources said they were two different kinds of penalties.

"Excommunication is a medicinal penalty which has to be remitted once the person repents; dismissal (from the priesthood) is an additional expiatory penalty which remains in place permanently, even if the excommunication is lifted," Msgr. Scicluna explained.

The norms address violations against the sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist.

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DIANE FREEBY

Shown praying the Our Father at St. Bavo Church in Mishawaka, Francis McDonald, Olivia Ganser, Maddie Penney, Jenny Seng, Jamie Appleman, Caitlin McNamara, Benjamin Gill and Patrick Dunlap are some of the young people who attended the Youth Conference in Steubenville.

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Taylor Calderone, a St. Bavo parishioner, will begin her junior year at Mishawaka High School. She said they listened to talks on chastity and purity over the weekend, and talked about making Jesus the center of everything. Taylor says when she returns to her public high school, she won't be afraid to show her faith to others.

"It was such an inspiring experience," she explains. "It literally changed my heart, and my faith, and how I look at going to Mass now. I don't have a negative attitude. ... I'm excited about it and excited about my faith!"

Michael Shakour, a senior at Saint Joseph's High School, also attended last year's conference.

"It was so amazing," exclaims Michael, referring to his first experience. "There was so much calmness and compassion and pure love for Christ in the room at Steubenville, and that just drew me back. It was so much more this time, and it was. ... The only word to describe it was 'epic!' 'amazing!' I had a good experiences. Other people had great experiences."

The weekend combined meditative prayer of Eucharistic Adoration with Mass, interactive talks and small group discussions.

In his homily Sunday evening, Bishop Rhoades reflected on the Gospel story of Mary and Martha. He explained how we need to be attentive to both the active and

contemplative parts of our lives.

"The problem today is we are so consumed with the active," explained Bishop Rhoades, adding that the number one health problem in the United States is stress and anxiety. "We live such hectic lives. Priests do. Bishops do. I'm preaching to myself, too! Parents, and that goes for teenagers, too. We don't give enough attention to the more important things, like relationships ... especially our relationship with Christ."

Bishop Rhoades explained how Mother Teresa was an "active contemplative." Even though she and her sisters were very busy, they began every day with Mass. Bishop Rhoades said that's what gave them the strength and energy to serve others. He encouraged the young people to pay attention to contemplation every day, even if it's just 15-minutes.

"Find a quiet place, inside a church. Pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Find a quiet place in your house or in your back yard or a park," suggested Bishop Rhoades. "A friendship is only going to grow if you spend quality time together. You spend quality time with your friends, right? It should also apply to your best friend, the Lord Jesus Christ."

As Bishop Rhoades chatted with many of the young people at a pizza party following Mass, Olivia Ganser summed up her feelings on the Steubenville weekend.

"God is always there for me," shared the Marian sophomore from St. Monica Parish. "No matter how lonely I feel, He is always there, and He is always there for everyone."

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purchase of land for a new church for St. Catherine of Siena Parish.

Antioch youth Mass

After most of the day at St. Catherine of Siena, I went in the evening to St. Bavo Church in Mishawaka. There the church was packed for a Mass I celebrated for the Antioch youth group. It was great to see so many young people in attendance and participating with such zeal for the faith. The music was very well-done and uplifting. Many of the young people had spent the weekend at a youth conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville. They came home renewed in their faith.

After the Mass, I joined the young people for pizza in the parish school hall. I thank Father Barry England for his gracious hospitality. I am constantly edified by the enthusiasm for the faith of so many of our youth.

Archbishop Sheen film

On July 19, over 100 people joined me at the Allen County

Public Library for an advance showing of a new documentary film on the life and legacy of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The film was very well done and I recommend it to you. It will be shown at various parishes throughout our diocese. The cause for Archbishop Sheen's beatification and canonization has begun. Archbishop Sheen led so many people to Christ. He touched the minds and hearts of millions of people. If it is the Lord's will, may he one day be proclaimed a saint!

Prayer service for ACE students at Notre Dame

On another hot and humid evening, July 22, I celebrated a prayer service at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at Notre Dame for the students of the ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) program being sent forth on mission to Catholic schools throughout our country. Many of the students' parents were on retreat at Notre Dame for a few days as well and joined their children at the grotto service. I thank Father Tim Scully, CSC, and all who assist him in this program dedicated to the service of Catholic education in our country.

ACE is a remarkable program. It places college graduates in under-resourced Catholic

schools throughout the country. They prepare these teachers through an intensive two-year service experience that includes professional preparation and spiritual formation. ACE also has a Leadership Program that trains future Catholic school principals and administrators as well as an English as a New Language (ENL) Program. ACE is leading a movement to enrich and champion our Catholic schools.

Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn

I continue to enjoy visiting parishes throughout our diocese. This past Saturday, I made my first visit to Auburn at the invitation of the pastor, Father Derrick Sneyd. I celebrated the Saturday Vigil Mass at Immaculate Conception Church and then enjoyed meeting parishioners at a reception afterwards. In my homily, I reflected on the Gospel account of Jesus teaching His disciples the "Our Father."

St. Thomas Aquinas says the following about the Our Father:

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Cardinal praises HHS for reiterating abortion exclusion in health plans

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities praised the Department of Health and Human Services July 15 for reaffirming that no federal funds will be provided to cover elective abortions under state-run health insurance plans. The statement came from Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston after HHS spokeswoman Jenny Backus said that "in Pennsylvania and in all other states, abortion will not be covered in the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan except in the cases of rape or incest, or where the life of the woman would be endangered." The cardinal said the statement averted what could have been an "alarming precedent" and pointed up the need for a permanent law to exclude abortion from all programs under the new Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The HHS statement was issued after Pennsylvania officials announced that the state had received \$160 million in federal funds for its insurance program covering those with pre-existing conditions. Although an outline of the program says that "elective abortions will not be covered" under the program, another section states that coverage "includes only abortions and contraceptives that satisfy the requirements of" several Pennsylvania statutes. Under one of the cited statutes, abortion is permitted up to 24 weeks of pregnancy if a physician certifies that the abortion is necessary because of the woman's "physical, emotional, psychological (or) familial" circumstances or her age. HHS' Backus said the abortion policy she outlined in her statement would apply to both state and federally run programs covering people with pre-existing conditions.

Catholic Charities president urges federal measures to help Gulf

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic Charities, one of the major organizations providing relief to Gulf Coast residents impacted by the BP oil spill, reports that its agencies in the region have provided services to more than 20,000 individuals and more than 7,000 families since the spill. But many more individuals and families impacted by the spill need assistance than Catholic Charities and other nonprofits have the resources to help, said Father Larry Snyder, Catholic Charities USA president. He testified at a July 20 House Ways and Means oversight subcommittee hearing to urge the federal government to take immediate steps to further assist individuals and families afflicted by the Gulf spill. "There is a dire need to access greater funding that can be used to serve the immediate and long-term needs of the growing vulnerable population," Father Snyder said. He

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RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE NEAR US-MEXICO BORDER



CNS PHOTO/CHRIST CHAVEZ, RIO GRANDE CATHOLIC

Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M., center right, concelebrates Mass July 14 in El Paso, Texas, at La Placita de Leones at the foot of the Santa Fe International Bridge to pray for an end to border violence.

urged the federal government to take steps to help the Gulf, including implementing a national disaster declaration for the area, developing a regional strategy for long-term recovery and creating a new disaster unemployment assistance program, among other measures. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., subcommittee chairman, said at the hearing, "Our neighbors on the Gulf Coast need to know that we don't just see the television images of the spewing oil well, or the oil-soaked birds and beaches, but that we see the human faces of this tragedy. They need to know that we hear their pleas, and we want to help."

Half of children poor at birth spend formative years in poverty

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A study released by the Urban Institute shows that 49 percent of children who are poor at birth go on to spend at least half of their childhoods living in poverty, but Lisa Sheehan of St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville, Md., said that helping young, single mothers can help turn that around. The Urban Institute in Washington is a nonpartisan economic and social policy research organization. The study, "Childhood Poverty Persistence: Facts and Consequences," by Caroline Ratcliffe and Signe-Mary McKernan shows that targeting poverty at birth could help the 37 percent of youths who live in poverty at some point during their

childhoods. Demographically, 31 percent of white children and 69 percent of black children who are poor at birth go on to spend at least half of their childhoods living in poverty, according to the study. It shows that all children born into poverty are more likely to remain poor as adults because of their unstable financial background. Sheehan is director of development at St. Ann's in suburban Washington, which provides residential care and services to abused and neglected children and to single pregnant and parenting adolescents in crisis, as well as quality day care to the children of working families. It also administers a program called Faith House, which Sheehan said provides "quality child care and housing, two big hurdles for young single moms who are working and going to school." The house offers transitional apartment housing for eight young mothers.

Baltimore Archdiocese to send Vatican results of Father Peyton inquiry

BALTIMORE (CNS) — Holy Cross Father Patrick Peyton, a priest whose popular radio and television programs promoted family prayer, is a step closer to sainthood. The Archdiocese of Baltimore recently completed an exhaustive investigation into Father Peyton's life and ministry, and archdiocesan officials were preparing to send copies of its 16,000-page report to the Vatican's Congregation for

Saints' Causes by July 23. Baltimore Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien celebrated the closing of the archdiocesan inquiry with a July 20 Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. Citing the archdiocese's experience with other sainthood causes, the Vatican asked Baltimore to take over the investigation of Father Peyton's cause from the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., in 2006. His cause was opened in June 2001 in that diocese. Father Peyton, who died in 1992, is buried in Easton, Mass. Father Gilbert Seitz, Archbishop O'Brien's delegate for the inquiry, said the Vatican will use the Baltimore report to determine if Father Peyton lived in a heroic manner, which, if confirmed, would result in the Church declaring him venerable. Church authorities will then investigate possible healings that could be attributed to Father Peyton's intercession. If a healing is determined to be miraculous, Father Peyton — currently known as a servant of God — will be declared blessed. Another miracle will be needed for him to be canonized.

Liturgical changes biggest concern for pastoral musicians at Detroit convention

DETROIT (CNS) — Changes coming next year in the English text of the Mass, and how the transition

to the revised liturgy can best be managed, appeared to be the principal concerns of the nearly 2,000 people attending the 33rd annual convention of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians July 12-16 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. "All of the musical settings need to be rewritten," Annette Wright, director of music at St. Francis of Assisi/St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in Ray Township, said July 12 of the new Mass texts Catholics are expected to use as of Advent 2011. While that will mean challenges for pastoral musicians, it also will mean the opportunity for composers to write new music, said Wright, who is also outgoing local chapter director for the national association and a member of the committee that planned this year's convention. The problem with just tweaking the current settings, she explained, is that most parishioners are so familiar with some of the current settings — such as Marty Haugen's "Mass of Creation" — that altering the music to accommodate additional words would probably just trip people up. In January, the Vatican said the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments was in the final stages of reviewing the last sections of the translation before issuing its "recognitio," or approval. Once the Vatican approval is received, the president of each bishops' conference will decide when the new missal will start being used in each country. But composers are already coming up with new settings.

