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## Gift of priesthood celebrated with jubilarians

BY MARK WEBER AND TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Six priests, representing 245 years of priesthood and surrounded by brother priests, family and friends, concelebrated a jubilee Mass with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Sept. 23.

Bishop Rhoades said in his homily Sept. 23, the memorial of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, after quoting St. Paul in Corinthians, "The choice to become a priest is a choice of love. And the Eucharist is the sacrament of love. It strengthens all of us to love as Christ loved, to give our lives for the sheep, for the Church, in imitation of Christ the Bridegroom who, as St. Paul wrote, loved the Church, His Bride, and gave Himself up for her."

Priests honored were: For 25 years, Father Terry Fisher, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka. For 40 years of priestly service, Msgr. Bernard Galic, pastor of St. Aloysius, Yoder; Father Richard Hire, pastor of St. Martin De Porres, Syracuse; and Father Derrick Sneyd, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Auburn. Honored for 50 years, Father Lawrence Kramer, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City; and Father Patrick McNulty, who is in ministry in Combermere, Ontario, Canada. Father McNulty traveled from Canada to celebrate with brother-priests at the jubilee Mass.

Bishop Rhoades said it was appropriate to celebrate the jubilee Mass on the feast of a priest-saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, a humble Capuchin friar from Italy who was canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 16, 2002 in Rome.



MARK WEBER

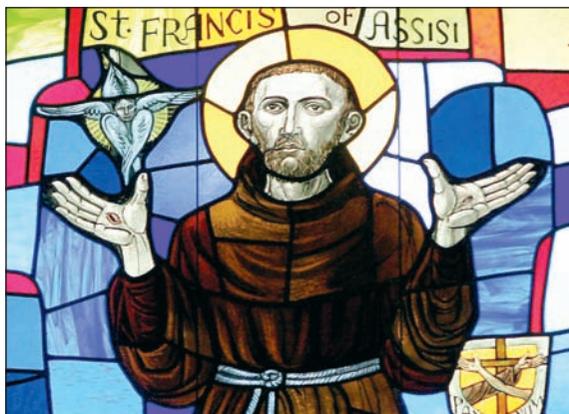
Jubilarians priests Father Patrick McNulty, Father Terry Fisher, Father Derrick Sneyd are shown with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and jubilarians Father Richard Hire, Msgr. Bernard Galic and Father Lawrence Kramer.

"Today, as we remember St. Pio, his sanctity, his virtues, his spirit of prayer, and his total dedication to the good of souls," Bishop Rhoades said. "We pray for our priests and their holiness. I say to our priest jubilarians and to all our priests — how awesome is the vocation we have received! Padre Pio teaches us how awesome it is and how to live our vocation to the full, filled

with love of God and love for the Church. "The pinnacle of Padre Pio's apostolic activity was the celebration of the Holy Mass," Bishop Rhoades continued. "The faithful who took part witnessed the summit and fullness of his spirituality. As Paul VI remarked, Padre Pio 'said Mass

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## ST. FRANCIS DEPICTED IN STAINED-GLASS WINDOW



CNS PHOTO/GREGORY A. SHERITZ

St. Francis of Assisi is depicted in a stained-glass window at St. Hyacinth Church in Glen Head, N.Y. The feast of St. Francis, patron of peace, animals and the environment, is celebrated Oct. 4.

## Rosary for Life is a powerful weapon against culture of death

BY DIANE FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — "Prayer is our most powerful weapon against the culture of death!" exclaimed Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades as he led a record-breaking crowd of about 1,000 faithful who gathered to pray the rosary outside the Women's Pavilion, a South Bend abortion clinic.

The Sept. 22 prayer vigil marked the official kick-off of the local 40 Days for Life campaign, part of a national pro-life effort consisting of prayer and fasting directed at protecting the unborn by changing the hearts and minds of those who support abortion.

People from all walks of life gathered at Ironwood Circle just before 6 p.m., with crowds spilling out into every available space surrounding the abortion clinic. Priests and

religious mingled with young families and senior citizens, and everyone in between.

Sarai Rodriguez is a senior from Marian High School who said she believes in making change through witness and prayer.

"By everybody coming together and praying, that's the only way we can actually do anything about it," said Rodriguez, referring to strengthening the culture of life.

Seventeen-year-old Francis McDonald, a senior at Saint Joseph's High School, was amazed at the great numbers who showed up to pray, pointing out that the original goal was to get at least 250 people to come. He thinks Bishop Rhoades motivated a lot more people to attend the Rosary for Life.

"You can pray the rosary anytime," explained McDonald, "but it's just great to

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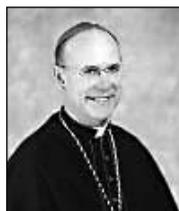
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# The Eucharist for priests is the heart of the day



IN TRUTH  
AND  
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

## Priests' jubilee Mass

I am writing this column on Sept. 23, the feast of St. Pio of Pietelcina, popularly known as Padre Pio. At noon today, I celebrated the priests' jubilee Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, together with our jubilarians and many other priests of our diocese. Many lay people were also in attendance to pray for our priests. Congratulations to the following jubilarians:

- 50 years: Father Lawrence Kramer and Father Patrick McNulty
- 40 years: Msgr. Bernard Galic, Father Richard Hire and Father Derrick Sneyd
- 25 years: Father Terry Fisher

It was a fitting day to celebrate the gift of the priesthood, the feast of a priest saint. In my homily, I spoke about Padre Pio and the lessons we can learn from him today. The pinnacle of Padre Pio's apostolic activity was the celebration of the Holy Mass. The Eucharist is for us priests, as it was for Padre Pio, the heart of our day, the moment of our closest communion with Jesus, Priest and Victim. Our life and ministry as priests finds its meaning in the Holy Eucharist since our vocation and our call to holiness as priests is intimately connected to our imitation of Christ in His total gift of self to the Church. Please pray for me and all our priests, that we may manifest the love of Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep.

## Saint Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne

On Monday, Sept. 20, I had the pleasure of touring Saint Joseph Hospital after enjoying lunch with members of the hospital administration and board of directors. I am very grateful that this, the oldest hospital in Fort Wayne, continues in the tradition and values of its founders and original sponsors, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Saint Joseph's Hospital, now part of Lutheran Health Network, is faithful to the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

I enjoyed the tour of the hospital and was particularly interested in the Saint Joseph Regional Burn Center. It is the only verified burn center in northeast Indiana. It is the only hospital in Indiana to offer a multi-person hyperbaric chamber that treats burns and wounds. Its highly specialized program combines sophisticated medical technology with medical care from the burn staff.

It was also interesting to visit the coronary care unit and the beautifully renovated Birthplace. It is truly a marvel to see the tiniest premature babies who are cared for in the NICU.



DIANE FREEBY

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades leads about a thousand pro-life supporters praying the rosary outside the Women's Pavilion, a South Bend abortion clinic. Students from Holy Cross College joined area high school students and people of all ages at the 40 Days for Life 2010 kick-off prayer vigil Sept. 22.

## Mass at Howard Hall

On Tuesday, Sept. 21, after attending a Diocesan Finance Council meeting in Warsaw, I went to Notre Dame to celebrate Mass in Howard Hall, one of the women's dormitories. Sister Lucille, OP, the rector of Howard Hall, had invited me many months ago to celebrate Mass and visit. It was the feast of St. Matthew, so I spoke to the students about the call of Matthew, the tax collector and sinner, turned saint and apostle.

It is truly edifying to see the faith of the students at Notre Dame. I enjoyed meeting many of the young women after Mass and learning from them about their experiences at the university. They all love Notre Dame. They are all seeking to grow in their faith. I have much hope for the future as I witness the faith and devotion of these young people.

## Mass with the Sisters of the Holy Cross

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, I celebrated my second Mass at the chapel of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary's College. During the summer, I had celebrated a Sunday Mass there. This time, it was a Mass just for the sisters and an opportunity to visit with many of the elderly and infirm Sisters of the Holy Cross. I love hearing about their lives of faithful service to the Church. The sisters were very excited about the upcoming canonization of Brother André Bessette.

I met four sisters over 100 years of age (two were 104!!). So many of the sisters radiated joy as they recalled their many and diverse apostolates through the years. I thanked them for their powerful ministry of prayer that bears so many good fruits for the Church today. I was also happy to meet the 15 novices who are in formation to become Sisters of the Holy Cross. These

novices are from Asia, Latin America and Africa. I was also happy to meet several students from Saint Mary's College who visit the elderly sisters regularly.

## Forty Days for Life

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, I drove to the Women's Pavilion, an abortion clinic in South Bend, to pray the rosary on the first day of the 40 Days for Life. As I waited in a line of traffic to enter the circle where we were gathering for prayer outside the clinic, I noticed that the cars ahead of me were going to the same place. It was a great turnout: About 1,000 people gathered with me on a weekday evening to pray the rosary for the protection of innocent human life and for an end to abortion.

This gathering was a powerful and prayerful witness to the Gospel of life! Catholics of all ages, priests, sisters, laity, were all united in a beautiful outpouring of love for God and the precious gift of human life. We implored our Blessed Mother to intercede for this great cause of life. We prayed for expectant mothers and fathers, for the unborn babies, for the conversion of those perpetrating the terrible evil of abortion, and for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. During these 40 days, let us continue to pray fervently for a new culture of life in our land.

October 3 is Respect Life Sunday. October is Respect Life Month and also the Month of the Holy Rosary. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Rosary, may we see an end to the killing of innocent people in our world, whether through abortion, euthanasia or neglect of their basic human needs. As Catholics, may we always have the courage to affirm and defend the sanctity of human life!



## Bishop Rhoades announces appointments

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has made the following assignments effective Oct. 19, 2010:

- **Rev. Philip DeVolder**, from pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw, to pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Warsaw.

- **Rev. Constantino Rocha**, from parochial vicar, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen, to pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Warsaw.

- **Rev. Fernando Jimenez**, from parochial vicar, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, to parochial vicar, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Goshen.



### PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. — Red Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Sunday, Oct. 3, 2 p.m. — Memorial Service for the Unborn, Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne
- Sunday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m. — Transitus Service, Our Lady of Angels Oratory, formerly St. Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Oct. 4, 7:45 a.m. — Mass for feast of St. Francis, Our Lady of Angels Oratory, formerly St. Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Monday, Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m. — Dinner meeting of Catholic Cemetery Board, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Oct. 5 — Visit to St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Oct. 6 — Meeting of the Our Sunday Visitor Institute Board, Detroit, Mich.
- Thursday, Oct. 7 — Meeting and dinner with board of trustees of University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame
- Friday, Oct. 8 — Speech at "Come and See" Benefit Dinner for Catholic Charities, Harrisburg, Pa.



MARK WEBER

**Father Patrick McNulty, center, one of six jubilarians, and who is retired in Combermere, Ontario, Canada, held forth on 50 years of priesthood at a luncheon in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center following the con-celebrated anniversary Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.**

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humbly.' Holy Mass is for us, as it was for Padre Pio, the heart of our day, the moment of our closest communion with Jesus, Priest and Victim. It is also where we discover most profoundly our priestly identity. By the power of the Holy Spirit and the words of Jesus we pronounce at the consecration, the sacrifice of the Cross, the full gift of Christ to the Church, becomes present. This amazing gift of Christ's Body given and His Blood shed is the mystery of which we are the stewards. Our life and ministry as priests finds its meaning in the Eucharist since our vocation and our call to holiness as priests is through imitation of Christ in His total gift of self to the Church. We are called to manifest the love of Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for His sheep.

Bishop Rhoades said, "Padre Pio teaches priests to be docile and generous instruments of divine grace, the grace that brings healing to people and restores peace to their hearts. This happens in a very powerful way in the sacrament of Penance. Again, impelled by the love of Christ, Padre Pio heard confessions from dawn to dusk. He, like all priests, was given the ministry of Reconciliation, which St. Paul writes about in our first reading: 'God reconciling the world to Himself in Christ.'"

Bishop Rhoades added, "Finally, Padre Pio was assidu-

ously devoted to prayer. He spent many hours day and night in conversation with God. He would say: 'In books we seek God; in prayer we find Him. Prayer is the key which opens God's heart.' He would say, amid all the admiration around him: 'I only want to be a poor friar who prays.' My brother priests, our friendship and union with the Lord Jesus needs to be renewed each day. Christ is the vine and we are the branches. Without Him, we can do nothing. Our people rightly expect us and ask us to be men who belong to God and help them draw close to God. A priest is, after all, a mediator, an instrument of Christ the Mediator between God and man. People flocked to Padre Pio because he was a man of God. He even bore the wounds of Christ in his body, the stigmata. He shared in the Passion in a miraculous way. He had unique gifts. Fundamentally he was a man of God, a priest of Jesus Christ, who loved with the heart of the Good Shepherd. He was an ambassador for Christ,

impelled by His love in all he said and did. And in this, he is a wonderful model for priests.

Jubilarian Father Larry Kramer said of his priesthood, "I've learned a lot from people, from dying people, from everyone I have ministered to. The vision I had of the priestly life style at ordination turned out to be accurate. As a priest, there are things you must do, and there is still the opportunity for your gifts to lead you and the needs of those you serve to lead you."

He said, "There have been many blessings and there is no way I could look back over those years without believing very strongly in Providence."

Msgr. Bernard Galic, who was ordained by Archbishop William Cousins in Milwaukee, told *Today's Catholic*, "If I had to do it all over, I'd do it again, probably the same way I did it. I was blessed by God to spend half of my vocation, 24 years, at Holy Family Parish, South Bend. Now I am adjusting to a new assignment at St. Aloysius in Yoder."

