‘Blessed are the pure of heart’

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades asked schoolchildren of the diocese to remember the beatitude at the all-schools Mass: “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.”

Schoolchildren in grades 4-8 gathered for Mass at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on Monday, Nov. 1. Fourth-grade students were invited to dress as their favorite saint and sit on the main floor.

Bishop Rhoades, celebrating his first all-school Mass in Fort Wayne, was joined by 17 priests and about 3,500 students, teachers, parents, principals and chaperones.

“We are called to live the beatitudes,” Bishop Rhoades said in his homily, just as the saints lived the beatitudes in their lives. “God was the center of their lives,” Bishop Rhoades said.

He said that the sacraments, especially Holy Communion and Reconciliation, help us to be pure of heart.

“All of us are called to be saints and to be holy,” Bishop Rhoades shared with the children.

By Tim Johnson

Traditional pilgrim rituals await pope at Santiago de Compostela

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Pope Benedict XVI heads to Spain Nov. 6-7, he will follow some of the traditional rituals that pilgrims engage in when visiting the popular pilgrimage site of Santiago de Compostela.

It will be his first time to the ancient pilgrimage city and to Barcelona where he will consecrate the partially completed Church of the Sagrada Familia, or Holy Family.

“He’s very happy to go (to Compostela) because it’s something he has wanted very much,” said the Vatican’s chief spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, during a press briefing Oct. 29.

Before becoming pope, “he and his brother also once talked about them going together, but it never happened,” said Father Lombardi.

Though he will not have walked the miles of roadsides and pathways other Compostela pilgrims travel when going on foot or by horse, the pope will still carry out some of the traditional pilgrimage rituals at the cathedral.

The pope will walk through the cathedral’s Holy Door, which was opened at the start of the year. The feast of St. James, July 25, fell on a Sunday this year, making 2010 a holy year.

Tradition holds that the remains of the apostle St. James the Greater — Santiago in Spanish — are buried in the city’s cathedral. The pope will head to the crypt and pray at the Apostle’s tomb and he will embrace a statue of St. James, another pilgrim tradition.

Finally, the pope will incense the cathedral in an unusual method particular to the Santiago church.

A giant incense burner, about the size of an adult human being, hangs from a rope wrapped around a double pulley in front of the main altar. At special pilgrim Masses and events, the incense burner is swung across the church in a trajectory similar to that of a trapeze performer in a circus.

The burner is called a "botafumeiro" in Galician, the Spanish dialect spoken in Santiago de Compostela, and it means "smoke thrower."

In medieval times, its function was not just liturgical. It was also filled with perfumes to deodorize the smells from the hordes of sweating and unwashed pilgrims who went straight to the cathedral after days on the road.

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Students gather for all-school Mass on All Saints Day

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IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

The following is the text of the homily delivered by Bishop Rhoades at Mass on All Souls Day, November 2nd, 2010, at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

All Souls Day

Yesterday, the Feast of All Saints, we contemplated the holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem. Today we remember those who have died, yet are still on the journey toward the holy city. In his beautiful encyclical on Christian hope, Pope Benedict writes that we can suppose that the experience of purgatory is “the greatest majority of people have (or will have). I think this is something we need to rediscover since there is a tendency today, especially at funerals, to presume that the deceased immediately are with God in heaven. Perhaps this is natural since, in the midst of grief, people want to believe that their loved ones are immediately in eternal peace. But the Holy Father says that “those who are so pure that they can enter immediately into God’s communion are undoubtedly few” (Meeting with Clergy of Rome, February 7, 2008).

Purgatory

The doctrine of purgatory, forgotten or ignored by many, is, I believe, an obvious and necessary truth. We need to be made capable of being with God for eternity. We need to have that integrity in order to enter into the perfect and complete communion with God. We need to be prepared and purified since there are so many wounds, “so much dirt in our souls” that “needs to be washed through the power of God’s very greatness” (ibid.). This is what purgation is: it is not a place, but “a condition of existence.” In this state of purification after death, the remnants of imperfection are removed from the souls in purgatory by the merciful love of Christ (General audience of Pope John Paul II, August 4, 1999).

There is an image used by Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians that sheds some light on this mystery of purgatory. The Apostle Paul speaks of the value of our work on earth and how it will be revealed on the day of judgment. He writes: “If the work which any man has built on the foundation (which is Christ) survives, he will receive a reward. If any man’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire” (1 Cor 3:14-15). Pope Benedict explains that “in this text, it is... evident that our salvation can take different forms, that some of what is built may be burned down, that in order to be saved we personally have to pass through ‘fire’ so as to become fully open to receiving God and able to take our place at the table of the eternal marriage-feast” (Spe Salvi #46). What is this fire? It is Christ Himself and the holy power of His love. In our encounter with the Lord at death, there is a healing that takes place through the burning away of the dirt in our souls, the elimination of every trace of attachment to evil within us, the correction of the imperfections of our souls. This is the purification called purgatory. Pope Benedict writes that “in the pain of this encounter, when the impurity and sickness of our lives become evident to us, there lies salvation. Christ’s gaze, the touch of his heart heals us through an unendurable painful transformation ‘as through fire.’ But it is a blessed pain, in which the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God... At the moment of judgment we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of his love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy” (Spe Salvi #47). We are thus cleansed and transformed as we pass to communion with God, made ready to enter the heavenly Jerusalem.

Ecclesial Solidarity with the Souls in Purgatory

Today, All Souls Day, we remember in prayer all our brothers and sisters who live in this state of purification. The beautiful and profound doctrine of the communion of saints reminds us of our ecclesial solidarity, not only with the saints in heaven, but also with the souls in purgatory. We are all part of the Mystical Body of Christ: the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory and we the pilgrims Church on earth. How does this solidarity work? Through prayer and love! We can offer up prayers and good works on behalf of our brothers and sisters in purgatory. Indeed, we have a holy obligation to pray for the dead who may need final purification in order to enter the joy of heaven. The Church has always recommended prayers for the dead.

Masses for the Deceased

Some weeks ago, I had a conversation with the priests on the Presbyteral Council of my diocese. They related to me that there has been a significant decrease in recent years of people requesting Masses for the deceased. It is important for us to revitalise this tradition since prayer for the deceased reaches its summit in the celebration of the Eucharist. By offering Mass for the faithful departed, we are sustaining their final purification. When we receive Holy Communion with faith, our bonds of spiritual love with the deceased are strengthened. Death cannot destroy our spiritual communion with our beloved deceased. We will pray in the Prayer after Communion at the end of today’s Mass: “Lord God, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we celebrate in this Eucharist bring the departed faithful to the peace of your eternal home. The Mass, which makes present the sacrifice of the Cross, has a power that touches not only us, but those for whom we offer the sacrifice. The offering of Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer for our beloved deceased brothers and sisters. The fruits of the Mass draw the faithful departed into the ultimate communion of saints in the heavenly banquet.

Our Profound Communion in Love with the Deceased

Some may ask how we as third persons can intervene in the lives of those who have died, how our prayers or our works can benefit the souls in purgatory. Pope Benedict reflects on this in his encyclical on Christian hope. He writes: “When we ask such a question, we should recall that no man is an island, entire of itself. Our lives are involved with one another, through innumerable interactions they are united together. No one lives alone. No one sins alone. No one is saved alone. The lives of others continually spill over into mine: in what I think, say, do and achieve. And conversely, my life spills over into that of others: for better and for worse. So my prayer for another is not something extraneous to that person, something external, not even after death. In the interconnectedness of Being, my gratitude to the other — my prayer for him — can play a small part in his purification. And so for those as Christians we should never allow others to requesting: how can I save myself? We should also ask: what can I do in order that others may be saved and that for them the star of hope may rise? Then I will have done my utmost for my own personal salvation as well.”

This is what All Saints Day and All Souls Day are all about. The bonds of spiritual love are profoundly linked with our brothers and sisters in heaven and with our brothers and sisters in purgatory. We pray for the dead today, trusting that, in a way beyond our understanding, we can contribute to their entry into the holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem. The communion of saints is a wondrous mystery. At this Eucharist and at every celebration of the Eucharist, we entrust our beloved dead to the Lord. We ask Jesus, the Faithful Shepherd, to draw the faithful departed into the ultimate communion of saints who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Our prayers for the dead are an expression of our love for them and our ecclesial solidarity with them. We are all united in Christ, members of His Mystical Body. We live in the blessed hope that we will one day be together in the glory of the holy city, the new Jerusalem, the family of God united in perfect joy and peace.

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BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

All Souls Day is November 2, 2010. All Souls’ Day, the commemoration of all the faithful who have departed, is Nov. 2.
Pope calls on world community to help end savage violence in Iraq

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A deadly militant siege of a Catholic cathedral in Baghdad, Iraq, was a “savage” act of “absurd violence,” Pope Benedict XVI said.

The pope urged international and national authorities and all people of good will to work together to end the “heinous episodes of violence that continue to ravage the people of the Middle East.”