Work on disabilities helped bring about law marking 20th year

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When the Americans with Disabilities Act was being debated in the U.S. Senate 20 years ago, excerpts from the pastoral statement on people with disabilities issued by the U.S. bishops 12 years earlier were read on the Senate floor in support of its passage. "It is not enough merely to affirm the rights of people with disabilities," the document says. "We must actively work to make them real in the fabric of modern society. Recognizing that individuals with disabilities have a claim to our respect because they are persons, because they share in the one redemption of Christ, and because they contribute to our society by their activity within it, the Church must become an advocate for and with them." For most of her adult life, Jan Benton has been doing just that. But the executive director of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability is not sure the Church's message is getting out to those who need to hear it most. "Our challenge and our goal is to have people know we exist so they know that the Church does care," Benton told Catholic News Service during a July 13 interview in her Washington office. "That's the painful thing, when people say, 'I never heard of you.' We don't want them to think the Church is not there for them. We want them to know the Church is there and has many opportunities" for them.

David Kauffman to hold concert, retreat in Columbia City

COLUMBIA CITY — Catholic music composer David Kauffman will hold a concert and retreat this week at St. Paul of the Cross Church, 315 S. Line St., Columbia City, as part of the parish's year-long 150th jubilee.

The concert featuring Kauffman will be Friday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. in the church. A freewill offering will be collected.

The retreat, which will be led by Kauffman, will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost of the retreat is \$25 and includes a CD and journal. Participants will gather for coffee at 8:15 a.m. The retreat will include music, prayer, journaling and conversation.

The journaling workshops are based on the ancient Benedictine tradition known as "Lectio Divina." Translated the phrase means "divine reading" or "sacred readings."

Kauffman notes that "Lectio Divina" is a simple and powerful pathway to an encounter with the living God through reading, meditation, prayer, reflection and contemplation.

For more information, visit Kauffman's Web site at www.good-forthesoulmusic.com.

To register for the retreat, contact St. Paul of the Cross Church at (260) 244-5723.

Auction held to benefit Elkhart County Women's Care Center

ELKHART — Benchmarks 2010, the sixth annual auction benefit for the Patricia George Decio Women's Care Center of Elkhart County will take place Thursday, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. at Elcona Country Club. The auction theme is "A Celebration of Life." In its final year, this fundraiser will recognize Pat and Art Decio's philanthropic vision and leadership for the Elkhart Women's Care Center.

Bishop Dwenger alum spearheads Marian grotto at Marian University

INDIANAPOLIS — Amy Wilson, a graduate of Bishop Dwenger High School and member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, and junior at Marian University in Indianapolis, joined fellow student Karen McNulty to spearhead an effort to build a grotto on campus. After deciding last fall that the university needed a place where the academic community and larger Catholic community could come pray to Mary, the two San Damiano Scholars worked with the university community to make it a reality. The ground breaking for the grotto will take place during the second week of August. Marian University is commissioning a sculptor to create the statue and the junior class of San Dams will spend their day of service on Tuesday, Aug. 17, helping with the landscaping and other items.

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SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS HOLD COMMUNITY ELECTION



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At the community election held recently at St. Francis Provincialate, Mishawaka, Franciscan Sister M. Angela Mellady was reelected provincial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. The Provincial Council members elected were Franciscan Sister M. Dorothy Speckhals, vicar provincial; Sister M. Ann Kathleen Magiera, Sister M. Madonna Rougeau, Sister Jane Marie Klein, Sister M. Marilyn Oliver, Sister M. Clare Reuille and Sister Margaret Mary Mitchel. The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration serve in health care, educational and ecclesial ministries in Indiana and Illinois. In Fort Wayne, the sisters minister at the University of Saint Francis. They also minister at St. Matthew Cathedral, St. Anthony School, the Center for Learning Skills in South Bend, and Marian High School, the Sisters of St. Francis Health Services and St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

Marian devotional set Sunday, Aug. 15

MISHAWAKA — In celebration of the solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, parishioners from all churches of the diocese in the Mishawaka, South Bend and surrounding areas are invited to Mass at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 15, at St. Joseph Church, Mishawaka. Father Bob Lengerich, parochial vicar of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, and Father Terry Fisher, pastor of St. Joseph, will process with the Blessed Sacrament after Mass in the downtown community of Mishawaka as the rosary and litany to Our Lady are prayed.

The focus of the procession is on the pro-life activities accomplished in the regular work and volunteer services performed at the Women's Care Center, Hannah's House and the Healthy Family Center of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. The procession will pause to pray and offer a blessing at each of these facilities along the way. The

walk totals just over 1/2 mile and will return to St. Joseph Church for Benediction.

Following the Benediction, participants may go to the gym for a social. Those unable to join in the procession may wish to remain in church to pray the rosary, litany of the Blessed Mother and sing hymns until others return for Benediction.

Volunteers are invited to share their talents by singing and/or playing musical instruments — particularly transportable brass and strings for the procession — to help transport materials; and to help with set up and clean up of the social gathering.

Desserts, healthy snacks or iced drinks are requested to share at the reception afterwards. Any mementos of special Marian prayer cards, medals, icons or statues are also encouraged to be brought to the event and shared.

Children are invited to dress in first Communion outfits, ethnic garb or special party dresses and bring cut flowers to place at Mary's altar and to join the pageantry of the

Knights of Columbus Color Corps as they honor Our Lady.

A music rehearsal date will be announced soon. Questions and suggestions about the event should be directed to Fran Holmes at (574) 250-2484.

New Ave Maria Press high school textbooks receive catechism conformity

NOTRE DAME — Ave Maria Press is pleased to announce the release of two textbooks that have been found in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church and are intended for the freshman level courses of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' new curriculum framework.

Michael Pennock's "Jesus Christ: God's Revelation to the World and Jesus Christ: His Mission and Ministry" support freshman semesters one and two as outlined in the framework. Pennock's third book in this series, "Jesus Christ: Source of Our Salvation," is cur-

rently being reviewed for catechism conformity.

Sisters of Providence preserve Civil War-era documents, memorabilia

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods are partnering with Wabash Valley Vision and Voices (WV3), to digitize more than 1,000 Civil War era items in an effort to preserve content of original documents and promote renewed local research as the nation prepares for the 150 anniversary of the start of the Civil War.

Also partnering in the project are Indiana State University's Cunningham Memorial Library, the Vigo County Public Library and the Vigo County Historical Society.

Group members plan to digitize field journals, letters, discharge papers, photographs, medals, ribbons, canteens, uniforms and more. After the items are processed, they will be fully accessible for online research at www.visions.indstate.edu. By digitizing material, preservation of the often-fragile documents will be maintained.

During the Civil War, Indiana Gov. Oliver P. Morton asked the Sisters of Providence for medical assistance. He asked that they provide administrative support at City Hospital, Indianapolis. The hospital had been turned over to the federal government for the care of soldiers.

Superior General Mother Mary Cecilia Bailly made arrangements to assist the hospital, and, on May 17, 1861, the sisters were in charge of all "domestic arrangements," such as washing, cooking and cleaning. Their services also included nursing care.

Sister Athanasius Fogarty, director of the hospital, was well-known as a sister nurse. Risking infection from various wartime diseases such as typhoid, dysentery and measles, Sister Athanasius comforted and cared for the sick and dying soldiers. At the end of the war, she served as director of St. John Infirmary, a convalescent facility for soldiers that closed in 1871.

The Sisters of Providence are one of several congregations honored in a memorial called "The Nuns of the Battlefield" in Washington, D.C. The monument is located at the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and M Street.

The digitization of Civil War memorabilia is made possible by a Library Services and Technology Act Mini-Digitization Grant from the Indiana State Library. For more information about the Sisters of Providence, visit www.SistersofProvidence.org.

St. Anthony, Angola, hosts community open house

ANGOLA — For over a year visitors and residents of Steuben County have been following the progress of the new St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church at 700 W. Maumee St. in Angola. The church held its first Mass on Easter Sunday and was officially dedicated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on July 10. Now the parishioners of St. Anthony wish to invite the public to a Community Open House scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 8, from 1-5 p.m.

Refreshments will be served by the Altar and Rosary Society and guided tours will be provided by the Interior Design Committee.

The church includes vintage items dating back to 1926 from the original church located on East Maumee Street as well as stained glass and other art pieces designed specifically for the new church.

“Hardly a day goes by that people aren't stopping in and asking

to see the church,” says Conventual Franciscan Father Fred Pasche, pastor of St. Anthony. “Now that the church is complete, we thought it would be a good idea to extend an open invitation to all our neighbors to stop by and view the church.”

Queen of Peace Parish to hold PeaceFest 2010

MISHAWAKA — Queen of Peace Parish announces its summer festival and fundraiser PeaceFest 2010, Party at Mom's House will take place Aug. 13-15 at the church located in Mishawaka at 4508 Vistula Rd.

PeaceFest will be a three-day event and is open to the public. All proceeds from the summer festival will benefit Queen of Peace Catholic Church and School. The schedule of events includes the following days and events.

Friday, Aug. 13:

• Teen Youth Rally, 7-11 p.m. (Free Event) — Live music featuring Pople under the tent, bonfire, praise and worship for area teens. S'mores and taco bar provided.

• Casino Night, 7 p.m. to mid-

night — Games of chance, blackjack, Texas hold-em, tip boards, adult beverages (must be 21). Location: Gym. Donation of \$1 for admission.

Saturday, Aug. 14:

• The Mother of all Rummage Sales, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Family Fun Day. Arts and Craft Fair plus live entertainment, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Area merchants and crafters, food vendors, dunk tank, kids' games, bingo and other family events.

• Trivia Night, 7-11 p.m. — Over 50 tables. Reserve a space soon by calling (574) 255-9674.

Childcare will be available from 6:30-9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 15:

• Mass, 10:30 a.m. — Open air Mass celebrated under the tent.

• Feast and Fun Fair, 1-4 p.m. — Tickets for this parish picnic are on sale now. Call (574) 255-9674. Fun fair includes dunk tank, kids' games, bingo and other family events.

The festival committee is also seeking sponsorships, donations and volunteers. Those interested in donating time, money or goods and services are asked to call (574) 255-9674.

Cathedral to host extraordinary musical event

FORT WAYNE — The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne will host a one-of-a-kind free concert of music for alphorns and organ on Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m. Cathedral organist Michael Dulac will be joined by a group of alphorn players attending the Second Annual Midwest Alphorn Retreat at Hidden Hollows Retreat in nearby Lagro.

An alphorn is a natural wooden horn of about 8 feet in length with a bell on one end and a cup-shaped mouth piece. Those who have seen the Ricola commercials would have seen an alphorn. Noted alphorn virtuoso and schol-

ar Professor Peggy Demers, professor of horn at Sam Houston State University in Houston, Texas, is the musical director of the retreat and will lead the alphorn ensemble at the performance.