### STATEMENT FROM BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

## On consolidation of the Catholic Schools in Mishawaka



Thank you very much for your presence here today. I know there is much anticipation as people have been awaiting my decision regarding the proposed consolidation of St. Bavo, St. Joseph and St. Monica schools. Rather than just release a statement to the media, I wanted to announce my decision here in Mishawaka, first informing you, the pastors, principals, teachers and staffs of the affected schools. I am deeply grateful for your service of Catholic education and for your commitment to this noble mission. That is why I wish to make the announcement first to you.

#### Official statement

On Friday, Sept. 3, I received the final proposal from the Mishawaka Catholic Schools Committee concerning the consolidation of St. Bavo, St. Joseph and St. Monica schools. The committee members voted unanimously to recommend to me that these three Catholic Schools be consolidated into one inter-parochial school. Today I wish to announce that I have accepted the committee's recommendation. The three above mentioned schools will close at the end of the academic year, 2010-2011, and open as one inter-parochial school, named Mishawaka Catholic School, in the fall of 2011.

I have accepted the recommendations of the committee because I believe that the consolidation will strengthen Catholic education in Mishawaka for the future. The consolidation of resources will benefit the Catholic school program in Mishawaka, providing more academic opportunities for middle school students and a high quality early childhood education program. It will allow for long-term financial stability through a more efficient and more effective management of resources.

The three parish schools that will be closing have educated several generations of children and have done so with excellence. In order for this excellence to continue and to grow, in light of declining enrollment and financial challenges at all three schools, it is necessary to consolidate these schools to ensure the future viability of Catholic elementary education in Mishawaka. Our commitment to excellent and strong Catholic education for our children requires us to look beyond our individual parishes and pool our human and financial resources for the best quality school we can provide for this and future generations of children in Mishawaka. I am convinced that the consolidation is not only the right decision at this time; it is the best decision for the future. Not to consolidate at this time would not only result in serious future debt for the three parishes involved, it would also not allow us to provide a stronger academic program because of the limited resources of separate schools. There is much good potential for growth and strengthened programming through the consolidation.

One of our major concerns in moving forward with this consolidation is the effect on the current teachers in the three schools to be consolidated. I have instructed the Catholic Schools Office to work within the diocesan school policies and take every appropriate measure to provide assistance to the displaced teachers as a result of this consolidation. Our Catholic Schools Office, our personnel manager, and the Diocesan Business Office staff will be available to work with the teachers who are affected by the consolidation.

While I realize that this change will be difficult for some people, I also know that there is solid support in the Mishawaka community for this consolidation. I call upon all the parishioners, both those who have supported the consolidation and those who have not, now to join together in support of the new Mishawaka Catholic School. Let us together reaffirm our commitment to Catholic education in Mishawaka. This new Catholic school is a wonderful opportunity to reinvigorate Catholic education in Mishawaka. Let us move forward with faith, courage and enthusiasm because Mishawaka Catholic School is so important for the future of the Church in this city. Catholic schools are one of our Church's primary missions, a vital part of the Church's teaching mission. Yes, we have been facing some difficult challenges, but the creativity and cooperation, the vision and the will, of so many give me hope that this new school will thrive, for the good of our children, the good of our families and the good of the Church. I am very grateful to all who have worked so diligently and so hard in preparing the consolidation plan, particularly the members of the Mishawaka Catholic Schools Committee. Thank you to all who have contributed to assist in this effort. Thank you to our devoted pastors, principals, teachers and staffs. May God bless all of you and may the Holy Spirit guide us as we move forward with the establishment of the Mishawaka Catholic School!

# Organizers hope World Youth Day helps youths experience joy of faith

BY RUSSELL F. EVANS

MADRID (CNS) — On a clear, sunny morning in late summer, Father Javier Igea met with a group of U.S. Catholics in the Plaza San Juan de la Cruz. He smiled, shook their hands and greeted them, one by one, in unexpectedly good English.

Behind them hung large, colorful signs that read, "Arrraigados y edificados en Cristo, firmes en la fe." These are the words of St. Paul, "Planted and built up in Christ, firm in the faith," the theme of World Youth Day 2011.

Father Igea is a member of the Organizing Committee for the Aug. 16-21 World Youth Day. He said he sees the event as a chance for young people to experience the joy that comes from Catholic faith.

"I think that (the young people) will discover the Church in their expression of love, the Church that is not different from Christ," he said. "Being a

Christian is not boring, it's fun."

The U.S. Catholics hoped to gather information and experience in Madrid and at Spain's many holy sites so they can excite and prepare the young people of their dioceses for World Youth Day.

Among the group was Eva Fleck, a mother of three from Troy, Mich. The visit was her first to Madrid's grand plazas and ornate Catholic churches.

"When my boys come to World Youth Day they will see hundreds of thousands of people, and the peo-

ple will be singing and praying in their own languages," she said,

adding that she loved the cleanliness of Madrid and its layout.

World Youth Day, begun in 1985 by Pope John Paul II, gives young people the chance to connect with Catholicism in a social and very personal way. On Sept. 3 Pope Benedict XVI released his message for the 2011 event and spoke about "a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."

Fleck said she hopes that

her sons will experience the joy that comes from such a personal relationship.

"I really believe that something will awaken in every single person that's going to be there," she said. "I want (my boys) to experience that awe. I want them to be awakened. I want them to know this is real."

Pope Benedict, whose first World Youth Day as pope was in 2005 in Cologne, Germany, will be one of WYD 2011's greatest draws. He'll be received Aug. 18 in Madrid's massive Cibeles Square and celebrate Mass Aug. 21.

Dioceses all over the world are

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EVA FLECK



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Father Javier Igea and Mauricio Lapastora, both officials for the Organizing Committee for World Youth Day 2011, answer questions during a meeting with American Catholic leaders in Madrid, Spain. A sign reading JMJ 2011 means "World Youth Day." More than 2 million Catholic youths are expected to attend the event.

preparing to send young people to Madrid by fundraising, making travel arrangements, and contacting dioceses in Spain regarding Days in the Dioceses, which provide an opportunity for visitors to spend time in non-Madrid dioceses for several days before Aug. 16.

Father Igea, who heads the Days in the Dioceses program, said he hoped Catholics from other countries would experience a pilgrimage during that time.

"So they come and they do 20-30 kilometers, maybe 15 or 20 miles. Being pilgrims, we hope that they meet other youngsters in Spain and that true bonds of friendship and faith come out,"

he said.

Of Spain's 69 dioceses, 60 will participate.

Fleck said she hopes that the spirit of this event will continue into the future.

"You continue to live what you have learned during the preparation, what you have experienced, how you were touched," she said. "So then you take it, and you live it, and you become an example for others and you inspire others."

She said she tells her boys, "The way you're going to live your life is where you create memories that not only enrich your life, but the lives of others."

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# Luers grad takes perpetual vows with Marianists

BY DEB WAGNER

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Brother Bob Jones, a 1994 graduate of Bishop Luers High School, and graduate of the University of Dayton, will be making his perpetual vows as a brother with the Society of Mary (Marianists) on Oct. 2, in St. Louis, Mo.

After graduating from the University of Dayton with degrees in mathematics and secondary education, Brother Jones moved to Indianapolis where he taught math and helped with liturgies and retreats at Bishop Chatard High School followed by four years of teaching in the public schools at Zionsville High School in Zionsville.

Soon he became involved in the music ministry and small faith communities of St. Monica Parish in Indianapolis. Along with his family upbringing, it was “fertile ground,” Brother Jones says, for the seed of a religious vocation in his life. Brother Jones describes it as a “vibrant community, welcoming place that was alive with good pastors and lay involvement.”

While living in Indianapolis, he assumed the lifestyle of a recent college graduate: He owned a home and he dated. However, he just could not seem to shake the feeling of “wanting

to do something different” as opposed to doing something “more” because he already had a lot going for him.

Brother Jones felt the notion of a religious vocation was always present as he was growing up, but he was always able to dismiss it as not being for him. He said though, “There came a point that I could not push it aside, that there might be something to this.” It was then that his discernment of a religious vocation began.

Brother Jones turned to the Internet in his quest for religious communities. Not sure where to begin, he looked at ones he had heard of such as the Franciscan Order from his days at Bishop Luers and the Marianists from his college experience.

The Marianists had a sense of community that resonated with Brother Jones. He saw that they were very committed to education but also had a mission thrust to their charism. In addition, the Marianists have a vision of Church that emphasizes collaboration with the laity. All of these were of great interest to Jones. He said the Marianists made him feel “like it was home.”

The Marianists also have a strong dedication to Mary. The Marian dimension of “looking at things through the eyes of Mary” has developed within Brother Jones throughout his discernment.

Just as Mary formed Jesus, Marianists believe that she continues to form everyone into Christlike individuals. Brother Jones feels that he has grown in prayer all the while the charism is “intersecting with” his life. These affirmations, plus the affirmation from his fellow brothers in community tell Brother Jones he is in the right place.

When asked about religious life Brother Jones chuckled and said, “I never thought I would be doing this.” Rather he thought he would be married, father children and would have accumulated some degree of wealth by now. However, he sees the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in religious life as the best way to live his life for God, and he finds a sense of freedom in the vows. With poverty, for example, there is some giving up of material things, but he does not feel “encumbered” by material things as a vowed religious brother and can go where he is most needed. Chastity calls him to build healthy relationships in and outside of his community such that he vows to love everyone — not just one spouse — in a unique way.

These vows bring about different concerns in each phase of a man’s life. Men in their 20s and early 30s ask questions about the vow of chastity; for those in their



DEB WAGNER

Brother Bob Jones, during his first vows ceremony in 2010, will profess his perpetual vows with his Marianist community in St. Louis, Mo. To the right of Brother Jones are Society of Mary Brother Stephen Glodeck, and Society of Mary Father Dave McGuigan.

late 30s and beyond the vow of poverty is more of a concern since society tends to define a successful life by the amount and value of material possessions. Therefore, each man must discern how God is calling him to live his life faithful to God.

Brother Jones defines discernment as a process of prayer and listening. While he originally thought God had a plan and he

had to figure out the plan, he says with a sense of calm confidence that he believes that God wants us to be happy and that happiness comes from discerning one’s vocation.

Brother Jones says, “We have to be open to what God has in store for us and be open to the Spirit working within us. This vocation to Marianist religious life is the path for me to take.”



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## Pope asks young people to learn from beatified Focolarina

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Blessed Chiara Badano, an Italian who died of bone cancer just before her 19th birthday, witnessed to the world the fact that God's love is stronger than suffering and death, Pope Benedict XVI said. "Only Love with a capital L gives true happiness," and that's what Blessed Badano showed her family, her friends and her fellow members of the Focolare Movement, the pope said Sept. 26 during his midday Angelus address. At Rome's Shrine of Divine Love Sept. 25, Archbishop Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, presided over the beatification of the young Italian who died in 1990. Pope Benedict said young people can find in Blessed Badano "an example of Christian consistency," because she was certain of God's love and trusted in that love even as she was dying. "We give praise to God because his love is stronger than evil and death; and we give thanks to the Virgin Mary who leads young people, even in the midst of difficulty and suffering, to fall in love with Jesus and discover the beauty of life," the pope said.

## Cardinal tells world leaders to fight poverty, not eliminate the poor

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — Ghanaian Cardinal Peter Turkson encouraged nations to keep their commitments to the Millennium Development Goals and said they "should be used to fight poverty and not to eliminate the poor." Cardinal Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, represented the Vatican at the Sept. 20-22 summit of heads of state and government on the Millennium Development Goals, which set out to halve poverty by 2015. Addressing the leaders Sept. 20, the Ghanaian cardinal told them that he spoke not only as a religious leader, but also as an African and a man coming from a poor family. The summit was convoked to assess the progress made in the past 10 years toward reducing poverty, combating disease, fighting hunger, protecting the environment and improving access to education. The battle against poverty can be won, but it will require solidarity with the poor, favorable financial and trade policies, and assistance in fighting corruption and promoting good government, the cardinal said. In addition, he said, more work needs to be done to reduce the foreign debt of the world's poorest countries. In his written intervention submitted to the summit, Cardinal Turkson called some of the earlier loan programs "situations of international usury" that plunged countries into an abyss of debt. Economic policies and technology alone will not be enough to fulfill the development goals, he wrote. Rather, the international communi-

# NEWS BRIEFS

## FAMILY PARTICIPATES IN CHARITY RUN IN NEW YORK



CNS PHOTO/GREGORY A. SHEMITZ, LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC

Scott and Ava Gressin, with their children, Rachel, 3, and Jacob, 6, participate in the annual 5K run/walk at St. James Church in Setauket, N.Y., in 2009. Pope Benedict XVI has asked Catholics around the world to use 2011 as a time to reflect on the impact of their work and their free-time pursuits on their family life.

ty must work "to expand our vision from the donor-recipient paradigm to see each other for who we are: Brothers and sisters with equal dignity and opportunity to access the same markets and networks," he wrote.

