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Beatification set for Pope John Paul II

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI approved a miracle attributed to Pope John Paul II's intercession, clearing the way for the late pope's beatification on May 1, Divine Mercy Sunday.

Pope Benedict's action Jan. 14 followed more than five years of investigation into the life and writings of the Polish pontiff, who died in April 2005 after more than 26 years as pope.

The Vatican said it took special care with verification of the miracle, the spontaneous cure of a French nun from Parkinson's disease — the same illness that afflicted Pope John Paul in his final years. Three separate Vatican panels approved the miracle, including medical and theological experts, before Pope Benedict signed the official decree.

"There were no concessions given here in procedural severity and thoroughness," said Cardinal Angelo Amato, head of the Congregation for Saints' Causes. On the contrary, he said, Pope John Paul's cause was subject to "particularly careful scrutiny, to remove any doubt."

The Vatican said it would begin looking at logistical arrangements for the massive crowds expected for the beatification liturgy, which will be celebrated by Pope Benedict at the Vatican. Divine Mercy Sunday had special significance for Pope John Paul, who made it a Church-wide feast day to be celebrated a week after Easter. The pope died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday in 2005.

With beatification, Pope John Paul will be declared "blessed" and thus worthy of restricted liturgical honor. Another miracle is needed for canonization, by which the Church declares a person to be a saint and worthy of universal veneration.

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Participation in March for Life grows

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — Fred Everett, director of the Office of Family Life for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, recalled the excitement when he began taking the first diocesan bus for high school students to the March for Life in Washington D.C. in 1998. This year, six buses directed by diocesan ministries with 330 students and chaperones will journey to D.C. for the year's march on Jan. 24 to add their support for the sanctity of life.

But diocesan participation does not end with those traveling by bus. In addition, "parishes like Christ the King take vans for their youth group, and buses from colleges like Holy Cross, the University of Saint Francis and the University of Notre Dame will include at least 250 more," says Everett.

"On Sunday, the 23rd, Bishop Rhoades will be celebrating a diocesan youth Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in D.C., which will involve most of these groups and we expect over 500 to participate in it."

Four students from Marian and Saint Joseph's high schools, who have participated in previous March for Life trips, shared their reflections on the march's importance with *Today's Catholic*.

Marian seniors Mark Imus and Catherine Rice express the impact of being a part of the March for Life.

"Every time you travel you learn a lot. It's the nation's capital and you see people from around the world that share the same views as you. It's empowering," Imus remarked.

Says Rice, "Sometimes you feel like it's

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CNS PHOTO/PAUL HANNA, REUTERS

Pope John Paul II is seen during a 1998 visit to Croatia. Pope Benedict XVI approved a miracle attributed to Pope John Paul's intercession, clearing the way for the late pope's beatification May 1, Divine Mercy Sunday.

TV Mass still available in Fort Wayne area

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has received a few calls from concerned viewers of the TV Mass in Fort Wayne relating to the location of the broadcast signal on their cable or TV system.

The TV Mass airs every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. on WFFT-TV, Channel 55 — the FOX network. The largest carriers of the signal and its location on their broadcast system include:

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In the South Bend area, the TV Mass can still be viewed on WNDU-TV, NBC Channel 16.

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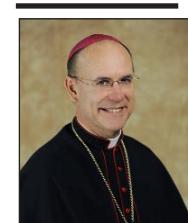
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IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

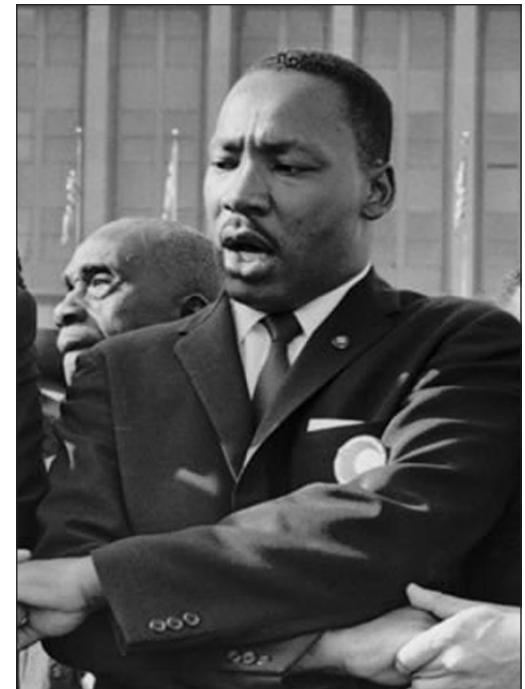
As I write this column on the national holiday observing the birthday of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I purposely say "Reverend" Doctor King since so many seem to forget the Christian inspiration of Martin Luther King's struggle for freedom and justice. His words and his actions had a depth that was rooted in his faith in God. He was always first and foremost a passionate believer in Jesus Christ. It was his Christian vision that made him opt for nonviolence in his efforts for civil rights amidst discrimination and oppression.

Reverend Dr. King's civil disobedience was motivated by obedience to a higher law, the law of God. In the famous letter from his jail cell in Birmingham where he was imprisoned for participation in a civil rights demonstration, Reverend Dr. King wrote about Christian discipleship. He explained why he could not obey unjust laws. He quoted two Doctors of the Church. "I would agree with Saint Augustine," he wrote, that an "unjust law is no law at all" and with Saint Thomas Aquinas that "an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal and natural law." That very same week in April 1963, in his encyclical on peace, Pope John XXIII quoted the same passage from Saint Thomas to make the same point. He wrote: "laws and decrees enacted in contravention of the moral order, and hence of the divine will, can have no binding force in conscience."

The words of a Pope from the Vatican and a southern Baptist preacher from his jail cell remind us of important truths this week as we prepare to observe the 38th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision of the Supreme Court. They remind us that permissive abortion laws, like laws which promoted racial segregation, violate the higher law and must be opposed. They remind us of our Christian obligation always to defend the truth about the dignity of the human person. And they remind us that the Church can never remain silent in the face of injustice.

Many hundreds of young people from our diocese will travel to Washington, D.C., this coming weekend to participate in the March for Life on January 24th. I am looking forward to celebrating Mass for all the participants from our diocese on Sunday, January 23rd, at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C. and then marching together the next day. It is edifying that so many young people are firmly dedicated to the cause of life, a sign, I believe, of the good fruits of the new evangelization.

As we prepare for this sad anniversary of Roe v. Wade, I invite all to join in a great prayer for life. The actual date of the infamous Supreme Court decision is January 22nd. The Bishops of the United States have decreed that in all the dioceses of the United States, January 22nd shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human per-



St. Thomas Aquinas is shown in stained glass. Reprinted with permission of Flickr.
Above at left is Pope John XXIII, and at right is Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

son committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. I invite all to observe this Saturday, January 22nd, as a day of penance by offering prayers and sacrifices for the cause of life. And please remember all who will be traveling to Washington for the March for Life.

In his encyclical "The Gospel of Life," Pope John Paul II wrote: "It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop. A society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized."

Only respect for life can be the foundation and guarantee of the most precious and essential goods of society, such as democracy and peace."

As I reflect today on the great work of Reverend Dr. King in combating racial injustice and discrimination and on his words from the Birmingham jail, I think also of the great civil rights struggle of our day: the defense of the right to life of the innocent unborn.

You and I were not just an accumulation of biological material when we were in our mothers' wombs. We were new living human beings. So are all the unborn children in their mothers' wombs today. Jesus, the Son of God, was once an unborn child in the spotless womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she who welcomed the Son of God made man in her maternal womb intercede for our nation, for an end to abortion, and for the protection of every human life!

BEATIFY

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The Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, summed up much of the sentiment in Rome when he said Pope John Paul would be beatified primarily for the spiritual gifts of faith, hope and charity that were the source of his papal activity.

The world witnessed that spirituality when the pope prayed, when he spent time with the sick and suffering, in his visits to the impoverished countries of the world and in his own illness "lived out in faith, before God and all of us," Father Lombardi said.

Brigida Jones, a 26-year-old Australian Catholic visiting the Vatican from Melbourne, echoed the spokesman's sentiments: "I think he did so much while he was alive, and you'd just see him on television and get this sense of peace — obviously he was holy."

Father Lombardi said the Vatican was preparing to move Pope John Paul's body from the crypt of St. Peter's Basilica to the Chapel of St. Sebastian in the basilica's upper level at the time of beatification. The chapel, on the right hand side of the Church just after Michelangelo's Pieta, is easily accessible and spacious, an important factor given the steady stream of pilgrims who come to see the pope's tomb.

Father Lombardi said Pope John Paul's casket would not be opened at the time of the relocation, and that it would remain closed after it is placed beneath the altar of the chapel. To make room, the Vatican will have to move the tomb of a previously beatified pontiff, Pope Innocent XI, to another area of the basilica, he said.

In 2005, Pope Benedict set Pope John Paul on the fast track to



CNS PHOTO/PAOLO COCCO, REUTERS

Pope John Paul II passes through a crowd of scarf-waving pilgrims gathered for a special ceremony in St. Peter's Square in this 2000 file photo. Pope Benedict XVI approved a miracle attributed to Pope John Paul's intercession, clearing the way for the late pope's beatification May 1, Divine Mercy Sunday.

beatification by waiving the normal five-year waiting period for the introduction of his sainthood cause. That seemed to respond to the "Santo subito!" ("Sainthood now!") banners that were held aloft at Pope John Paul's funeral.

Even so, Church experts needed years to review the massive amount of evidence regarding the late pope, including thousands of pages of writings and speeches. The process began with the Diocese of Rome, which interviewed more than 120 people who knew Pope John Paul and asked them about his actions and character. Studies were conducted on his ministry, the way he handled suffering and how he faced his death.

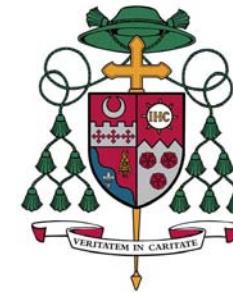
In 2007, on the second anniversary of the pope's death, the Rome Diocese concluded the initial inquiry phase. The documents from the investigation were placed in four chests, which were latched, tied with a red ribbon, sealed with red wax and delivered to the Congregation for Saints' Causes for further study.

In November 2008, a team of theological consultors to the saints congregation began studying the 2,000-page "positio," the document that made the case for Pope John Paul's beatification. After their favorable judgment, the cardinal and bishop members of the sainthood congregation met in late 2009 and voted to advance the cause.

On Dec. 21, 2009, Pope Benedict declared that Pope John Paul had lived a life of "heroic virtues." That meant he could be beatified once a miracle had been approved.

The reported cure of the French nun was carefully investigated by the Vatican's medical experts over the last year after questions were raised about the original diagnosis. Vatican sources said that, in the end, the experts were satisfied that it was Parkinson's, and that there was no scientific explanation for the cure.

In 2007, the nun, Sister Marie-Simon-Pierre, spoke to reporters about her experience. A member of



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Jan. 23, 3 p.m. — Mass for diocesan participants at March for Life, St. Matthew Cathedral, Washington, D.C.
- Monday, Jan. 24, — March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- Wednesday, Jan. 26, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Our Sunday Visitor Institute Board, Detroit, Mich.
- Thursday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Jan. 28, 10:45 a.m. — Mass and pastoral visit at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Jan. 29, noon — Prayer beginning March for Life at Scottish Rite Auditorium, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Jan. 29, 6 p.m. — 100th Anniversary Mass for St. Joseph School at St. Rose of Lima Church, Monroeville
- Sunday, Jan. 30, 9:15 a.m. — Mass at St. Peter Church, Fort Wayne

the Little Sisters of the Catholic Motherhood, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2001 at the age of 40. In watching Pope John Paul deteriorate from the effects of Parkinson's disease, she said, "I saw myself in the years to come."