Father Kohrman to discuss demographic bomb

FORT WAYNE — The Archangel Institute will host Father Glenn Kohrman, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elkhart, who will discuss “Demographic Winter” after viewing the video on Friday, Aug. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Allen County Public Library. Francis Schaeffer's video, “The Enlightenment” and discussion will follow at 7:15 p.m.

Itinerary for World Youth Day 2011 pilgrimage posted

In a story in the July 18 issue of *Today's Catholic* about young people from the diocese who are making plans to attend World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain, the story mistakenly said that the itinerary included Fatima. Fatima is not part of the itinerary for the diocesan group. The diocesan pilgrimage itinerary does include the following:

• Wednesday, Aug. 10: Depart for flight to Paris
 • Thursday, Aug. 11: Arrive Paris, transfer for flight to Toulouse, drive to Lourdes
 • Friday, Aug. 12, and Saturday, Aug. 13: Retreat in Lourdes
 • Sunday, Aug. 14: Travel to Burgos with a stop in Loyola
 • Monday, Aug. 15: Depart early for Madrid, arriving early afternoon
 • Tuesday, Aug. 16 through Friday, Aug. 19: Participate in World Youth Day activities
 • Saturday, Aug. 20: Walk to and overnight stay at vigil site
 • Sunday, Aug. 21: Papal Mass
 • Monday, Aug. 22: Transfer to airport for return flight.

The pilgrimage package includes the following:

• Entrance to all World Youth Day (WYD) activities
 • All ground transportation via deluxe air-conditioned buses

• Three nights in three-star hotel in Lourdes including breakfast and dinner
 • Retreat led by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, clergy, and lay staff while in Lourdes
 • Walking tour of Lourdes
 • Visit to Loyola
 • One night at three-star hotel in Burgos
 • Dinner and breakfast in Burgos
 • Seven nights at a three-star hotel in Madrid
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For more information, including fund-raising ideas for teens and funding sources for young adults, visit the diocesan Web site www.diocesefwsb.org and click on the Campus and Young Adult Ministry page and then click on the “World Youth Day” link.

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Documentary released about beloved Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

FORT WAYNE — Archbishop Fulton John Sheen has been called one of the greatest communicators of the 20th century. Archbishop Fulton Sheen was a universally popular evangelist, Emmy Award-winning radio/TV personality, writer and missionary. A new film produced by the Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Foundation in Peoria, Ill., tells the story of Sheen, who reached 30 million viewers weekly with his television series, "Life is Worth Living."

Now, more than 50 years later, Archbishop Sheen is seen again in this new, hour-long documentary, "Servant of All." The film tells the story of a farm boy, born and raised in Central Illinois, and his rise to fame as one of the most widely recognized Catholic leaders. Video clips, photographs and personal testimony display Bishop Sheen in a new light, portraying the triumphs and struggles of this American icon.

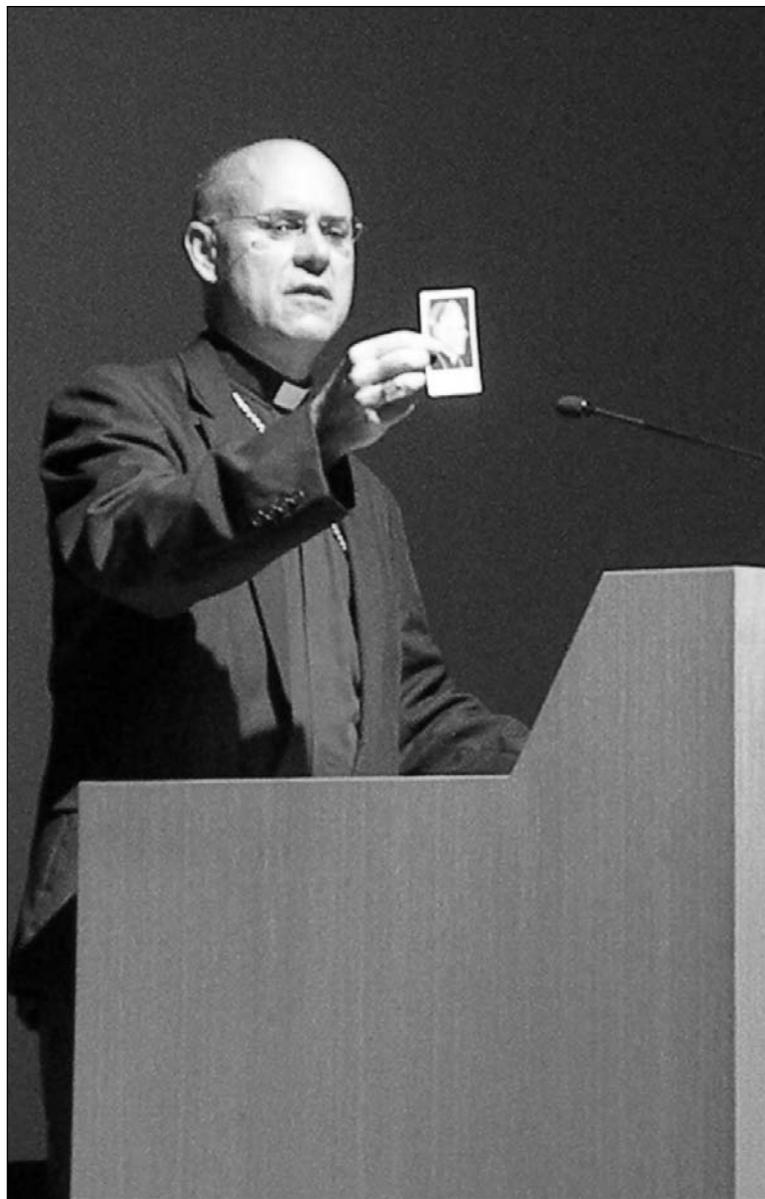
"Servant of All" was shown on Monday, July 19, at the Allen County Public Library and again on Tuesday, July 27, at St. Matthew Cathedral Parish in South Bend.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades attended the Fort Wayne screening and released the following statement: "I enjoyed the film on Archbishop Sheen very much. It was wonderful to see his popularity as a preacher and teacher of the faith. Even more edifying to me was his faith in the latter years of his life when he experienced the purifying power of the Holy Spirit through suffering. His dedication to the missions was also an inspiration."

The film has not yet been released to the general public, and is only available through private screenings in dioceses across the United States in a grassroots effort to share the life of Archbishop Sheen. Attendees will be able to purchase copies of the film as well as sign up to host their own private screenings.

On Oct. 3, 1979, during his visit to America, Venerable Pope John Paul II embraced Archbishop Sheen in New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral and gave a perfect summary of his life and work: "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You have been a loyal son of the Church!"

Archbishop Sheen is currently being considered for canonization to sainthood. Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, CSC, bishop of the Diocese of Peoria, Ill., opened the cause for his canonization in 2002. Should Archbishop Sheen be named a saint, he would be the first American-born bishop and television personality to be canonized. The Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Foundation is the official promoter of the cause. The purpose of the Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Foundation is



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades holds a prayer card of Archbishop Fulton Sheen at the screening of the documentary, "Servant of All," held July 19 at the Allen County Public Library.

to make known the life, works and thoughts of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen; to bring people to Christ through Archbishop Sheen; and to advance the Cause for the Canonization of

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Michael Garrett, 9, who attends weekday Mass with his family every Thursday morning at the Our Lady of the Angels Friary of the Franciscan Brothers Minor, recently collected \$3,116.11 for the brothers. Michael, with six of his seven brothers and sisters and parents, Jason and Sharon, and grandmother Sally Garrett-Smith presented the funds after the weekday Mass on July 15. After hearing a month ago that the brothers are renovating the former St. Andrew Church for their chapel and in need of \$32,000 for paint, plaster, refinishing the sanctuary and sanctuary floor as well as church statues, Michael wanted to help. First he thought of having a garage sale, but opted to compose a letter which he sent to 100 friends or relatives explaining how he wanted to help. In two weeks, Michael collected \$3,116.11 from 47 donors. Franciscan Father David Engo, superior, shown here kneeling with Michael, right with envelope, and with the brothers and novices, said he will use the funds for the purchase of a St. Michael the Archangel statue to be placed in the church.



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NEW PRINCIPALS ADD SPICE TO ALREA

Bishop Dwenger principal familiar with the routine

BY CLAIRE RONNER

FORT WAYNE — As the school year approaches, Jason Schiffli prepares to begin his first year as principal of Bishop Dwenger High School. Amid organizing for the hustle and bustle of registration and the first week of classes, Schiffli is in the process of orienting his new assistant principal, former St. Charles teacher, Amy Johns, as well as new teachers and staff. Having served as assistant principal for six years, Schiffli knows the Dwenger routine well.

"Dwenger is unique," Schiffli says. "I have never seen nor heard of any other high school like it. Dwenger is a dichotomous place: a large school, but also seen as a 'family' by its community. ... I liken the principal role as the 'keeper of the flame.' The large mantle of responsibility is keeping the torch of tradition, excellence and faith lit at all times."

Schiffli says, "This requires the principal to have attributes of an effective teacher, guiding mentor, trusted friend, confident captain, protective parent, cheerleader, spiritual leader and responsible steward. This analogous torch represents the cohesion ... the shared values of the family. And that is why Dwenger families still come back to the building to walk our hallowed halls, talk to friends, watch our games and plays, listen to our musicians and offer heart-filled gratitude with their blessings, gifts and prayers."

Schiffli grew up the youngest of five children in Butler, in DeKalb County. His home parish was Immaculate Conception in Auburn. He attended Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne (IPFW), graduating in five years because he changed his major three times, all within the field of education. Although the dream careers of his youth also included being a veterinarian, a priest and a magician, Schiffli never strayed from the desire to be a teacher.

His first teaching job in the diocese was at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel. There, Schiffli had the example of a faith-filled principal who eventually led him to continue his career along the path of administration.

"I thank Lois Widner, the principal at the time, for taking me in and mentoring me," shares Schiffli. "Being surrounded by Catholicism 24/7 strengthened my faith. I had never been exposed to anything like it before, growing up in a public school. It was Ms. Widner who inspired me to become an administrator."

Schiffli began taking graduate classes at IPFW, and in five years became principal of Huntington Catholic School.

"Huntington was filled with many



JASON SCHIFFLI

strong Catholic families," says Schiffli. "I felt like I was home there."

After four years in Huntington, Schiffli moved to Bishop Dwenger to be the assistant principal. Compared to Huntington Catholic, he says, Dwenger was faster paced and much larger.

"I don't know who was more ecstatic; my mother or myself," recalls Schiffli. "My mother knew that I had wanted to attend Dwenger back in high school. She said to me, 'You're finally a Saint!'"

His family is proud and excited for Schiffli's new position, but also apprehensive that they may not get to see him as often. Schiffli and his wife Elizabeth have four children: Ethan, Audrey and Seth, who all attend St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School, and Avery, who is 3.

Schiffli says he is very excited to meet new Dwenger families and discuss ways on how the school can improve. He states that with the excellent staff, anything is possible and everything can be achieved, and shares that he is excited to start new Dwenger traditions.