## Virginia executes woman; Kentucky execution stayed indefinitely

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Virginia executed 41-year-old Teresa Lewis with a lethal injection Sept. 23, making her the first woman to be executed in the commonwealth since 1912 and only the 12th woman to be put to death since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976. Lewis was convicted of planning the 2002 murders of her husband and 25-year-old stepson. The two men who killed the victims received life sentences. The Virginia Catholic Conference was among the opponents of her execution and had urged people to petition Gov. Robert McDonnell to change his Sept. 17 decision to deny clemency to Lewis. The alert noted that Lewis had acknowledged her crime and would expect to serve the same sentence as the two men who committed the murders, Matthew Shallenberger and Rodney Fuller. A last-minute appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court by Lewis' attorneys to block the execution failed. They argued that her IQ of 72 put her

almost at the level of disability that would exempt her from a death sentence. In Kentucky, the execution of a death-row inmate remained on hold indefinitely after a Kentucky judge stopped it over questions raised about the man's below-average mental abilities and possible problems with the state's execution process. On Sept. 10 in Frankfort, Ky., Franklin County Circuit Court Judge Phillip Shepherd blocked Gregory Wilson's scheduled Sept. 16 execution, saying "the court has found serious questions about whether all statutory and constitutional requirements have been met."

## Archbishop Wuerl to guide Anglican groups joining Catholic Church

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has named Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington to guide the incorporation of Anglican groups into the Catholic Church in the United States. His appointment was announced Sept. 23 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington. In this position, the archbishop is a delegate of the congregation and heads the U.S. bishops' ad hoc committee charged with assisting the Vatican congregation in implementing the apostolic constitution "Anglicanorum Coetibus" ("Groups of Anglicans"),

which provides for creating personal ordinariates for Anglicans who want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. A personal ordinariate is a canonical structure similar to a diocese that covers the area of a bishops' conference. It allows Anglicans to join the Church while retaining their distinctive patrimony and liturgical practices. The constitution was issued by Pope Benedict XVI last November. No ordinariates have been established anywhere yet, according to Vatican officials. The announcement about Archbishop Wuerl said that the ad hoc committee's duties are to facilitate implementation of the apostolic constitution in the United States and "assess the level of interest in such an ordinariate" in the United States.

## Too many people don't see that Jesus, Church 'are one,' archbishop says

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Jesus and the Catholic Church are one — "a package deal" that a disturbingly increasing number of people seem to ignore even as they profess to be religious, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York told a crowd of more than 1,500 people Sept. 21 at the sixth annual Los Angeles Catholic Prayer Breakfast. "Our number one pastoral problem today is that too many people don't see the intrinsic connection between Jesus Christ and the Catholic

Church," he said to those gathered on the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels' plaza in downtown Los Angeles. The breakfast followed an early morning rosary and Mass, concelebrated by Archbishop Dolan, Los Angeles Coadjutor Archbishop Jose H. Gomez and the archdiocese's auxiliary bishops. Los Angeles Cardinal Roger M. Mahony presided. Archbishop Dolan cited the conversion story of St. Paul to illustrate the connection, noting that "Jesus did not ask, 'Saul, why do you persecute my people?' or 'Why do you persecute my Church?' Jesus asked, 'Why do you persecute Me?'" He invited his audience to consider those words carefully as he noted that, once converted, Saul/Paul "seeks out the Church, the united followers of Jesus. He sought out the Church in order to find Jesus, so that he could be united in the disciples' work of evangelization." Archbishop Dolan said: "We are living in an era where people believe in Christ, but not in His Church. They want the king, but not the kingdom; they want to believe without belonging; they want the faith, but not the faithful. But for the committed Catholic, the answer to that is, 'no can do.' Jesus and the Church are one."

## Haitian bishops agree on program to oversee church reconstruction

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Haitian bishops agreed Sept. 24 to the creation of a broad-based reconstruction program involving church partners from around the world that will guide how parishes and Catholic schools destroyed in the January earthquake are rebuilt. They met in Miami Sept. 22-26 with Catholic officials from the United States, Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, France, Germany, Guadeloupe and Mexico and the Inter-American Development Bank. The bishops were considering the proposal developed over several months primarily by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. The four-day gathering came on the heels of meetings Sept. 20-21 the Haitian bishops had in Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital, to discuss reconstruction needs and other Church programs. Called the Program for the Reconstruction of the Church in Haiti, the plan would establish a commission with both Haitian and international members that will review and approve parish projects and ensure that building plans meet construction standards based on appropriate building codes. "As Haitians continue to struggle to recover from this unprecedented natural disaster, the Church walks with them, bearing the cross of Christ, in hope that suffering will give way to new life and to a new Haiti," the Haiti bishops' conference said in a statement released Sept. 24 in Miami. The Church aims to "build up every Haitian man and woman in his or her totality: Physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually," it said.

## Cathedral plans parish mission

FORT WAYNE — The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be conducting a parish mission to be held Oct. 18-20. The theme, "Building on a Strong Spiritual Legacy," reflects two cathedral anniversaries, the 150th anniversary of the cathedral this year and the 175th anniversary as a parish in 2011. The mission will open with a parish-wide potluck dinner following the 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 17. Artifacts from the Cathedral Museum will be displayed.

The mission will be conducted by Father Dennis Brown, who is a priest of the religious congregation of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, and holds a masters of advanced studies in Catholic doctrine from a Pontifical Institute located at St. John's University in Queens, N.Y. He was ordained to the priesthood by Pope John Paul II in 1989 and recently moved into a retreat house in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Father Brown will be hosting daily small group discussion in the Cathedral Center, from 10-11:30 a.m. Following each session, he will celebrate the daily 12:05 p.m. Mass.

Nightly mission themes are:

- Monday: Unifying our scattered lives by faith
- Tuesday: Trust in God, followed by Reconciliation
- Wednesday: The Paschal Mystery — Resurrection and love, followed by Mass celebrated by Father Brown.

Immediately following each evening of the mission there will be a 30-40 minute social opportunity in the Cathedral Center.

## Father Albert Haase presents at St. Catherine of Siena Parish

SOUTH BEND — Popular radio personality Franciscan



ALBERT HAASE

Father Albert Haase, an often-sought speaker and author, will be the guest presenter at the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Mission, "Signed and Sealed with the Cross," beginning at 7 p.m. from Oct. 18-20, at St. Jude Catholic Church. Refreshments will be served following the presentations, with the opportunity to talk to Father Haase, and purchase his published materials.

Ordained a Franciscan priest in 1983, Father Haase is a popular preacher, teacher, spiritual director and radio personality. A former missionary to mainland China for over 11 years, he is the author of five books on popular spirituality. He is the direc-



St. Catherine of Siena Parish

# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## YOUNG ADULTS GATHER FOR SERVICE DAY



BY KAY COZAD

Close to 50 young adults from Fort Wayne area parishes gathered at Our Lady of Angels Oratory, formerly St. Andrew Church, to assist the Franciscan Brothers Minor during a service day on Sept. 25. The enthusiastic group, ranging in age from 18 to 39, celebrated Mass before jumping into several clean up and demolition tasks. Pictured is Brother Juniper, center, orchestrating a group who knocked plaster off the oratory's basement walls to reveal the original red brick that will eventually be the parish hall. A potluck lunch was held to close the day. The service day was sponsored by the diocesan Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry.

tor of the International Institute for Clergy Formation based at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J. He is also the co-host of "Spirit and Life," a radio show heard every weekend on the Relevant Radio Network, Baraga Broadcasting and The Presence Radio Network.

The parish mission will explore the identity of God proclaimed in the ancient gesture of being signed with a cross.

St. Catherine of Siena at St. Jude Church is located one half mile south of the U.S. 20 bypass and one block east of U.S. 31 South on Johnson Road. Additional information is available by contacting the parish office at (574) 291-0570 or visit [www.catherinesiena.org](http://www.catherinesiena.org).

To learn more about Father Haase, his ministry, radio show and writings, visit [www.albertofm.org](http://www.albertofm.org).

## Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour celebrated in diocese

FORT WAYNE — Children around the world are uniting in prayer on Friday, Oct. 1, to console the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus as well as pray for all families and priests. For the past eight years, on the first Friday of October, Children of the Eucharist — the children's program of the World Apostolate of Fatima — has organized this global event.

The program calls for the pastor and principal to agree upon an hour the students and teachers will

spend in church for: Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Prayer of Reparation, the holy rosary for families and priests throughout the world, a short talk by the pastor on the importance of making little sacrifices out of love for Jesus and uniting them to the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, and finally a Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

EWTN will broadcast the event live to more than 140 nations from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Oct. 1, from 10-11:30 a.m. There will be an encore presentation the same day from 4 -5:30 p.m.

According to the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office Administrative Assistant Joyce Baranowski, many Fort Wayne and South Bend schools — both elementary and high schools — will be observing this Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour. Parents are asked to inquire about the time of the Holy Hour at their children's school and possibly attend too.

## Survey of principals will assess leadership needs

NOTRE DAME — A major survey conducted this month will ask the principals of all Catholic primary schools in the United States — approximately 6,000 of them — what they need to do their jobs bet-

ter and how they would describe the state of Catholic education today.

This inquiry affirms that effective school leaders are essential to the transformation of underperforming schools and ongoing success of high-quality schools.

The survey is being conducted during September by faculty in the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program in the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE). The alliance, an internationally known initiative founded in 1993 at the University of Notre Dame, prepares principals and teachers to work in Catholic schools and provides services to sustain and strengthen Catholic education in dioceses where resources are scarce.

The ACE study includes these questions: "In your own words, what are the most important needs facing your school in the next two to five years?" "Do you perceive the mission of your school to be supported by Catholic institutions of higher education?"

A report of the findings, to be published next spring, will be a follow-up to Faith, Finances and the Future: The Notre Dame Study of U.S. Pastors, published in 2008. The two studies together, combining input from pastors and principals, feed into the university's plan for developing "a national program to form effective parish school leadership teams."

## Mary Moran makes first commitment to associates

DONALDSON — Wherever one finds Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sisters, Associate Community and Fiat Spiritus Community, one will find women and men of faith and commitment willing to listen to the voice of God. Joining this group of dedicated people is a new Associate from Fort Wayne.

Following months of initial formation, Mary Moran made her first commitment as an associate with the Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper. The ceremony was held at Marian Convent Chapel in Fort Wayne on May 11.

Two mentors, associates Linda Greaf and Martha Smith, worked with Moran during her initial formation period. She joins 136 Christian faithful women and men from five different dioceses across the Midwest who are active associates within this spiritual family.

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

## Missionaries host discernment retreat

CHICAGO — The Missionaries of the Precious Blood will offer a vocation discernment retreat with the theme, Preparing for a Harvest, to men considering the consecrated life as priests or brothers on Oct. 29-31 at the St. Gaspar House of initial formation in Chicago.

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood invite men completing high school, of college age, or older, to this retreat.

The Missionaries will provide meals and lodging during the retreat. The retreat will begin with dinner on Friday and conclude at noon Sunday.

For more information or to register, please contact Father Vince Wirtner, a Fort Wayne native and director of vocation ministry for the missionaries, at (937) 228-6224 or [vocation@cpps-precious-blood.org](mailto:vocation@cpps-precious-blood.org)

## Guidance counselor listing corrected

SOUTH BEND — In the Sept. 26 story about Saint Joseph's High School earning the Indiana Gold Star Counseling Award, the piece did not include the school counselors. They are Sheryl Suppinger, Josie Dieter, Kristi Cisneros and Kathy Utz.

## Prayer blanket ministry delivers love and hope



PROVIDED BY SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL

**SOUTH BEND** — Saint Joseph's High School Prayer Blanket Ministry was established at the beginning of the 2009 school year. This extracurricular ministry at Saint Joseph's consists of students who are committed to making blankets and praying for all who receive one. Jeanette McKew, Biblical literature and New Testament teacher in the theology department, is the moderator for the ministry, that meets every Tuesday after school from 3-4 p.m.

Blessed by a priest, the prayer blankets, made of fleece and decorated with a cross, bring comfort and hope for those who are challenged by a serious illness or tragedy of the Saint Joseph's family. Tucked inside the blanket are a prayer and explanation of the blan-

ket. A registry of recipient names is kept in order to continue to remember them in prayer.

McKew and the Prayer Blanket Ministry members are currently participating in Operation Quiet Comfort, a unique project that provides quilts made from jean material for troops arriving for medical care. Each square of the quilt holds a message of comfort.

The University of Notre Dame students held a drive and collected enough pairs of jeans to make over 2,300 squares. The Saint Joseph's student body has been asked to write messages of comfort on some of the squares. The members of the Prayer Blanket Ministry will be in the café during lunch hours with the fabric squares and markers. All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate.

## Diocesan Hispanic Youth Retreat focuses on youth to walk with Christ

BY LOURDES E. SILVA

**MILFORD** — The Diocesan Hispanic Youth Retreat was well attended by 80 Hispanic youth, and the theme of "Jovenes Caminando Con Cristo" ("Youth Walking With Christ") focused this year on relationships with oneself, God and others.

One of the most challenging talks was on the subject of theology of the body and healthy relationships.

Single parents represented by a young woman and young man expressed their personal struggles of single parenthood and why it is important to wait for marriage to live out a marital relationship. Jasmine and Dave willingly shared their stories with the youth with the message: "Love expressed to your spouse is love expressed to God."

An exercise throughout most of the retreat was to carry a bag with stones, on some occasions the bag increased in weight due to carelessness. By the time of Reconciliation on Saturday evening, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, the stones were placed at the foot of the cross lifted up by prayer of thanksgiving.

The "Clausura" included solemn Mass and the Ligonier Hispanic Youth Choir sang liturgical songs, including "Hay Angeles Volando en Este Lugar."