“In a very grave attack on the Syrian Catholic cathedral of Baghdad, dozens were killed and injured, among them two priests and a group of faithful gathered for Sunday Mass,” the pope said of the Oct. 31 incident.

“I pray for the victims of this absurd violence, which is even more savage because it struck defenseless people, gathered in God’s house, which is a house of love and reconciliation,” he said after praying the Angelus with pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square Nov. 1, the feast of All Saints.

He expressed his closeness to Iraqi Christians, who have suffered another attack in their homeland, and he encouraged the nation’s priests and lay faithful “to be strong and steady in hope.”

Pope Benedict renewed his urgent call for peace in the Middle East.

While peace may be a gift of God, “it is also the result of efforts by people of good will and national and international institutions,” he said.

“May everyone unite their efforts so as to end all violence,” he said.

Armed militiants wearing explosives stormed the cathedral Oct. 31 while an estimated 100 faithful were celebrating evening Mass, news reports said.

The terrorists first set off a car bomb across the street in front of the Baghdad Stock Exchange, which left at least two people dead. Then they stormed the church, killing another two people, according to reports.

The militiants, who said they were part of the Islamic State of Iraq — a group with suspected ties to al-Qaida — held parishioners and priests hostage in the hopes of dragging the city into the violent chaos and destruction.

The Associated Press reported Nov. 1 that at least 39 people were killed, which included hostages, Iraqi security forces and suspected militants. Other agencies were reporting the people dead and 56 people wounded.

One report said Iraqi Church sources included three young priests among those dead.

Syrian Catholic Patriarch Ignace Joseph III Younan was in Canada when the blasts occurred. In an e-mail to Catholic News Service Nov. 1 while he was on route to Baghdad, he criticized the lack of security for Christian places of worship and called on “Iraqi parties to overcome their personal and confessional interests and look for the good of the Iraqi people who have elected them.”

“There are a few churches and Christian institutions left in Baghdad, not so great a number that it is not unreasonable for them to be protected, security-wise,” he said, noting that the security being provided by the government is “far less than what we have hoped for and requested.”

“Christians are slaughtered in Iraq, in their homes and churches, and the so-called ‘free world’ is watching in complete indifference, interested only in responding in a way that is politically correct and economically opportune, but in reality is hypocritical,” said the patriarch, who served as bishop of the New Jersey-based Syrian-rite diocese in the United States and Canada from 1995 until his election as patriarch in 2009.

The patriarch demanded “that the U.S. Congress, the United Nations International Commission for Civil Rights and the League of Arab States” condemn the actions at the church and “take the appropriate action to defend innocent Christians brutally singled out because of their religion, in Iraq and some other Middle Eastern countries.”

Chaldean Auxiliary Bishop Shleemon Warduni of Baghdad told Vatican Radio Oct. 31 that at least one child was killed in the incident.

During the siege, he asked people to pray that God would give the hostage-takers the grace to take into consideration the women, children and all the innocent who were threatened by their actions. Vatican spokesman Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi told reporters at the time of the siege that “its a difficult situation which confirms the difficult situation in which Christians live in the country.”

Iraqi bishops had just participated in a special Synod of Bishops Oct. 10-24 with the pope at the Vatican; the synod drew attention to the challenges facing Christians in the Middle East.

During the synod, Iraqi bishops said kidnappings for ransom, bombings of churches and other Christian buildings and a general lack of security have made life so precarious for the vulnerable Christian community that about half have left their homeland for safer destinations in the past seven years.

At least one bishop raised the question of systematic attacks as part of a “plan” to drive all Christians from the Middle East.

The cathedral and four other churches were the target of a string of bombings Aug. 1, 2004, when parishioners were leaving Sunday Mass; 15 people were killed in those attacks.

Residents load the body of a victim into an ambulance outside the Syrian Catholic cathedral in Baghdad Nov. 1. Dozens of hostages and police were killed when security forces raided the cathedral Oct. 31 to free worshippers being held by gunmen wearing explosives.

Death toll mounts from double disasters in parts of Indonesia

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A double dose of natural disasters led Catholic agencies working in Indonesia to mount several efforts to provide emergency services to victims.

The disasters — a magnitude 7.7 undersea earthquake Oct. 25 that triggered a tsunami that swamped coastal villages in the remote Mentawai Islands off the west coast of Sumatra and the eruption of a volcano on Java beginning Oct. 26 — claimed more than 400 lives and displaced thousands of people.

Authorities reported the tsunami killed 408 people and that at least 400 people remained missing Oct. 29, four days after 10-foot waves washed away homes and other structures up to 2,000 feet inland.

“Entire villages were swept away,” Xaverian Father Silvano Zulian, a missionary priest who has lived in the Mentawai Islands for more than 30 years, told MISNA, the missionary news service. “The toll is destined to rise by the hour.”

Local priests and women religious were among the first to reach the affected communities, reported the Asian Church news agency UCA News.

“We came (to the villages) with
whatever we had, especially medi-
cine because there was no hospi-
tal,” said Father Fransiskus
Xaverius Wio Hurint Pei from the
Assumption of Mary Church in
Silakap. He was accompanied by
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Petrus Sadjiyana of Assumption of
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CCHD adopts stronger policy
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BY DENNIS SADOWSKI
WASHINGTON CNS — Under
persistent criticism from a small
but vocal group of activists as well
as questions from some bishops,
leaders of the Catholic Campaign
for Human Development have
established “stronger policies and
clearer mechanisms” to guide how
grants are awarded to poverty-
fighting groups and strengthen
oversight of how funds are spent.

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places greater emphasis on the
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Bishop D’Arcy receives Good Shepherd Award at the Pontifical College Josephinum

BISHOP EMERITUS John M. D’Arcy was being a pastor and a spiritual father. You talked with us “We were close to you, bishop, of the bishop’s ministry,” he said. “Ian does have a unique perspective in his presbyterate, but the seminarian’s perspective. “The seminarian personified, and helped the seminarians in formation, we are that you showed us that we are so blessed to have a bishop whom Bishop D’Arcy ordained to the Order of Deacon last spring, spoke about his bishop from a seminarian’s perspective. “The seminarian may not know his bishop in quite the same capacity as a priest in his presbyterate, but the seminarian does have a unique perspective of the bishop’s ministry,” he said. “We were close to you, bishop, through your time and conversations with us. You spoke to us as a father to sons. You talked with us about seminary life, about formation, and opened up to us about being a pastor and a spiritual father.”

“Times like that we will never forget,” Deacon Coonan said. “We were so blessed to have a bishop who was close to us. How grateful we are that you showed us that fatherly love.”

Bishop D’Arcy is known and respected for his courage and perseverance in his ministry in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, especially through the abuse crisis and the years following. Through his leadership, Bishop D’Arcy personified, and helped the seminarians to understand more clearly, the Good Shepherd.

“We saw this in the way that you taught us, in the way that you taught our diocese,” said Deacon Coonan. “We saw it when, at times, you were pushed by certain circumstances to stand up for the Truth and to defend the Truth. We also saw how, first, before standing up in the public eye, you tried to move in a subtle way to shepherd others toward embracing the Truth. That is the heart of a true Good Shepherd, one who is close to his sheep, loves them, and guides them to Christ.”

After receiving the award — an 18-inch bronze statue of Jesus the Good Shepherd, mounted upon an inscribed marble base — Bishop D’Arcy offered words of gratitude to Father Wehner and to the Josephinum. “It is a great honor. I take, errors and sins. Whatever I have done, I deserve it. We have a wonderful college of bishops, several of whom are here. So many are more deserving of this than I,” he said.

Three other bishops were present at the dinner: Bishop Roger Foys of Covington; Bishop Frederick Campbell of Columbus; and Bishop-emeritus James Griffin of Columbus. Reflecting on his episcopacy and the issues that had to be addressed during his time, Bishop D’Arcy said, “I only did, in the questions before me, what I thought was right. I am conscious of my mistakes, errors and sins. Whatever I accomplished was the result of the light and grace given by Christ.”

The call to priesthood, specifically seminary formation, was the primary focus of the bishop’s remarks. He spoke of his own background in seminary work — his years as spiritual director and for God Himself.”

Bishop D’Arcy is presented with the award by Father James Wehner, rector and president of Pontifical College Josephinum.

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Romanian bishop's beatification recalls persecutions

WARSAW, Poland (CNS) — The Oct. 30 beatification of a martyred bishop will be an “important reminder” of the Church’s communist-era persecution and serve to boost the country’s Christian faith, the head of Romania’s Catholic Church said. “We’ve tried to draw the attention of all Romanians to this great event, which will be marked by the ringing of church bells nationwide,” said Archbishop Ioan Robu of Bucharest in advance of the beatification of Bishop Szilard Bogdanffy, the ethnic Hungarian prelate who died after being tortured in a communist-run Romanian prison. “We must hope the new generations can understand what happened to the Church at the time, and what we’re celebrating today,” he said. “Although it all happened in a very different era, today’s young people need links with those who lived before, to see and recognize the witness we share with them.” The beatification of Bishop Bogdanffy was set for the northern city of Oradea, 47 years after the prelate’s death at age 42. In a Catholic News Service interview, Archbishop Robu said the honoring of a Latin-rite bishop from Romania’s Hungarian minority would focus attention on the fate of Christians from various ethnic and religious backgrounds. “The idea being faithful to the point of martyrdom helps us to be understandable to everyone which goes beyond matters of identity and belonging,” Archbishop Robu said.