When the pope died in 2005, and as Sister Marie-Simon-Pierre's condition began to worsen, all the members of the Little Sisters of Catholic Motherhood in France and in Senegal began praying to Pope John Paul to intervene with God to heal her.

By June 2, two months after the pope died, she was struggling to write, to walk and to function normally. But she said she went to bed that night and woke up very early the next morning feeling completely different.

"I was sure I was healed," she said. Not long afterward, she had recovered enough to return to work in Paris at a maternity hospital run by her order.

Several times during the last two years, rumors have surfaced about delays in Pope John Paul's beatification cause. Various reasons were reported, most having to do with incomplete documentation.

A year ago, a book revealed some of the spiritual and penitential practices of Pope John Paul, including self-flagellation and spending entire nights on a bare floor with his arms outstretched. The book was written by Msgr. Slawomir Oder, postulator of the late pope's sainthood cause, and it prompted some displeasure among Church officials because it was based on supposedly confidential material gathered in the investigation process.

Pope John Paul's death and funeral brought millions of people to Rome, and Vatican officials said they would begin working with the City of Rome in logistical planning for the beatification.

Vatican officials, Catholics on the street talk about Pope John Paul

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Vatican officials, Catholic leaders around the world and ordinary people on the streets and in St. Peter's Square were more pleased than surprised by news that Pope John Paul II will be beatified May 1.

Portuguese Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, retired prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, said, "finally" more than once during a brief conversation Jan. 14 just minutes after Pope Benedict XVI signed a decree recognizing the miracle needed to beatify Pope John Paul.

"This is what the whole world was waiting for," said Cardinal Saraiva Martins, who was the head of the saints congregation when Pope John Paul died and when his sainthood cause was opened.

"I can't help being happy. This is the crowning moment of a work

I began," he said.

The cardinal said the written work of Pope John Paul is so vast and the time before his beatification so short that the best "spiritual preparation" Catholics could make would be to "thank God for Pope John Paul's example of holiness and recommit ourselves to follow his example."

Carl Anderson, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, said Pope John Paul's upcoming beatification is a "call to each of us to emulate his personal holiness."

Anderson, who stood in St. Peter's Square on the day of Pope John Paul's funeral as many shouted "Santo subito!" ("Sainthood now!"), said there were many who were ready to have him beatified that very day.

In an e-mail to Catholic News Service, Anderson called the upcoming beatification a great opportunity for the world to focus on the pope's message of human dignity.

"He led by example, caring for the poor, the intellectually and physically disabled, the unborn, the oppressed. He forgave those who did him harm, and he broke down barriers. He had great respect even for those who differed with him religiously. In short, Pope John Paul is a model the world needs," he said.

Anderson said the beatification is not a recognition of the pope's "successful papacy or a thank-you for his good work" but a call for each person to "imitate the holiness, the love of God and neighbor that this man exhibited throughout his life."

Jim Nicholson, a former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican, who also attended Pope John Paul's funeral, said the vast crowd that day was a testament to the pope's exceptional qualities "of leadership and hope."

In a phone call from his Washington law office, Nicholson

told CNS he was "extremely pleased" for the pontiff, whom he frequently described as a "hope-filled freedom fighter." During his 2001-2005 role as ambassador, he got to know Pope John Paul personally and said he greatly admired his "adherence to hope, faith and prayer, coupled with courage and clever actions."

Jim Young, a Presbyterian from Ohio, was in St. Peter's Square when the beatification announcement was made. He said his only real reaction was that he'd better make sure he found some Pope John Paul souvenirs because "I'm related to a bunch of Polish Catholics who were already convinced he's a saint."

Giovanni Caponi, one of the souvenir-sellers who has a stand on the boulevard leading to St. Peter's Square, said the news will be good for business.

From a sales point of view, "John Paul is our most popular fig-

ure. No one greater exists. He's No. 1," said Caponi, who described himself as a nonbeliever.

Kaitlin Benedict, a 21-year-old Catholic from Eden, N.Y., said she thought the decision to beatify Pope John Paul just over six years after his death "is a little fast. I was surprised. Usually these things take decades and now they're just changing up tradition. But if they feel so strongly ...," she said, her voice trailing off.

Brigida Jones, a 26-year-old Australian from Melbourne, said Pope John Paul "was probably one of our best popes; he was a people's pope."

The young woman said, "I think he did so much when he was alive, and you'd just see him on television and get this sense of peace — obviously he was holy."

Contributing to this story was Carol Zimmermann in Washington.

St. Martin's Healthcare Clinic serves entire DeKalb County

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

GARRETT — A true gem in terms of service to the needy in all of DeKalb County lies in the small northeastern Indiana town of Garrett. St. Martin's Healthcare Clinic, Inc., which began operations in 2005, currently serves the medical and dental needs of more than 6,900 uninsured persons annually.

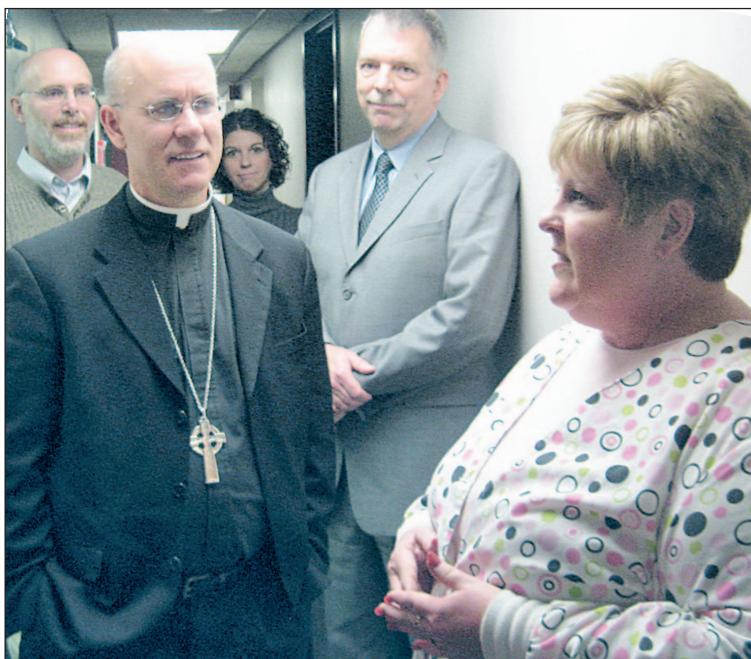
The idea for a clinic had its inception at St. Joseph Parish in Garrett where years earlier, a ministry to help those in need through St. Martin's Soup Kitchen and Clothes Closet began. After several years, as those ministries providing food, gently-used clothing, personal hygiene and baby items continued and grew, it became apparent that there was a similar need to provide healthcare for the uninsured in the county as well.

Tammy Stafford, who has been the clinic's director since it first opened, remembers then-pastor of St. Joseph's, Father Tom Lombardi, as the "catalyst" in the effort. In January of 2005, Father Tom documented the need, then made calls, wrote letters and garnered support from local doctors, dentists and pharmacists. The response was overwhelming.

"We live in a really good community," says Stafford, and Father

Tom's efforts were quick to bear fruit. The clinic formally opened its doors on Oct. 10, 2005, under Dr. Stan Greenberg as medical director.

What began modestly as a single medical examining room has grown in five years to a large medical and dental clinic which also offers patient assistance with prescriptions and advocacy services. And in 2008 St. Martin's Health Care was



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY ST. MARTIN'S HEALTHCARE CLINIC

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades toured St. Martin's Healthcare Clinic in Garrett Jan. 10. He is shown, from left, with board member Dave McClow, physician assistant volunteer Tina Leavell, board president Kevin Wallace and St. Martin's executive director Tammy Stafford.

able to purchase the building that houses them on South Randolph Street.

The clinic serves only the uninsured, those with no VA, medicare or medicaid benefits, says Stafford, but the need is well documented, with clinic visits burgeoning from 2,000 to nearly 7,000 annually since 2006.

Funding comes from DeKalb County Community Foundation, United Way of DeKalb County and PHP Foundation, as well as from individual and business donations, grants, churches, civic organizations and clinic fundraisers.

A small amount of funding comes from the Annual Bishop's Appeal and Stafford chuckles as she recalls her campaign to secure additional diocesan monies during Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades' recent visit.

Upcoming clinic fundraising events include the popular Circle of Friends Tea, which is slated for Sunday, Feb. 20. It is a luncheon featuring table hostesses and sponsorships, which has become an annual sold-out event. The third annual Swingin' for St. Martin's Golf Outing will

be held Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Garrett Country Club. Last year's event raised over \$10,000. And the biggest fundraiser of the year promises to be the Hog Roast and Benefit Auctions to be held Saturday, Sept. 17.

The clinic is open 30-35 hours a week with evening hours on Thursdays. It is primarily volunteer-based and depends on physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, den-

tists, dental assistants and hygienists, pharmacists and many clerical and support personnel. Stafford puts the value of those volunteer hours at \$400,000 annually.

Stafford is the only full-time paid employee in addition to nine part-time paid employees including clinic coordinator Amy Saylor and dental coordinator Michelle Dapp.

In 2007 St. Martin's Healthcare became incorporated and obtained nonprofit status. It has a 14-member board of directors whose chairman is Dr. Gary Davis of Emergency Physicians of Indiana and vice chairman is DeKalb County Judge Kevin Wallace. The current medical director is Dr. Bret Kueber.

Its mission statement says, "In order to fulfill Christ's command to care for the sick and to uphold the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, it is the mission of St. Martin's Healthcare, Inc. to offer quality healthcare to those individuals without the means to provide for themselves. In this, we strive to help maintain the physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual health of our community."

"We've come a long way," says director Stafford. Even if healthcare reform continues, she expects that the need will always be there and that the clinic will simply adjust to the need.

"Thank God we're here," she declares.



From left are Father Derrick Sneyd, board president Kevin Wallace, physician assistant Tina Leavell, Father Andrew Nazareth, volunteer Dr. Dan Schmidt, executive director Tammy Stafford, Bishop C. Kevin Rhoades and board member Dave McClow.



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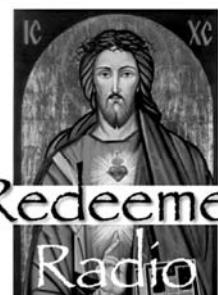
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School choice a 'civil right, human right' for parents and children

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels told 150 lawmakers, a packed House Chamber gallery and countless others watching outside and electronically that school choice was a "civil right, the human right," and a matter of "justice" for parents and children in Indiana, during his seventh state of the state address Jan. 14.

With Republican majorities in the House and Senate, there is little stopping state lawmakers from enacting educational opportunities for children to attend a private school of their parent's choice—and in many cases, it will be a Catholic school.

Daniels credited lawmakers for expanding public school choice options by allowing families to attend the school of their choice tuition free within existing school districts and through charter schools, but said, "One more step is necessary."

"For families who cannot find the right traditional public school, or the right charter school for their child, and are not wealthy enough to move near one, justice requires that we help," said Daniels. "We should let these families apply dollars that the state spends on their child to the non-government school of their choice."

Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) executive director said that the Catholic Church has been working toward and ready for this change for decades. "We agree with Gov. Daniels," said Tebbe. "School choice is a matter of justice for all."

"Parents, as the primary teachers and caregivers of their children, have the fundamental right and responsibility to educate their children," said Tebbe. "The state must make possible the right of parents to choose appropriate educational opportunities best-suited to their children's needs. The governor's initiative does this."

"Parents without financial means are often faced with fewer options. We are concerned about children who do not have a fair

shot at a good education either because of a failing school district, or just because the school setting is not the right fit for that child," said Tebbe. "Catholic schools will not replace public schools, but offer an alternative for those who need one."