The fruits of the retreat were witnessed by all especially at the time of testimonials in which



PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF HISPANIC MINISTRY

**The Diocesan Hispanic Youth Retreat in August was well attended by 80 Hispanic youth, and the theme of "Jovenes Caminando Con Cristo" ("Youth Walking With Christ") focused this year on relationships with oneself, God and others. Father Paul Bueter, retired pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, prays with the retreatants.**

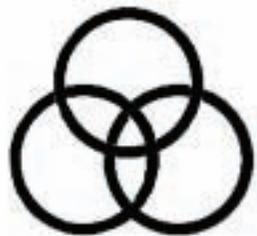
retreat participants expressed their innermost life experience and their gratitude at how their eyes were opened to appreciate the persons who raised them. One young man explained how he lost his mother and father very early in life and how the grandmother who raised him passed away shortly before he came to the United States. He was very grateful to his brother who has taken on the responsibility to raise him.

One of the retreat chaperones asked the youth to forgive the parents if, when they returned home from the retreat, they did not understand the happiness the youth brought back from the retreat. "Sometimes as parents in our daily life chores, we don't

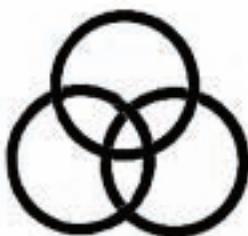
realize and do not express how much we love you, but with your expressions of love we can catch on and come to understand," the chaperone said.

The retreat planning core group was organized by Humberto Delgado, Enid Roman, Maria Conchita Ruvalcaba, Isela Hernandez, Karen Gonzalez, Lourdes Silva and Zuleima Gonzalez.

The priests supporting the youth throughout the weekend were Father Wilson Corzo, Father Philip DeVolder and Father Paul Bueter. The group leaders said, "Gracias Señor por este retiro y los jovenes. (Thank you Lord for this retreat and the youth.)"



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# Hope for married couples who want to have a child

BY JOHN T. BRUCHALSKI, M.D.

Alone in the bathroom, staring blankly at the negative test, you tearfully ask yourself, "Why am I not pregnant yet?" Later, you may find yourself talking to your doctor about a "take-home baby" and come face to face with the costly, invasive and sometimes morally questionable reality of fertility treatments. You wonder, "Is there any hope for me?" As a Catholic gynecologist working with a team of pro-life physicians, I want to tell you, there is hope.

You may have tried to conceive for a year, the minimal duration to be considered infertile. However, you are a person not a statistic. Your desire to be pregnant is real and is screaming, "Now!" As a physician, I agree. Now is the time to find out why you are not conceiving. You are not alone, and there is help.

More and more couples find themselves childless after "trying" for a period of time. After being married for six years, Jen and Bob were still childless. Sadly, Jen was diagnosed with Chlamydia as a younger woman, and she always thought that it might prevent her from having children. Although she had quit smoking and improved her nutrition to optimize her fertility, she also sought medical help due to worsening pain at the time of her periods.

Through laparoscopy, we found mild adhesions from her Chlamydia infection long ago, and many manifestations of endometriosis. The problems corrected, six months later Jen came into our office carrying her positive pregnancy test, with a smile and a tear of joy after many years of trying to conceive.

Diagnosed with irregular cycles since she was a teenager, Hillary knew she had a hormonal imbalance. Starting abruptly after college, Hillary gained weight, became constipated, noticed the



drying of her skin and began to feel cold all the time. She and her husband of one year, LeVar, came into the office to talk — not only about their desire to have a child but more importantly about the riddle of her hormonal health.

A good health history and physical exam complemented the Natural Family Planning (NFP) charts Hillary had done for the last six months. Blood tests done on particular cycle days and the finding of low temperatures during the first half of her cycle, led to a diagnosis of polycystic ovaries.

Hillary also had low thyroid function. Once her thyroid function was regulated and her insulin resistance addressed, Hillary began to have more regular cycles, and she showed signs of increasing fertility. Recognizing her suboptimal ovulation, she was given medications to help her ovulate more efficiently. After several months, Hillary walked into our office with that same smile Jen had shown us. She said she appreciated both the help with conceiving and the attention to her underlying hormonal problems.

But what happens when no underlying problems are found? That is the story of Miriam and Cole. In their early 30s and after being married two years, they came to the office to see why they

were not yet pregnant. Both worked in high-stress jobs, and time was at a premium. Though meticulous and thorough, their history and physicals didn't reveal the "why" behind their infertility. Laboratory tests showed no chronic diseases.

Cole was given a collecting kit, enabling us to test a semen sample after marital intercourse and determine that it was normal. Dye studies and ultrasound tests showed that Miriam had a normal womb and Fallopian tubes indicating no physical blockage. Sequential hormonal testing throughout Miriam's cycle indicated healthy female hormones in the right ratios, peaking and valleying at the correct times. Her laparoscopy showed neither endometriosis nor adhesions. Multiple cycles of attempting to tweak her ovulation with medications did not produce a pregnancy.

Stressed beyond their tolerance and depressed at not yet being parents, Miriam and her husband wanted a second opinion from a local, highly successful clinic specializing in in vitro fertilization (IVF). That procedure involves removing mature eggs from the mother's ovaries, fertilizing them in a glass dish (in vitro is Latin for "in glass"), and then inserting the resulting embryonic children into the mother's womb in the hope

that one (but not multiple children) will implant and develop normally.

As Christian physicians, we had to counsel them: "The central question you and your husband must answer before you go is this: Are the embryos made at the clinic your children or your property? If they are children, which your faith says they are, you ought not to use three to get one 'take-home baby.'" IVF raises many moral issues. These are explained in the USCCB statement, "Life-Giving Love in an Age of Technology (Washington, D.C., 2009)."

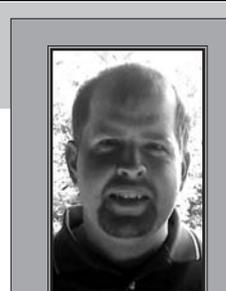
We lost contact, but several years later, Miriam and Cole were back in the office with two children, Jason and Jackie. Both were adopted. Smiles and tears were shared along with hugs. Miriam said they never found out why they could not conceive, but it no longer mattered. They were a family, and they had peace: "Adoption grew on Cole and me. It became a real option for us." At a defining moment, her faith helped her see the humanity of any embryonic children she may help produce and the dangers to which she'd be exposing them through IVF. And she was thankful for the guidance.

Restorative, holistic, integrative, respectful and effective — these words describe how our faith wants us to approach the misery, agony and challenge of infertility. There are scientifically sound, as well as surgically and medically effective ways to treat the causes of infertility in a thoroughly com-

passionate manner. There are doctors across the nation who have learned the art and science of looking into the causes of infertility and, as appropriate, addressing a couple's condition medically, surgically, psychologically and spiritually.

Many successful options exist for Christians who want a morally sound way to treat infertility, and who need help combating the sadness, frustration and even anger that can come from the inability to "have a child." We all need to discern the course God has for us — physicians as well as couples. Sound science based on the dignity of the human person is available to help couples to cooperate with our Heavenly Father and conceive a child. Some may be called to adopt a child whom God has sent via another set of birth parents. Or perhaps some couples have a unique vocation that does not involve raising children. It is our challenge as believers of the living God to know that He loves all of us profoundly and that He knows us better than we know ourselves. When we align our will with His will, and respect His great gift of human life, there is hope for us all!

**John T. Bruchalski, MD, FACOG** (Fellow, American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology), a practicing obstetrician-gynecologist, is chairman of Divine Mercy Care and founder of the Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax, Va.



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# Make room for people

BY STEPHEN W. MOSHER

For over half a century, the population control movement has waged war on human fertility. Originally a fringe movement driven by fear of a "population explosion," especially among peoples of color, the movement has over the years gained clout, if not respectability. Its ranks now include major international organizations like the International Planned Parenthood Federation and the United Nations Population Fund, as well as the foreign aid bureaucracies of most of the wealthy countries of the world. Billions of dollars are at its disposal.

Many governmental recipients of foreign aid object to population reduction targets and coercive contraception and sterilization policies, but often they can do little against the "powerful of the earth," as Pope John Paul II called them, who "prefer to promote and

impose by whatever means a massive program of birth control. Even the economic help which they would be ready to give is unjustly made conditional on the acceptance of an anti-birth policy." — "The Gospel of Life" ("Evangelium Vitae"), no. 16.

For those who believe in this agenda, population growth is the root of mankind's problems. They wrongly calculate: More people equals less ... of everything: Prosperity, food supply, economic growth, social order — all are jeopardized by any increase in human numbers.

Over the decades, the movement has increasingly used the environment as a pretext for its actions. To hear them tell it, all the earth's real and imagined woes — from too little food and fresh water to too much pollution — are a result of the same cause: The planet we call home is simply too crowded. The solution, they say, is to reduce the birth rate.

Advocates now claim that the most cost-effective way to cool things down again is to flood the developing world with contraceptives. A report sponsored by the United Kingdom's Optimum Population Trust, for example, claims that reducing the number of babies born will mean "fewer emitters" of carbon dioxide, which in turn will "lower emissions." The Optimum Population Trust went on to call contraception "the latest in green technology" and to insist that the effort to combat global warming must have a large population control component.

Pope Benedict XVI made the case for people in his recent encyclical, "Charity in Truth" ("Caritas in Veritate"), writing that "to consider population increase as the primary cause of underdevelopment is mistaken, even from an economic point of view." — no. 44. The pope criticized "non-governmental organizations (that) work actively to spread abortion, at times promoting the practice of sterilization in poor countries, in some cases not even informing the women concerned. Moreover, there is reason to suspect that development aid is sometimes

linked to specific healthcare policies which de facto involve the imposition of strong birth control measures." — no. 28.

For consistently defending human life, the Church in general and Pope Benedict XVI in particular are blamed for causing governments to shy away from taking the "overpopulation problem" more seriously. Sir Crispin Tickwell of the Optimum Population Trust did just this in a recent debate.

What population control activists fail to understand is that the Church's stance is supported by hard science and not "just" traditional morality. Science has shown that reducing the number of babies born does not in itself solve political, economic or environmental problems. Rather, reducing births often creates grave problems. Take Social Security and Medicare, for example. In the United States and other industrialized countries, these programs are difficult to sustain unless each generation of taxpaying workers is larger than the one before it.

This is exactly the problem that we face now. Birth rates have been in free fall in most of the developed world for some time. Europe

as a whole is averaging only about 1.3 children per couple. Russia and some Asian countries, such as Japan, South Korea and Taiwan, are in even worse shape demographically. This means that the work force and revenues are shrinking at the same time that elderly citizens are growing in number — and demanding the retirement and health benefits they have long been promised. Those who would reduce our numbers also forget that people are ingenious producers and problem-solvers, not just inert consumers.

In fact, population growth has been the primary driver of progress throughout human history. A growing population can naturally create temporary shortages of certain raw materials, goods and services. Innovators and entrepreneurs can be drawn to extract resources and to produce and distribute more goods in ways that sustain the natural environment and contribute to human development. At the end of this creative process you will have more goods available at lower prices — precisely because of population growth.

People need to be understood as the answer to problems, and not the cause of all problems. As the late Julian Simon often remarked, children born today will lead longer, healthier lives than ever before. They will have more time for leisure activities and travel. And they will live in a world where vast tracts of land have been set aside to preserve their natural beauty, and where the ugly scars of early industrialization have largely been healed. The world is not an overcrowded human ark, but it is — as it was designed to be — a beautiful horn of plenty. And people, the pinnacle of creation, are the ultimate resource.

Steven W. Mosher is the president of the Population Research Institute.

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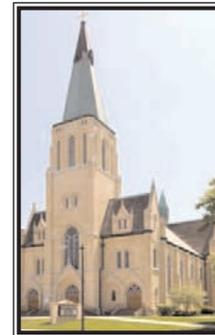
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# Caring for each other, even unto death

BY MARIE T. HILLIARD, RN, JCL, PH.D.

Recently the daughter of a man dying of cancer called the National Catholic Bioethics Center's consultation line. Her father, while still able to swallow, was ingesting less and less as death approached. He had received the Anointing of the Sick and Viaticum (i.e., the Eucharist given to the dying). The daughter asked if there was a moral obligation to provide assisted nutrition and hydration as death drew near. After determining that her father's vital organs no longer could assimilate food and water, causing the decreased appetite, the moral decision was made not to initiate assisted nutrition and hydration.

The next day the daughter called, stating that her father had died, and expressing gratitude for the advice. It was obvious that the underlying pathology, not euthanasia through starvation and dehydration, had caused his death.

Families also get advice from other sources. Tragically, some have been wrongly advised by the medical community that preserving their loved one's "dignity" and ending their suffering require ending their life — by active intervention, or more frequently, by omitting basic care. Many families are unsure about moral options for the care of their loved ones.

Fortunately, the popes and bishops of the Catholic Church have provided invaluable guidance concerning end-of-life decisions, including issues of pain control and consciousness, the provision of food and water to dying or unconscious patients, the right to refuse certain treatments, and the duty to care, even when a cure is no longer possible. In a pamphlet, one can only highlight these teachings, so readers are encouraged to read the entire statements and directives mentioned below, which are available online.

### What does the Church teach about pain control and consciousness?

The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services (ERDs) state, "Patients should be kept as free of pain as possible so that they may die comfortably and with dignity, and in the place where they wish to die. Since a person has the right



to prepare for his or her death while fully conscious, he or she should not be deprived of consciousness without a compelling reason..." In some cases, pain control may require brief or prolonged periods of unconsciousness. Pain control can be provided even if, in rare cases, the needed doses may have an anticipated, but unintended effect of hastening death. The intention is to control extreme pain, not to hasten death. With euthanasia, however, there is an explicit intent to terminate the patient's life, representing a grave evil with eternal consequences.