Michigan religious order set to buy Pope John Paul II Cultural Center

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Michigan religious order experiencing rapid growth since its formation in 1997 is planning to buy the 10-year-old Pope John Paul II Cultural Center across the street from The Catholic University of America. The Ann Arbor-based Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist signed a purchase agreement with the Archdiocese of Detroit to buy the 100,000-square-foot center in Washington and use it as a house of study for its members. No purchase price for the 12-acre property was disclosed. The property was valued at $37.3 million for the 2011 tax year during the most recent real estate appraisal. Its proximity to the well-established Dominican House of Studies and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception makes it an attractive site, said a spokeswoman for the order. Sister Maria Gemma Martek, superior of the motherhouse in Ann Arbor, said the hope is that the center can be developed into a house of studies for sisters. “This is an exciting possibility,” she told Catholic News Service. “The idea of being able to potentially have a presence in our nation’s capital in such a great location in proximity to Catholic University, the Dominican House of Studies and the basilica.”

NEWS BRIEFS

CHICAGOANS SAY FAREWELL TO AUXILIARY BISHOP

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller greets people as he arrives for a farewell Mass at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago Oct. 26. After serving as an auxiliary bishop of Chicago for seven years, he has been appointed to head the Archdiocese of San Antonio. His installation in San Antonio is scheduled for Nov. 23.

For pro-life cause, opposing death penalty comes down to God’s mercy

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As the 2010 edition of Respect Life Month drew to a close, the issue of capital punishment was once again in the world spotlight as the Vatican called on Iraq not to execute former Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz. It might not be easy to advocate for the life of a convicted murderer or for someone like Aziz, sentenced to death by hanging for persecuting Shiite Muslims, but it is important to the pro-life cause, said Deirdre A. McQuade, assistant director for policy and communications in the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities. “It demonstrates our culture to use violence to answer violence, and it can only further undermine respect for innocent life,” McQuade told Catholic News Service Oct. 27. “If the state can protect us without committing additional violence, that is the way we are called to go.” Bishop Robert W. Finn of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., made that point in one of the articles for this year’s Respect Life program, linking the death penalty issue to the Catholic belief in divine mercy. “God did not abolish justice. Rather, he intended by the offering of his Son to purge human justice of any sense of wrath or revenge,” he wrote. “As we seek a reason to put aside the practice of the death penalty, perhaps the best motive is our desire to imitate God in his mercy toward those for whom Jesus died.” Bishop Finn’s call came at a time when many others — including members of law enforcement — were calling for an end to or curtailing of the use of capital punishment.

US, world food systems called unsustainable for people or planet

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The growing adoption of U.S.-style industrial farming practices worldwide puts too much stress on the planet and deceives people into thinking that the world will be able to keep feeding a growing population, currently 6.8 billion. That was one of the main points raised at an Oct. 27 forum titled “Are We Eating Ourselves to Death?” It was sponsored by the Woodstock Center and held at Georgetown University. Those reading the forum’s title might think it was a symposium on eating disorders, said Franciscan Sister Ilia Delio, the program’s moderator and a Woodstock Center senior research fellow. And in a sense it is, she added. “We have an eating disorder that is never had a more profound meaning than it has today.” Creating a more sustainable agricultural system poses a huge challenge, according to the forum’s panelists, especially given all of the mechanisms and monetized developments of recent generations. Holy Cross Brother David Andrews, a senior representative for Food and Water Watch and for 13 years prior the executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, said other nations are adopting U.S.-style farming practices not because they want to, but because they have to.

Pope defends ‘right to emigrate’ in annual migration message

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI said the world has a responsibility to help people find places to live and work in safety, as part of its vocation to form “one family.” Welcoming refugees is an “imperative gesture of human solidarity,” the pope said in a message released at the Vatican Oct. 26. “This means that those who are forced to leave their homes or their country will be helped to find a place where they may live in peace and safety, where they may work and take on the responsibilities that exist in the country that welcomes them,” he said. The pope made the comments in his message for the 2011 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which will be celebrated Jan. 16 in most countries. He chose “One Human Family” as the theme for next year’s commemoration. The human family is multicultural and ethnically diverse, the pope said, and everyone, including migrants and the local populations that welcome them, “have the same right to enjoy the goods of the earth whose destination is universal, as the social doctrine of the Church teaches.” “It is here that solidarity and sharing are found,” he said. The pope underlined that increasing movement of peoples today is often motivated by situations of conflict or discrimination. “For these people who lack stability, as an expression of their situation, the international community has taken on precise commitments. Respect of their rights, as well as the legitimate concern for security and social cohesion, foster a stable and harmonious existence,” he said.

Bishops, to defend life we must not fear hostility or unpopularity, and we must refuse any compromise or ambiguity which might conform us to the world’s way of thinking,” the pope said Oct. 26 during a meeting with bishops from northeast Brazil. The bishops were making their “ad limina” visits to present their report on the status of their dioceses. Pope Benedict did not mention the fact that Brazilians were to vote Oct. 31 in a presidential election, but said he wanted to discuss with the bishops their obligation to give their faithful the information and moral guidance they need to ensure their political decisions contribute to the true good of humanity. Both of Brazil’s presidential candidates, Dilma Rousseff and Jose Serra, have said they oppose lifting restrictions on abortion, but Brazil’s anti-abortion laws still have been a recurrent theme in the campaign. Pope Benedict told the Brazilian bishops that while direct involvement in politics is the responsibility of the laity, “when the fundamental rights of the person or the salvation of souls requires it, pastors have a serious duty to make moral judgments even in political matters.”

Pope says bishops must educate faithful to vote against abortion

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Bishops must guide their faithful to use their vote to oppose efforts to legalize abortion and euthanasia, Pope Benedict XVI told bishops from Brazil. “Dear brother
FORT WAYNE — The Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization will offer a series of workshops in November for pastoral associates, staff members and volunteers who assist their pastor with faith-sharing groups, Bible studies, outreach initiatives to inactive Catholics, and any other form of adult faith formation or evangelization in parishes.

The Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization is currently compiling a contact list of e-mail addresses, and could use assistance in identifying the right individuals to notify concerning the office-sponsored events.

The November workshop will serve as an introduction to the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization. The workshop will take a closer look at those who are called to serve the Church in lay ecclesial ministry, and offer a chance to discuss best practices for starting a Bible study in a parish.

As e-mails are collected, a separate e-mail invitation will be sent out once the contact list is complete. The following dates, times and locations may be shared with those interested:

- Fort Wayne — Monday, Nov. 13, from 1-4 p.m. at the Archbishop N. E. Bamberger Center.
- Mishawaka — Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 1-4 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Education Center.
- Warsaw — Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 1-4 p.m. at the Catholic Education Center.
- Yoder — Wednesday Nov. 17, from 1-4 p.m. at Living Well Center at Sacred Heart Parish.

Those planning to attend should RSVP by Friday, Nov. 12, by contacting Natalie Kohrman at (260) 399-1437 or nkohrman@diocese-fw.org.

**St. Aloysius School collects cell phones**

YODER — St. Aloysius School in Yoder is collecting cellular phones as a fundraiser during the month of November.

“There is nothing for you to buy or sell to participate,” said Principal Tina Voors. “We simply ask that you donate your extra cell phones to our drive. Not only will 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to our local Catholic school through the program, but your efforts will also benefit the environment by keeping the harmful materials the phones contain out of our landfill.

The phones will be utilized for 911 purposes in the U.S., redeployed nation-wide, and also used in developing countries to improve the quality of life through better communication.

The donations may be tax deductible, and those donating should contact their tax preparers for information and to calculate the value of the donation.

Old cell phones may be dropped off at the school located at 14607 Bluffton Rd., Yoder. There will be a light blue plastic container near the main entrance on the north side of the building. Phones may be placed inside the container, and donors may take a form if needed.

**University of Dayton alumni bring spirit of campus event to area**

FORT WAYNE — Members of the Fort Wayne chapter of the University of Dayton (UD) Alumni Association and volunteers will bring the joy of Christmas and the UD spirit to children in the Fort Wayne area. The alumni will host a special holiday party for the children in the Hanna-Creighton neighborhood at the Fort Wayne Urban League (2135 South Hanna St.) Saturday, Dec. 11, from 2-4 p.m.

The event, Christmas off Campus, is an extension of the university’s Christmas on Campus, a campus-wide celebration that brings the joy of Christmas to the underprivileged children of the Dayton area. The tradition of celebrating Christmas on the feast of the Immaculate Conception dates back to 1964 when a group of students got together and decided they wanted to celebrate Christmas before they left for the holidays. With that small group of students back in 1964, Christmas on Campus was born.