"School choice is definitely a civil right and it is the right thing to do," said Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, who chairs the House Education Committee and who will carry the education reform bill in the House. "Over time school choice has become a civil right. Unfortunately minority children usually are in school corporations that are not performing well and they have no options."

Behning said, "The scholarship plan is based on where the children live. The scholarship amount will be a 90 percent reimbursement of the ADM (average daily membership) cost based on where they live."

Behning gave the example that if a student who lived in Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) wanted to attend a Catholic school in the archdiocese, the scholarship formula would work like this. The IPS ADM is \$8,000, that student would get a 90 percent reimbursement of \$7,200 to use toward the school of their choice. If the Catholic school is charging \$4,200 for the year, the state reimbursement or scholarship award to the student would be at \$4,200.

Behning said, "At this point, I'm optimistic it will make it through the House." Behning who has been a school choice advocate for years said, "The reality is most families in Indiana will continue to choose a public school. The goal of the education reform package is to provide an atmosphere in schools that will create an outstanding public school system," he said. "The private school choice is just a piece of the reform package. It needs to work all together. The package, in tandem, will move Indiana forward in school performance," said Behning.

INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

Sen. Dennis Kruse, R-Auburn, Sen. Education Committee chair, said the legislature will work to expand public school choice by expanding charter schools, and granting private school choice through opportunity scholarships for students to use at non-government schools.

"The scholarships target students most in need of school choice opportunities, and it is a matter of justice," said Sen. Kruse. "The more choices we offer parents the better off society is. There will also be a new level of competition."

When asked if he thought the private school choice piece would

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pass this year, Sen. Kruse responded, "We definitely have our work cut out for us, but I'm optimistic that it will pass. I think it's achievable."

These reforms are going to offer Catholic schools a very increased role and growth in education," said Kruse. "They will be able to help more students than ever before."

In his concluding remarks of his state of the state address, the governor told lawmakers, "Our

children are waiting. Fellow citizens are waiting. History is waiting. You're going to do great things. It's going to be a session to remember. I can't wait."

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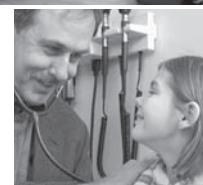


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Purgatory is a process, not a place, pope says at general audience

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Purgatory is like a purifying fire burning inside a person, a painful experience of regret for one's sins, Pope Benedict XVI said. "A soul stained by sin cannot present itself to God," the pope said Jan. 12 at his weekly general audience. The pope spoke about purgatory in an audience talk dedicated to the life and mystical writings of St. Catherine of Genoa, a 15th-century married woman who ran Genoa's largest hospital. Married at age 16 to an older man with a gambling problem, she initially lived a very worldly life, the pope said, but after about 10 years, she was struck by the emptiness of her life, especially in comparison to the greatness of God's love. She began a "life of purification, which, for a long time, made her experience constant pain for the sins she committed and pushed her to impose penances and sacrifices on herself to demonstrate her love to God," the pope said. Although she is the author of a "Treatise on Purgatory," Pope Benedict said, "she never received specific revelations about purgatory or the souls that are being purified there."

Buffalo, N.Y., priest moves step closer to sainthood

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Buffalo diocesan priest, Msgr. Nelson H. Baker, has cleared the first major hurdle on the way to being declared a saint. Pope Benedict XVI signed a formal decree Jan. 14 recognizing that Msgr. Baker, who died in 1936 at the age of 94, heroically lived the Christian virtues and is worthy of veneration. Msgr. Baker, a Civil War-era soldier and grain dealer who became a Buffalo diocesan priest in 1876, served as pastor of Our Lady of Victory in Lackawanna, N.Y., for more than 50 years. At Our Lady of Victory, which is now a basilica, Msgr. Baker operated soup kitchens and a hospital, as well as homes for unwed mothers, homeless and troubled boys and abandoned infants. The pope must still recognize a miracle attributed to Msgr. Baker's intercession before he can be beatified. Another miracle is needed for canonization.

Brazilian bishops launch campaign to help flood victims

BRASILIA, Brazil (CNS) — Brazil's bishops launched a campaign to aid victims of severe flooding that has left more than 500 people dead. Record rainfall in southeastern Brazil caused rivers to overflow their banks and triggered landslides that buried houses. News posted on the website of Caritas Brazil, the bishops' aid and development agency, told

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STEEPLE AMID DEBRIS FOLLOWING LANDSLIDE IN BRAZIL



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A church steeple is seen amid the debris following a landslide in Teresópolis, Brazil, Jan. 14.

The death toll from torrential rains and massive flooding topped 500 in Brazil's worst natural disaster in four decades.

of rescuers trying to help people who were trapped, as bodies swept by in the river. The flooding has affected more than 1 million people in the states of Rio de Janeiro, São Paulo, Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais. Churches opened their doors to shelter people left homeless by the flooding and receive the bodies of victims. In the Diocese of Petrópolis, where two cities, Teresópolis and Itaipava, were especially hard hit, Bishop Filippo Santoro expressed the Church's "solidarity with the victims, those left without shelter or protection," and said he was "making parish buildings available to aid the victims."

Same-sex unions 'penalize' traditional marriage, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Same-sex unions "penalize" traditional couples and distort the true nature of the family, Pope Benedict XVI said. The many crises that families face are "caused by the rapid social and cultural changes" in society, the pope said Jan. 14 in a speech to officials from the city and province of Rome and the Lazio region of Italy. Passing legislation or adopting policies that recognize "forms of unions, which distort the essence and purpose of the family end up penalizing those who, with much effort, commit themselves to living a life whose bonds are marked by stable inti-

macy, have juridical guarantees and are recognized publicly, he said. While same-sex unions or gay marriage is not recognized in Italy, a number of city and regional governments, including Rome's Lazio region, have introduced registries for same-sex couples that are largely symbolic and have no legal consequences. Pope Benedict also called on the government officials to help support married women who wish to pursue a career and build a family. Too often, he said, women "are forced to wait" to have children.

In Mexico, a debate over just how many migrants have been killed

MEXICO CITY (CNS) — The director of a migrant shelter in northern Mexico has rebuked the federal government for questioning the results of a survey by the National Human Rights Commission, which reported more than 10,000 undocumented migrants were kidnapped over a six-month period of 2010. "The government is completely wrong," said Father Pedro Pantoja, director of the Belén migrant shelter in Saltillo. "They're debunking the fact kidnappings happen, saying that it's insignificant, that the number is low. There's an intention of diminishing the facts." The survey, released Jan. 6, reported at least 215 mass abductions of migrants

heading north to the United States between April and September with an average of at least 50 victims being kidnapped each time by groups linked to organized crime. Commission ombudsman Raul Placencia told reporters that local police and officials from the National Immigration Institute assisted the "well-organized groups" in some of the abductions, which usually required migrants to call relatives for ransoms. "These are not individual kidnappings, rather massive events, where the criminals capture up to 100 or 150 migrants and later take them to a point where they are victims of extortion," Placencia said. The federal government immediately objected to the findings. Alejandro Poire, technical secretary of the National Security Council, said the findings failed to square with government statistics. He also questioned the methodology, which he said could not be replicated. Poire later clarified that the federal government only questioned the methodology of surveying migrants — not the existence of kidnappings.

Australian bishops seek prayers, help for Queensland flood victims

PERTH, Australia (CNS) — Australia's Catholic bishops have issued an urgent call for prayers for those who have died and for material assistance for survivors

of Queensland state flooding that, by mid-January, had claimed 13 lives. "We offer prayers for the deceased and their families and the relief workers and all who are suffering as a result of the floods," Brisbane Archbishop John Bathersby said in a Jan. 13 statement. "The priests, religious and faithful in the affected areas would certainly appreciate prayerful support and whatever assistance can be offered." The Queensland chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, whose staff have abandoned several of its premises because of the floods, set up a flood relief committee in response to the plight of more than 200,000 people affected in at least two dozen towns. Queensland Premier Anna Bligh described the reconstruction task of "postwar proportions." The floods are estimated to have already caused nearly \$5 billion in damages, devastating much of Australia's coal, beef and agricultural industries. Archbishop Bathersby said many parishes and schools have opened their doors to assist those affected, while the central archdiocesan office has closed due to power outages. Father John Conway, administrator of three parishes in the affected area, spoke of the heroism of the people. "This is the biggest disaster that has ever happened here, but the response from people in the area has been just phenomenal,"

National collection for Church in Latin America set for Jan. 22-23

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The year 2010 was extraordinary "in terms of needs but also in terms of the response of Catholics all across the United States" to their fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean, according to Coadjutor Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles. The archbishop, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Subcommittee for the Church in Latin America, said the challenges facing the Church in Latin America include a shortage of clergy, strong proselytism by other faiths, migration and a lack of resources and personnel to offer adequate religious education. The annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America is slated for the weekend of Jan. 22-23 this year, with the theme, "Keep Faith." Donations to the collection will support evangelization in some of the poorest parts of the church by promoting lay leadership programs and the education of seminarians and religious brothers and sisters who help keep the faith alive in parts of the world where the majority of Catholics live. In 2010, the collection was able to distribute \$7.5 million to 423 projects. Of that amount, 23 percent went to the formation of seminarians and religious, 13 percent for the formation of lay pastoral agents, 43 percent to support pastoral activities and nearly 5 percent went to construction of temporary chapels in Chile after the February 2010 earthquake there.

37th annual Right to Life rally and march

FORT WAYNE — Allen County Right to Life will sponsor the 37th annual Right to Life rally and march on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Scottish Rite Center. The rally will begin at 12 p.m. with keynote speaker Father John Raphael, principal of St. Augustine High School in New Orleans and nationally known speaker, who has dedicated himself to bringing more African-Americans into the pro-life movement. The march through downtown Fort Wayne will begin at 1 p.m. A "Silent No More" awareness event will follow immediately after the march at the Federal Building.

USF to host educators' showcase

FORT WAYNE — The School of Professional Studies at the University of Saint Francis will host a Best Practice Showcase for grades K-12 educators in public, private and charter schools, school counselors and psychologists and social workers on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Doermer Health Sciences Building and the Pope John Paul II Center.

The showcase includes a luncheon at the university's North Campus from 12:45-1:30 p.m. for those who pre-register. The cost is \$15 preregistration and \$20 at the door. The preregistration deadline was Jan. 14.

For Best Practice Showcase registration information visit www.sf.edu/education/Best%20Practice.shtml.

Redeemer Radio announces board election results

FORT WAYNE — Elections held at the regular December meeting of the Redeemer Radio Board of Directors resulted in the re-election of Mike Kelly to the position of chairman, the election of board members Mike Landrigan and Dr. Matthew Bunson to the positions of vice chairs, and board member attorney Robert Doelling securing the role of secretary. These officers will also comprise the newly formed Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, convening as needed in between regular monthly meetings of the full 13-member board.

The station marks its fifth full year of broadcasting as of January 2011. Chairman Kelly states, "We



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KAREN CLIFFORD

The Saint Joe Players will perform "Bye Bye Birdie" Thursday, Jan. 20, and Friday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. at the O'Laughlin Auditorium on the Saint Mary's College campus. The Saturday, Jan. 22, show will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

are pleased with the success of Redeemer Radio these first five years. We look forward to expanding the footprint of Catholic Radio throughout our diocese." Kelly is president of Caliente, a manufacturer of heating, cooling and control systems headquartered in Fort Wayne

Executive Director Dave Stevens commented that Redeemer Radio is greatly blessed to have such a dedicated, volunteer board of directors, all of whom are active and committed to helping grow the Fort Wayne based lay Catholic media apostolate.