Currently, three states allow physician-assisted suicide. Some states practice a more covert form of euthanasia, providing patients who suffer from physical or even psychological pain with high doses of sedation, when other effective relief is available. Then assisted nutrition and hydration are withheld, causing death by dehydration or starvation, not the underlying pathology. This is sometimes called "terminal sedation," distinguishable from the legitimate use of sedation as a last resort to treat patient suffering in their last days. The difference is in the physician's intent, whether it is to end life or control pain.

### What does the Church teach about providing food and water to unconscious or dying patients?

Pope John Paul II taught: "I should like particularly to underline how the administration of water and food, even when provided by artificial means, always represents a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act. Its use, furthermore, should be considered,

in principle, ordinary and proportionate, and as such morally obligatory, insofar as and until it is seen to have attained its proper finality, which in the present case consists in providing nourishment to the patient and alleviation of his suffering." 4. This principle has been affirmed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith' and incorporated into the Ethical and Religious Directives in 2009 (n. 58).

### What does the Church teach about the patient's right to refuse or forego certain medical treatments?

The papal encyclical, "The Gospel of Life" condemns euthanasia, drawing a key distinction between euthanasia and the decision to forego "medical procedures which no longer correspond to the real situation of the patient, either because they are by now

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## Bishops urge HHS not to mandate contraception, sterilization coverage

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Two officials of the U.S. bishops' Office of General Counsel have told the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that it should not mandate that group and individual health plans include coverage of contraception or sterilization as part of what the federal agency considers preventive care for women.

"These drugs, devices and procedures prevent not a disease condition, but the healthy condition known as fertility," said Anthony Picarello and Michael Moses, who are general counsel and associate general counsel, respectively, at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

They said contraception and sterilization "pose significant risks of their own to women's life and health; and a federal program to mandate their inclusion would pose an unprecedented threat to rights of conscience."

Picarello and Moses made the comments in a Sept. 17 letter that was hand-delivered to the HHS Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight.

Their letter was sent as HHS continued its deliberations on a final list of required preventive services under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the healthcare reform bill signed into law by President Barack Obama in March.

Picarello and Moses said that contraception cannot be considered "preventive" on the grounds of preventing abortion because "abortion is not itself a disease condition, but a separate procedure that is performed only by agreement between a woman and a health professional."

"Studies have shown that the percentage of unintended pregnancies that are ended by abortion is higher if the pregnancy occurred during use of a contraceptive," they said.

"Prescription contraception as well as chemical and surgical sterilization are particularly inappropriate candidates for inclusion under mandated 'preventative services' for all health plans," they said.

Such services are not like other preventive measures, for example blood pressure and cholesterol screening, diabetes screening, counseling with regard to tobacco use and obesity, and screening for sexually transmitted diseases, Picarello and Moses said.

"These services are emphasized because they can prevent serious or life-threatening conditions that once they do occur, will demand treatment to cure or reverse them," they said.

"This rationale simply does not apply to contraception and sterilization," they continued.

"The condition prevented by contraception and sterilization is pregnancy, which has its own natural course ending in live birth if not interrupted by medical intervention," they said.

They noted that at least one drug already approved by the Food and Drug Administration for "emergency contraception" can actually cause early abortions, so a mandate of prescription contraception coverage as a preventive service would "be in direct tension with (the health reform law's) statutory prohibition on mandating any abortion service."

They also noted that such a mandate would threaten "rights of conscience for religious employers and others who have moral or religious objections to these procedures. In this regard, the (Obama) administration's promise that Americans who like their current coverage will be able to keep it under healthcare reform would be a hollow pledge."

They added that this "would also contradict long-standing federal precedents on respect for conscientious objection to such procedures and such coverage," including the Church amendment, which since 1973 has protected conscientious objection to abortion and sterilization.

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## Notre Dame president names coordinator for university life initiatives

SOUTH BEND, (CNS) — Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame, has named Mary K. Daly to the newly created position of coordinator for university life initiatives.

Daly, a 2010 Notre Dame graduate, was president of Notre Dame Right to Life as a student.

The university announced Sept. 20 that Father Jenkins created the post in response to a recommendation from the Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life, which said structures must be created to implement previous recommendations and continue the work of the group. The task force completed its term of service in May.

Earlier this year it issued a set of preliminary recommendations designed to "broaden and deepen the pro-life culture" at the university.

The group called for undergraduate "witness to life" research opportunities in various academic disciplines; adoption of a policy statement on the university's "support for Catholic teaching on the sanctity of human life from conception to natural

death"; and guidelines on how to "avoid formal or immediate material complicity in evils such as abortion and torture" in charitable gifts and investments.

Since then, the pro-life policy statement has been adopted and the guidelines regarding gifts and investments have been developed. In addition, Father Jenkins' participation this past January in the March for Life in Washington came out of the task force recommendations.

Daly will coordinate efforts already under way to implement the task force suggestions and serve as a liaison between various university units to facilitate collaboration on life issues. She also will seek ways to broaden and deepen respect for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death within the Notre Dame community and beyond.

Her office will be in the Institute for Church Life and she will report to John C. Cavadini, the institute's director and co-chair of the task force. She'll report to Father Jenkins through Cavadini.

One of her first duties will be to help organize a faculty advisory

committee to be chaired by Cavadini.

Father Jenkins formed the task force a year ago to consider ways Notre Dame can support the sanctity of life. Its creation followed what Father Jenkins called "the vigorous discussions" surrounding President Barack Obama's visit to campus to deliver the commencement address in May 2009. He also received an honorary law degree.

Critics of Obama's appearance on campus, including dozens of U.S. bishops, said the president's support of legal abortion and embryonic stem-cell research made him an inappropriate choice.

The situation ignited a national debate on the university's status as a Catholic university.

When he appointed the task force, Father Jenkins charged its members with outlining how "the university could increase and manifest its own commitment to a culture of life across our campus and in partnership with other constituencies in the Notre Dame family, including our alumni."

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FORT WAYNE — The Allen County Right to Life plans to hold its annual Memorial Service for the babies killed by abortion during the past 12 months. The service will be held at the Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave., on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m.

The service is for the 367 children killed by abortion from Sept. 1, 2009 through Aug. 31, 2010.

Each baby has been given a name and will be listed on a memorial at the cemetery. These are the children aborted in Fort Wayne at the abortion clinic located on Inwood Drive

Some of the speakers taking part in this year's service are Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Father Jason Freiburger and Rev. Ron Francis, Lutheran Church,

Missouri Synod.

Also speaking will be Teresa Tomeo, host of "Catholic Connection" heard locally on Redeemer Radio, Cathie Humbarger, executive director of Allen County Right to Life, and representatives from the Silent No More Campaign.

The service is expected to last about one hour.

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disproportionate to any expected results or because they impose an excessive burden on the patient and his family. In such situations, when death is clearly imminent and inevitable, one can in conscience 'refuse forms of treatment that would only secure a precarious and burdensome prolongation of life, so long as the normal care due to the sick person in similar cases is not interrupted.' — no. 65.

It is clear that there is no moral requirement to utilize burdensome treatments that merely prolong the dying process. Unless the patient is very near death, however, the provision of nutrition and hydration, even by artificial means, should be administered as long as they can sustain life and alleviate suffering without imposing serious risks or side effects to the patient.

Today active interventions or omissions of basic care are proposed for ending the lives of not only the dying, but also patients suffering from a long-term cognitive disability, such as advanced

dementia or a so-called persistent "vegetative" state. Some argue that patients who cannot consciously respond have lost their "human dignity." This view is dangerously wrong: Human beings never lose their dignity, that is, their inherent and inestimable worth as unique persons loved by God and created in His image. People can be denied respect affirming that dignity, but they never lose their God-given dignity.

### What does the Church teach about our duty to care for dying or vulnerable family members?

When a family or health care providers refuse to provide basic care (nutrition, hydration, cleanliness, warmth and prevention of complications from confinement to bed), finding it "inconvenient" to accompany the loved one on the final journey, the assault on human dignity is grave. When such abandoning of the disabled or unconscious patient is codified in state laws, the implications for society are frightening. Pope Benedict XVI states in his encyclical "In Hope We are Saved" ("Spe Salvi"), Nov. 20, 2007: "The true measure of humanity is essentially determined in relationship to suffering and to

the sufferer ... A society unable to accept its suffering members and incapable of helping to share their suffering and to bear it inwardly through 'com-compassion' is a cruel and inhuman society." — no. 38.

Christ calls us to love one another: "This is my commandment: Love one another as I love you" — Jn 15:12. He loved us unto death, even death on the cross. Few are called to such a sacrifice; but we are called to be companions to each other, especially to those suffering on life's journey. "Companion" is taken from the word "cum-panis," meaning "with bread." Thus, we are called to share the bread of Eucharist with each other, responding with Christ's sacrificial love. We are asked not only to care for each other, but to nourish each other, even unto death.

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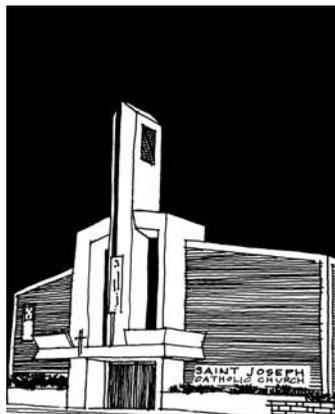


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## CNN rehashes old charges in attack on Pope Benedict

A preview of a CNN special set to air Sept. 25 and 26 is another clumsy attempt to implicate Pope Benedict XVI in the sexual abuse scandals that have rocked the Catholic Church around the globe, according to authors of a recent book investigating the charges against the pope.

Gregory Erlandson and Dr. Matthew Bunson, authors of "Pope Benedict XVI and the Sexual Abuse Crisis: Working for Reform and Renewal" (Our Sunday Visitor Publishing, 2010), said that the news network has rehashed old charges already discredited by a variety of reports, including their own. The one-hour special was previewed on "CNN's Belief Blog" Sept. 23.

"How exactly does CNN have so little journalistic integrity that it can repeat inaccuracies that were widely debunked seven months ago, and for which there is clear, incontrovertible documentary evidence available?" Erlandson and Bunson asked.

The show focuses on the terrible case of Father Lawrence Murphy, a priest who is alleged to have molested some 200 deaf children in Milwaukee in the 1950s and 1960s. It is based in part on dozens of internal Church documents obtained by *The New York Times* earlier this year from a lawyer intent on suing the Vatican. *The Times* article, headlined "Vatican declined to defrock priest who molested boys," sought to portray then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who was head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, as obstructing the prosecution of the priest in the late 1990s.

But Erlandson and Bunson say those same documents demonstrate unequivocally that the Vatican in fact had approved the belated effort of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to investigate the charges and proceed with a Church trial. When word was received that Father Murphy was seriously ill, a Vatican official working for then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger recommended that to expedite the process, the priest be stripped of any ministerial duties. Father Murphy died shortly after that recommendation was made.

"While the Murphy case is a glaring example of the poor oversight and inadequate communication that typified many abuse cases in the U.S. dioceses in the past 50 years," said Erlandson and Bunson, "it does not show Cardinal Ratzinger in any way tolerant of, or insensitive to, the actions of abusers."

Indeed, the current archbishop of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Jerome Listecky, has acknowledged that "the mistakes (regarding the Murphy case) were not made in Rome in 1996, 1997 and 1998. The mistakes were made here, in the archdiocese of Milwaukee, in the 1970s, the 1980s and the 1990s, by the Church, by civil authorities, by Church officials and by bishops."

Although there have been sound rebuttals of *The New York Times* article since it first publicized the documents, CNN's "Special Investigations Unit" stuck with the debunked storyline.

"There is an important story here to be told about the Church's attempt to address the abuse scandal, but getting to it will require news organizations to strip off ideological blinders and pay closer attention to the facts," Erlandson and Bunson said.

Erlandson and Bunson have posted a document by document rebuttal of CNN's take on the Murphy case on their blog at [www.osv.com/abusecrisis](http://www.osv.com/abusecrisis).

Their book, "Pope Benedict XVI and the Sexual Abuse Crisis," has been featured in *USA Today*, Fox News, and in many radio, Web and print media outlets. It is available at Amazon.com or at [www.osv.com](http://www.osv.com).

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Painting a broader picture, your Indiana Knights of Columbus met in Washington, D.C., for the 128th time at a gathering of delegates from all jurisdictions. At that meeting, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced the appointment of Charles E. Maurer, Jr., of Richmond as supreme treasurer. Maurer has served the past 10 years on the board of directors.

At that same meeting Supreme Knight Anderson reported members of the Knights donated more than \$151 million to charity and members provided some 60 million-service hours throughout the order. As important, your Knights of Columbus enjoyed its 39th consecutive year of membership growth.

As we move further into fall, Indiana Knights will be gearing up for their October membership drives to encourage new membership in the largest Catholic, family, charitable, fraternal organization in the world. It was reported



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BY ROBERT HARTENSTEIN

at the convention 286 new councils added to our family, six alone in Indiana. Indiana membership stood at over 33,000 members. Yet, there has never been a more pressing need to join our ranks and support our faith, our families and our unborn children than right now.

In Haiti where some 800 children have been left without an arm or leg as a result of the Haitian earthquake, and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reported the order's board of directors voted to make sure each and every child receives the prosthetic device they need to help give them hope for a new beginning.

Members of the Knights of Columbus helped donate needed wheelchairs to those who cannot afford them around the world. Meanwhile the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, a partnership between local councils and the Supreme Council, purchased 53 ultrasound devices to be distributed in 25 states to encourage new moms to keep their child.