"I feel very blessed to be a part of Bishop Dwenger High School," Schiffli comments. "Our young people are the lifeblood of our school. Their enthusiasm and effort are impressive to witness. But, more importantly, I believe it is the teachers and coaches that instill that pride in one class after another. They work day in and day out helping their students grow to be more capable and responsible as well as stronger in their faith."

Christopher Kolakovich takes St. Thomas principalship

BY TIM JOHNSON

ELKHART — St. Thomas the Apostle School in Elkhart is familiar turf for Christopher Kolakovich, the school's new principal. From fifth through eighth grade, Kolakovich was a student there, and he has taught at the school for the last 11 years, most recently as the computer teacher and technology coordinator.

In an e-mail to *Today's Catholic*, Kolakovich wrote about his philosophy of Catholic education: "Catholic education plays a vital role in spreading the Gospel message. My philosophy is that children in Catholic schools should be given the opportunity to grow academically as well as spiritually. Catholic education is great because we can educate the whole child."

Kolakovich has been a parishioner at St. Thomas since he was 7 years old. "I received my first Communion and Reconciliation here," he said. "I was confirmed by Bishop (John M.) D'Arcy at St. Thomas. Father Bill Sullivan, the pastor, married my wife and me and baptized our son."

Kolakovich has been married to his wife Sara for seven years. They have a son Callum, 3, and are expecting a second child on Sept. 7, which happens to be Kolakovich's birthday.

"I enjoy spending time with my family the most," Kolakovich said. He also cited running, playing basketball and bicycling as interests.

"I am a trumpet player who participates as a musician in school Masses," Kolakovich added. "Also, I love watching Purdue sports and Chicago Bears' games."

As for his close ties with the parish, Kolakovich said, "My ongoing connection with the St. Thomas community should help make for a smooth transition both for me and the school. Over the years, the relationships that I have established with the staff and school community are very positive, and I feel a high level of support from the St. Thomas community as I begin this new career."

Kolakovich is grateful to Fred Stump, the retiring principal, for being a mentor and allowing Kolakovich to serve an internship at the school. The timing of Mr. Stump's retirement and Kolakovich fulfilling his licensing requirements went well.

Although Kolakovich is taking the helm of the school's principalship, he still expects to have a hand in technology and computers. "I will definitely still be involved with computers," he said. "As a former computer teacher and tech coordi-



CHRISTOPHER KOLAKOVICH

nator, I see the amazing impact that technology can have on education both for teachers and students.

"As principal, I will be determined to make sure that St. Thomas continues to grow technologically," Kolakovich said. "As far as teaching goes, I'm not planning on it, but I will certainly be in the classrooms, lunchroom, hallways, playground, etc., so that I can continue to be among the students and continue the good rapport that I have established with them over the years."

Kolakovich said the best thing about St. Thomas Parish is "the people. St. Thomas is a community that consists of truly amazing people who live their faith," he said.

Elkhart County has weathered some difficult financial times and St. Thomas Parish and School have been serving those who lost their jobs. "Fortunately our enrollment has been steady throughout these hard times," Kolakovich said. "The parish and school have been able to provide some tuition assistance for families. We have also organized food drives and collections to benefit those who are out of work."

St. Thomas School was part of a recent building and renovation campaign. "The renovations and additions are outstanding," Kolakovich said. "The school has an exciting new feel to it. Much needed improvements were made and the entire St. Thomas community has benefited from it and will for years to come."

ADY RICH CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Anne Miller named principal of Queen of Angels School

BY CLAIRE RONNER

FORT WAYNE — Anne Miller, who follows Marsha Jordan as principal of Queen of Angels School in the fall, never had a doubt that she would work in the field of education.

"I knew from seventh grade that I wanted to be a teacher," Miller said. "I volunteered at the YMCA and realized that I would work with kids for the rest of my life. It wasn't until I became a teacher that I realized I could affect more students by being an administrator."

Miller grew up a cradle Catholic in Rochester, N.Y., where she attended St. Rita Church and Elementary School and Bishop Kearney High School. Miller received her bachelor of science in elementary education from SUNY at Geneseo and taught fourth and fifth grade in Rochester for two years.

From Rochester she moved to Phoenix and earned her master of arts in instructional technology from Arizona State University.

"I thought at the time that I wanted to work at a district office as a tech trainer," reflected Miller. "I did that for two years, but lost exactly what I went into teaching for in the first place. As the instructional tech specialist, I had a friend who became an assistant principal and she helped me through the process of discerning administration."

"She was an angel," Miller continued. "God's hand had her take me by the hand and show me that technology wasn't my passion."

With the help and guidance from her friend, Miller received her administrative certification from Northern Arizona University and became an assistant principal for eight years in the Kyrene public school district of Phoenix.

"In Kyrene, I worked primarily with large schools, and the assistant principal basically did everything for half of the school that a principal would do," Miller said. "We had many challenging behavior kids, and those children needed even more love, attention and caring."

"Many educational systems feel you have to be harder on students with behavioral problems, but we wanted to create an environment in the schools based off of mutual respect and caring," commented Miller. "One child with behavior challenges that I had worked closely with came up and hugged me when he finished fifth grade and said, 'nobody has cared for me like you have. Nobody's ever treated me that way.' I knew (administrative work) was the right thing to do."

From Phoenix, Miller moved to Nebraska, where she was a stay at home mom for many years to care for her four children, the two youngest of whom have special needs: Jenny, 9; Mikey, 11; Danny, 14; and Jimmy, 16. Miller did eventually



ANNE MILLER

take a principal position at Sacred Heart Elementary in Norfolk, Neb.

Miller and her family moved to Fort Wayne from Nebraska, and she is very excited to start her work with the students at Queen of Angels in the fall.

"Queen of Angels has such a history; so many people I've met went to that school, and their parents went there too," shared Miller. "People come and stay, and they're there to give. They have some of the best volunteers; it's a great environment. I can't wait for the kids to get there!"

From her years of experience in different areas of the country, Miller has well-formed beliefs on the role of a principal.

"For me a principal sets the tone for the entire school," Miller said. "They create a positive atmosphere and model the love of Christ for everyone, having the expectation that everyone in the building is also modeling Christ. The principal has to be the example. Administrators should be present and visible, talking with parents and meeting with kids, involved in the classroom all the time."

"As a Catholic school administrator, a principal must have a passion for his or her faith and have that come out in the building," she continued. "Everything is based on a respectful, caring environment."

As the school year draws near, Miller is ready to jump into action and said that people are willing to see what this new leader can bring to the school.

"I am honored to be their principal and am looking so forward to making the best Queen of Angels possible," Miller concluded. "I can't wait to have the building filled with students, teachers and families."

Jeffrey Kieffer at home as principal at St. Mary in Avilla

BY KAY COZAD

AVILLA — St. Mary of the Assumption School in Avilla welcomes Jeffrey Kieffer of Hartford City as its new principal for the 2010-2011 academic year. He assumed the administrative post July 1, replacing longtime principal Kathy Garlitz, who served St. Mary as teacher for 16 years and principal for the past 11 years.

Of the preschool through eighth-grade school that provides quality education for over 170 students each year, Principal Kieffer says, "Avilla is a small town with a welcoming atmosphere ... St. Mary's is a successful school. It feels like home already."

Kieffer has been in education since the late 1990s and feels at home there too. As a young boy, he had his heart set on becoming a priest or a doctor, never having given a thought to teaching. But during his first semester at West Point Preparatory School in 1987, the instructors there changed his train of thought.

"That's where I really saw how much impact a good teacher, a good role model, could have on a student," says Kieffer.

He gave up his West Point appointment, served the remainder of his four-year commitment to the U.S. Army, and following his honorable discharge in 1994, earned a bachelor's degree in education from Ball State University. Kieffer first became employed as computer IT person and librarian for the Hartford City Public Library. Then from 1999 to 2005 he served as teacher at St. John Riedman Memorial School in Hartford City. Subsequently, Kieffer served as math teacher at St. Mary Middle School in Muncie and later as assistant principal at St. Mary School in Alexandria.

He is passionate about remaining in Catholic education where he experiences a "family atmosphere and the teamwork" of all those involved in educating the students not only academically but spiritually as well. "I like to focus on what students need to bring them forward in their faith and academics," he says.

Kieffer's Catholic faith inspires him in his private life as well. He remains involved in his home parish of St. John the Baptist in Hartford City, sharing his vocal talent as weekly cantor.

Avilla's new school administrator has several certifications in safety, leadership, and one in computer repair. This, he says, is one of his passions. "I usually end up



JEFFREY KIEFFER

the computer person wherever I am." Even Angela, Kieffer's wife of 18 years, and their three children call him the "gadget guy." His love of technology compliments his drive for academic excellence for his students.

Other interests include reading, gardening and caring for the family's menagerie of farm animals that includes cats, a dog, rabbits, goats, a cow and a llama. He also enjoys completing construction projects with his dad. Kieffer admits that he is an avid reader and loves to learn new things. "I am a lifelong learner," he says.

Kieffer is already impressed with St. Mary's solid, quality staff and the academic excellence exhibited in its ISTEP scores. So for now, as he learns his way around the school, Kieffer will continue to "see what's working" and work to maintain the high level of performance of the students. He hopes to concentrate on increasing enrollment there as well.

Kieffer reports that St. Mary of Avilla is the third such aptly named school he has been associated with as educator, and says, "There are too many signs for this not all to be in God's hands." Of his appointment to this flourishing school Kieffer adds, "It's a great honor to be picked. It's an answer to many prayers that God would lead me to someplace great and this seems to be the place."

Marsha Jordan named associate superintendent of schools

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Marsha Jordan's philosophy of Catholic education is, "You're able to teach the whole child — his body, mind, heart and soul. And you can infuse that into everything you do."

This is a philosophy that has helped Jordan as an administrator, teacher and dean in her illustrious career in education. Now she brings this experience as the new associate superintendent of Catholic Schools to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Jordan took her post June 14 and has been busy studying diocesan programs.

She is preparing for a curriculum initiative workshop with Dr. Tom Doyle of the ACE program at University of Notre Dame. Doyle will be working with a group of teachers and administrators from diocesan schools and develop a process of writing curriculum for several areas, starting with social studies. With about 150 teachers and administrators involved, there will be week-long workshops at either Notre Dame or the University of Saint Francis. Those people will be the leadership team and take their workshop materials back to their schools and work with their faculties on continuing that process.

Jordan, her husband Denver and daughter Emily are parishioners of Queen of Angels Parish in Fort Wayne. Mrs. Jordan attended school there as a child, as well as Emily, who is now a sophomore at Bishop Dwenger High School. Jordan was a well-respected principal at Queen of Angels School for



TIM JOHNSON

Marsha Jordan, shown in her office in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne, is the new assistant superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

the last 10 years.

Jordan told *Today's Catholic*, "I will miss the children," but she feels the transition to her new post was directed by the Holy Spirit. "Something said, 'You need to apply,'" Jordan said of this prompting, as well as some encouragement by Denver.