The alumni volunteers hope to bring that same excitement to the Fort Wayne community with their off-campus celebration. An afternoon of arts and crafts, games and snacks, and even a visit from Santa himself are planned.

The alumni welcome contributions from alumni and the Fort Wayne community. Those who would like to give a monetary donation or provide supplies may contact Lauren Caggiano at (260) 466-6218 or caggialp@gmail.com. More information about Christmas on Campus is available at www.udayton.edu.

**Ecumenical supporters of Citizens for Community Values hold rally in South Bend**

SOUTH BEND — The culture wars are raging and the struggle has certainly intensified as the stakes have escalated in recent years. At the forefront of local battles has been Citizens for Community Values of Indiana (CCV). The ecumenical group describes itself as an educational organization devoted to protecting families from the harms of the pornography/sex industry in all of its forms by promoting the principles of the Judeo-Christian ethic, which is the foundation of our nation.

CCV held a rally Oct. 12 in place of its annual dinner.

Pastor Steve Sumrall, founder and president of Provident Ministries and senior pastor at Christ Chapel, was named CCV Faith Leader of the Year. Patrick Mangan, the CCC executive director, noted that the pastor was unafraid to preach on the issues of pornography, sexual purity, homosexuality and abortion.

Sumrall said, “We have to be careful that members of the body of Christ don’t get laryngitis and don’t speak up. We, as Christians, have every right to speak up. Know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

In his keynote address Mangan, who is also an evangelical minister, echoed that theme. “The church has lost its voice on pornography, the ABC’s. It’s not hard. ..."

Mangan stressed the role of the church in the culture wars. “The church decides everything — by what it pays attention to, gets involved in, or what it ignores.”

Tom Gill, president of Saint Joseph County Right to Life and who has been a long time supporter of CCV, was honored with the organization’s Volunteer of the Year award. Gill said he recognized that CCV’s fighting evils was “not only a noble mission but that I have an understanding of the difficulty of their work.” He noted that the right to life cause and the pro-family cause “are alike in many ways. There aren’t many causes where you are cursed as often as you are thanked.”

The Business Leader of the Year Award went to Al Scott, president, and Tony Sergio, founder, of First Response where Mangan and CCV preformed of Dayton work.

Eric Miller was recognized as Citizen of the Year. Miller founded Advance America, “the state’s largest privately, pro-church, private and home school, and pro-tax reform organization.”

— Tom Uebbing

**Church’s teachings on how abortion, sex and marriage are pro-women lecture planned**

NOTRE DAME — The public is invited to attend a lecture at Saint Mary’s College by Catholic Pro-Life author and speaker Erika Bachiochi. The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall. Bachiochi’s talk is titled “How the Church’s Teachings on Abortion, Sex, and Marriage are Pro-woman.” The event is sponsored by the student club SMC for Life, the Student Government Association and Campus Ministry.

Bachiochi earned her law degree from Boston University School of Law, a master’s degree in theology from Boston College, and bachelor’s degree in political science from Middlebury College. She has edited two successful books: “The Cost of Choice: Women Evaluate the Impact of Abortion” (2004), and newly released in August 2010, “Women, Sex, and the Church: A Case for Catholic Teaching.”

“Women, Sex, and the Church,” has a contribution in it by former Saint Mary’s College philosophy professor Laura L. Garcia, PhD. The introduction to the book says, “The women who write in this volume illustrate the common misconception that the Catholic Church’s teachings are anti-women and anti-sex. Rather, these women believe that is precisely the Church’s controversial teachings on abortion, sex, marriage, and contraception that bespeak the Church’s love of women...”
South Bend — Annette Romans, second-grade teacher at St. Adalbert Grade School, recognized the importance of fine arts in the lives of her students. And with grant money attained through the ACE Program at Notre Dame, she has partnered with the Saint Joseph’s High School fine arts department to provide a fine arts program for the seventh- and eighth-grade students at St. Adalbert’s. Last spring, Kim Coleman, teacher of ceramics and digital design, met with Annette and Erica Futa, the middle school language arts teacher who is also directly involved in the program. Together they created the program. The 10-week course will cover ceramics, drawing, photography and digital design, with hour-and-a-half classes.

Kim Coleman and Paul Kuharic teach ceramics and digital design. Cynthia MacWhorter will be teaching 2D art, and Jack Kapsa will teach photography. Members of the Saint Joseph’s Art Club will assist the students and share their expertise.

St. Adalbert students are transported to Saint Joseph’s after school on Mondays for the program. Eighth graders will take classes the first semester, and the seventh graders will take the classes second semester. A showcase of the students’ artwork is planned in the Harriet Hardy Gallery at Saint Joseph’s at the conclusion of each course.

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**SOUTH BEND** — The 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign ended with a victory rally at Little Flower Church Oct. 31. Campaign Director Mary Akre emphasized the power of prayer and to continue to pray and fast beyond the 40 days “because every day women are having crisis pregnancies.” It is uncertain how many lives were saved in South Bend by this campaign, but Cindy Robertson related two incidents that were probable saves and another vigil participant spoke of a third.

Will Heckaman shared his experience walking across America this summer from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. for Crossroads, a pro-life ministry inspired by Pope John Paul II. At World Youth Day in Denver in 1993, the Holy Father challenged young people not to be afraid to take the Gospel of Life to the streets just like the first Apostles. Some students at Franciscan University of Steubenville decided to do just that and launched Crossroads, a pro-life walk across America.

Heckaman said he was amazed at the generosity and support his team received on their walk by ordinary Americans they met along the way. He said despite what the media would have you believe, “America is pro-life — it really is.”

The students prayed at least one rosary for every five miles they walked and Heckaman credited this with establishing him in a daily personal prayer life, which he had not had before. A priest that was with them told them that not only were they bearing witness and praying but that they were also making reparation.

Vigil director Shawn Sullivan announced some ambitious plans including setting up a marble statue of Our Lady of Tears in the prayer garden adjacent to the abortion business. Knights of Columbus Council 553 will be holding a fundraiser Nov. 20 for this project. Doors open at the council, located at Hill and Washington streets in South Bend, at 8 p.m. The event includes all you can eat for $8 and games of chance.

Dr. Tom Akre shared about a 20-minute conversation he and Dr. Laura McGuire had with the abortionist and expressed the hope that our streets planted there would touch the abortionist’s heart.

Akre concluded the rally with a prayer to Servant of God Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and St. Michael the Archangel.

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Father Sneyd celebrates 40th jubilee

AUBURN — Father Derrick Sneyd, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn, celebrated his 40th anniversary as a priest at a 3 p.m. Mass and then a reception on Oct. 24.

Father Sneyd was born in India in 1945. He has served the pastoral needs of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for 38 of his 40 years as a priest.

When Father Sneyd came to the diocese in 1972 he was perhaps the youngest active priest at the time — 27. Now at 65, he is pleased to have served the people of God under four bishops — Bishop Leo Purley, Bishop William McManus, Bishop John M. D’Arcy and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Bishop-emeritus John D’Arcy preached the homily at the Mass. A reception followed at the parish.

SOUTH BEND — Physicians, nurses, researchers and other healthcare personnel can have no distinction between their personal beliefs and their professional lives, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades told a group of healthcare professionals on Oct. 26.

Bishop Rhoades addressed members of the medical community during and after a White Mass at Moreau Seminary Chapel. The Mass and subsequent address took place in observance of the Oct. 18 feast day of St. Luke. The actual feast day of the doctor, apostle, author and evangelist passed while Bishop Rhoades was in Rome for the canonization of St. André Bessette.

In a welcome statement before the Mass began, Dr. Walt Halloran lifted up the example of St. Luke as a physician who took on a spiritual role after being called to do so by Jesus. Halloran asked St. Luke, the patron saint of physicians, to provide the professionals present with “the wisdom, strength and humanity” to do their jobs in a spiritual manner.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades added that healthcare workers are called to be the messengers of God’s hope.

“Today I want to emphasize that your work is more than a profession — it’s a vocation. You’re called to be guardians of life. You’re called to be instruments of God’s holy power and God’s pass on the dignity of the human person.’

Healthcare workers to ‘respect the dignity of the human person’

BY JODI MAGALLANES

Dr. Jose Bufill talks with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades following the White Mass Oct. 26, at Moreau Seminary Chapel.

Bishop Rhoades stated that the vocation and mission of healthcare workers is to guard and to serve life. He called them to see their patients not as clinical cases, but as neighbors, brothers and sisters, reminding them that the Church associates their profession with the work of Jesus Himself.

Several Church documents, including Pope John Paul II’s encyclical, “Evangelium Vitae,” also require of healthcare workers that they be guided by the Church’s teachings — including those on moral ethics.

“I cannot emphasize enough how important it is that our Catholic healthcare workers study and know these documents. We are not the arbiters of anyone’s life or death. God is the sole breath of life,” he said. “The Church needs you in your profession to bear witness to the sanctity of life.”