September marks the beginning of 40-Days for Life, a time for prayer and fasting. Indiana Knights will be manning prayer locations throughout the state, along with our brothers and sisters to pray for the sanctity of life. All life, the unborn, mentally challenged, the unwanted, the aged, need our strength in numbers to be there for them when no one else will.

As we move into winter Indiana Knights will participate in many March for Life events including the National Right to Life March Jan. 24 in Washington, D.C. Indiana Knights of Columbus will be scheduling several buses to make the trip. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Many of your schools and parishes will see essay contests, poster contests, soccer challenges and the ever-popular free throw contests. It's a chance for men and families to work together to strengthen those important ties and teach the strength of family unity.

The Knights of Columbus Squires Program is an international fraternity of young men between the ages of 10 and 18. They will be there along with their older Knights to learn leadership skills and be ready to take the reigns of responsibility when they reach the age of 18. Passing the torch of love and embracing our brothers in need is what being a member of the Knight's of Columbus is all about. For more information, visit [membership@indianakofc.org](mailto:membership@indianakofc.org). We are our brothers keeper.

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## Waiting: New Vatican evangelization agency has yet to materialize

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In June, Pope Benedict XVI announced he was establishing a major Vatican agency to deal with “new evangelization” in traditionally Christian countries.

The pope’s initiative was seen as a bold stroke in the Church’s ongoing effort to engage the modern world. But three months later, the project is still stuck in the slow wheels of Vatican bureaucracy.

Officially, in fact, the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization doesn’t yet exist. Although the pope proclaimed its formation and then named its president, Italian Archbishop Rino Fisichella, the office will formally be launched only with publication of an apostolic constitution, in which the pope will lay out the council’s structure and tasks.

In the meantime, Archbishop

Fisichella is in a kind of limbo.

“We’re hoping it will come around the end of September. I don’t know any more than that. We need to be patient with the bureaucracy here,” he said.

The pope keeps mentioning the importance of the new council. Most recently, he urged British bishops to “avail yourselves of its services.”

But the council has no address, no phone number and no official mission. Work is proceeding on the council’s office — after the construction team took a month off for the traditional August holidays.

As Archbishop Fisichella said, “Pazienza.” And at the Vatican, patience is more than a virtue; it’s a way of life.

The refusal to be rushed can be seen in long-delayed appointments, the slow gestation of docu-

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ments and the methodical preparation of events such as synods or consistories.

To take just one example, the pope’s document on the 2008 Synod of Bishops on the Bible — described as an urgently needed text by the synod participants — was expected late last year or early in 2010. It has been inexplicably

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## Resolve to follow Christ



### THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lk 17:5-10

This weekend’s first reading is from the Book of Habakkuk, by comparison among the prophets a short work, including only three chapters. In some cases, little is known about the author of a given book.

In this case, the prophet identifies himself by name (Hab 1:1, 3:1). However, this hardly stills all other questions. Who was Habakkuk?

Some experts believe Habakkuk was a prophet associated with the temple in Jerusalem. When did he write? The most accepted opinion is that Habakkuk wrote this work in the latter part of the seventh century B.C. At the time, the struggles among the great powers of the Middle East were numerous and intense, and the small Jewish community was threatened in the accompanying clash.

It is not hard to imagine fear and anxiety among the people of God, and desperation and confusion easily led them away from strict obedience to God.

Like the other prophets, Habakkuk appealed to his contemporaries to call to God for protection in the uncertain international situation. The prophet insists, however, that the “just” will survive.

Paul’s second Epistle to

Timothy gives us the second reading. In this letter, the Apostle Paul reminds Timothy of the strength available to him as a bishop.

Indeed, the reading refers to the ancient gesture of laying on hands, on the head of the candidate, still an essential and primary act in the ordaining of deacons, priests and bishops, not only for Roman Catholics, but also for Episcopalians and Orthodox.

Furthermore, Timothy is instructed not to preach his own mind, but instead to preach the Gospel of Christ.

St. Luke’s Gospel is the source of the third reading. This Gospel was read during the liturgies of recently preceding weekends. Therefore, what has already been heard in these earlier readings forms an umbrella over what is read this weekend.

The overall theme is that following Jesus requires strong determination and much faith. The Lord has many disciples who stumble and fall. It is a world of sin and selfishness. Temptations are rampant. Most critically, God, in Jesus, always forgives those sinners who earnestly repent.

Into this scene comes this weekend’s reading. As have been the other recent Gospel readings, this passage is a parable.

Scholars cannot agree on the term used to describe the servant. Is he “worthless,” or “useless,” or “unprofitable,” or “unproductive.” One ancient Greek text has “owing nothing.” It is clear, however, that the servant is not so worthless as to be beyond God’s love.

Also clear is that the master in no way relies upon the servant. Still, the context is that the servant is kept, not discharged. Indeed, the relationship between the servant and master is such that the servant assumes to have a place at the master’s table.

### Reflection

For weeks, through Scriptures read at Mass, the Church has been summoning us to discipleship. It has been no call to drift along the primrose path. It has not exalted human nature above and beyond what human nature is in fact. Rather, it has been frank, even somberly warning at times.

This is the background from which these readings appear. Taken together, they are instructive, alerting us to dangers. They also console us with assurances of hope and of life.

Each sincere follower of Jesus must see himself or herself as the servant mentioned this weekend in Luke’s Gospel. As sinning so well demonstrates, we are not as successful in finding heaven as we might think we are. We need God to show the way.

Habakkuk lets us know that there are many detours and obstacles lying before us. However, God will help us, if we allow it. We allow this help to come by being firm in our resolve to follow Christ.

### READINGS

**Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

2Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15 Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14

Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5 (Ps) Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-6

Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28

## Mile markers on the Christian journey

In the face of the unknown, Christopher Columbus counted.

“On the 33rd day after I departed from Cadiz, I came to the Indian sea,” he wrote King Ferdinand’s treasurer. “There are in the island Juana seven or eight kinds of palm trees. In all these islands, each man is content with only one wife, except the princes or kings, who are permitted to have 20.”

On that historic October in 1492, Columbus encountered a vast wilderness — an island “large and without perceptible end,” “trees stretching up to the stars” — and he responded in the best way he could. The system he had learned as a boy — one, two, three, four — worked for charting a new course, for mapping a New World.

The impulse to count is timeless. Humans put numbers to the angle of the sun. They tracked the ebbing tide and the falling snow. They tallied their steps and their silver, their daughters and their donkeys. By counting they created cosmos out of chaos.

When a baby is conceived, we count weeks and trimesters and heart rates, waiting for three seasons to come and go. When it is born, we count inches and ounces, then months and teeth.

The Church understands this impulse, giving us a liturgical calendar that lends rhythm to the year. This month we slide toward the end of ordinary time — the 28th week, the 29th, the 30th — which brings us to four weeks of Advent, 12 days of Christmas, 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter. It may sound mechanical, but it is mysterious too: Deep down we know life is so unordinary that each week is worth counting.

My husband and I just returned from a cross-country road trip. As we set off, the windshield seemed to expand before us, opening a lid to a big, bright sky. I felt the sting of possibility, a release from the confines of the routine. Soon I was examining the flat, gray underbellies of the clouds. “When you really study the clouds,” I told my



### TWENTY SOMETHING

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captain, “they’re amazing!”

Later Ted was urging me to behold the crisscrossing beams of New York’s Tappan Zee Bridge. “Look up!” he said. “Isn’t this cool?”

Amid the staggering beauty, I counted. From the beginning to the end, I tallied everything I could. We covered 2,800 miles of road — nearly an oil-change worth — 108 gallons of gas, \$56 in tolls and 10 states, one-fifth of The Fifty Nifty.

Measuring our progress began as a source of motivation, but there was more to it: It was a way to orient ourselves, to grasp the infinite space ahead.

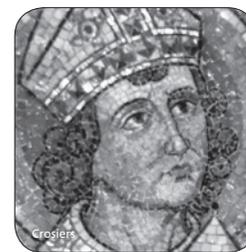
By counting we get hard proof that we were here. We make meaning, we mark our place, we insert ourselves into history.

Counting helps us close the gap between what we can see and what we can touch, where we are and where we hope to be.

The German poet Rainer Maria Rilke articulated this idea in his poem “A Walk.” He wrote: “My eyes already touch the sunny hill. Going far ahead of the road I have begun, so we are grasped by what we cannot grasp; it has inner light, even from a distance — and changes us, even if we do not reach it, into something else, which, hardly sensing it, we already are.”

We are progressive pilgrims, building God’s kingdom day by day, brick by brick. The journey is long and hilly, but we advance as simply as our ancestors did: One, two, three, four.

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### Bruno

c. 1030-1101

October 6

Bruno was born to nobility in Cologne, Germany. After studies in France, he was ordained a priest and about 1056 began a 20-year stint teaching theology at Reims, France. But when Bruno denounced the archbishop for simony, he was forced to leave. With six companions, he withdrew to Chartreuse, France, to found the Carthusian order combining solitary and communal living. In 1090, Pope Urban II summoned him to Rome as an adviser, but Bruno was unhappy away from his order. He was allowed to start another charterhouse in Calabria, Italy, where he later died.

# Picture perfect

When I had cancer, I was NEVER going to allow my picture to be taken. Dealing with Hodgkins lymphoma was one of the most difficult things I had endured in my life. I didn't want to remember it. I certainly didn't want to document it. In fact, wanted to run away from it, and maybe even pretend it never happened. In the book of life, turn the page. Fast.

And so, I wouldn't let anyone take a picture of me when I was sick. That was a half a year of me dodging cameras, through birthday celebrations and summer parties. I was bald, for Pete's sake. What rational woman would let someone photograph her bald?

"You'll want a document of this time when you're well," someone said, someone who had been to cancer and back. "You'll want to look back and see how far you've come." Pshaw! I wanted to document that no more than I'd want to document a break-in, vandalism, or the way I look in the morning when I've been up three nights in a row with a colicky baby. No thank you. No photos for me.

However, my adamant "never" softened twice. Once was the day a cookie bouquet arrived from my old college friends in the midst of my cancer treatment. It was a gloomy day when the doorbell rang and a hefty fellow presented me with colorful, cheerful cookies, shaped like tulips, roses and daisies. That day, quite on-the-spot, I allowed my puffy, bald and chemoed-out face to smile in front of the camera, holding this very special present. I glanced at the photo shortly after it was taken. I looked just terrible. What was I

thinking? I should have at least put on some mascara. Oh yeah, I didn't have eyelashes.

The other picture I have, which is reminiscent of my struggle with cancer, is one of me standing in the driveway with my husband and two of my daughters on a Saturday morning, just before they left for a Notre Dame game in the fall. I had been wearing an ND cap, and my husband had playfully popped it off. One of the kids had a camera and asked me to smile. I grimaced at the thought, but stiffly obliged as the picture was snapped. I believe that those are the only two pictures that exist of me during this time — one taken during a momentary joy; another taken during a momentary feeling of obligation.

After some time has passed (five years to be exact) I look back now at those two photos and can't believe what I see. True, I still don't look attractive in either photo. But, when I look back at these now, I no longer notice the objective baldness, paleness, puffiness as much as I see how far I've come. I see where I've been. I actually see a brave woman. I see someone who has been on a journey and who has learned a lot.

Are you better off today than you were yesterday? Did you overcome a challenge, even a small one? Have you grown in self-discipline? Have you learned any lessons? Then congratulations and never mind, just for a moment, about those hurdles around the corner.

Some of us have a tendency to see what is not yet accomplished — what we have left to do and worry about it or at least busy our-



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selves with it. It's okay to sit back and sometimes say, "Wow. I did that?" to relive a story that made us who we are, to share it with our children or friends.

I just finished working on my first book. The other night my husband pointed out the picture in the lower left hand corner on the back. It's me. I'm not puffy. I have hair. In fact, unless I told you as much, I bet you wouldn't know that I faced a disease that could've taken my life. The kids are doing well. A book was born. Hey, I've come a long way, baby!

I encourage you to look at your past today. Dig out some old photos. Remember who you were. See who you are. Try not to worry so much about perfection. Everything takes time.

Yes, more challenges are to come. But it's okay to look back and revel in what God has helped us through so far. And it's splendid to share those thoughts with others. We live. We learn. We grow. Life doesn't have to always be picture-perfect. And it's okay.

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deferred and is now due out in the fall.

The timeline for that synod began with planning in 2006, making it a four-year run.

The pope can sometimes accelerate things, but even he is subject to the deliberate pace of the Roman Curia. A case in point: The pope finished his long-awaited second volume on Jesus of Nazareth last May, promoting speculation that the book would be released soon.

But Vatican officials are being so careful in their translations of the book that it's not coming out until Lent of 2011. By that time, the pope may have a good start on the third and final volume of the series, which he began writing over the summer.

When it comes to appointments, the Vatican can move with lightning speed or slow motion. U.S. Archbishop-designate Joseph W. Tobin was recently appointed secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, a posi-

tion that had been unfilled for six months. That's a long vacancy for the secretary job, which handles much of the day-to-day business of a congregation that oversees the world's men and women religious orders.

On the other hand, the Pontifical Council for Social Communications was without a No. 2 official for nearly three years before Irish Msgr. Paul Tighe was named secretary in 2008.

The College of Cardinals is one of the Church's most important bodies, most significantly when it meets in a conclave to elect a new pope. Yet despite predictions to the contrary, Pope Benedict has shown no sense of urgency in filling vacancies among the 120 voting-age cardinals.

Rumors of a consistory to create new cardinals began more than a year ago, and it's now expected to happen in November, when the number of cardinal electors will have dipped to 101, the lowest in many years.