Dr. Mark Myers, superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend told *Today's Catholic*:

"Marsha Jordan brings a wealth of experience and credibility to the Catholic Schools Office. Marsha is a great Catholic woman who shares significant skills and ability. Our principals, teachers and pastors are very pleased with her appointment."

Jordan said she appreciates Dr. Myers' positive attitude and energy.

Because Jordan's experience is equally divided between high

school and elementary administration and teaching, she was a very qualified candidate for the post.

Jordan is looking forward to working with the Prospective Principals' Program, which, through a grant from Our Sunday Visitor in Huntington, recruits, educates and encourages Catholic school teachers for school administrative roles in the Catholic Schools. This program has created a pool of trained candidates when a school administrative post becomes available.

Jordan will also be working with the four diocesan Catholic high schools as they reorganize department chairs and offering some administrative skills to help with teachers' supervision.

When Jordan graduated from Indiana University, she chuckled, "I had no idea where I'd go. But I was friends with a former Sister of Providence who had just accepted a job as a math teacher at Wawasee Prep. And they were looking for a biology teacher."

Jordan contacted Crosier Father Tom Sheets at Wawasee Prep and was hired. "I taught biology and was dorm mother with my friend for two years," she said. "And then the Crosier Fathers decided to close the prep school and concentrate their resources on other ministries."

While working on her master's degree at Indiana University that following summer, Jordan visited Father James Seculoff in Fort Wayne, who was superintendent at the time. Jordan was no stranger to the chancery staff at the time. As a college student, she worked one summer as a cleaning lady in the chancery.

Father Seculoff pointed Jordan toward a job that was open at St. Vincent de Paul School in Fort Wayne. She spent the next nine years there and taught religion, Latin and junior high science.

In 1984, Jordan left St. Vincent for a job as dean of girls at Bishop Dwenger High School. She taught biology part-time. Eventually, Principal John Gaughan decided to move Jordan out of the dean's office and make her science department chair.

But in 1994, Jordan became a stay-at-home mom to raise Emily. "So I stayed home for six years," she said. "I always try to tell my young teachers — and I know economic situations for families is different — for me, that's a time that once it's gone, it's gone. And I wanted to experience every part of that."

But during those six years, Jordan finished up her coursework for her administrative license. "I always thought I would go back to

Bishop Dwenger. ... (However,) in May of 2000, I got a phone call from a teacher at Queen of Angels." The teacher encouraged Jordan to apply for a principalship at Queen of Angels School.

"That was my home parish. I had gone to grade school there. So I said, 'Okay,' and I talked to my husband about it and he said, 'Sure, try it,'" recalled Jordan. One of the teachers at Queen of Angels School had taught when Jordan was a student there, "and she sort of took me under her wing," Jordan said.

"It was very personal to me," Jordan said. "I'm one of eight girls. We all went through Queen of Angels. All except for a handful of my nieces and nephews went through school there. There were grandparents who were classmates of mine, whose grandchildren were in the school."

She said it was very different than being an administrator in high school, "because you have to focus on every aspect, and try to keep all those balls juggling at the same time. I'm very proud of everything that we accomplished and the things the teachers were able to accomplish, because the school did grow."

Jordan was principal of the school when her daughter attended Queen of Angels. At one point, Jordan stepped into covering a science class, "which was

fine and I loved it," she said. "I did teach my daughter in sixth grade. ... It was more interesting to watch the other kids' (reaction) with 'Okay, how is she going to handle this?'"

Jordan has had opportunities to go to public school settings as a teacher or an administrator.

She said, "I just had to look at myself as an individual and know how much my faith means to me and how much of a part of my day that is — my newsletters to my families and everything else — and I wouldn't be able to do that."

"And I see that my role as an administrator in a Catholic school was not just the kids, not just the staff, but also the parents," Jordan added. It was important for the parents to be catechized as well, "which in turn they could use to reinforce what their children are learning. And the whole part of that is those kids are the future of our Church. If we fail in that regard, where will our Church be?"

Jordan said she will miss the day-to-day life with the schoolchildren, but she plans to "go out and visit and spend time in each of the schools."

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Tina Dover takes leadership seat at Queen of Peace

BY JUDY BRADFORD

MISHAWAKA — Tina Dover, a lifelong resident of Mishawaka, is the new principal at Queen of Peace Catholic School.

"I was born and raised in Mishawaka, and I can't see myself living anywhere else," she says.

And, coming from a small town will probably help her continue to make every student "feel a part of one big family. We have a great staff, and all our teachers are dedicated. We make sure every student feels safe and comfortable," she says.

Dover has been a teacher at Queen of Peace for the past 10 years, beginning as a first-grade teacher and then more recently as a third-grade teacher with a love for language arts.

She is married to Joe Dover, a commercial plumber. In 2003, they both converted to Catholicism, having been attracted to it through the welcoming nature of the Queen of Peace Parish. "When I got the teaching job at the school in 2000, I loved working with Father Miller (Elden J. Miller), and I would go to the Masses with the children. I felt so much at home."

The Dovers have two children, Hannah, who will be in the seventh grade, and Chase, who will be a third-grader at Queen of Peace.

Dover is a 1990 graduate of Mishawaka High School, where she played on the women's softball team and made all-state in her senior year. She helped to start the girls' softball team at Queen of Peace and coached it for four years.

She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Indiana University, South Bend, in 1994. She hopes to be accepted into the



TINA DOVER

Alliance for Catholic Education Program at the University of Notre Dame to earn her administrator's license.

She says that as principal, she will be firm but fair. She values

consistency when it comes to handling the day-to-day operations of a school with 217 students, pre-school through eighth grade.

While it's important to make students feel safe, she also feels they need to be challenged to go out of their comfort zone when it comes to community service. She wants every student to reach his or her full potential in that area, as well as in academics and spiritual growth.

The school has held food and toy drives for various charities, fundraisers for Reins of Life and the Sisters of St. Francis. Students have also visited the Center for the Homeless in South Bend to serve dinner.

"You don't have to receive every time you give," she says, noting that giving is often its own reward. Two years ago, in winter, her daughter Hannah realized this was true when she saw men at the homeless shelter shoveling snow without coats on. Hannah started a coat and clothing drive at the school. Students delivered the coats and clothing, and were rewarded with the smiles of recipients.

The student body at Queen of Peace is mostly suburban, from Mishawaka and Granger, and there are a few farming families. Dover went to elementary school at Emmons Elementary, so she was raised in a suburban environment as well.

Our Lady of Hungary principal has vested interest

BY JUDY BRADFORD

SOUTH BEND — Melissa Wroblewski-Jay has always felt called to inner-city teaching.

"I feel drawn to environments where there are people from all kinds of cultures, where there are real-life struggles, and where people have had to overcome obstacles to accomplish something."

She'll be in that kind of environment this coming school year, as the new principal of Our Lady of Hungary School on the south side of South Bend. The student body is one-third Hispanic, one-third African American, and one-third Caucasian; students come from families where economic struggle is no stranger and yet they make a commitment to attend Catholic school.

The new principal knows the pre-school through eighth grade school very well. In addition to having attended as an elementary student, she is also the daughter of the former principal, Clem Wroblewski, who retired last spring. She didn't exactly waltz into the job, though. She worked as a teacher there for eight years, and had to apply for it just like any other applicant.

After finishing eighth grade at Our Lady, Melissa attended Marian High School, graduating in 1990. She earned her bachelor's degree in education from Indiana University-South Bend. Her first teaching job was at an urban Catholic grade school in



MELISSA WROBLEWSKI-JAY

Cincinnati.

"I learned a lot there. There were a lot of single parents who were challenged financially, and they had to make a commitment to continue sending their children to Catholic school. I marveled at what they were able to accomplish," she said.

After a year in Cincinnati, her husband Chad got a college teaching job in Grand Rapids, so she relocated there and taught in a suburban Catholic school.

The couple moved to South Bend in 2000 to help care for Chad's mother, diagnosed with cancer. At first, Wroblewski-Jay taught at LaSalle High School (now an intermediate school), and then went to St. Joseph Elementary School for a year.

Before too long, a position opened up at Our Lady of Hungary.

It was about that time that the couple travelled to India to adopt a child. Marguerite, their daughter, is now 8 years old and looking forward to third grade at Our Lady of Hungary.

The school is facing challenges of its own. With dropping enrollment and financial support from the parish, it had to raise its own funds last year to stay open. In four months, the school community raised \$100,000.

The same amount will have to be raised this school year. Events like People Fest, in May, and the Hungarian Festival, in July have already launched the effort.

Also planned is a fine arts auction sometime this late fall, using Chad's connections in the art community; he's an adjunct art professor at Indiana University-South Bend.

She's also going to work on enrollment and she knows what a big job that will be as families still struggle to recover from the recession. "For the past four years, I worked closely with my dad, helping to make decisions. Up until the '08-'09 school year, our enrollment was increasing year to year, up to 130 students (now, it hovers around 100).

"But I'm vested, as an alumna," she says. "This school means a lot to me. We've got to be the most diverse school in this part of the diocese. We're determined to stay and serve this community."

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GUEST EDITORIAL BY DR. MARK MYERS

Catholic Schools Office focused on opportunities, challenges

As we look forward to a new school year, and a new decade in Catholic schools across the diocese, the Catholic Schools Office is focused on the many opportunities and challenges placed before us.

A recent national study by the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) of Notre Dame found pastors throughout the country share concerns about school finances, marketing and long-range planning. Clearly during the next decade, challenges and blessings will be faced by all those who work with our children in our schools.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend serves over 12,000 Catholic children in Catholic schools enrolled in grades pre-k-12. Our schools strive to provide a strong and present Catholic identity where children can grow in their faith, share their faith and practice their faith as children today and as responsible Catholic adults tomorrow. Our schools maintain academic excellence and function efficiently as well. Record amounts of dollars in college scholarships are offered each year to seniors graduating from Marian High School, Saint Joseph's High School, Bishop Dwenger High School and Bishop Luers High School.

According to Holy Cross Father Joe Corpora, of the ACE at Notre Dame, about 1,500 Catholic schools closed during the last 10 years in the U.S.; while this is quite troubling, over 1,400 schools would have remained open had they reached out to our Catholic Latino children.

Our principals and teachers are involved in discussions about how we might engage our Latino children and families. Catholic educators attending an ACE, Notre Dame conference on Latino children early in July learned that only 35 percent of the reason Latino children do not attend Catholic schools is due to lack of money for tuition. Our greatest challenge may be to learn from the long and distinguished history of the religious who served Catholic immigrant children over 100 years ago. Presently, the faith-filled, practicing Catholic descendants of those early immigrants serve our parishes and throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

This much is clear: Much more is at risk for our diocese and our Church now than simply the future of our urban parish schools. The significant growth of Catholic, Latino families in Indiana and America ensures the Church will continue to reflect these national demographics; our Catholic educators working in our schools today will play a major role in the faith formation of the children who will inherit our diocese and the Church.