Kathy Hawley of South Bend said she has attended the White Mass several times because she enjoys worshipping with other professionals who share her goal. She first learned about the special Mass when her former healthcare employer was asked to participate.

Hawley came again this year, she said, because “you as the healthcare worker, you are that person who brings that special peace to people who are suffering. It’s nice to be recognized for that, and get a new energy to keep on doing it.”

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 11, 2010 • 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The annual Open House provides families with an opportunity to explore our many academic programs, as well as our athletic programs and dozens of other co-curricular activities that help enhance the Bishop Dwenger high school experience. Parents and students will be given the opportunity to meet with faculty, staff, coaches, and club moderators. Student ambassadors will conduct tours of our facilities. Our mascot, Tuffy, will be available for photos!

SAINTS DAY

Friday, December 3, 2010 • 7:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

All current 8th grade students are invited to attend Bishop Dwenger for Saints Day on December 3rd. This shortened school day allows prospective students the chance to visit with our various departments and be introduced to the faculty of the school. Lunch will be provided. Please no jeans, t-shirts or sweats. If you wish to attend this event but have not received complete information, please contact Laura Elden in admissions at (260) 496-4703.
Handmade bazaar items to fund mission, teaching trip to Africa

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

SOUTH BEND — Holiday bazaars are a long lived tradition at Holy Cross Grade School and teacher Jennifer Sosinski uses the bazaar as an opportunity to educate people about some of the orphans in Africa. She hopes to make money that will help her get back to the orphanage this summer to work with the orphans who have touched her heart for the past several years.

“The purpose of the booth is intended to raise money for me to get back to the By Grace Disabled and Orphans Center, an orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. Originally I wrote and was awarded a grant to go to the orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. I am constantly looking for fundraising ideas and trying to raise money so I can get back there and teach for three weeks during the summer. Carol James (organizer) suggested the Holy Cross Bazaar put on by the Rosary Society and I gave it a try. This year’s bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“Last year was my first year at the bazaar and I didn’t know what to expect only to find out that the African items were a big hit, and I raised enough money to pay for my volunteer fee and some of my host family fee,” said Sosinski.

Sosinski plans on offering a wide selection of items that she has created or that have come from Africa directly.

“I will have handmade jewelry: necklaces and bracelets, hand carved wooden animals, beaded key chains, soapstone items, a few batik fabric pieces and some purses,” Sosinski said. “All of the items are directly from Africa and all handmade.

“I will also have some purses for girls, with matching doll purses, made out of children’s pants and skirts, tote bags, small pouches for rosaries or change purses, knitted scarves all which I have hand made,” she added. “I will also have some Christmas ornaments that my Holy Cross students made. I also have one-decade rosary bracelets, which are handmade and donated for my cause. I have some housewares items, as well as some Christmas items. “The prices,” Sosinski said, “start at $1 for the ornaments and go up. The wooden animals are $5 to $6 each and the bracelets and necklaces range from $5 to $10. Everything is reasonable.”

Sosinski thought the bazaar would not only be a great place to raise some needed funds for her trip but also a great chance to introduce the community to some new and unique pieces.

“It is a great way to meet new people and to tell my story about the kids in the orphanage. This year I am planning to run a slideshow with pictures of the children from the orphanage and of the safari with the Masai people who made the jewelry,” Sosinski said. “I chose the African items because it is something that not everyone can get and they are reasonably priced. I wear the necklaces and bracelets and get many, many comments on them.

Visiting the orphanage has been an amazing experience for Sosinski and her family. It has opened her eyes to places outside her own community and given her a new purpose in life that she loves to share with others; especially her students.

“My mission for By Grace Disabled and Orphans Center consists of living with an African host family and volunteering at the orphanage, teaching English, science, creative arts and sometimes physical education to students in the third through sixth grades. I also get to hang out with the kids on a daily basis when school is over and dance, jump rope, talk about America and sing with them.

“I originally went to the orphanage because I had this thought that all orphanages were bad places and children need to be removed and hopefully be adopted to America,” Sosinski said. “But I have learned that this orphanage has become a family for the children who are there because their parents have died of AIDS. They have come to a place that promotes a relationship with Jesus, they are given a place to sleep, go to school, and they are given one to two meals a day. They truly have been blessed to be at the orphanage. It has enhanced my life by giving me the ability to see that we take so much for granted in America. I have changed my ways of helping others, caring for others, and mostly it has enhanced my spiritual life and my relationship with Christ.”
Area holiday bazaars aplenty

Rosary Society plans craft, candy and bake sale
Fort Wayne — Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have a craft show, candy and bake sale, Saturday, Nov. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the school gym.

Fall rummage and bake sale
Fort Wayne — St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, 11521 U.S. Highway 27 S., will have a rummage and bake sale Friday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. Lunch will be available.

Holiday home party and craft show
New Haven — St. Louis Besançon Parish will have a holiday craft show Saturday, Nov. 6, from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at the recreation hall, 15535 East Lincoln Highway.

Holy Cross Rosary Society Holiday Bazaar
South Bend — Holy Cross School will host a Holiday Bazaar Saturday, Dec. 11, in the school auditorium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saint Mary’s College Christmas Craft Show helps those in need

NOTRE DAME — The Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary’s College will host its fourth annual Christmas Craft Show, Friday, Dec. 10, from noon until 6 p.m., in Le Mans Hall. The bazaar helps to raise funds for OCSE’s 12 Days of Christmas program, an effort that provides holiday gifts and necessities to area families and individuals in need. In all, there will be at least 50 booths.

The show features the creative talents of local crafters. Vendor fees are donated in support of the 12 Days program, and some vendors choose to donate all or part of their proceeds to the cause. The more successful the craft show is, the more people OCSE can help this holiday season. Last year, 25 adults and 71 children benefited, and with the recession still affecting so many people, OCSE hopes to have an even bigger impact this year.

The show is a win-win for the South Bend region, says Carrie Call, director of OCSE. “We support the community by supporting the local artists, and we support families in need through the 12 Days program,” explains Call. “A craft show is a unique way to reach one of the Office for Civic and Social Engagements primary goals: to support the community in which Saint Mary’s resides.”

Local agencies and schools that partner with OCSE throughout the academic year choose the recipients of the holiday help. These agencies and schools include Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army, REAL Services and select Title 1 schools in South Bend.

Saint Mary’s students involved in the program say the experience is a lesson in humanity. “Being a part of 12 Days of Christmas is absolutely amazing,” said Alma Bravo of South Bend. “I am not only a helper, but a witness to the generosity that the Saint Mary’s community shows through the giving of their time, talents and treasures. Everyone becomes united in a loving and caring spirit. The best part is seeing the happy faces of the families who receive these gifts because you know they are receiving the message that someone cares.”

For more information e-mail ocse@ saintmarys. edu or call (574) 284-4573.
Notre Dame community mourns student killed in accident

SOUTH BEND (CNS) — More than 1,000 students attended an evening Mass of remembrance Oct. 28 for a University of Notre Dame student who was killed a day earlier in an accident at a university football practice field.

During the Mass, another thousand students stood outside the basilica and 500 watched live coverage of it at the student center, according to news reports.

Declan Sullivan, a 20-year-old junior from Long Grove, Ill., was injured when a film tower fell over during a wind storm at about 4:50 p.m. He was filming football practice for the Department of Athletics from a hydraulic scissor lift when the incident occurred.

He was transported to Memorial Hospital in South Bend, where he later died, according to a university press release. A preliminary report by the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Notre Dame Security Police Department.

“There’s a lot to learn here and we will learn it all in an expeditious manner,” he said at the media briefing.

In a letter to students issued the same day as the news conference, Father Jenkins and Holy Cross Father Tom Doyle, vice president of student affairs, said, “No words can convey the shock and grief we all are experiencing.”

“Declan was a well-liked, bright and enthusiastic film and marketing student and a valued member of the Notre Dame family. His death is a tremendous loss that will be felt deeply and we share in your grief during this incredibly difficult time,” they wrote.

They offered their prayers and “most profound sympathies” to Declan’s parents, his sister O’Shea, who attends Notre Dame, and to other family members, his friends and fellow students.

Swarbrick said the Oct. 30 game against the University of Tulsa was to go on as planned and be played in Sullivan’s memory. Players wore decals on their helmets commemorating Sullivan; a moment of silence preceded the coin toss.

He said the football coach’s presence was the emotional state of the players.

“Our focus is on the team, and on Declan,” Swarbrick said. “There is an intensity that attaches to the experience of being part of a team and an athletic program. Declan is part of that program. And so, the sorrow that is felt is even greater.”

A number of traditional home football weekend events were canceled.

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Holy Cross institutions hold ‘Holy Cross Harvest’ donation drive

NOTRE DAME — It’s harvest time in Michiana, but food is not abundant for many who live here. The bad economy finds people still unemployed or underemployed, and many families struggle to put food on the table. That’s why the Holy Cross institutions of Saint Mary’s College, Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame are holding the Holy Cross Harvest, a large-scale donation drive to benefit the Northern Indiana Food Bank. The Holy Cross Harvest began Monday, Oct. 25 as students returned to campus from fall break, and will continue through Nov. 18.