Redeemer Radio, AM 1450 WLYV Fort Wayne, is a listener-supported radio station broadcasting the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith. Information is available at their website, www.RedeemerRadio.com.

Poor Handmaids present Lancaster, Vaughn recital

DONALDSON — Baritone Stephen Lancaster and organist Kevin Vaughn will perform in the Ancilla Domini Chapel at the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry Center on Sunday Jan. 23. The free concert will begin at 3 p.m.

Stephen Lancaster is assistant professional specialist in voice at the University of Notre Dame.

Kevin Vaughn will be accompanist for Lancaster and will also be featured as a soloist on the organ. He currently is director of music and organist at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Elkhart, and also serves as dean of the St. Joseph Valley Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Community discussion on Manhattan Declaration set Jan. 29

FORT WAYNE — The ArchAngel Institute is presenting a community discussion of the Manhattan Declaration in the basement theater of the Allen County Public Library at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 29.

The Manhattan Declaration is a call to "Christian Conscience" that was authored by Catholic and Evangelical scholars. It has been signed by tens of thousands in Christian leadership. It is a pledge to stand firm on the historic Christian teachings regarding the sanctity of human life, the definition of marriage and the free exercise of the faith.

A panel experienced in both Christian activism and the discussion of Christian obedience in the face of anti-Christian governance will address the declaration from differing perspectives. Franciscan Father David Mary Engo and

Father Glenn Kohrman are on this panel, as well as theologian Dr. John Bequette and nurse and pro-life advocate Gloria Carrel.

Former Bishop Dwenger teacher/coach and local businessman Bob Brown is hosting this event for the ArchAngel Institute. The event promises to be an interesting and robust conversation of some of the most controversial topics of the day. The panel will take questions from those in attendance.

This event follows the 37th Annual March for Life, which begins with a rally at the Scottish Rite Cathedral at 12 p.m. on the same day.

Archangel Institute to hold book study on 'Rediscover Catholicism'

FORT WAYNE — The ArchAngel Institute is hosting a book study on Friday evenings in February and March. It is focused upon "Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide To Living with Passion and Purpose," by Matthew Kelly (available at your local Catholic church).

Described as revealing "the essence of authentic Catholic spirituality while addressing some of the most important questions we face today as both individuals and as a Church," this book was a gift from

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades to all Catholic families of the diocese at Christmas.

Father Glenn Kohrman, accompanied by Bryan and Anne Brown, will lead conversations on all of the chapters of this interesting book. This study will be accompanied by light refreshments in an informal setting. It should benefit those seeking a better understanding of the Catholic faith and/or those wanting to ask honest (and even difficult) questions about the Catholic faith.

The meetings will begin Feb. 4 and conclude March 25. All meetings will take place in the second floor of the ArchAngel Institute at 827 Webster St., adjacent to the main branch of the Allen County Public Library. The Friday night meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. The public is invited.

Indiana Right to Life sponsors Pro-life Student Day

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Right to Life, Right to Life of Indianapolis and Teens for Life will sponsor the 2011 Pro-life Student Day at the Indiana Statehouse, located at the Indiana State Conference Center, 402 W. Washington St. in Indianapolis on Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Student Day is an educational experience for middle and high school students to observe the legislative process and learn from pro-life legislators and lobbyists about law-making and key legislation in the 2011 session of the Indiana General Assembly. To register contact spswayze@aol.com or call (317) 440-6998. Allen County Right to Life will provide limited transportation to Student Day. If interested contact Dayna Horner at dayna.horner@ichoose-life.org.

Allen County Right to Life sponsors Pro-life Art/Photo competition

FORT WAYNE — Allen County Right to Life will sponsor the first annual Pro-life Art/Photo Competition at the Pro-life Student Day at the Indiana Statehouse, located at the Indiana State Conference Center, 402 W. Washington St. in Indianapolis on Feb. 10. Creative art and photos reflecting life's value, celebration and acceptance regardless of age or circumstance will be accepted for competition. Entry deadline is Feb. 4. Cash awards of \$100, \$50 and \$25 will be given to the top three entries in each category. Participants need not be present to win. Entry forms are available at www.ichooselife.org and are limited to high school students only. Mail entries to Allen County Right to Life office at 3409 Conestoga Dr., Suite A or bring to the Statehouse for Student Day on Feb. 10. Entries will be displayed in offices of pro-life legislators for one year.

For information contact the Allen County Right to Life office at (260) 471-1849.

Permanent deacon candidate John Hilger drawn closer to God

FORT WAYNE — John and Mary Hilger manifest the generosity and hospitality of Jesus, who welcomed the stranger, fed the hungry and loved without condition. They know no stranger and have the uncanny ability to immediately make one feel like one of the family.

Perhaps it is because they know and cherish the importance of family life. John and Mary, now married for over 35 years, live on the outskirts of Fort Wayne. God has blessed them with six lovely daughters, including Jennifer, Maryann, Sally, Kathleen, Michelle and Laura. Five of their six daughters are married and John and Mary proudly dote over the six beautiful grandchildren God has added to their family thus far.

John has cared for his family by working God's good earth, growing fruits and vegetable most of his life. John's love of farming led to the construction of Hilger's Farm Market on Highway 30 in the early 1970s, where he sold produce to many local travelers and cus-

tomers. In 1988, John opened Hilger's Restaurant. In recent years, John has closed the farm and restaurant business but continues to farm and sell specialized fertilizer and acts as a consultant to other farmers.

John provided fresh produce to the poor and hungry, and has lead to his association with the Community Harvest Food Bank and a seat on the Board of Associated Churches.

John's successes eventually resulted in his being appointed President of the Indiana Vegetable Growers Association. In his spare time, John helps out at the Arcola Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus Council 451 in Fort Wayne. Last year he was elected to the Northwest Allen County School Board.

Mary Hilger, like her husband John, keeps a very active schedule teaching art at Indian Springs Middle School. Using her many God-given artistic talents, Mary also teaches others about Jesus Christ through her Spiritual Hands



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Mary brings listeners of all faiths to Christ through her artwork and the witness of His presence in her life. She has drawn and talked to audiences throughout this diocese and others. Her ministry has taken her to Europe as well as Africa. Using the proceeds from her paintings, Mary has helped build a school in Africa. Each summer she runs a Christian Art Camp for as

many as 20 students, K-12.

Mary, a convert to the faith at age 20, (before meeting John) fell in love with Catholicism through its beautiful art and rich religious symbols. In the '90s, her love of the faith, especially the sacraments, was ignited through the music of John Michael Talbot.

Mary is convinced that John's ministry as a permanent deacon is a natural progression in his spiritual development and an affirmation of their combined love of God and their desire to evangelize.

John feels blessed to be a part of the permanent diaconate formation. Recalling the challenges of the formation process he insists that it was well worth the work.

"The formation has brought me closer to God through the study of theology, Scripture, canon law and the sacraments," John remarks. "We have been blessed with so many great and holy instructors. Their direction has strengthened my spiritual disciplines including prayer, reflection and spiritual reading."

John hopes that as a permanent deacon, he will be able to serve the

A GLIMPSE: THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

BY GINNY KOHRMAN

bishop, priests and others by taking the Eucharist to the ill or shut-ins. He looks forward to the opportunities to pray with others at important times in their lives. He also wants to more effectively bring others to Christ through his Christian example and the grace of his ordination. He longs for the moment when he will be ready to assist at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Mary and John say that they pray for their children at their evening meal. Each evening, regardless of their level of exhaustion, they also say the Lord's Prayer together before going to bed, asking together, that they listen and follow God's will.

Light of Christ award seeks nominations

FORT WAYNE — St. Mary's Catholic Church, in cooperation with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, is now accepting nominations for the 2011 Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award. The award is presented each year in March to an individual whose work reflects the strong values exemplified by Father O'Connor during his many years as a priest. Father O'Connor, who died March 17, 2004, at the age of 74, served as pastor of St. Mary's Parish for 34 years, and is considered by many to be an icon of Catholic faith in action.

The award committee seeks nominations of persons of faith, high school age or older, whose activities serve as an example and encouragement to youth by encouraging inclusiveness and diversity, especially in the areas of racial reconciliation and multicultural activities. Nominations of volunteers are particularly encouraged. The award carries with it a monetary gift given in the name of the recipient to her or his designated project, school, faith community or nonprofit organization. Nominations are open to persons of all faith traditions. Previous award winners are Cliff Kindy, 2007, for his work in non-violence, Sister Janet Gildea, 2008, for her efforts among diverse cultures, William Critell, 2009, for his dedication to education among the disadvantaged, and University of Saint Francis student Danielle Collins, 2010, for her promotion of justice for the disadvantaged.

To make an application:

- Nominations must be made by someone who knows the nominee well.
- Nominees must come from a strong faith background and be of good character. Nominations are open to persons of all faiths.
- The nomination must include the following information in the order listed:
 - Nominee's name
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 - Faith affiliation
 - Where the monetary award is to be directed, should the nominee receive the award.
 - Name and contact information of the person submitting the nomination.
 - Names and contact information of three references.
 - A brief narrative no more than two pages in length explaining why the nominee should be considered for this award.
- E-mail submissions (Word document attachment) are preferred and should be sent to jan.stmarys@frontier.com. E-mail nominations must be received no later than 12 p.m. Feb. 10.
- Letters of nomination may also be mailed to Father Tom O'Connor Award Committee, St. Mary's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 11383, Fort Wayne, IN 46857-1383, and must be received no later than Feb. 9.

Guidelines for nominations are also available on the St. Mary's website www.stmarysfw.org and from the St. Mary's Church Office at (260) 424-8231.



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Project Rachel helps those wounded by abortion

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — The tragedy of abortion has many victims in addition to the unborn child, for the child's mother, father, grandparents and even siblings often suffer greatly in the aftermath of an abortion. For these people, a special ministry called Project Rachel is available in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for anyone suffering from an abortion.

For a mother who chose abortion or a father, friend or parent who coerced an abortion, Project Rachel can help them find forgiveness, spiritual and psychological healing, and peace of heart. Other family members not directly involved in an abortion can be helped to deal with their grief and sense of loss.

Project Rachel was named after

the Biblical Rachel in Jeremiah, who "refuses to be consoled because her children are no more."

The healing ministry was begun in Milwaukee in 1984 by Vicki Thorn, who was moved by the experience of a friend who was intent on self-destructive behavior because of regret for her abortion. The post-abortion healing ministry has been very successful in helping post-abortive women and their families and now operates in most dioceses.

Project Rachel in this diocese is being revitalized, according to Lisa Everett, co-director of the diocesan Office of Family Life. Educational sessions for priests, counselors, campus ministers and pastoral ministers have taken place in Fort Wayne and South Bend in the past three months. Additionally a new hotline — (574) 386-8295 — has been opened to accept calls

from any person who would like to receive confidential counseling from a specially-trained priest or counselor. The Family Life office also is distributing posters and business cards to get the hotline number "out there."

Margarita Rodriguez, on the staff of the Family Life office, takes the calls at the hotline, and can converse well in Spanish and English. She has hotline experience at the Women's Care Center, and told *Today's Catholic* that it's often very hard for post-abortive women to ask for help.

"The important thing is to show compassion, show that someone really cares for them and that they are not being judged," Rodriguez said.

In the Jan. 12 training session in South Bend, Everett said that priests have noticed that some women will confess the same

abortion multiple times because they don't feel forgiven. Project Rachel is geared toward helping the woman come to the point where she can forgive herself and then deal with her loss in a positive way.

Everett said that the experience of grief after an abortion is "often invalidated in our culture." She explained that post-abortion trauma can be exhibited in many ways in women and families experiencing abortion: suicide, depression, drug and alcohol abuse, low self-esteem, sleep and eating disorders, sexual promiscuity, child abuse, etc.