Father Corpora reminds us that during the last century, the American parish was a reflection of the immigrant home. The culture, food, language and customs were extended to the Catholic school and parish from the home; ethnic traditions were familiar and expected by children enrolled in the diverse Catholic school communities.

Today, our schools are challenged to accommodate and incorporate the rich culture and customs of our Catholic, Latino homes. We have a long way to go but the blessings for all our children are eternal. Latino children and their families clearly will enrich our schools, revitalize our urban parishes and secure our Catholic faith in America for centuries. However, we must all act boldly now to enroll Latino children in our Catholic schools.

Research from Loyola Marymount University (2008) shows the graduation rate among low-income minorities enrolled in Catholic schools is 98 percent compared to 66 percent graduating in public schools. According to Derek Neal (1997), all students who attend Catholic schools are 42 percent more likely to graduate from high school and 2.5 times more likely to graduate from college. The future of our Catholic schools remains blessed given God's work before us presently. Please continue to pray that we can extend the Catholic schools advantage to our Latino children residing within the diocese.

The Catholic Schools Office welcomes Marsha Jordan as the newly appointed associate superintendent. Marsha has served in Catholic education for 31 years at Wawasee Prep, St. Vincent de Paul, Bishop Dwenger and most recently as principal at Queen of Angles.

Finally, our Catholic teachers and principals throughout the diocese have been very busy this summer working to ensure our children are prepared effectively and well academically. ACE of Notre Dame is providing two weeklong workshops for our diocese engaging over 140 teachers and principals in curriculum development programs in South Bend and Fort Wayne during July and August. Each workshop will end with Mass.

ACE has offered our schools a nationally adopted, research-based process to develop our school curriculum that leads to higher student achievement. Our high school principals are working with ACE to organize department chairs and provide professional development. We have been invited to send teachers to ACE to develop skills in teaching English as a New Language (ENL); our goal is to have one trained ENL teacher in each building within three years. ACE has contributed unselfishly this summer to assist our principals to acquire effective special education services for all our schools.

Clearly, we would be remiss if we did not extend our heartfelt appreciation to Holy Cross Father Tim Scully, director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives, Notre Dame and his entire ACE staff for their generous commitments to our Catholic schools of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The tireless efforts of the ACE staff and the unselfish commitments of our teachers and principals will contribute greatly to the welfare of our Catholic school children.

Dr. Mark Myers is the superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

COMMENTARY

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Remembering a devoted servant

As I age I am more and more aware of the incredible self-sacrifice of lay people who have offered their time and expertise in the diocese over the years but particularly those who were very hidden and seemingly insignificant. I think it is kind of us to remember them in the diocesan paper when they die. I personally always remember them at the altar.

So it is for Richard ("Dick") Long who served without counting the cost at the cathedral for many many years. In those days there were times when he was the janitor, the door-keeper, the secretary, the "go-fer," the sacristan, the unofficial MC for the bishop, the house plumber, phone repair man, grocer, valet, grounds keeper — you name it and Dick Long did it.

While I was at the cathedral in the '60s, I was well aware that he did all of this with heroic kindness and boundless patience, which was often a measure of my own lack of

it. Yes, sometimes he likely drove me "crazy" with his style of evangelization: This guy would give a teaching on the latest apparition of Mary to the devil if he showed up at the front door and then send the demon on his way with his head shaking and a rosary in his hand.

Thank you Richard. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in whose cathedral you served so hidden and so well for so many years will now make you well known in the Temple of Her Son. You, my friend, deserve it — if for no other reason than having had to live with the likes of "me!"

And a special thanks to *Today's Catholic* for giving us such lovely press for our jubilees as priests in the diocese. Perhaps an added note to my own article for my 50th: I am not "retired." I am in very active ministry in a community of lay men, lay women and priests — about 250 altogether of which about 100 are here in the little village of Combermere. Lots of work in the vineyard up here. No time for retirement! Take a look: www.madonnahouse.org.

Father Pat McNulty
Combermere, Ontario, Canada

Abortion returns to the healthcare reform debate

Congress passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) in March, amidst an unresolved debate about the legislation's impact on abortion and conscience protection. As president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal Francis George explained then that the bishops had to oppose the final bill despite their strong support for healthcare reform, because (among other things) it "appropriates billions of dollars in new funding without explicitly prohibiting the use of these funds for abortion." Others dismissed this charge, saying that legislative intent and a last-minute executive order from President Obama prevented abortion funding.

Fast-forward to July, when one of those PPACA provisions appropriating billions of dollars was about to take effect. Section 1101 of the Act provides \$5 billion for "high-risk insurance pools," providing much-needed health coverage for people with "pre-existing conditions" who cannot otherwise get coverage. This program ends in January 2014, when these patients can join others in purchasing qualified health plans on the new state insurance exchanges. State governments can propose the benefits list and other details for covering their residents in these pools, but the federal government makes final decisions and provides all government funds for subsidizing this coverage.

Pro-life groups found that several states — beginning with Pennsylvania, New Mexico and Maryland — had announced on their Web sites that their statewide plans would include elective abortions. (New Mexico used the phrase openly; Pennsylvania said its plan would not cover "elective abortions," but would cover abor-

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RICHARD M. DOERFLINGER

tions that are legal under the Supreme Court's decisions — meaning any abortion an abortionist sees as needed for a woman's social or emotional "well-being.") These plans were described as already approved, and New Mexico had already begun signing up enrollees.

Public criticism of this development prompted immediate denials and evasive responses. An initial response from the Department of Health and Human Services insisted that "federal funds" would not cover these abortions — leaving open the prospect that everyone who enrolls could be forced to fund other people's abortions with their premium dollars. Late on July 14, however, HHS issued a new and more welcome response, saying that abortions simply "will not be covered" in these plans except in cases of rape, incest or danger to the mother's life, as has long been true in federally subsidized health plans for federal employees.

Now pro-abortion groups are crying foul, with the interesting complaint that this pro-life outcome goes beyond anything in PPACA or the executive order. In other words, they are saying the bishops' analysis of loopholes in these documents is right.

Facing the 10-year reunion

It was 4 p.m., and hesitance was creeping in. “Ten-year high-school reunion,” she tweeted. “To go or not to go?”

A single mom who had just been let go was facing a chance to prove she had not let herself go — and seeking a little courage online.

She played punk rock, applied extra blush and pinned on a homemade bridal hairpiece. Three hours later she was primed and pumped up. “I’m gonna rock it,” she typed.

There is nothing like a high-school reunion to force a long look in the mirror and the hard math of a decade, the difference between expectation and reality.

My Evite sent me flipping through the closet and shopping on the Web. I’ve been watching RSVPs trickle in, tallying maiden names versus married names.

I got a little preparation last month at a wedding that doubled

as a college reunion. I was taken aback by the range of social circles in attendance. Someone had lost 70 pounds. Someone had lost two front teeth. Someone had hired a life coach.

At one point a cluster of women compared wedding rings. “I don’t have a ring,” the lone single among them said, “but I just ran a marathon!”

Isn’t that the impulse, to wave away perceived shortcomings and loudly broadcast achievement?

In the movie “Romy and Michele’s High School Reunion,” impact trumps accuracy. Asked what she’s been up to, Michele stammers: “Oh, OK. Um, I invented Post-Its.”

The gap between what was once imagined and what was actually accomplished can overwhelm. Undone items pop in the brain first — and stick. A neighbor lady raising two boys and forging a rewarding career



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

refused to attend a reunion because she hadn’t become a lawyer, as she had vowed to do.

Status makes for easy answers, but they miss the heart of the matter. The real feats are subtler, defying measurement. Good relationships with your parents. A strong prayer life. An eagerness to rise from bed no matter what work awaits.

What a decade promises is vastly different from what it delivers. At 18, I couldn’t envision what it would look like to flesh out those generic resume subheads, education and experi-

ence, how they would add color and interest to every day. I couldn’t grasp the way stamps on a passport would lift flat countries into relief and rewire my thinking. I didn’t believe the tall, dark and handsome groom I dreamed of would indeed arrive, bringing intelligence and affection and teaching me what true partnership entails.

In the decade after high school, I thought I would have traveled faster and farther. But I got depth and quality instead of speed and range. God is good.

This month’s readings put things in perspective, illustrating the chasm between status and success. St. Paul urges the Colossians to “think of what is above, not of what is on earth,” and St. Luke tells the parable of the rich farmer who builds bigger barns to store all his grain.

“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things

you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

Those insights don’t fit on a name tag or in a five-minute what-have-you-been-up-to talk. But if you have stored up divine treasures, then you can consider the past decade a resounding success and walk into that reunion with your head held high.

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We are in the hands of God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 12:13-21

The first reading this weekend is from the Book of Ecclesiastes. The first verse states that the book is the work of Qoheleth, a son of King David, although no proper name is used. The book’s origins, despite this tradition, are puzzling.

The name of this book comes from the Greek, and then the Latin. Furthermore, this book seems to show a Greek influence, and Greek culture did not influence the Jews until centuries after Solomon. However, its Hebrew is of a style used long after Solomon’s time.

Many scholars today believe Ecclesiastes dates from only two or three centuries before Christ.

A virtual trademark of this book is its condemnation of human vanity. This scorn of vanity is in this weekend’s reading.

Vanity of course affronts God, the almighty and the perfect. It also displays the ignorance and illogic of humans, who see in human thought the greatest wisdom. This tendency leads them to regard material wealth as such a value. It also causes them to spurn, or to discount, God.

For its second reading, the Church presents a passage from the Epistle to the Colossians.

Continuing the general message of the first reading, this selection from Colossians calls upon Christians to focus on the things that truly matter, namely the things of God, counseling believers to rise upon temptations of this world, and it sees sin as in essence idolatry.

St. Luke’s Gospel furnishes the last reading. Jesus appears in this reading as a mediator, asked by “someone in the crowd” to resolve a dispute about inheritance. Readers of the Gospel are accustomed to such questions being put to the Lord. Did this person in the crowd, unnamed and unidentified in the Gospel, intend to trick Jesus? To put Jesus in an awkward position? To put Jesus in the middle of an argument?

Of course, it is possible that the questioner’s intentions were not pure. However, to invite anyone to mediate a dispute was a compliment. Such questioning presupposed that the person being questioned, in fact, possessed knowledge. Furthermore, it presupposed that all sides would respect the integrity and wisdom of the mediator. Not surprisingly, outright strangers, whose credentials were unknown, were never invited to mediate between arguing parties. So, Jesus was in the midst of persons familiar with him, as a person and as a teacher.

As would have been the etiquette of the time, Jesus hesitates before proceeding.

Under Jewish custom, surviving children did not have to seek a clear division of a deceased parent’s belongings. So there must have been a problem. Rather than plunging into the argument, the Lord’s advised avoiding greed, insisting that material wealth has no true worth.