If the Vatican takes its time following up on events and personnel vacancies, it also anticipates some affairs by months or years. The Pontifical Council for the Family this week released the pope's letter for the Seventh World Meeting of

Families — which will be held in June 2012.

Similar messages for annual days devoted to mission, communications and young people are also released well ahead of time. The idea is that the advance release allows for wider dissemination of the papal text. On the other hand, by the time the events occur, such messages are rarely "breaking news."

One of the longest waits for a Vatican project was Pope John Paul II's 1989 reform of the Roman Curia, which took 16 years to put together — more than half of his pontificate. When it was finally announced, it took several additional months to implement the changes and launch the newly created curia offices.

But what's a few months to an institution that thinks in centuries?

Pope Benedict seems to be just fine with the go-slow mentality that reigns in the Vatican, an attitude that reflects his general approach to workplace speed and efficiency. In 2006, citing the medieval monk St. Bernard of Clairvaux, the pope warned against "the dangers of excessive activity" in every kind of occupation, "even those involving the governance of the Church."

# SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 3, 2010

Luke 17:5-10

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C: lessons about faith and being prepared for the Lord. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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|----------|--------------|------------|
| APOSTLES | LORD         | INCREASE   |
| FAITH    | MUSTARD SEED | TREE       |
| ROOTED   | PLANTED      | THE SEA    |
| PLOWING  | SHEEP        | THE FIELD  |
| COME     | TABLE        | RATHER SAY |
| PREPARE  | I EAT        | DRINK      |
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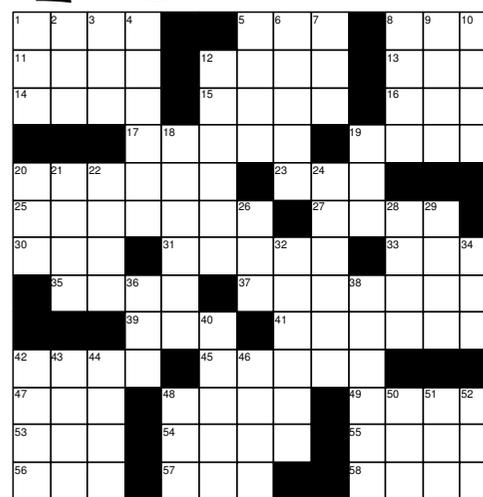
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# The CrossWord

October 3 & 10, 2010

- 54 Fiber
- 55 Reign over
- 56 Stretch to make do
- 57 Window of the soul
- 58 Like a mustard



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Based on these readings: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-1 & 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

### ACROSS

- 1 Rude person (2 wds)
- 5 Football assoc.
- 8 Morse code dash
- 11 Intervene, as
- 12 Ital. greeting
- 13 Manipulate
- 14 Lepers made to Jesus
- 15 Section
- 16 Director (abbr.)
- 17 Halley's
- 19 Cowardly spirit has
- 20 Engulf
- 23 Movie 2001's talking computer

### DOWN

- 25 Rooted
- 27 Stocking snags
- 30 Price sticker
- 31 Wear away
- 33 Expression of surprise
- 35 Floating ice
- 37 Discord
- 39 Tablet
- 41 Village
- 42 Trickery
- 45 Jagged
- 47 Long time
- 48 Like a wing
- 49 Jewish calendar month
- 53 Undergo corruption

### DOWN

- 1 Bible adder
- 2 California (abbr.)
- 3 (Hail) Mary
- 4 Ordained man
- 5 Number of thankless lepers
- 6 Religious belief
- 7 Abraham's nephew
- 8 Ranch newbie
- 9 China's continent
- 10 "Mister" (German)
- 12 To weigh down
- 18 Nicaragua's president
- 19 Contagious disease
- 20 Inclined
- 21 Tell
- 22 Wise person
- 24 Christians martyred in these
- 26 Top of "I"
- 28 Used in crucifixion
- 29 Oxford
- 32 Take away the horns
- 34 Picnic pest
- 36 Revolutions per minute
- 38 Blurs
- 40 Late in coming
- 42 Dried up
- 43 Prepare supper
- 44 Parlay
- 46 Scarce
- 48 Yes
- 50 Payable
- 51 Lager
- 52 Cardinal's color

Answer Key can be found on page 19

# Sports

**BISHOP LUERS GOES PINK** Bishop Luers will commemorate cancer awareness by having the football team wear pink socks and wristbands on Oct. 10 for homecoming as the Bishop Luers Knights take on Brebeuf Jesuit High School at Luersfield. The kickoff is at 7:30 p.m. The girls' soccer team will also be wearing pink socks as they play Snider on Oct. 7. Spectators are invited to join the teams in this effort to raise funds and awareness for cancer. All proceeds will go to the Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

## Mishawaka Catholic's big plays lead to football victory

BY MATT SOBIERALSKI

MISHAWAKA — Mishawaka Catholic's big plays on both the ground and from the air proved too much for the Westside Catholic Cardinals, as they were soundly defeated, 28-8, in the Sunday ICCL game at Marian's Otolski Field.

Mishawaka Catholic coach Tony Violi decided on a pass play that resulted in a 60-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Joe Molnar to Will Whitten on the opening play of the game.

"We like to run the football, but after talking to a former player before the game, we decided that we would try and run the pass play," said Violi.

After a quick three-and-out from the Cardinals, the Saints, with the aid of running back Ryan Schafer, easily marched down the field that included a big 37-yard run, and culminated with another touchdown connection from Molnar to Whitten, Mishawaka Catholic was looking to run away with the game.

Late in the half, Mishawaka Catholic's Dylan Konwinski capped off another possession after a nine-play drive by scoring the half's final touchdown and giving Mishawaka Catholic a 20-0 lead at the half.

Westside Catholic wouldn't go away easily though. Despite their deficit, the Cards forced the Saints to a turnover on downs, and were able to get their offense rolling in the fourth quarter with a 43-yard touchdown rush from Ricky Entzian.

But Mishawaka Catholic stuck to their game plan and their running back, Ryan Schafer, whose fourth quarter 67-yard touchdown scamper slammed the door on any Westside Catholic comeback leaving the score 28-8.

Schafer ran the ball nine times for 140 yards to lead the Saints.

"We couldn't get our offense going due to Mishawaka Catholic's defense controlling the line play up front," said Westside Catholic Coach John Glon.

"(Mishawaka Catholic) has some good players, and we got down early. But to our credit, we didn't give up," commented Glon.

"Our defensive line played well and we practiced all week knowing that they ran an academy-style offense," remarked Violi. "Our defense knew what to expect, and they executed."

Mishawaka Catholic hopes to carry its success over to next week as they will play undefeated the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders at Otolski Field at Marian High School. While Westside Catholic looks to regroup next week against also undefeated St. Anthony/St. Joseph/St. Pius Panthers at Saint Joseph's High School.

In other action, the Crusaders blanked the St. Matthew Blazers, 32-0.

Peter Rymza lead the Crusaders with touchdown runs of 50 and 75 yards, Andrew Petsche scored on a one-yard dive and Brendan Chappell returned an interception for a 38-yard score. Brendan Connelly was perfect on the four points after attempts.

## Regular season nears completion in CYO football action

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With just one week of regular season gridiron action left in the Catholic Youth League Organization (CYO) before the post-season begins, several big games were on tap for Week 6.

First up at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium at the University of Saint Francis, St. John, New Haven, came up with a "W" downing Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood, 24-0. Finally near full-strength after being harassed by injuries for much of the season, the Raiders had great blocking up front helping workhorse, David Peters and their field general, Colten Painter, score running touchdowns. In addition, Painter had a perfect throw to Adam Hoffer for a long passing score.

Coach Troy Hoffer also reported that his swarming defense, led by Andy Korhman and cousins, Jay and B.J. Tippmann, was successful in stopping the Royal

Reds' running game, while Evan Trable and Jacque Jacquay had interceptions to shut down the pass.

Also at the University of Saint Francis, St. Charles had a 38-14 victory over St. Vincent. Giving a lot of credit to the Cardinals, St. Vincent Coach Drew Linder called St. Charles a "very good team." For the Panthers, Jeffrey Kalonji had a kickoff return for a score and Noah Coonan had a rushing TD.

St. Charles improved to 5-1 while St. Vincent is even on the year with three wins and three losses.

At Bishop Luers, the St. John-Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Eagles were defeated by Holy Cross, 32-18, erasing their perfect record and creating a three-way tie for the top spot in the standings with Holy Cross and St. Charles.

In the loss, Damian Brough and Josh Jones scored touchdowns. Brough also hit both point-after-touchdown attempts. The Eagle defense recorded a

safety to account for the remainder of the points.

Coach Jim Carroll lamented, "It was a disappointing loss, but hopefully through the temporary setback we can recommit ourselves, learn our lessons and move forward as a team."

St. Jude came up short against St. Joe/St. Elizabeth/St.

Aloysius/St. Therese (JAT) this week, 30-16. In the loss, Aaron Ng had both rushing touchdowns for the Eagles. Coach Pat Henline felt JAT dominated the game, but Connor Haxton anchored the Eagles' defensive line slowing down the Knights' rushing game.

Henline also reported that his team has been struggling week after week to keep their starting line-up healthy and injury-free. He is hoping to have a strong week of practice before facing their next opponent — St. Vincent. Henline explains, "It will be a crucial game for our final standing and tournament placing."



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REVIEWED BY BRIAN WELTER

While Pope Benedict XVI is undoubtedly a much different pope than John Paul II was, the depth of the current pontiff's pastoral concerns are, surprisingly to some, as deep as his predecessor's. Few

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# Cardegeles learn cross country, have fun

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — With a goal to improve each runner during the season, teach the sport of cross country and have fun continuing the Cardegle tradition, Catholic Youth League (CYO) cross country action has kicked off another season.

After three meets, Coach Dan Kaufman reports that the Cardegles, made up of runners from both St. Jude and St. Charles, boys' team have compiled a 21-4 record, while the girls are at a 8-12 mark.

Recently, both teams, along with the junior varsity groups, took top honors in the Huntington Catholic Invitational. In the varsity boys' race, Kevin Wuest won with a time of 10:49 and just two seconds back was Blake Malone for second place. These two were followed by Alex Cagle (fourth place), Mark Roy (ninth) and Bryson Tretter (10th). Isaac Mahoney and Anthony Lorenger were also in the top 15.

The girls' varsity race was won by Abbie Brelage. Her sister Megan finished third, followed by teammates Eden Nitza (fourth), Marie Lothamer (fifth), Christina Mercedes (ninth) and Karen Eckrich (11th).

The top girls' junior varsity (JV) finisher was Caroline McMasters in third place. The boys' junior varsity race was won



Cardegle boys' celebrate a victory at a recent meet.



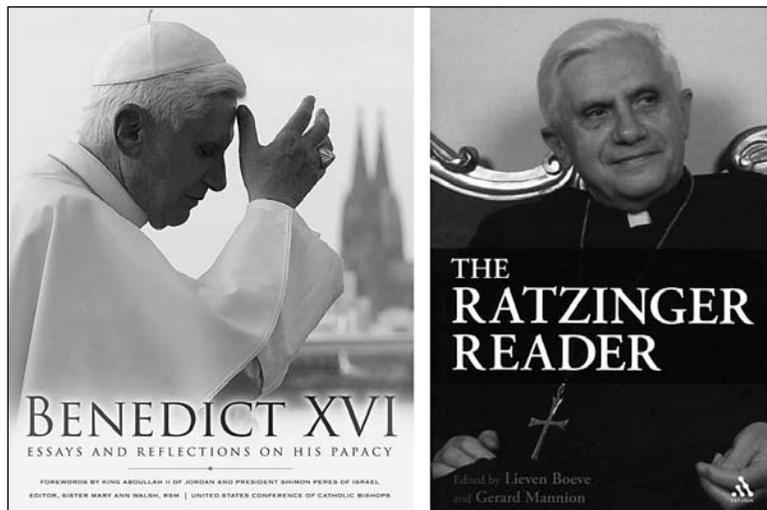
Cardegle girls' take off out of the shoot at a recent meet.

by Tom Lonsway in nearly a dead heat with his twin brother Sam. They were followed, in order, by: Ray Harper, Jack Stefanek, Patrick White and Andrew Fuze.

In early meets, the boys defeated Leo and Indian Springs in a triangular meet. At the Indian Springs Middle School Invite, against some of the best teams

from northeast Indiana, the boys ended up in the top five out of 21 teams, while the girls finished 13th out of 19 teams.

With six meets left on the schedule, Kaufman explains, "The boys are off to a great start and the girls are making great improvement." This year's 2010 Cardegle invitational is slated for Oct. 7.



## BOOKS

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would have foreseen that such a brilliant, often polemical man could possess these qualities.

Yet writer after writer in "Benedict XVI: Essays and Reflections on His Papacy," a collection of the thoughts from Catholic America, extols not the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger's intellect, as formidable as that is, but his personality.

Contributors tell of their encounters with Benedict the pastoral pope, as when he came to the United States and reached out to victims of abusive priests. Or when he wrote a pastoral letter to Chinese Catholics, again reaching out and asking for unity within the Chinese Catholic Church fractured into the underground and the gov-

ernmentally sanctioned parts. Pope Benedict's traditional stance is likewise apparent in "The Ratzinger Reader," a collection of his writings as a "private theologian," that is, when he publishes essays and books as an individual rather than when speaking as a Vatican official.

The reader includes succinct commentaries by the editors, which helpfully situate Cardinal Ratzinger's thoughts within the secular versus Catholic battleground following the Second Vatican Council.