Sometimes the people exhibiting these behaviors might not realize that the abortion might have triggered the problems. She told the participants at the South Bend session that sometimes just listing abortion among other possible

experiences like sexual abuse, drug or alcohol abuse, or childhood trauma will help the person to realize that an abortion experience may indeed be part of what is causing their problems.

Everett said that every person is different, and the sequence of steps to help the person find spiritual and emotional healing may vary, for "God leads the healing process." However, the counselors and priests are trained to meet the person where she is, and lead her gently through the healing process she said.

"Forgiving herself is the hardest part" for a woman who has had an abortion, Everett said.

For these women or others wounded by abortion, a first but important step toward finding that forgiveness and healing begins with dialing Project Rachel at (574) 386-8295.

Abortion: We respond

BY MARY GLOWASKI

"The Church's first duty is to approach these people with love and consideration, with caring and motherly attention, to proclaim the merciful closeness of God in Jesus Christ." — Pope Benedict XVI

In a perfect world, we would not need to speak about abortion nor its pain and aftermath. It can be with heavy hearts that we acknowledge that there is no perfection in our world and that every day men and women choose abortion — choose to end the life of their child.

Abortion can move a heart to unspeakable shame, isolation and despair. This pain not only impacts those directly involved with the abortion but it impacts our parish communities, it impacts the entire Church. The loss of these children, the shame and the separation of their parents from our Church is a pain we all bear.

It can be easy to separate ourselves from certain sin and to make bold statements that this sin is one we would never commit. As a pastoral counselor, it has been my experience that very few, if any, of the people I have companioned in this grief ever thought they would have chosen abortion. Panic, fear, skewed logic, hopelessness and pressure from family, partners or friends, led them to a devastating decision. These same feelings and fears have led me to some very bad choices; perhaps have led all of us to some very bad choices.

It has not been uncommon for me to hear comments that the Church, through

post abortion counseling and the Sacrament of Reconciliation makes it too easy to confront the choosing of abortion and simply move on. My experience with those who are post abortive and their families confirm for me that there is no easy grace for this healing; there is no shortcut to restored relationships and to redemption. As communities of faith, God is calling each of us as individuals and collectively as parishes to be channels of healing and restoration.

From the first word in the Book of Genesis to the last in the Book of Revelation the Bible is filled with stories of God's relentless pursuit of humankind. He is relentless in His pursuit of you and of me no matter what our sin and God calls each of us to be His heart and hands in service of this pursuit.

In Paul's Letter to the Romans we read: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or the sword?

As it is written:

"For your sake we are being slain
All the day;
We are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered."

"No in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." — 8:35-39.

How can we respond?

1. Pray. Ask God for an open heart and that those in your parish community suffering from this pain know how important they are to you and to your community. Pray that you are ready, that your community is ready to receive someone who is seeking forgiveness and redemption from an abortion. Pray that you are ready and willing to walk with someone as they restore their relationship with God.

2. Be aware and sensitive. Abortion is often a secret and unspoken shame. Always speak about those who have had an abortion in charity and with kindness. The very person you consider a best friend or perhaps even a family member, someone you know and love may carry this pain and have never spoken about it.

3. Suspend speculation and judgment. If we have not had an abortion we can never fully understand what would lead someone to this choice. If you "hear" that someone may have had an abortion, move away from speculation and gossip. Gossip is never true knowledge; it is poison and will push this painful secret deeper into someone's heart and create greater isolation and shame.

4. Embrace. To acknowledge an abortion, to grieve the loss of a child as a result of a "choice" takes great courage. If someone reveals they have been carrying this pain, remind them of how deeply they and their child are loved by God, by you, and your parish community. Share your conviction that nothing is beyond God's mercy and forgiveness. Encourage them to take the next step in their journey to heal. If someone shares this pain with you hold it in

confidence and as a most precious gift, hold it as you would hold the child that has been lost.

5. Be witnesses and voices of hope. The pain of abortion is not a pain that someone must carry for life. As Catholics, we boldly proclaim that life is sacred. We must also boldly proclaim that no sin is beyond God's mercy.

6. Pray more. When someone is struggling or suffering we often say, "All I can do is pray." We must remember that the most important thing we do is pray. Going before God on someone's behalf is a most profound act of love. All we do to stem the tide of abortion is not simply about changing an action it is about changing hearts, ours included and this happens through love and prayer.

Remember that you, and the prayers of love and mercy you offer may be exactly what someone needs to heal and return to our communities of faith and to God.

"In Ramah is heard the sound of moaning,
Of bitter weeping!
Rachel mourns her children,
She refuses to be consoled
Because her children are no more.
Thus says Lord:
Cease you cries of mourning,
Wipe the tears from your eyes.
The sorrow you have shown shall have
its reward.....
There is hope for your future."
— Jer. 31:15-17

Mary Glowaski is a counselor at St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne.

Storming heaven for the sanctity of human life

BY LISA EVERETT

The 40 Days For Life movement has done a wonderful job focusing the attention of the Christian community on the indispensable role of prayer and fasting in fighting against the evil of abortion. Over 15 years ago, Pope John Paul II urged us to use these same powerful weapons in his landmark encyclical, "Evangelium Vitae," the "Gospel of Life":

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. Jesus himself has shown us by his own example that prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil. — cf. Mt 4:1-11. As He taught His disciples, some demons cannot be driven out except in this way. — cf. Mk 9:29. Let us therefore discover anew the humility and the courage to pray and fast so that power from on high will break

down the walls of lies and deceit: the walls which conceal from the sight of so many of our brothers and sisters the evil of practices and laws which are hostile to life. May this same power turn their hearts to resolutions and goals inspired by the civilization of life and love."

Perhaps picking up on the Holy Father's cue, in 2001 the U.S. bishops expanded their "Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities" to include not only educational, legislative and pastoral initiatives to promote the culture of life, but to emphasize, above all, the importance of prayer:

"Prayer is the foundation of all that we do in defense of human life. Our efforts — whether educational, pastoral or legislative — will be less than fully fruitful if we do not change hearts and if we do not ourselves overcome our own spiritual blindness. Only with prayer — prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and our souls — will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life."

The Scriptures are filled with men and women of faith who implored God and interceded for others. So must we, who have been

given a strong sense and clear convictions about the sanctity of human life, continue to implore God and to intercede for all those who are or have been involved in the taking of innocent human life. We may never know this side of eternity of the power of our prayers, but we must trust that, as the angel Gabriel assured Our Lady — with God, all things are possible.

"The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners," Christ confided to St. Faustina Kowalska in her beautiful diary, "Divine Mercy in My Soul." "Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered."

This young Polish nun (1905-1938) whom Pope John Paul II canonized in the year 2000, also recorded Christ's words to her about the role of sacrifice and suffering in His continuing work of redemption: "There is but one price at which souls are bought, and that is suffering united to My suffering on the cross."

This essential but sometimes forgotten truth of our faith — that the suffering we experience in this life can be joined to the suffering Christ endured, for the sake of the spiritual welfare of others —

assures us that no suffering, however great, however small, need be wasted or pointless: If we offer it to Christ he will join it to His own and make it bear fruit far beyond what we can imagine. In his letter "Salvifici Doloris," Pope John Paul made this moving point about the power that our suffering has when united to the cross of Christ:

"Faith in sharing in the suffering of Christ brings with it the interior certainty that the suffering person 'completes what is lacking in Christ's afflictions'; the certainty that in the spiritual dimension of the work of Redemption he is serving, like Christ, the salvation of his brothers and sisters... It is suffering, more than anything else, which clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls. Suffering, more than anything else, makes present in the history of humanity the powers of the Redemption."

In the fight to restore in our nation respect for the sanctity of human life, our sufferings and sacrifices can literally be a lifeline for those who have fallen prey to the culture of death. We can lovingly commend to Christ the setbacks and struggles that come our way, unbidden but unavoidable. We can

prayerfully offer to Him all those annoyances and irritations, those "slivers" of the cross that we encounter on a daily basis. We can commit ourselves to small sacrifices for the rebuilding of the culture of life and for the reconciliation and healing of all those wounded by the culture of death. Some individuals and families, for example, try to abstain from meat on Fridays year-round, not just during Lent, as a simple sacrifice in gratitude for Christ's gift of self to us on the cross, and specifically for the intention of ending abortion.

As we lament the 38th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Roe v Wade, which legalized abortion in our nation, let us call to mind the woman in the Gospel, hidden in the crowd, who had suffered a hemorrhage for many years. As she reached out in faith to touch the hem of Christ's garment and was made well, so let us raise to Him, by our sacrifice and prayer, an even more fervent plea to stop the flow of innocent blood and heal our nation.

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Issues of Catholic identity, abortion and life of mother

BY FRED EVERETT

Last month, Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix took steps that could only have been taken with the greatest reluctance — he publicly stripped a hospital in his diocese of its Catholic designation, had the Blessed Sacrament removed from its chapel and directed that Mass should no longer be celebrated there. These moves came after a series of revelations regarding St. Joseph's Hospital and the health-care system to which it belongs, Catholic Healthcare West. Apparently, both the hospital and the system have for years been involved with the provision of contraceptives, sterilizations and even abortions through its Mercy Health Plan. When Bishop Olmsted learned of these practices only a few weeks before his actions in December, they were, according to one of his advisors, the "tipping point" in an already strained relationship.

What began this strained relationship was an abortion that was permitted to take place at St. Joseph's Hospital back in November of 2009, but of which Bishop Olmsted only learned in May of last year. At that time, the bishop notified Sister Margaret McBride, the hospital's vice president for mission integration who had permitted the abortion to take place, that she and all other

Catholics who had formally or immediately cooperated in its performance had incurred an automatic excommunication from the Church.

Unsurprisingly, this case generated national media attention as well as confusion. It involved a mother expecting her fifth child who presented herself at the hospital suffering from pulmonary hypertension. Even though the pregnancy was not directly related to her condition, it was aggravating its symptoms to the degree that her physicians were very concerned about the mother's ability to survive. Since she was only 11 weeks into the pregnancy, there was no question of an early delivery. The hospital's ethics committee, which included Sister Margaret, was consulted. Their recommendation was that the pregnancy should be terminated in order to save the life of the mother. What this involved was the live dismemberment of the child in the womb followed by the evacuation of the remains.

What Bishop Olmsted rightly pointed out to Sister Margaret and the hospital staff was that, despite their well-intentioned desire to save the life of the mother, this action constituted a direct lethal attack against an innocent child and is therefore evil. According to the natural law as interpreted by the teaching authority of the Church, an innocent human being may never be intentionally or



CNS PHOTO/J.D. LONG-GARCIA, CATHOLIC SUN

Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix addresses members of the media and chancery staff during a Dec. 21 press conference at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The bishop announced that he would be revoking St. Joseph's Hospital's "Catholic" status.

directly killed for any reason. In other words, even if the direct killing of one innocent human being would save the lives of thousands or even millions of others, one may never do an evil so that a perceived greater good would come of it. It is important to note, however, that this applies only to a killing that is direct — it may be ethical in certain circumstances to allow for the indirect killing of an innocent.

The classic medical example of such a circumstance is that of an expectant mother who presents herself with a cancerous uterus that must be removed immediately in order to save her life. Again, supposing that the pregnancy is too

early to save the child, the uterus may still be removed even though the child will die. In this case, the death of the child would be an indirect effect of the direct action of performing a hysterectomy.

Bioethicists use the important principle of double effect in order to analyze such an action that has both good and evil effects. It is, in fact, a further development of the threefold test for moral action that can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In other words, the intention (or end), the object (or means), and the circumstances must all be good for an action to be ethical. Under the principle of double effect, the intention must be good and the evil effect must not be intended; the object of the act must be good and the good effect must not be achieved through the evil effect; and the circumstances must be good in that the good effects are proportionate to the evil effects.