The Lord then tells the parable,

or story, of the landowner who had great good fortune. His harvest was great. He plans to store the harvest so as to provide for his easy living in years to come. Such reasoning is foolhardy, Jesus says. No human can truly control his or her future. It would be better to distribute the abundance among the needy.

Reflection

From the earliest times in the history of Revelation, the holy have dealt with the human tendency to measure all things, even life itself, in material terms. It was a tendency that with which the author of Ecclesiastes dealt. The Lord Jesus dealt with it.

These readings do not call us to reckless waste and abandonment of good sense and responsibility. Rather, they remind us that we are in the hands of God. We ultimately control nothing about our future, save by our voluntary decision to be one with God in Christ. In this decision, we assure ourselves a place at heaven’s eternal banquet.

This lesson is that we should put first things first.

READINGS

Sunday: Eccl 1:2;21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17 Col 3:1-5,9-11 Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29,43, 79-80,95,102 Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-23, 29 Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19 Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36
Saturday: Hb 1:12:2:4 Ps 9:8-13 Mt 17:14-20

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for August 1, 2010
 Luke 12:13-21

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: lessons about being concerned with worldly goods. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

CROWD	FRIEND	JUDGE
ARBITRATOR	TAKE CARE	GUARD
GREED	POSSESSIONS	PARABLE
LAND	TO STORE	MY BARN
BUILD	LARGER ONES	MY GRAIN
DRINK	BE MERRY	YOU FOOL
NIGHT	DEMANDED	PREPARED

FOOLISH

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Learning to make things happen

I really, really want a set of encyclopedias! I thought this over and over as we were about to embark on homeschooling. It was the beginning of summer and we'd start homeschooling in the fall. I was trying to pull everything together. This was in the mid-1990s, before Internet, and I desperately and specifically wanted a World Book Encyclopedia set for my five children, aged 7 and under.

When I checked out the prices on a new set I was flabbergasted. The regular edition (maroon cover) exceeded \$600. The deluxe hunter green with gold binding was more than \$800. That was at least eight weeks worth of groceries. There was no way we could afford that!

Shortly afterwards, I was at a dinner party with some colleagues of my husband and their wives. I began chatting with Norma, a school teacher. I was lamenting the cost of the reference books and she gave me an idea.

"You know, I earned a set way back when," she shared. "I don't know if World Book still does it that way, but if you sold a certain number of sets you used to be able to earn one for yourself. I might still have the phone number somewhere of a district representative."

That's all I needed to hear. The next day Norma provided me with the number, and I found out that yes indeed the program was still in place. My mother volunteered to watch my little ones while I signed on to go door to door.

I got a selling kit, and familiarized myself with the product. I came up with a note card system to keep track of people I contacted, new leads and potential buyers. I padded

out in the morning, waving goodbye to my little ones, which I hated to do. I forced myself to leave them playing with Grandma, telling myself it was hopefully just for a few weeks in the summer and reminding myself that this time with Grandma was quality time. Mom encouraged me each step of the way.

At the end of four weeks, I received a phone call.

"Theresa, you are the top salesperson in the district for July. You have earned the hunter green, gold bound set of encyclopedias, a little cash bonus and a halogen light as a prize." It was the voice of the World Book district manager, the lady in charge. She paused and then asked me, "Would you consider continuing to sell for us?"

"Oh thank you!" I exclaimed, imagining the beautiful hard bound set on our den shelves. I could hardly contain my excitement. And then I quickly added, "No thank you!" to the thought of continuing to sell. I am positive I sounded too enthusiastic about that. I couldn't turn in my sales material fast enough.

I was so proud when the encyclopedias were delivered to our home. The kids and I tore open the box and sat on the sofa right then and there, smelling the pages and looking things up. When the halogen light appeared on my doorstep a few days later, I excitedly presented it to my husband.

You might think this is a recollection about perseverance, of putting one's mind to something and going out and getting it. Moms will do things they don't particularly like to do if it means their families will benefit. That's true.



HERESA A. THOMAS

EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

But this story is also about more than that. I pursued this idea on the suggestion of another. And, if you look back carefully you will see the words above, "mom volunteered," "she encouraged." It's almost like a little afterthought to notice and acknowledge her involvement, but she was actually the adhesive for my whole encyclopedia-selling project. Like the stitching on a dress, her help was critical although perhaps not initially fully noticed. Without her participation, this simply would not have happened.

As I look back carefully, I see the common thread of her gift of time sewn throughout my life, a phone call here to give encouragement — an offer there to help me catch up on laundry — a book found just for me that she thought was relevant. "Go take a walk. I'll hold the baby." "Go take a nap. I've got it covered." Her handiwork is most noticed through the eyes of retrospection. And less so yet still there is the gentle prodding and help of others — a suggestion that inspires, an opportunity given. If the first lesson is "persevere," the second lesson is certainly "appreciate the hand others give so you can succeed." When we receive we can learn to provide, and that's the best way to make things happen.

St. Paul sacrifices to preach the Gospel

Where is Lystra, where they thought St. Paul was a god?

The town of Lystra lies in central Turkey. This is where St. Paul and St. Barnabas fled to from Iconium where the Gentiles and Jews were trying to kill them. At Lystra there was a man lame from birth who never walked. St. Paul called out to him "Stand up. On your feet." Suddenly the man jumped up and walked around. When the crowds saw this miracle, they thought St. Paul and St. Barnabas were gods in the form of men. They called Barnabas Zeus or Jupiter and Paul Hermes or Mercury. Even the local priest of the god Zeus, whose temple stood just outside the town, brought oxen and garlands to sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas.

Paul and Barnabas then shouted "We are only men. We want to bring you the good news about the living God."

M. Pennock mentions that the first-century Roman poet Ovid speaks of a legendary visit of the gods Zeus and Hermes to Lystra. The gods came disguised and asked for lodging, but everyone refused. Then they found a tiny

hut where the elderly peasants fed them. The gods then punished the unfriendly locals, but transformed the hut of the peasants into a magnificent temple. Maybe the people knew this legend and that is why they thought Paul and Barnabas were gods.

Then some Jews from Antioch in Pisidia and Iconium came to Lystra and strongly criticized St. Paul's preaching about Jesus. These Jews may have come to Lystra to purchase grain, since this town was famous for its grain crops. The Jews won over the crowd who stoned Paul and dragged him out of Lystra, leaving him for dead. But Paul rose up well and headed for the town of Derbe the next day.

Scholars are not sure of the exact location of Lystra. A. Edmonds says some suggest the village of Giliatra, 35 kilometers southwest of Iconium, where St. Paul had previously been. Others propose the village of Ilistra, further south. About 6 B.C. the Roman emperor Caesar Augustus put soldiers in Lystra to protect the people against the tribes and bandits from the Taurus Mountains to the south. St. Paul says he had



FATHER RICHARD HIRE

HIRE HISTORY

been beset with danger from robbers.

After St. Paul left Derbe, he returned to Lystra, even though it was dangerous, to encourage the disciples there and to install presbyters who would perform liturgical rites, such as the Holy Eucharist. Later on, during his second missionary journey, St. Paul again returned to Lystra, where he met a young disciple named Timothy. Timothy became a close friend of St. Paul and was made the bishop of Ephesus in Turkey, the fourth largest city of the Roman Empire at this time. St. Paul wrote two letters to Timothy, contained in the New Testament, where he shows the sacrament of Holy Orders via the imposition of hands.

The power of PBJ

It all started with a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, that staple of childhood in homes all across America. Now it's growing and growing and the good folks in Michigan who keep it moving haven't stopped yet.

That's PBJ Outreach Inc., an all-volunteer operation that finds the face of Christ in the 250 people it serves in downtown Detroit every Saturday morning. The volunteers aren't content to rest, either. They hope that later this year they'll be able to begin a daily soup kitchen, and that's only the beginning. Along with it they want to offer a literacy program, 12-step meetings and job opportunities through a food industry they plan to start. The business will have a modest beginning, according to its blueprint, but with luck it will grow and prosper. And with PBJ's track record to go by, I wouldn't bet against it.

Maryann Gogniat Eidemiller wrote about PBJ in a recent issue of *Our Sunday Visitor*, the national Catholic newsweekly, tracing its history back to 2002 and an idea from Deacon Tim Sullivan. Sullivan and his wife, Gail, were visiting Boston and saw a woman feeding the homeless — with peanut butter sandwiches — and he knew he wanted to do the same thing back home. He was able to round up enough volunteers from his parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth, Mich., to get the program going. Before long, in addition to peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, it was offering drinks, other sandwiches, chips and snacks, and even hot meals like beans and franks. School supplies were added to the list, and twice a month clothing items were given out.

"I tell new volunteers, 'You are going to see the face of Christ today, and you are going to see it in a different way than you ever thought,'" Sullivan said. "And I tell them that the people will see the face of Christ looking back at them."

Vicki Phillips, an early volun-



LIGHT ONE CANDLE

GERALD COSTELLO, THE CHRISTOPHERS

teer, thought at the time that she'd never go to downtown Detroit. "I was afraid," she told *OSV*. But that was then. Now she's a greeter, welcoming with hugs the people she once feared. "We have the same needs," she said. "We are the same people — God's people."

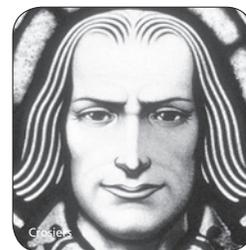
The volunteers, who have grown to include many from other churches and other communities, gather at Good Counsel at 6 a.m. each Saturday to prepare the food they then take to a vacant lot in an impoverished Detroit neighborhood. Their clients are the homeless, the poor, the elderly and lonely — who come, as Eidemiller wrote, for food and fellowship, and, if they want, a word of prayer.

"Tim and I pray with people when they come through the line," said Christina Hohman, the program's director. "We don't make them pray, but we offer."

"You see a lot of handshakes and hugs and looking into the eyes of people who are used to being shunned," Sullivan added. "They are used to being ignored, and just for us to recognize them brings them back every week."

By any measure, coming back is exactly what they do. Sullivan estimates that in the eight years PBJ Outreach has been in business, it's served probably 120,000 people — an amazing number. That adds up to a lot of peanut butter, to be sure. And, even more so, a lot of love.

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John Vianney

1786-1859
August 4

Born near Lyon, France, this farmer's son studied for the priesthood for many years, and eventually was ordained more for his devoutness and good will than for other qualities. But he became a model parish priest in Ars-en-Dombes, where he served for 40 years. He was devoted to his parishioners, and became famous for rigorous preaching and insights in the confessional. The Cure of Ars, as he was known, spent up to 18 hours a day hearing the confessions of pilgrims who sought him out. He is the patron of parish priests.

Diocesan youth learn to 'be Christ,' 'see Christ' at bcX retreat

NOTRE DAME — Youth from across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend recently participated in a bcX retreat held at Holy Cross College in South Bend. bcX refers to the notion to "be Christ" and "see Christ" in community. "X" is an ancient Hebrew symbol for Christ. Service opportunities along with prayer, participation in the sacraments, discussions and social time were the hallmark of this week-long gathering in mid-July.