“The Holy Cross congregations have always worked to provide for those people on the margins,” said Carrie Call, director of the Office for Civic and Social Engagement (OCSE) at Saint Mary’s College.

“In the Michiana community, there is a great deal of hunger and food insecurity due to the economy. We should keep the needs of others in the forefront of our minds and hold ourselves accountable for how we’re responding to that need,” Call said.

Call is challenging the Saint Mary’s College community (students, faculty and staff) to each donate a dollar. “One dollar provides an astounding seven meals to the hungry,” Call said. “We have 2,100 people on this campus. If everyone gives just one dollar, we can provide 14,000 meals!”

When a dollar donation is made, a Holy Cross Harvest logo will be hung in the Student Center to give a visual image of how much has been collected.

Saint Mary’s College invites the Michiana community to get involved in the Holy Cross Harvest. Anyone interested in donating can contact OCSE atocsse@ saintmarys.edu or (574) 284-4573. OCSE will even come and pick up large food donations.

The public may also bring donations to the OCSE office, which is located on the second floor of the Student Center. For a campus map, go to www3.saintmarys.edu.

For those who would like to participate in the Holy Cross Harvest through the University of Notre Dame, please bring non-perishable food items or cash donations to the Hammes Bookstore and Cafe at Eddy Street Commons.

Those who would like to make a donation through Holy Cross College may contact Erin Busch, alumni and development liaison, at ebusch@hcc-nd.edu or (574) 239-8404.
INDIANAPOLIS — “If you cannot connect with kids, you cannot teach.”

Keynote speakers Eric Jensen and Debbie Silver dove headfirst into this message to nearly 2,500 nonpublic school educators who traveled to Indianapolis to learn how to engage students at the Indiana Non-Public Education Conference at the Indianapolis Convention Center, Oct. 28-29. The conference was hosted by the Indiana Non-Public Education Association (INPEA).

The conference opened in prayer lead by Michelle Priar, assistant superintendent for the Diocese of Evansville and co-chair of the conference planning committee who said, “We are really blessed to be able to share our gifts and be the face of God to all those we meet.”

Following Priar, John Angotti, Christian recording artist, continued the prayer and worship to God through his music. At keyboard and microphone, Angotti revved-up conference attendees when they joined in song praising God, and concluded arms locked together and sang “Lean on Me.”

“The energy created by Mr. Angotti from his music at the opening session to his concert on Thursday evening was characterisitic of attendee engagement throughout the two-day conference,” said John Elcesser, INPEA executive director.

Thursday’s keynote address given by Eric Jensen, founder of a brain-based learning center called the Jensen Learning Corporation, offered strategies for student engagement based on seven discoveries about the brain. Jensen defines brain-based teaching as implementing educational strategies based on current cognitive science. “Some education strategies have absolutely no research basis at all or are based on either out of date or highly biased research, which renders them ineffective,” said Jensen. “Every time a teacher struggles with achievement, there is a mismatch between what the teacher is doing in the classroom and what really works.”

The seven new brain discoveries discussed by Jensen include, 1) Allostasis — the brain’s stress management thermostat does not return to normal after chronic stress; 2) Emotional learning links — emotional connection to subject matter is vital to learning and memory; 3) Neuroplasticity — brain matter is not fixed, but changes based on environmental input; 4) Malleability of memory — memories are not fixed; 5) Neurogenesis — brain cells are not fixed, but new brain cells grow with proper input; 6) Social Neuroscience — positive human relationships are vital to learning; and 7) Gene Expression — genes do not determine educational destiny, but only account for 30 to 40 percent of the brain’s outcome.

Environmental input and integration impacts education more than was once thought. “Each area of discovery brings a vast potential for new opportunities for increasing our learning,” said Jensen.

“Children do not arrive at school pre-assembled by their DNA, as was previously believed,” said Jensen. “They are formed together by life experiences. The single discovery of neuroplasticity means that the brain changes by input from the environment. Teaching is a highly targeted form of environmental input. Therefore, teaching and teaching methods change the brain.

Jensen told teachers that what they do in the classroom really matters. “Current research shows everything a teacher does in the classroom will have an impact on the student’s brain development,” said Jensen. “You have much more to do with how your students turn out than you might think.”

Jensen, who is based in Manaulou, Hawaii, has taught at every level and has authored 24 books.

Friday’s keynote speaker, Debbie Silver, of Melissa, Texas, delivered the message of student engagement in a candid, yet comical manner based on her 40 years of teaching. “Drumming to the Beat of Different Marchers” the title of Silver’s keynote address and also the title of her book, gave teachers practical strategies for reaching students who may seem to be unreachable.

Silver, who holds a doctorate in education, said, “First, you need to find out where each student really is. Not where the standards say they should be, or where you think they should be, but where they really are,” said Silver. “Then raise the bar just beyond where the student can reach. Make them stretch, but also make the goal reachable,” she said.

“All students must be given a reasonable chance to learn and succeed,” she said. “When they are given this opportunity, they will be engaged, and reach beyond where even they thought possible.

Raising the bar and steering kids toward self-efficacy is what teachers need to be doing in the classroom.”

“Kids are starved for individualized attention,” said Silvers. “Be with kids.” Silver said she understood the pressures of content and paperwork and other teacher responsibilities, but told teachers, “When you’re in the classroom, being really present to the students is the best thing they can do for their educational success.”

Becky Thibodeau, who teaches junior high language arts at Trinity Lutheran School in Indianapolis, said, “Wow, these were top-notch speakers with great information. I think what I took away about the brain is that we can actually grow new brain cells. Mr. Jensen’s information about improving the learning state for students is going to affect my teaching. “Dr. Silver really inspired me to watch for people who are different marchers and encourage them,” said Thibodeau. “The sectional on motivating gifted and struggling students will change my teaching the most. Silver talked a lot about how to praise a student, and what not to do,” she said. “I found that although I am trying to encourage, my words might be discouraging or making students think they are only successful in some things. I plan to encourage students in the process and not as much on the product. This way everyone can learn and grow in class,” said Thibodeau.

The 20-year administrator, Steve Westrick, principal of St. Mary’s in Muncie, said he enjoyed the feeling of community most about the conference. “We don’t see each other day to day, but when we gather as a group at the INPEA, it is very powerful. We realize we are not alone. We are part of a large community of educators who are working to make a difference in the lives of young people every day.”

Pam Daugherty, who teaches third grade at St. Mary’s Catholic Academy in New Albany, said she was most interested in learning about the differentiated learning. “Every child should have an I.E.P., an individual education plan, because all students are different and learn differently. It’s tough to do,” said Daugherty, “but if your heart is in it, you will find a way.”

Matt Goddard, principal of St. Michael the Archangel, Indianapolis said he’s taking away from the conference the primacy of student engagement. “If the student is not engaged, learning is not happening,” he said. “The quick solution is to get the blood flowing.”

Goddard, who has a background in physical education, said he’s open to leading jumping jacks over the announcement system if necessary. Patty Mauck, a kindergarten through eighth-grade music teacher at Holy Family School in South Bend said she’s always felt that connecting with the student is more important than the specific music content that she’s teaching. Silver’s talk confirmed that for Mauck, “It’s been my experience that it is the arts: music, art, computer or other enrichment courses are the things that keep kids going and engaged throughout their education,” said Mauck.

Elcesser thanked teachers for their hard work and because of it, said his job is “made easy.” “It’s exciting time for education,” said Elcesser. In addition to the professional development opportunities and community building that the conference provides, Elcesser said the INPEA would be working the advocacy side during the upcoming 2010 Indiana General Assembly. “This year could be huge for education at the Indiana General Assembly. He also encouraged them to stay informed and engaged. “As lawmakers return to the state house to consider a new budget and develop education policy, our educators and our school communities need to be a part of the public policy discussion.”

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Counting ‘The Twelve’

Jesus had numerous disciples, some of them known to us, most of them lost to history (but not to the mind of God). Among those among these disciples — literally, “learners,” or “followers” — Jesus hand-picked and commissioned 12 as his Apostles. Sometimes folks puzzle about the count and the names of the various disciples whom Jesus designated Apostles — literally, those “sent with a mission.”

If we can trust Prosper of Aquitaine’s dictum — “legem credendi lex statuat supplanticii” (roughly, “let the pattern of prayer serve as a norm for faith”) — we can begin with the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), which lists, in the first “Memento” or “commemoration”:

Peter, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Jude (minus, of course, Judas Iscariot and his replacement — Acts 1.15-26 — Matthias).

This reflects the evidence of the Synoptic Gospels:

Mk 3:14-19: Simon (Peter), James, John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus (same as Jude), Simon the Cananite (Zealot) and Judas Iscariot;

Mt 10:2-4: Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddeus (same as Jude), Simon the Cananite (Zealot) and Judas Iscariot;

Lk 6:13-16: Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon the Zealot, Judas son of James (same as Jude) and Judas Iscariot.