The polemical nature of some selections in no way reduces the elegance, precision and clarity of Cardinal Ratzinger's writings. This reader also indicates why he is becoming so popular with Catholics. Not only is he the pastoral pope, as witnessed by "Essays and Reflections on His Papacy," but he is one of the last truly great European voices against the continent's wholesale rejection of its Christian heritage.

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## MISC. HAPPENINGS

### Live in harmony with nature

New Haven — All married and engaged couples as well as single women are invited to learn the science of NaProTECHNOLOGY at St. John the Baptist from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4, in the Community Center. Contact Theresa Schortgen, CFCP, at (260) 749-6706 or e-mail chartdaily365@verizon.net to RSVP. The event is free.

### First Saturday devotions

Fort Wayne — St. Charles - 8 a.m. Sacred Heart - 7:30 a.m. (English Mass) and 11:30 a.m. (Latin Mass). 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. John - 6:55 a.m.; Monroeville — St. Rose - 8:10 a.m.; Warsaw — Sacred Heart - 8 a.m.; North Manchester — St. Robert - 8 a.m.

### Series seeks to bring Catholics home

Warsaw — Sacred Heart Church will offer a six-week series "Catholics Returning Home" on six consecutive Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Living Well Center beginning Oct. 6. For details, call Shirley at (574) 453-1808 or Linda at (574) 933-3777.

### St. Pius X announces senior group

Granger — St. Pius X has a senior group (55+) that meets the second Tuesday of the month at noon starting with Mass. On Oct. 12 the speaker will be Dr. Laura McGuire, on health services in the future. For information call (574) 271-7853.

### Fall festival, open house at Victory Noll

Huntington — Victory Noll Center will have a fall festival and open house on Sunday, Oct. 3, from 1-4 p.m. on the grounds of Victory Noll. The festival will feature activities for families including walking the labyrinth, a scavenger hunt and a hayride. Refreshments will be available with donuts, popcorn and apple cider.

### Ladies coat sale

Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store will have a 99 cent ladies coat sale Oct. 4-6. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### March for Life

Fort Wayne — The March for Life committee will have a memorial service on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. in Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Ave. The one-hour service is non-denominational and all are invited to attend.

### Miracle of the sun celebrated

Fort Wayne — The World Apostolate of Fatima will celebrate the 93rd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Sacred Heart Parish. Father George Gabet will offer a Tridentine Latin Mass at noon followed by a rosary, outside procession with the Blessed Virgin Mary statue and the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### Beginning Experience weekend planned

Donaldson — A Beginning Experience Weekend Retreat for widowed, divorced and separated persons will be Friday, Oct. 22, through Sunday, Oct. 24, at Lindenwood Retreat Center. This Christian-based program assists persons to work through deep feelings of grief, anger, depression and loss. Register by Oct. 10 to Teresa at (574) 261-0123 or e-mail greenlight7113@sbcglobeal.net

### Animal blessing at cathedral

Fort Wayne — A blessing of the animals will take place on the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Plaza on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 2 p.m. Father Fernando Jimenez will bless the animals.

### Conflict resolution workshop

Huntington — Victory Noll Center, 1900 W. Park Dr., will present a program on "Conflict Transformation: Moving Toward Wholeness and Harmony," from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 2. Cheri Krueckeberg, who teaches social work, human conflict, gerontology and yoga at Manchester College is the presenter. The cost is \$20 with a lunch option for an additional \$7.

### Plate lunch and dessert card party

South Bend — The Altar/Rosary Society of St. Casimir Parish will have a lunch and dessert card party Sunday, Oct. 3, at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5 in advance only. Please bring your own cards and buncos. Gentlemen are also invited. For tickets, contact the parish office at (574) 287-9551.

### Fish fry

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council No. 4511 will have a fish fry on Friday, Oct. 1, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Knights' Hall. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 6-12 and free for children 6 and under.

### Haunted Castle and Black Forest return

Fort Wayne — The Haunted Castle and Black Forest, 8865 Auburn Rd., sponsored by the St. Vincent Boy Scouts, will be open Thursday and Sunday from 7-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 7-11 p.m. in October. Visit [www.hauntedcastle.com](http://www.hauntedcastle.com).

### Square dancing to begin

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a square dance Saturday, Oct. 9, from 8-11 p.m. in the hall. Music will be by Bill Werling and Breakaway. Tickets are \$10 and include one beer and snacks. All proceeds benefit the St. Louis Academy.

### Rummage and bake sale

South Bend — The St. John Altar and Rosary Society will have a rummage and bake sale Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 17, from 8 a.m. to noon.

### Oktoberfest

Fort Wayne — St. Charles Parish will have an Oktoberfest Saturday, Oct. 9, from 5-11 p.m. at the Knights' Hall, 601 Reed Rd. Attendees must be 21. Music by Die Freudermacher Band.

### Eighth-grade class trip needs funds

Mishawaka — The eighth-grade class of St. Bavo School will have a Nelson's Port-A-Pit fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Veldman's Marathon, corner of Grape and Edison roads. Chicken will be \$5 per half pre-sale and \$6 per half day of sale. Call (574) 259-4214 for tickets.

### Rummage and bake sale

Fort Wayne — The Most Precious Blood Rosary Society, 1515 Barthold St., will have a rummage and bake sale Thursday, Sept. 30, and Friday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mohr Hall.

### Banquet for Life

Fort Wayne — The Allen County Right to Life Three Rivers Educational Trust Fund will have

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### Walkerton

Betty L. Schmeltz, 71, St. Patrick

a Banquet for Life Monday, Oct. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Wayne Center. Guest speaker will be Mike Pence. Tickets are \$40 per person and reservations must be made by Oct. 5.

### Rosary rally planned

Fort Wayne — A rosary will be prayed Saturday, Oct. 9, at noon at the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil Site on Inwood Drive. Bring chair for seating, blankets, etc.

## The CrossWord

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## ROSARY

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have everyone come together for something like this, with the bishop at the center. I liked it a lot!"

Bishop Rhoades greeted the crowd, flanked by 40 Days for Life South Bend organizers. Several Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration provided music, joining the group on the "prayer peninsula."

The "prayer peninsula" is a newly paved area just past the property line of the Women's Pavilion, covering what used to be a patch of dirt and thorny bushes. It provides a more stable place for people to pray outside the abortion clinic. The words, "Life Begins at Conception" are prominently displayed across the pavement.

Bishop Rhoades began the joyful mysteries, praying an invocation before every Hail Mary. The special rosary reflections were written by the U.S. bishops to pray for the cause of life.

"I thought it was very peaceful and very prayerful," reflected Liz Appleton, a young wife and mother of five children. "I was moved by the prayers said before the Hail Mary's ... it was really inspiring and very beautiful."

Appleton, who had several

small children in tow, including her youngest in a back-carrier, said she brought her family to the Rosary for Life despite the challenges.

"Part of it was the sacrifice of the work of bringing them here, but also for the witness of seeing happy moms and happy children all together!"

Not everyone appeared happy to have so many people gathered together. Workers from the Women's Pavilion stood behind vehicles with bumper stickers and hand-made signs specifically insulting the Catholic Church and supporting abortion rights. *Today's Catholic* spoke with one of the workers, who identified herself as Grace.

"I've been here five years, and I love working here," said Grace, a self-described former Catholic who believes a woman should have the choice to abort her baby. Grace says she has spoken with pro-life supporters over the years who pray outside her office.

"I don't mind that they say, 'Grace, I'm going to pray for you.' And I say, 'Please, all the prayer I can get is good,' but don't tell somebody that they can't or they shouldn't do something."

While the small group of workers stood outside, at times laughing during the Rosary for Life, they couldn't help but hear the prayers during the hour-long vigil.

"I am so thrilled to see so many



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**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades leads the joyful mysteries from the "Prayer Peninsula," just outside a South Bend abortion clinic.**

gathered together in prayer, as we offer a great cry to heaven, asking the Lord to bestow His grace upon all who come to this place," said Bishop Rhoades as he concluded the rosary. "We ask the Lord to especially touch the hearts and the souls of all the mothers who come here. And we also pray for the conversion of those who work here."

Mary Akre, South Bend 40 Days for Life campaign director, said she was "in awe" at the turnout and thanked Bishop Rhoades for his leadership.

"He was standing up there and I'm thinking, 'This guy is a warrior!' What a fatherly figure. What an example!"

Akre added that the same doctor who performs abortions at the South Bend facility works in Fort Wayne as well, where there is also a 40 Days for Life campaign. She says both groups are praying in solidarity.

In Fort Wayne, a prayer vigil is being held in front of the abortion clinic on Inwood Drive. Parishes and other churches in the Fort Wayne area are praying at the vigil. On Sept. 30, students from St. Charles, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Jude schools were scheduled to meet and pray together.

Shawn Sullivan, the South Bend vigil director, is optimistic but knows there is much work to do.



**Little Joseph Hunckler, perched atop his big brother's shoulders, peers out over a sea of people praying the Rosary for Life.**

"Just a few days after the Rosary for Life, I have seen some new faces at the 'prayer peninsula,' so I know there will be fruits from the bishop's Rosary for Life," said Sullivan. "The parable of the seeds scattered on the path comes to mind. So our goal is to keep the faithful engaged with our efforts, to keep them excited about it, and to urge them to evangelize others. John Paul II urged us to spread the Gospel of Life, and that is our chief mission."

**To participate in 40 Days for Life, which runs through Oct. 30, go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).**

## BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

This month's featured selection: "Brother André," by Jean-Guy Dubuc

BY TIM JOHNSON

It is only appropriate to make "Brother André: Friend of the Suffering, Apostle of Saint Joseph," published by Sorin Books (ISBN: 978-1-59471-190-9), this month's book of the month selection. On Oct. 17, the brother will be canonized the first Congregation of Holy Cross saint. And this book tells the story of the "Miracle Man of Mount Royal," as this humble Canadian brother was often called.

The book is a revised and updated biography, and places readers not only in the depths of Brother André's life and work, but in the historical and cultural context of the time.

Alfred Bessette was born in Quebec on Aug. 9, 1845, the eighth child of 10 to Isaac and Clothilde Bessette. Isaac Bessette died in 1855 and Clothilde died two years later of tuberculosis. Young Alfred, who had been a rather sickly child, was taken in by Clothilde's sister and husband. One thing Alfred's mother impressed upon him was a devotion to St. Joseph.

Times were very difficult for French-Canadians, and the young Alfred moved to New England states in 1863 looking for work. He held a number of odd jobs and then returned to Canada in 1867. There he came into contact with Father André Provençal, a priest of Alfred's childhood, who saw the holiness of Alfred and his great devotion to St. Joseph. Father Provençal encouraged the 25-year-old Alfred to join the Brothers of Holy Cross in Montreal, right across from Mount Royal, at Notre Dame College, a school run by the congregation. Father Provençal sent a note with Alfred to college authorities that

said, "I'm sending you a saint. ..."

In honor of Father Provençal, Alfred was given the name André. And for much of his life, he was a porter.

Brother André soon received a reputation of being a healer. But the brother attributed such healings to the curative powers of St. Joseph's Oil, popular in both Canada and France at the time, by those people who had prayed for St. Joseph's intercession. Brother André gave all honor and credit to St. Joseph for such miraculous healings.

It was Brother André's desire to build a chapel dedicated to St. Joseph, who is the patron saint of Canada. In 1896, the Holy Cross community purchased a large tract of land facing the hillside. But it wasn't until 1902 that Brother André convinced the superior to allow the building of a chapel dedicated to St. Joseph on the nearby mountain. Brother André began raising funds.

The first chapel opened Oct. 19, 1904, but it proved too small for the crowds, so through the years, Brother André worked toward larger and larger edifices. Brother André died at the age of 91 on Jan. 6, 1937. The dome to the oratory was completed in 1967, years after the brother's death.

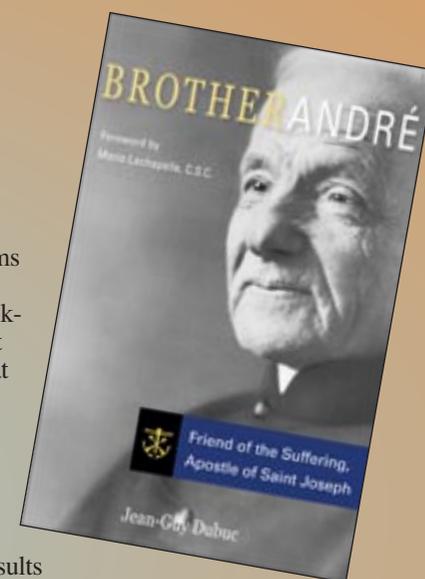
Brother André was pronounced blessed by Pope John Paul II on May 23, 1982. The pope called Brother André a "man of prayer and friend of the poor."

As we look to his canonization Oct. 17 in Rome, it is good to learn about this man. We can all gain from his simple but strong faith, devotion to a saint and seeing a dream fulfilled in a magnificent oratory that attracts mil-

lions of pilgrims yet today.

What is striking throughout the book is that Brother André is very ordinary, but allows God to work through him with incredible results and marvel.

As we rejoice with Congregation of Holy Cross with the canonization of St. André Bessette, may we all learn from his virtues and incorporate them on our journey.



### Questions for reflection

- Brother André was a ordinary man used by God in extraordinary ways. When have you or someone you know been used by God in extraordinary ways?
- Brother André was devoted to St. Joseph. Do you have a favorite saint? Who and why? If not learn about some of the Church's saints.
- Brother André's dream of creating a magnificent oratory was fulfilled by God's works through him. What dreams do you hold ready to be fulfilled by God?

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