One participant from Fort Wayne, Eddie Black, shared her insights on the retreat.

"The bcX-Servant Leadership retreat, which teaches how to be Christ to others and therefore see Christ in others, was offered to the youth of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend both this summer and last. After much prompting from my friends, I went on the week-long service retreat. Joining over 60 teens for the week were numerous young adults who led our small groups each day, and the Franciscan Brothers Minor, who quickly became our favorites!" she said.

The retreat offered teens much in the way of spiritual growth opportunities. Black said, "Each day was a balance of sacraments, prayer, service, social time and time within our small groups. In the mornings until the afternoon we worked at various service sites around South Bend, and then in the evening we had sessions with speakers, like Father Dan Scheidt and Sister Marie Morgan, with small group time and other activities. The sessions were built around the luminous mysteries of the rosary."

She along with the other youth there felt open to the spirit of service. She said, "By balancing the work we were doing for the needy with our own Lord's teachings, we were truly able to have our eyes and hearts opened to how we are called to a sense of community with everyone,

regardless of their situation."

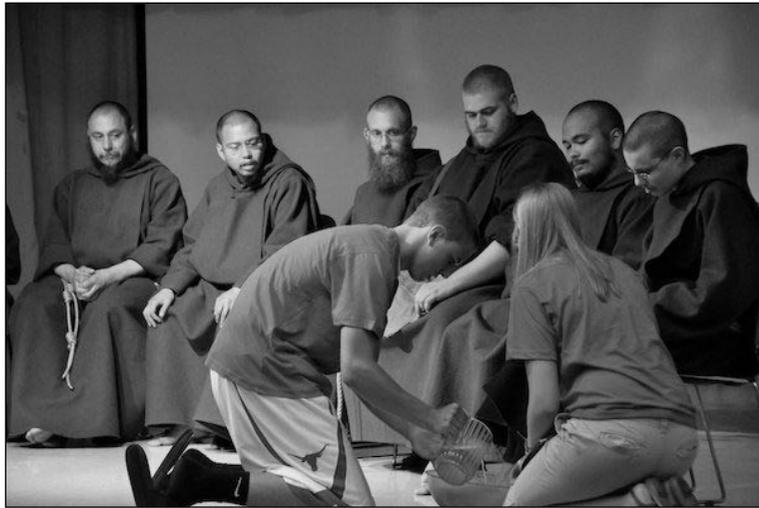
Learning about and volunteering at the service ministries already in place in the South Bend area inspired the teens. Black said, "I was very touched seeing the organizations that were established to help the poor, and also the people who worked at these places. One that truly stands out to me is Our Lady of the Road Drop-In Center, part of the ministry of Catholic Worker.

"Here, the homeless are served coffee and breakfast, are able to take a shower or do their laundry, and also get what they need from the back warehouse. While my small group was working at this building, we were able to sit down and visit with the guests.

"It was at the Drop-In Center that I finally realized why we need to help others, no matter their circumstance. I was always a person who would never give money to the homeless, and even looked down on them, thinking that they had to have done something wrong to be in their situa-



Group 3 sorts clothes at the South Bend Center for the Homeless. From left are Nick Oberhausen, Sam Martinez, Thomas Ostrowski, Kaitlyn DelleDonne, Sarah Tomas Morgan and Monica Thomas.



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During the final day of the retreat, the teens showed their gratitude to the Franciscan Brothers Minor by washing their feet. Travis Rauwerdink, left, and Samantha Baus are shown washing Brother Solanus' feet. Brothers in the photo are from left, Father David Engo, superior, Brother Juniper, Brother Felix, Brother Lawrence and Brother Leo Maria.



Teens processed to the grotto at Notre Dame for the rosary.

tion. I believed that people became homeless because they were careless and that it is their own duty to help themselves. But, within just minutes of speaking to the guests and hearing their stories, I finally had my heart opened and saw them as Jesus sees them. It does not matter how they came to be homeless, if they need our help, who are we to deny them?"

She continued, "That was probably my 'wow' moment of the week. but it was partnered with an amazing celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation, the washing of the friars' feet, fun with friends running through the sprinklers, and of course, celebrating our Lord's sacrifice in Mass and Adoration.

"I was given the excellent opportunity to cross the bridge between ordinary and extraordinary, and everyone is offered many similar chances. Of course we'll have to step outside of our comfort zone, and break down the walls that separate us from our neighbors, but it is only when this happens that we can allow the extraordinary, which is found in Christ to come and fill our ordinary lives. And that's what I learned at bcX."

All the students who participated in the bcX retreat agreed with Black when she offered a note of deep appreciation for the people who provided the enriching retreat opportunity.

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Are you celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Jubilee in 2010?

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate two Wedding Jubilee Masses

In South Bend, the Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Matthew, Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following at St. Matthew's School.

In Fort Wayne, the Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following at the Grand Wayne Center.



YES...We are celebrating our (please check one) 25th Jubilee 50th Jubilee

We will attend Mass in South Bend Fort Wayne Attend Reception YES NO

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Class reunion

Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic High School class of 1965 is having a 45-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Holiday Inn across from the Coliseum at 6 p.m. There is no advance charge and a cash bar and food from the menu will be available. For information contact Bill Weber at (260) 432-0696 or Don Bobay at (260) 969-1211.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Aug. 6, from 5-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included.

Rummage sale

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish will have a rummage sale on Friday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 14, from 9-11:30 a.m. with \$3 bag sale beginning at 3 p.m. Friday and \$1.50 bag sale all day Saturday.

Parish festival planned

New Carlisle — St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish will have a summer festival Saturday, Aug. 7, with a rib dinner at 5 p.m. and music by the Current from 7-11 p.m.. On Sunday Aug. 8, a Polish

chicken dinner will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with music by the Soundstations from noon to 4 p.m. A rummage sale, kids games, raffles, bingo and a beer tent both days. For information call (574) 282-2426.

Rummage sale

Pierceton — St. Francis Xavier Parish, 408 W. Catholic St., will have a rummage sale on Friday, Aug. 13, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon.

First Saturday devotions

First Saturday devotions of reparation will be held at these locations: Fort Wayne: St. Joseph — 7:30 a.m.; St. Charles — 8 a.m.; Sacred Heart — 7:30 a.m.; Our Lady of the Angels Friary (formerly St. Andrew's) — 9 a.m. Arcola: St. Patrick — 7:15 a.m. Garrett: St. Joseph — 9 a.m. New Haven: St. Louis Besancon — 8:10 a.m.; St. John — 6:55 a.m. Warsaw: Sacred Heart — 8 a.m. North Manchester: St. Robert - 8 a.m. For changes, call (260) 459-7731.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father James Seculoff, pastor, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Cathedral

Square on Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations.

Carpenters with Wings

Garrett — The second annual 'Carpenters with Wings' memorial tuition assistance fund event will be held in the St. Joseph School gym Saturday, Aug. 14, from 5-8 p.m. A chicken dinner by the Railroad Inn and Timmy's Pizza with cookies. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12 and children 3 and under are free. A beer tent, casino and dance will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10. This fund has been established to provide tuition assistance to those who desire it.

Golf outing planned

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers alumni will have a Golf Outing Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Brookwood Golf Course, 10304 Bluffton Rd. The Florida Scramble shot gun start is at 1 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Bishop Luers needs-based tuition assistance fund. \$75 per person includes greens fees, cart, range balls, six drink tickets and food. Registration forms can be found at www.bishopluers.org/alumni or contact the alumni office at (260) 456-1261 ext. 3039.

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Bishop Rhoades visits St. Catherine of Siena Parish at St. Jude Church

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — Refreshment of the mind, body and soul was a theme during Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades' first visit to St. Catherine of Siena Parish at St. Jude in South Bend on July 18. Bishop Rhoades celebrated the 10 a.m. Mass and afterwards joined parishioners for a Polish luncheon, games and entertainment at the St. Jude festival.

Bishop Rhoades' homily reflected on Luke's Gospel about Jesus' visit to the home of Mary and Martha. The Gospel's portrayal of Martha's frustration at her sister Mary's choice to not help her in her household duties, but instead to sit and listen at Jesus' feet had personal meaning for the bishop.

"Five or six weeks ago I went home for my nephew John's high school graduation. I was only home for two days for his graduation, and it was great to see them. The evening I got there I was sharing conversation with my brother-in-law, my nieces and nephew in the living room and having a great time, and my sister is in the kitchen doing all the work preparing a meal for her family and her brother," Bishop Rhoades recalled.

He remembered the look of frustration as his sister worked alone. "I could see (the frustration) after about 45 minutes when she came in and the kids weren't helping, her brother wasn't helping, and her husband wasn't helping. I could see that she was a little annoyed that someone wasn't

at least setting the table. I thought of today's Gospel and said 'Robin, Robin, you are worried and anxious and troubled about many things. Johnny, Molly and Mary Kate have chosen the better part.' I thought she was going to hit me. So she said, 'Okay I'll join you.' What a mistake, because I was so hungry!" Bishop Rhoades remarked jokingly.

Making the time to be refreshed in the Lord should be a priority in our lives, Bishop Rhoades stressed. "Besides keeping the Sabbath, if we only could make time to spend 15 minutes each day with the Lord. We could spend it in front of the Blessed Sacrament or in a private room in our homes by saying the rosary, reading the Scriptures or speak-



PHOTOS BY KAREN CLIFFORD

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades learns about one of the games from St. Catherine of Siena parishioners Lizzie and Rosemary Lyle at the St. Jude Festival.



College friends of Stephen Jagla, who is a St. Catherine of Siena parishioner and a new seminarian this fall, sing a spirited version of "Ave Maria" for Jagla as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades joins in with clapping.

SOUTH BEND TV MASS GETS NEW SETTING



BY CHRIS SALVADOR

A new set for the TV Mass at WNDU TV, South Bend, was installed last month replacing most of the old version, which had been in use since the televised Mass went on air on Dec. 21, 1986. Rolling oak panel frames allow for easy "no tools" assembly weekly. The set also includes stained glass panels designed by Mary Szymczak, associate director of the Vocation Office, plaster columns with engraved religious icons and a new San Damiano crucifix affixed to the former rear reredos wall. The altar, ambo and pews were repaired and refinished. The set was designed and installed by Panzica Building Corp., South Bend. Lighting was handled by NewGroup Media, South Bend.

ing to the Lord."

After the Mass, Bishop Rhoades blessed a mulberry wood carving of St. Catherine of Siena given to the parish by Tom Grzesiak and Bruce Downs. St. Catherine of Siena pastor, Father John Delaney, noted that people can see "Catherine of solitude" from one angle on the carving and "smiling Catherine" from another angle.

Downstairs in the church, a Polish luncheon was offered for St. Jude festival guests.

Florence Rafalski, an 86-year-old parishioner, was responsible for leading the kitchen team in preparing the meal. "I hope I can keep cooking for the festival until I'm 90," said Rafalski.

Festivities and fun continued outside as parishioners enjoyed demonstrations by the Marian High School cheering squad and Poms team, games and food.

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