In the case of a pregnant mother with a cancerous uterus, the intention is to save her life and the death of the child is not directly intended. To help see this, imagine, for example, that if an artificial womb existed and were used to continue to nurture the child until maturity, then it would be clear that the death of the child was not intended. Secondly, the object of the act was good in taking out the cancerous uterus and the good effect was not achieved through the evil effect of the death of the child. Again, the child's death does nothing in making the hysterectomy

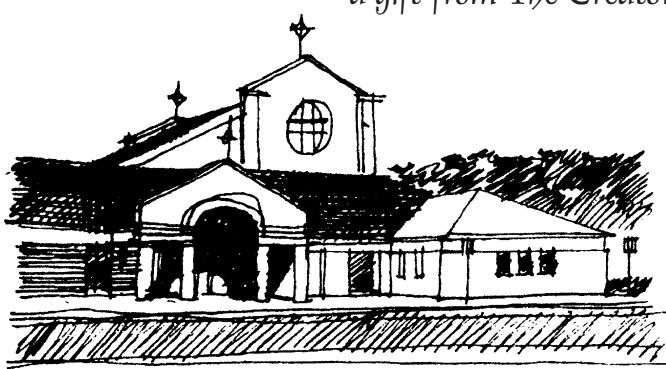
successful. The child can be seen as an innocent bystander who was at the wrong place at the wrong time. Finally, the good effect of the mother's life being saved is proportionate to the death of her child, especially if both would have died otherwise.

In the Phoenix case, this last proportionality part, like in the cancerous uterus case, is met. However, the first two parts regarding the intention and the object are not. While the overall intention of saving the mother's life is good, the live dismemberment and death of the child is directly intended and the good effect of reducing the symptoms of the mother's hypertension is accomplished indirectly through the evil effect.

While to some this may sound like ethical hairsplitting or callousness to the plight of a mother in extreme circumstances, such principles of the natural law are the only barriers between a Christian culture of life that values the life of every human being and a utilitarian culture of death that starts to prioritize and affirm that some lives are more worthy of life than others. This is why Bishop Olmsted took his courageous steps — this is a Rubicon that the Church may not cross.

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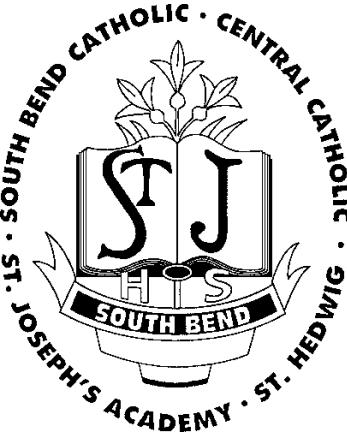
BISHOP RHOADES VISITS SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL

Urges Young Catholics to be Courageous

BY KAREN



Senior Abby Morin works on a ceramic sculpture that when completed will look like a basket.



SOUTH BEND — On the first year anniversary of his installation as Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades urged students at Saint Joseph's High School during an all-school Mass and visit to be courageous in their Catholic faith.

"I need you to stand up for your faith, defend your faith, and to live your faith," Bishop Rhoades extolled.

During his Jan. 13 visit, Bishop Rhoades saw the fruits of the school's Catholic identity in service endeavors, academic achievements, extensive courses of study and extracurricular activities while speaking with students, faculty and parents.

Bishop Rhoades explained to those in attendance at Mass that he chose the feast day of St. Hilary to be his installation date as bishop last year. St. Hilary is one of the 33 doctors of the Church and is also one of the Fathers of the Church. Hilary was raised by pagan parents and as a young man was searching for meaning and truth in his life.

Five years after converting to Christianity, Hilary became a bishop. It was during the 4th century that the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Jesus Christ, divided Catholic bishops. Hilary met with other bishops and helped establish the Nicene Creed, which is the profession of faith that is still used today. He was exiled by Emperor Constantius II for nearly four years because of his belief in the divinity of Christ, but eventually was allowed to return to his home and continue his ministry.

"One thing I really liked about him was his courage. I think bishops really need courage in the world today. He proclaimed the truth with love," Bishop Rhoades emphasized.

"My motto as bishop comes from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians where he says, 'Let us proclaim truth in charity.' The core of our Catholic faith is about a person and that person is Jesus Christ," Bishop Rhoades continued.

At the conclusion of Mass, Bishop Rhoades received a spiritual bouquet card reflecting prayers for him by students. In addition, he received a handmade ceramic cross made by art teacher Paul Kuharic.

While visiting Andy Oross' theology class, stu-



Saint Joseph's High School Principal Susan Richter presents the monthly Saint Joseph's High School Community award to seniors Maria Murphy and Nicholas Matthews.

Students from the music department sing and provide instrumentation during the all-school Mass.



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dent Claire Kucela asked Bishop Rhoades to explain why there was a reason for the celebration of the Mass. The bishop responded that Pope Paul VI noticed that various countries around the world did not have the equivalent of the original Latin. "For example, in Mexico, they say, 'The Lord be with you,' and in the United States, they say, 'And with thy spirit.' In other countries, the response is 'And with thy spirit.' Bishop Rhoades started using that as well," Fr. Kucela explained.

Bishop Rhoades challenged students in his apologetics class to defend their faith. Students are asked questions such as, "What do you believe?" A student told the bishop she had been asked by her non-Catholic friends whether she wanted to become a priest to confess sins. Bishop Rhoades responded that the best way to respond is to quote Scripture, and in this case, John 20:19-23 on the forgiveness of sins.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

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has lunch with student leaders and faculty from Saint Joseph's High School.

As the bishop toured the school, it was apparent that service, extracurricular and academic achievements were all a part of the high school's overall success. Two areas that showcase the school's focus on outreach include student service hours and an after school prayer blanket ministry.

According to Campus Ministry coordinator Tami Goy, over 16,600 service hours were given by students during the 2009-2010 school year. There are over 12,000 service hours for the 2010-2011 school year thus far.

Theology teacher Jeanette Mckew, who leads the after school prayer blanket ministry, explained that the purpose of the group is to offer our prayers and comfort to those people who are seriously ill, or facing a tragedy in their life. "It is a means for us to let them know we are praying for them. We give them the prayer blanket that students make and the members promise to pray for them daily."

She added that a prayer card is inserted inside of every blanket and that each tied blanket is blessed by a priest.

Achievement in sports activities were on display for this year's tennis, soccer, football and cross country teams. The girls' tennis team won the state championship, the girls' soccer team was also state champions and was ranked seventh in the nation, the football team was runner-up in the state championship and the boys' cross country team placed eighth at state competition.

Academic competition was spotlighted by the school's Quiz Bowl team's league championship, and the Fed Challenge Bowl's national championship last May in Washington D.C.

For Saint Joseph's High School principal Susan Richter, the combination of academic excellence, Catholic identity and civic education, is best exemplified in the school's national selection as a top 50 Catholic School for the past four consecutive years. The school is only one of two schools recognized in Indiana this year and the only one from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

For Bishop Rhoades, the visit capped an extraordinary year as bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. As he thanked everyone at the Mass who prepared for his visit he asked the students for one more request. "Please continue to pray for me and I will continue to pray for you."



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to Saint Joseph's High School students about St. Hilary during his homily at the all-school Mass.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades holds up a ceramic cross made by Saint Joseph's High School art teacher Paul Kuharic that was given as a gift to the bishop during the all-school Mass.



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Rachel Staley delivers the first reading at the all-school Mass.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades discusses Pope Benedict XVI's book "Jesus of Nazareth" while visiting students in Andy Oross' theology class.



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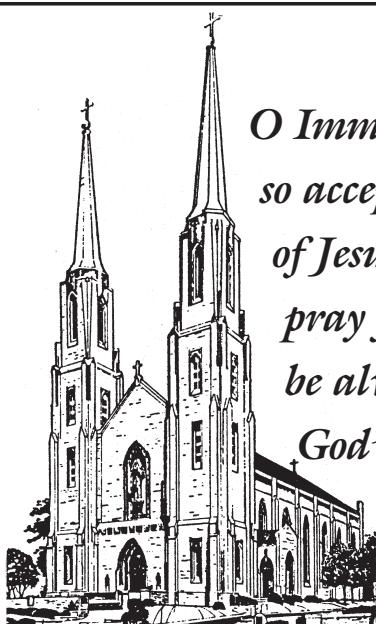


Today's Holy Innocents

They'll never feel the summer rain
Nor hear the river's roar.
Their birthday cakes will go unbaked
And their snowmen will be unbuilt.
They will never sit on a grandparent's lap
Or on a pony's back.
They will never hear, or sing, or write a song.
Nor will their hands ever heal a wound.
Although they'll never taste a lover's kiss,
They will know what it is to be missed.
For them, the last has come first...
For they have been denied the gift of life.

Mark Weber

Saint Francis Xavier • Pierceton



*O Immaculate Mary,
so accepting of the birth
of Jesus and God's will,
pray for us. May we
be always open to
God's generous gift
of human life.*

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
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Before I formed you
in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born
I consecrated you; I have appointed
you a prophet to the nations.

Jeremiah 1:5

ST. PETER PARISH - ST. MARY PARISH
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Knights rally for life and Hannah's House at pro-life march

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — Pregnant with twins, she pushed her walker along as she toured Hannah's House home for unwed mothers. Karen DeLucenay, the home's directress, could not help but wonder why such a young person needed a walker.

Later DeLucenay learned that the pregnant woman had been living in an abusive situation. Right after she left the house in the middle of the night to make a getaway, the twins' father caught up with her two blocks away and ran her over with his truck. When a spot opens up she will be moving into Hannah's House.

Another woman had her two front teeth knocked out by her boyfriend. Because of her appearance, for three years no one would hire her. Hannah's House got her two replacement teeth this Christmas.

DeLucenay described many of the girls as "couch surfers" meaning they are homeless and move from place to place spending two or three nights. Then their welcome is up and they have to move on to whatever else they can find, not knowing where they will sleep or find their next meal. When they find themselves pregnant their already fragile world is shattered.

DeLucenay was the main speaker at the Knights of Columbus annual Right to Life March and program held in South Bend Jan. 16. Ashley, a current resident, said Hannah's House "is very life supporting." A week overdue, she had to cut her sharing short as she started to go into labor.

Hannah's House provides a warm, loving, stable, orderly, Christian home where the young moms can be safe during their pregnancy and can remain up to two months after the birth of their child. "We demonstrate God's love to these women each and every day," DeLucenay said.

Many of the young women come from chaotic, dysfunctional homes without love, affection or attention. At Hannah's House they receive counseling to work out the issues they are struggling with. A volunteer house parent is always there to help and encourage them. The girls receive the prenatal care they need and are taught how to be a good mother.

And they are eager to learn and take responsibility. They work on completing their high school education if needed and finding a job to support themselves and their child. Every resident has chores to do and there are rules and expectations including attending the church of their choice on Sunday. After the new mother leaves Hannah's House there is follow up support and get-togethers.



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Color Corps Commander Mick Lindsell; Ray Sommer, carrying the papal flag; Rick Alexander, carrying the American flag; and Stephen Elek, Jr. lead the 90 participants to St. Joseph Church, South Bend, for a prayer service.



Ashley, a Hannah's House resident, shares her experience.



Karen DeLucenay directs Hannah's House.

Hannah's House can accommodate seven women at a time for a total of 28 a year. There is a waiting list, and, tragically, the hardest part of DeLucenay's job is turning down pregnant girls seeking shelter there. In fact, just this week she had to turn down four girls.

Hannah's House has cherished a dream for five years now to open a second home, but the finances have not permitted it. But they keep dreaming and praying.