Note that there are two Jameses, one usually called in the Tradition, the “greater” (son of Zebedee and John’s brother, cf. Mk 1:19; 10:35 and Mt 20:20) and the other, the “lesser” son of Alphaeus), as well as two Judas/Judes; the name is the same in Greek, Jude being an anglicized form of the Greek (and the distinction between them thus more easily maintained); one is usually referred to for clarity as Thaddeus, the other by the nickname Iscariot, which some scholars suggest means something like “dagger-man,” a possible indication of his zealot sympathies and perhaps providing a basis for understanding his betrayal of Jesus: Christ offered no political solution to Israel’s woes. There are also two Simons (one later named “Peter,” the other the Cananite or Zealot). Simon Peter and Andrew (sons of Jonah, cf. Mt 16:17 and Jn 21:15-17) are brothers, as are James and John (sons of Zebedee); elsewhere, James and John were given the nickname “Boanerges” or “sons of thunder” by Jesus, because of their desire to call down fire on an unwelcoming town, cf. Mk 3:17.

In John’s Gospel, there is no systematic listing or accounting of the names of the 12, but reference is made to Nathaniel (Jn 1:47); in subsequent tradition (since at least the 9th century in the east and since the 12th century in the west), he has been associated with Bartholomew, particularly in art and devotional piety and in liturgical texts. This is quite plausible, as Bartholomew is likely equivalent to a surname (literally, “son of Tolmai”).

Thus if one follows the list in the Roman Canon (which inserts Paul between Peter and Andrew), and recalls that Bartholomew and Nathaniel refer to the same person, it’s easy to remember the Twelve.

Backyard chicken lessons, part two

I t arrived with much anticipation. For weeks Heather, my 8-year-old, and I would open the boxes to see if our treasured three hens had begun laying eggs. Day after day we checked the boxes and nothing. I tried chicken psychology and would ask, “When are you hens going to make me breakfast?”

Finally, Heather found the first egg — a nice light brown egg. Heather screamed with excitement as I was working in the garden at the time “Daddy, we got an egg!” I’m sure the neighbors heard the excitement too.

She held the egg, showed the treasure to the newborn kids, and when mom arrived home from school, Heather greeted her at the car door holding the egg.

The egg went next morning, in an egg carton of course, and was shown to the teachers and fellow classmates of the first- and second-grade room at St. Aloysius. Then the egg came to work with me. I admit that I was a pretty proud papa too.

After being passed around to so many hands, we decided that this egg should be preserved as a souvenir. It waits to be drained, decorated and situated in a place of honor on the fireplace.

In late summer, we had a bit of a chicken catastrophe. Three of the hens and one rooster had escaped the pen and something — a dog, a coyote — had killed them. One was hauled off, the other hens and one rooster had gained quite a few eggs, over a dozen in the past week. We all enjoyed scrambled eggs on Heather’s birthday last week.

Homegrown chicken eggs are pretty dynamite.

Of course, when you feed them table scraps, garden leftovers, sunflower seeds, bugs from the yard and the farm store feed, they reap some pretty tasty results. In the same way, we need to “feed” our children the Gospel, not only on Sundays, but in the way we live each and every day, which includes the table scraps, garden leftovers, seeds and bugs of real life. Our example in daily life paves the way for how our children will see us living the faith.

Our chickens are quickly becoming pets. It’s not uncommon for me to see Heather holding one of the Rhode Island Reds or the Barred Rock. But then again, it’s not uncommon for me to be holding one of the hens too. A buddy of mine says chickens have a brain the size of a pea. But Heather and I enjoy them in our backyard. We love to see them chase the cats, and the cats chase the chickens. We can embarrass their little quirks and feistiness. There’s something gentle and relaxing about watching them in their simplicity and that’s a gift we all can enjoy.

Tim Johnson is the editor of Today’s Catholic for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Redeemer Radio announces fall sharathon

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, will hold its Fall Sharathon on Nov. 17-19, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. The fundraiser is appropriate titled “Giving Thanks.”

Redeemer Radio is a local, independent Catholic radio apostolate broadcasting the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith to the community of Fort Wayne, Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio.

The station’s programming includes popular programs from national Catholic networks like Ave Maria Radio and EWTN, and an increasing number of locally-produced shows and specials.

Fall Sharathon chair couple Dee Dee and Mike Dahm expressed their thoughts on the Fall Sharathon. “It never ceases to amaze us how the Catholic community of Fort Wayne responds so generously to this radio apostolate. We look forward to seeing God’s hand at work through the generous response of our listeners during the Fall 2010 Sharathon.”

Jerry Usher, president of Third Millennium Media, will be in the studio to host the sharathon. Usher is the former host of “Catholic Answers Live,” which broadcasts twice each weekday on Redeemer Radio. As in past sharathons, Usher will be joined by local guests who will share with listeners the many ways that Redeemer Radio touches their lives.

Pledges from individuals and businesses will be accepted by phone (260) 436-1450 and toll-free (888) 436-1450, by mail to “Redeemer Radio,” 4618 E. State Blvd., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46815, online at Redeemer Radio’s Web site www.redeemerradio.com or in person at the studio located at 4618 East State Blvd., Suite 200. Volunteers are also welcome.

Redeemer Radio continues to offer the best of Catholic network programming in addition to local programs featuring catechesis, prayers, daily Mass readings with reflections from area priests, local sports broadcasts and interviews of prominent authors and Catholic leaders. Redeemer Radio is the radio source for Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger football and basketball games.
Pilgrim pope: Journey highlights faith

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has said his heading to Spain Nov. 6-7 as a pilgrim, and the trip will give him an opportunity to participate in the most popular foot pilgrimage in Europe, the “camino” or journey to Santiago de Compostela.

His pilgrimage also will give him an opportunity to pay homage to a more modern expression of a Spaniard’s faith when he travels to Barcelona for the dedication of Antoni Gaudi’s Church of the Holy Family, more widely known by its Spanish name, Sagrada Familia.

As a pilgrim, the pope is expected to highlight the virtue of hope and the Church’s mission of charity in an increasingly secularized nation.

A traditionally Catholic country, Spain has embarked on a number of policies that have caused local bishops much concern.

Since Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero came to power in 2004, Church leaders have protested the scrapping of religion classes from the state school curriculum and cuts in funding for Spain’s private schools. They also have taken issue with the government over its relaxation of divorce laws, legalization of gay marriage and legislation to make abortion more accessible.

Pope Benedict obviously has something to say about the direction Spain is moving and the trip — the pope’s 18th visit abroad — is likely to be a powerful plea that Spaniards recognize how much the faith has and continues to contribute to the country, a theme Pope Benedict has continually shown the spotlight on during his pontificate.

A high point of the trip will be the pope’s arrival in Santiago de Compostela Nov. 6 to visit one of Catholicism’s most popular and ancient pilgrimage sites.

Tradition holds that the remains of the apostle St. James the Greater — Santiago in Spanish — are buried in the city’s cathedral. The city has been a pilgrimage destination for centuries and today, thousands of people still walk, bike or ride atop donkeys or horses every year to visit the cathedral.

Because the feast of Sts. James, July 25, fell on a Sunday this year, 2010 marks a holy year in which a special door is opened into the cathedral.

Peace comes when God is respected

**THE VATICAN LETTER**

**CAROL GATZ**

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**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lk 20:27-38**

This weekend, observed by the Church as the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, has as its first reading a section from the Second Books of Maccabees.

Maccabees, First or Second, rarely appears as a reading at Mass. These books are late in the formation of the Scriptures as we now have them. They date from a period only two centuries before Christ, describing a very dark period in the history of God’s people.

When Alexander the Great, who had conquered so much of the present-day Middle East died, his generals scrambled to succeed him. One of them, Ptolemy, became the pharaoh of Egypt.

Another of them, Seleucus, became king of Syria.

A successor of Seleucus, Antiochus IV, believed himself to be divine. He demanded that his subjects, including the Jews, worship him. Anyone who refused this demand paid dearly. Maccabees I and II were written about martyrs who defied Antiochus.

These two books of Maccabees chronicle these pious Jewish martyrs who refused to forsake the one God of Israel. This weekend’s reading reports quite vividly the penalty Antiochus IV reserved for those who denied that he was a god.

**Reflection**

On Nov. 11, our country celebrates Veterans’ Day, a commemoration that is in fact an extension of the observance of the day in 1918 when Germany and its allies surrendered, and the First World War ended.

No war has been fought without great suffering and death. The First World War, however, was new to human experience in the lives it took. The number of those who refused to be part of the human race.

Margaret of Scotland

C. 1045-1093

Margaret may have been born in Hungary of a German mother, but as the granddaughter of an English king was brought to England.

She took refuge in Scotland after the Norman conquest and in 1070 married King Malcolm III. They had two daughters and six sons; one son also became a saint. Deeply religious, she used her influence to bring the Scottish church in line with Rome, and was noted for caring for orphans and the poor.

Margaret died four days after her husband’s murder; they were buried at Dunfermline Abbey.

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A vocation is no minor call

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Papal humor

Despite the world’s fascination with all things papal, in reality there isn’t much written about papal humor. Which is, in a sense, entirely understandable: It takes a certain breadth of imagination, shall we say, to imagine Gregory XVI or Pius XI telling a joke (much less telling one on himself). Blessed John XXIII is an exception, as has been mentioned in many other ways, and two of his wisecracks have been widely circulated. In one, the pope is asked how many people work at the Vatican, by saying, “Welcome, Your Holiness, I am the superior of the Holy Spirit,” to which John responds, “Congratulations, sister.” In the other, the pope visits the Convent of the Holy Spirit, where the somewhat flustered nun in him by saying, “Welcome, Your Holiness, I am the superior of the Holy Spirit,” to which John responds, “Congratulat...
Sports

Panthers preserve perfect season and ICCL championship, next up — diocesan crown

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Trick or treat would be the theme of the Inter-City Catholic League Championship game played at Ootski Field on Halloween afternoon as one team’s exploitation of the other’s gifts would decide the game.

The St. Anthony/St. Joseph (SB)/St. Pius X Panthers, who were undefeated and triumphant 6-0, against the Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders on Oct. 10, would hope that their open-style offense would be able to outduel the grind-it-out, smash-mouth style of football played by the north side squad.

The Crusaders’ inability to hold on to the football would spell trouble as a fumble ended up in a maroon multitude fumbled the ball found the hands of Panther Andrew Kimm who returned it for a touchdown.

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SOUTH BEND — Hoosier Hysteria found its way from the north fields of Saint Joseph's High School to the state finals’ stage at Kuntz Stadium in Indianapolis where the Lady Indians once again reigned supreme.

The Saint Joseph’s girls’ soccer team started off the year 1-1-1, but lofty goals and determination set them out on a course that would lead to a triumphant tournament run.

“We always set our goal to win the state tournament each and every year no matter if we have a realistic shot of attaining it,” commented Head Coach Johan Kuitse. “We would rather fall short of a high mark than to succeed at a low expectation.”

“I have a tremendous respect for our team. They were committed to being better and worked so hard to be the best they could,” remarked Kuitse. “After a slow start the girls ended the season winning 21 straight games.”

The corner stone to the state’s best defense was junior goal keeper, Melissa Kuhar, who finished the season with 16 shutouts, two in the finals.

“Melissa had two or three big saves in the semifinal game that without, we would have been down,“ emphasized Kuitse. “She saves in the semifinal game that had the assist in the semifinal game and the lone goal in the final.”

Sarah is relentless and has a nose for the goal, she literally ran herself into the ground the first game,” insisted Kruitse. “Most goal scorers are one dimensional, but Sarah is such a team player and looks to make everyone around her better and involved in the offense.”

Coach Kuitse was at the helm when the Lady Indians won their only other title in 1998, that championship was important to him personally, but this one had a little more significance.

“This championship was a little different because I was able to share it with my daughter Lindsey (starting junior defender),” explained Kruitse. “Lindsey and I and our whole family can truly share this achievement for the rest of our lives.”

The Lady Indians will again set their sights on a state title next season as they lose just three seniors.

“I’m so proud of the girls and they all play with so much determination,” exclaimed Kruitse.

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Port-A-Pit fundraiser helps WYD trip
South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua will hold a Nelson’s Port-A-Pit chicken fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are available for pre-sale from the parish office, 2114 E. Jefferson, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Half-chickens will be sold for $6 each. One order of Pit-Tatoes is $3. Order forms can also be found on the St. Anthony Web site, www.stanthonywab.org. Proceeds will help fund the 2011 Youth Ministry trip to Spain for World Youth Day.

Blanket drive and volunteer call
South Bend — St. Vincent de Paul Society is conducting a blanket drive through Dec. 6. New and gently used blankets may be dropped off at any store location or drop box. Volunteers are also needed to pack Christmas toys Nov. 8-23. Contact Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Open house at Saint Joseph’s South Bend — Saint Joseph’s High School will have an open house for prospective students and parents on Sunday, Nov. 14, from 1-3 p.m. Booths representing all departments, offices, sports and cocurriculars will be on display in the gym. Student ambassadors will provide tours of the school. For information contact Julie Chisman at (574) 233-6137 or e-mail jchisman@siouthjesbgh.com.

Spaghetti dinner planned
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council No. 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner, Thursday, Nov. 11, from 4-6 p.m. Adults $7, children 5-12 $2.50.

Panis Vitae
Elkhart — High school teens can attend a weekend retreat Friday Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. till Sunday Nov. 14, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Engaging speakers, music, prayer in Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and sessions on: “Jesus: Liar, Lunatic or Lord?” and “The Crucifixion.” For more information contact Kathleen at (260) 435-3222.

Catholicism Revisited
Fort Wayne — St. Vincent de Paul Parish announces Catholicism Revisited Monday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m. Nov. 8, “In the Beginning” will be presented by Perry J. Cahal, Ph.D., associate professor of historical theology at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

14th annual Turkey Trot
Fort Wayne — The Bishop Luers Turkey Trot, featuring the Junk Yard Band will be Sunday, Nov. 21, at Columbia Street West beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 minimum donation per person. Price includes beer, wine, soft drinks and heavy appetizers and benefits Bishop Luers High School and the athletic department.

Breakfast for clergy and chaplains at Hospice
Fort Wayne — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Rd., will offer a breakfast and open house for clergy and chaplains Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 8-10 a.m. Free resources will be available to assist in ministry. RSVP to Kathleen at (260) 455-3222.

Christ Child Society teams up with Texas Road House
South Bend — Texas Road House on U.S. 31 South will offer a free onion blossom appetizer for donations of five items of children’s clothing during the month of November. Also, during November cloth-e-a-child paper dolls will be sold to raise funds for new clothing for the children.

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**BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB**

This month’s featured selection: “Prayer Primer: Igniting A Fire Within,” by Thomas Dubay, S.M.

**BY KAY COZAD**

A s the seasons change and the light of day grows shorter, “Prayer Primer: Igniting A Fire Within,” by Thomas Dubay, S.M. (Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-56955-339-8, $10.99) is a perfect choice for this month’s Book of the Month Club. The 179-page tome is an illuminating guide book pointing us toward the heart of God. The easy-to-read primer begins its quest to disseminate meaningful information on developing a rich prayer life with the first of four sections, titled “Preliminaries.” These initial five chapters set the stage for the author’s reasoning with our Lord, though Father Dubay reminds us in his primer that there is no one way to pray.

Father Dubay clarifies and reinforces each notion he presents, from why we should pray to the types of prayer investigated, by incorporating references from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Vatican II decrees and constitutions, the Jerusalem Bible and other resources. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, Vatican II decrees and constitutions, the Jerusalem Bible and other resources.

The richness of prayer is beautifully illustrated by the author’s interjection of relevant Scripture verses as well. Though the text swirls with heartfelt thoughts of falling in love with our Creator through prayer, it lays out a logical step by step order that guides the reader to a new understanding of the types of prayer within our grasp. Part II, “Interpersonal Union/Intimacy,” furnishes the starting points of prayer and walks the reader through vocal prayer and its use and meaning, and mental prayer, including meditation and contemplation.

Meditation, says Father Dubay, is a mental conversation between two friends coming closer and growing in intimacy. He outlines the steps to reaching this communion with God, including finding a quiet place to read Scripture to ponder and apply. Contemplation, he says, is a wordless prayer type that we cannot manufacture but must only receive from God as we desire to love Him.

“Prayer Primer” provides new insights into the true meaning of communication with God and gently reiterates throughout the text that prayer development is a gradual process, meeting distractions with determination. Depth of prayer grows gradually in duration “if we continue to live the Gospel in a wholehearted manner,” says the author. Prayer focus must always be on Jesus — even and especially amidst the “incessant noise” of our modern culture.

Father Dubay refers to a “delightful awareness” of God in our prayer — that feeling which we all hope for as we commune with our Savior. But he also addresses a “dry desire” for God that explains those times when the Almighty feels far from our reach. These “empty feeling” times are most beneficial, he says, because God is purifying us of “defects that impede greater intimacy,” a relief to hear for many who struggle to grow closer to God.

The 32 pages of the final section, “Questions and Answers,” address many of the practical inquiries of prayer practices as well as some of the pitfalls. The author concludes the book with a progress assessment and four hints of growth to look for as communion with God deepens through prayer.

Questions for reflection

• What type of communication with God makes up your current prayer life? What improvements can you make using suggestions from this book?
• How can continual intimate communication with God help you grow in virtue and service?
• Choose a question from chapters 15 or 16 that resonates with you. Discuss the answer provided and how it changed your perspective on the issue.

Marist Priest Father Thomas Dubay passed away on Sunday, Sept. 26 at age 88, in Washington, D.C. He had recently celebrated 60 years of ordained ministry and was an internationally known retreat master, author of more than 20 books and had a close association with EWTN.

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