The Knights are hosting a spaghetti dinner to benefit Hannah's House on Saturday, Feb. 26, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Knights' hall at Washington and Hill streets in South Bend.

For more information on Hannah's House, see www.maternityhomewithahart.org. or call (574) 254-5309 for a tour, to donate or volunteer.

The Knights' event started off with a march from the council hall to nearby St. Joseph Church where a prayer service was led by Holy Cross Father John Patrick Riley. Event chairman Bill Schmitt read from Romans 8,

which emphasizes that nothing can separate us from the love of God. In his talk Father Riley picked up on that theme and also reminded the congregation that the Chosen People waited centuries for Christ and so we should not be discouraged by the protracted struggle that the Right to Life movement has been. In the end, he assured, respect for nascent human life will be restored.

The Knights also announced another initiative — to purchase an ultrasound machine for the Women's Care Center. To donate contact Dick Dornbos at (574) 271-7853.

Additionally, St. Joseph County Right to Life will be holding a prayer walk around the Federal Courthouse, Main and Jefferson streets, South Bend from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 21. The South Bend area diocesan Right to Life Mass will be Sunday, Jan. 23, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Cathedral followed by Eucharistic Adoration till 7:30 p.m.

Group helps parents with difficult prenatal diagnoses

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

GRANGER — The following is an interview with Mary and John O'Callaghan, parishioners of St. Pius X Parish, regarding a new group called InForming Life that they helped to start in the South Bend area.

Today's Catholic: How did InForming Life get started?

O'Callaghans: The initiative to start InForming Life came from both Kathy Ratkiewicz, mother of a 12-year-old son with Down syndrome, and president of our local Down syndrome support group, and Dr. Bob White, a neonatologist at Memorial Hospital. For a number of years both have been troubled by the high abortion rate for babies who are diagnosed prenatally with Down syndrome, and wanted to begin efforts on a local level to give more information to both doctors and parents to make the experience of receiving a diagnosis less troubled and filled with fear. Although the initial focus of these efforts was Down syndrome, our interest quickly expanded to include other prenatal diagnoses such as spina bifida, trisomy-13 and trisomy-18 (genetic abnormalities).

Today's Catholic: What is the mission of InForming Life?

O'Callaghans: The mission of InForming Life is to assure that parents of an unborn child with a physical or genetic abnormality receive complete and balanced information and support to assist them throughout the course of the pregnancy. To do this, we aim to raise awareness generally about prenatally diagnosed conditions in our community, educate doctors in how to better deliver a diagnosis, and provide direct support to parents who are carrying a child with physical or cognitive disabilities. We believe that every child is valuable and worthy of our efforts.

Today's Catholic: What successes have you had?

O'Callaghans: Our group just received its incorporation papers, and has applied for nonprofit status, so it is fairly new. Our success so far lies in creating a group of parents and professionals who are committed to helping parents care for the child they are carrying, no matter what the diagnosis. We are also excited that we have created a partnership with the Women's Care Center. We have been working with them to provide training in counseling for prenatal diagnoses, so that we may refer women to them for support during a difficult pregnancy. Nearly all of the counselors have received the training, and they also have one counselor who will specialize in this area. We are also partnering with the



John and Mary O'Callaghan's son Tom celebrates his third birthday.

Center for Ethics and Culture at Notre Dame to develop educational initiatives. In the near future we hope to be providing parents with practical and emotional support during difficult pregnancies.

Today's Catholic: How did you get involved?

O'Callaghans: We got involved shortly after our fifth child was born. Our son Tommy was born with Down syndrome three years ago. For us the hardest part of having a child with Down syndrome was our growing awareness that society places so little value on the lives of children like our son. Studies suggest that in 90 percent of the cases where Down syndrome is diagnosed prenatally, the child is aborted. When Kathy approached us to see if we would lead the local initiative we were happy to say yes.

Today's Catholic: Do you have any additional comments for our readers?

O'Callaghans: First, adoption is a very loving option for a child with special needs; in fact, there are waiting lists of families who wish to adopt children with special needs.

The second thing is that if you or someone you know is pregnant with a child with a poor prenatal diagnosis, counselors at the Women's Care Center are available to listen to your concerns and give you the resources you need to help you carry your child to term. Their toll free help line number is (877) 908-2341.

A website for those interested in putting their baby with Down syndrome up for adoption is: www.dsagc.com/programs_adoption.asp. Another website which helps place other special needs-children for adoption is: www.chask.org.

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other civil rights
are meaningless.

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH
FORT WAYNE



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John and Mary O'Callaghan's sons, Danny and Tom, are shown in this photo. John O'Callaghan is a professor of philosophy at Notre Dame and Mary is a stay-at-home mom with a doctorate in psychology. They have five children; two in high school and two are home-schooled. Tommy goes to preschool twice a week.



Respect for life

requires that science and technology

*should always be at the service of
man and his integral development.*

*Society as a whole must respect,
defend and promote the dignity*

*of every human person, at
every moment and in every
condition of that person's life.*

JOHN PAUL II, *Evangelium Vitae*

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
NOTRE DAME

"THE CONFLICT
is between a culture that
affirms, cherishes, and celebrates the gift of life,
and

a culture that seeks to declare entire groups
of human beings - the unborn, the terminally ill,
the handicapped, and others considered 'unuseful'
to be outside the boundaries of legal protection"

-Pope John Paul II

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May
Saint Aloysius
PATRON OF CATHOLIC YOUTH
*Intercede for Pro Life advocates and
bring about increased understanding
and respect for human life in all stages.*

ST. ALOYSIUS PARISH
YODER



In the name of God, in whose image everyone is made, may we love, cherish, and protect human life from conception to the hour of natural death!

"Holy Mary, mother of the author of life, pray for us.
Amen"



St. Michael Parish
PLYMOUTH

It is therefore a service of love which we are committed to ensure to our neighbor, that his or her life may be always defended and promoted, especially when it is weak or threatened. JOHN PAUL II, *Evangelium Vitae*

ST. JUDE PARISH
FORT WAYNE

Acknowledge
God's Sovereignty
Over All Life--
Respect and
Defend Life!



SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH
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Events in Washington, around US to mark 38th anniversary of Roe v. Wade

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Tens of thousands of pro-lifers from all over the United States are expected to travel to the nation's capital for events marking the Jan. 22 anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

The same day the high court ruled on the Roe case, it also handed down the companion decision Doe v. Bolton. Together, Roe and Doe defined abortion as a constitutional right and overturned most state laws banning the procedure.

This year's March for Life in Washington will be Jan. 24. The theme is: "Thou shalt protect the equal right to life of each innocent born and pre-born human in existence at fertilization — no exception, no compromise."

The event falls on the Monday after the official Roe anniversary to allow participants to visit their representatives on Capitol Hill after a noon rally on the National Mall and a march along Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court. On the eve of the main event, March for Life organizers plan to hold a mini-rally in Lafayette Park across from the White House.

Across the country, for the seventh year in a row, the West Coast Walk for Life will draw pro-life supporters to San Francisco Jan. 22. Thousands more people around the country will attend local events sponsored by their dioceses and

pro-life organizations.

Among the Roe anniversary events planned in Washington will be an afternoon Pro-Life Leadership Mass Jan. 23 in the St. Vincent de Paul Chapel on the campus of The Catholic University of America. The main celebrant and homilist will be Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

The Mass "will enable Catholic leaders who work to advance the culture of life to join in prayer for an end to the evil of abortion and other attacks against human life," said Tom Grenchik, executive director of the U.S. bishops' pro-life secretariat.

"In joining together for this eucharistic celebration, we will witness to our unwavering commitment to the inherent dignity of all human life," Grenchik added in a Jan. 4 letter inviting pro-life leaders around the country to attend the Mass.

The National Prayer Vigil for Life will be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Jan. 23-24. It opens with a 6:30 p.m. Mass in the shrine's upper church; Cardinal DiNardo will be the celebrant and homilist. There will be time set aside for confession.

A rosary for life will be held in the shrine's Crypt Church, as will "Holy Hours for Life." On Jan. 24, morning prayer and Benediction

will be followed by a 7:30 a.m. closing Mass.

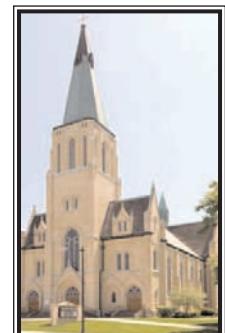
For the 15th year the Archdiocese of Washington will sponsor its annual pro-life youth Mass and rally the morning of Jan. 24. According to the archdiocese, the success of last year's event, attended by more than 17,000 young people, has prompted the archdiocese to hold a Mass and rally in two venues this year to accommodate the crowd. One location will be the Verizon Center, Washington's largest sports arena.

After the March for Life, several pro-life organizations will hold the National Pro-Life Youth Rally near the Supreme Court. The event's founding sponsors are Students for Life of America, Rock for Life, 40 Days for Life and Human Life Alliance. Other sponsors include Family Research Council, Pro-Life Action League, Human Life International and the Susan B. Anthony List.

Other Washington events related to the Roe anniversary include the Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life at Jesuit-run Georgetown University for college and high school students; the American Life League's Personhood Conference; a Rock for Life concert; a witness event sponsored by the Silent No More Awareness Campaign; and a Mass sponsored by the Ignatian Pro-Life Network, a union of pro-life groups from Jesuit high schools, colleges universities and parishes.

"Human life is sacred and inviolable at every moment of existence, including the initial phase which precedes birth. All human beings, from their mothers' womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with His own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already sees in them the adults of tomorrow whose days are numbered and whose vocation is even now written in the 'book of life.'" *Evangelium Vitae*

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Please join us at 3:00 pm in the Allen County Public Library's basement theater on the Saturday of the March for Life (Jan 29)

for a very special community discussion on the Manhattan Declaration, "a call of Christian Conscience". See www.manhattandeclaration.org Panelists include Father David Mary (Franciscan Brother Minor) Dr. John Bequette (University of St. Francis) and local author Father Glenn Kohrman.

*This event will discuss Christian obedience and even civil disobedience in the face of anti-Christian governance.
The panel will take questions from the audience.*

Join us in February - March for a weekly discussion of Matthew Kelly's Rediscovering Catholicism with Father Kohrman and Bryan Brown. These conversations (with light refreshments) will benefit those seeking a better understanding of the Catholic faith and/or wanting to ask honest (and even difficult) questions about the Catholic faith. All are invited to attend.

Time: Friday nights in February and March at 7-9 pm.

Place: The upstairs of 827 Webster (adjacent to the ACPL)



*"You formed my inmost being;
you knit me in my mother's womb."*

Psalm 119:13

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Abortion

*cannot be a human right
...it is the very opposite.*

-Cardinal Franz König

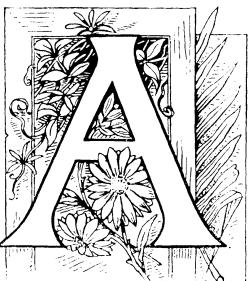
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*It was you who created
My inmost self, and put
Me together in my
Mother's womb; for all
These mysteries I thank you;
For the wonder of myself, for
The wonder of your works.*

Psalm 139, 13-14

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*s believers,
how can we fail to
see that abortion,
euthanasia, and
assisted suicide are a terrible
rejection of God's gift of life
and love? And as believers,
how can we fail to feel the duty
to surround the sick and those
in distress with the warmth of
our affection and the support
that will help them always to
embrace life.*

Pope John Paul II
Homily at Trans-World Dome
St. Louis, January 27, 1999

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Rev. William Sullivan, Pastor

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Rev. Glenn Kohrman, Pastor

We have liberty, but liberty only makes us free when we obey the great laws of the universe. To be really free, to be civilized, we must not only exercise our right to choose, but we must choose only that which is the right choice, and the right choice is always the choice of life.

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*he nearer a soul
is truly united to
God, the more its
sensibilities are
increased to every
being of His Creation; much more
to those whom it is bound to
love by the tenderest and most
endearing ties.*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before
you were born I set you apart. -Jeremiah 1:5*

all life is precious...
from conception to natural death.



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GUEST COMMENTARY FROM RICHARD M. DOERFLINGER

Too many of whom?

Legislative efforts to prevent harmful climate change by reducing carbon emissions have encountered serious obstacles. Major environmental legislation was never approved by the Congress that just ended; many expect the new Congress to be less interested in the issue. So people devoted to protecting the environment are exploring new ways to shape and communicate their message. But at least one "new" proposal is not new at all, and is a really bad idea to boot.

The idea appeared on Nov. 15 in the online environmentalist magazine *Grist*. Editor Lisa Hymas's fresh new idea for protecting the environment is "Fight for Free Birth Control." Or as she puts it: "For the moment, forget about carbon caps and start thinking about cervical caps — and the Pill, IUDs and Depo-Provera." It's a "no-brainer," she says, that this will produce fewer unintended pregnancies, hence fewer births (and abortions), hence "fewer greenhouse gases." She endorses Planned Parenthood's campaign to have the federal government mandate contraceptive coverage in all health plans.

"No-brainer" is not a bad label for a proposal that ignores so many facts. Set aside the obvious fact that forcing everyone, including religious employers with moral objections, to pay for birth control coverage is not in any sense "free." The idea that simply expanding access to contraceptives would greatly reduce unintended pregnancies, abortions and births was disproved by experience years ago. That's why groups like Planned Parenthood have grasped at "back-up" solutions to contraceptive failure (so-called "emergency contraception" as well as abortion), and become comfortable with various forms of coercion to get smaller families.

Sure enough, at recent U.N.-sponsored talks on climate change in Mexico, the People's Republic of China said it should get credit from environmentalists for its brutal one-child-per-family policy (even though the country's carbon emissions have increased in recent years). Television mogul Ted Turner now urges that China's approach become a global paradigm for saving the planet. And Population Action International last year praised U.S. environmental groups for signing onto a "Green Budget" urging a massive increase in population control funding — no doubt hoping such groups will do the same this year.

This makes no sense even as politics. The new Congress may be skeptical about climate change — but it will be openly hostile to pro-abortion population control groups. Hitching onto these groups' bandwagon is a sure road to irrelevancy. On a larger scale, the task of developed nations is to help poorer nations industrialize without repeating our own environmental mistakes — and efforts to win these nations' trust will only be undermined by the message, "by the way, there are too many of you." These nations' leaders are not so gullible as to take such messages at face value, when delivered by Humvee-driving, private-jet-owning billionaires from nations whose per capita carbon emissions are 20 times higher than their own.

"On this earth there is room for everyone," Pope Benedict told us in his encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate." "At the same time we must recognize our grave duty to hand the earth on to future generations in such a condition that they too can worthily inhabit it and continue to cultivate it." In this post-Christmas season we may also recall that in Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," the Ghost of Christmas Present had harsh words for those who fret about the "surplus population" of other people. Too many Westerners still see people in other nations as problems, not as valued partners in making our world a safe and healthy place for generations yet unborn.

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COMMENTARY

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Gratitude for Peter's Pence collection

At the Holy Father's direction, I am writing to acknowledge the sum of \$47,973.03 which you kindly forwarded to the Apostolic Nunciature as the Peter's Pence offering of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

for the year 2010.

His Holiness is deeply grateful for this gift, which reflects your people's devotion to the See of Peter. He is most appreciative of the effort and sacrifice which this collection involved.

Commending you and the clergy, religious and laity of the diocese to the loving protection of Mary,

Mother of the Church, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing.

With personal good wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone
Secretary of State
Vatican City

Clear ethical thinking and the 'tyranny of relativism'

I once asked a young physician whether he had received any training in medical ethics during medical school. I wondered whether he had been taught how to handle some of the complex moral questions that can arise when practicing medicine. It turned out that he had taken only one ethics class during his four years of medical school, and it was a rather loose-knit affair. For the first part of each class, he told me, students were presented with medical cases that raised ethical questions. For the second part, they were asked to discuss and share their feelings about what the ethical thing to do in each case might be. This course was largely an airing of different opinions, with students never receiving any definitive ethical guidance or principles.

His experience reminded me how ready we are today to discuss ethical problems, but how quickly we shy away from talking about ethical truths. We raise ethical questions but avoid ethical answers. We encourage the discussion of options and opinions, but leave students in the lurch to "make up their own minds" about what might or might not be ethical.

This relativism corrodes clear ethical thinking. Making up our own morality as we go along has a certain appeal, of course, because it allows us to circumnavigate some of the hard ethical answers that might require us to change our own behavior or outlook. As one bioethicist put it a few years ago: "People want to know what it would be wise and right to do; but they don't want to grasp a truth so lucid that they might feel actually required to walk in its light."

This "tyranny of relativism" influences many contemporary ethical debates. Those who advocate for abortion, for example, will often declare: "If you

think abortion is wrong, then don't have one!" The message behind the soundbite is that abortion can be fine for me even if it is a problem for you; it can be right for me and wrong for you; and we can all just get along. This type of ethical schizophrenia is obviously inadequate, however. Imagine someone saying, "If you think slavery is wrong, then don't own a slave!" Real human goods are at stake when we make moral judgments and ethical decisions — in slavery, a human life is oppressed; in abortion a human life is ended.

Not only do such ethical (or unethical) decisions affect others profoundly (black men and women; unborn boys and girls) but they also affect us inwardly, making us into those who oppress, or those who kill. In other words, human choices have consequences that affect the world. But they also cause effects in the depths of the human soul, in the inner sanctuary of our own person. One early saint said that we parent ourselves through our actions. When we freely decide to do an action, we "create" ourselves, and show the direction in which our heart is willing to go. In this world of good and evil, nothing is more important for the good of all than the excellence of the actions that manifest the ethical core of our lives.

That core cannot be rooted in the shifting and uncertain sands of moral relativism; we require the immovable guideposts of moral absolutes. No one lives without absolutes of some kind to guide their decision making. Even those who promote relativism and "freedom of choice" regarding abortion will often react with great moral indignation if someone suggests there should be freedom of choice when it comes to torturing puppies or damaging the environ-



MAKING
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ment.

Their favorite "causes" end up being exempted from the claim that all morality is relative. Indeed, they really are not relativists at all, but absolutists: they will insist it is absolutely right to protect animals from cruelty, it is absolutely right to protect the environment, etc. Their absolutism can end up being as firm and unbending as the absolutism of those they disagree with, such as those who defend the rights of the unborn or the rights of the elderly and infirm.

At the end of the day, we all inwardly recognize the importance of moral absolutes: some kinds of human choices really are wrong, and ethics cannot simply mean what I want it to mean. Each of us must resist the temptation to yield to the tyranny of relativism, a tyranny which encourages us to pursue moral judgments that are convenient, instead of moral judgments that are true.

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A picture is worth a thousand words

At a recent widow's support group I had asked each member to bring a photo of her husband to share with the group. As the widows passed their treasured pictures around their circle of allies, loving descriptions of the character these beloved men embodied were told and retold.

As the exercise progressed many of their faces flushed with the joy of a blessed memory of what once was the substance of life. Those photos were the incarnation of past triumphs and conquered challenges shared within the intimate relationship boundaries only spouses know.

I've lost count of the number of times a photo has stirred a long dormant memory of my life with my deceased husband Trent that had the ability to bring a chuckle or perhaps a tear to the present moment. But they always inspired me. I have learned over the years since my husband's

death that either is an acceptable response to a past that I cherish still.

Photos, and yes even meaningful music, touching movies and traditional family events, have the power to elicit fond and sometimes bittersweet memories that when acknowledged help us move toward healing. They are a link that connects us to our past and may offer us a tangible form of comfort during our times of deepest grief.

With healing comes new life where the memory of our loved one finds its rightful place. And as new life events unfold it becomes a natural part of interaction with friends and loved ones to remember those who have passed before us. This is the way families and friends keep their loved one's memory alive.

Unfortunately many times in those early days of grief, some find a renewed sense of loss as they revisit the past through pho-



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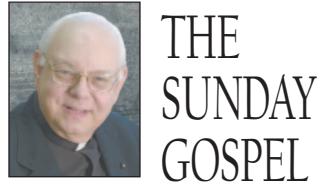
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tography. Reliving with pictures the tender moments of life before the death of their loved one brings so much sorrow and regret that they turn from the challenge. For some the photos represent all that has been lost, including the promise of what could have been.

But healthy grief work is about touching the pain when it arises and exploring the ways it changes us. Allowing ourselves to honor any memory, even unsolicited, is paramount to healing. And for many of us that takes

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Divine grace is empowering



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 4:12-23

The Book of Isaiah supplies this weekend's first reading. It offers us a powerful lesson.

Isaiah lived in time when God's people were skating on thin ice. They still had their independence, at least after a fashion. Hebrew kings still reigned in the kingdoms of Judah and Israel. The religious, social and political structures all still gave lip service to the ancient religion and to the holy covenant between God and the Chosen People.

However, all this was at risk because devotion to the covenant, and obedience to God's law, were at low ebb. Isaiah loudly warned that disaster was just around the corner.

He also said that the people could rescue themselves by returning to religious faithfulness and by obeying God, as the prophets had taught.

All of this implied a certain potential within the people. They did not sin because they were helpless in the face of temptation. Rather, they were weak because they ignored God. If they were determined, they could be virtuous.

For its second reading, the Church selected a section from St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

Paul obviously loved the

Corinthian Christians. He yearned to see them saintly and eternally with the Lord.

On the other hand, they troubled him, because they seemed so attracted to the many vices of their great, worldly and wealthy city, and they seemed so vulnerable to the feelings of competitiveness that vex all humans if not checked.

Never willing to be passive or indifferent, he loudly called the Christians in this community to be true to their identity with Christ.

He taught a basic message. Earthly reward will pass, more quickly than any might realize. Earthly wisdom is only folly. True wisdom is to understand the meaning of the cross, and this understanding requires grace, available only to those who earnestly follow the Lord.

St. Matthew's Gospel supplies the last reading. It is situated in Capernaum, the fishing village located at the northern tip of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus is there having left Nazareth. His public ministry has begun.

As a center of commerce, albeit very modest commerce, Capernaum saw many people come and go. Jesus used this coincidence as an opportunity to encounter many people. He called them to fidelity to God. He repeated for them the admonitions of the Hebrew prophets.

In this place Jesus met Andrew, and then Jesus met Simon, whom Jesus renamed Peter. These brothers became the first of the Apostles in the sequence of calling. In time, Christianity was to grow from, and build upon, the Apostles.

It is interesting that the Gospels, such as the case in this reading, refer to these Apostles so specifically. They give their names, leaving no doubt whatso-

ever about their identity. It was vital in the early Church that the teachings of the genuine Apostles be kept intact and be followed.

Reflection

These readings remind us of how blind we humans can be, and also of how powerful humans can be.

In the first reading, Isaiah criticized the people for their religious listlessness, but he also presumed that, if they wished, they could reverse their wayward hearts and turn again to God.

In essence the same message was in the second reading, from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians. He boldly denounced the Corinthians' sins and quarrels. However, by calling them to conversion, he presumed that they had the power within themselves to be holy.

We are sinners, but we need not be sinners. Sin binds us. We truly can be free by seizing the power of our wills, allowing divine grace to empower us even more, and disdain sin to be one with Christ.

The teachings of the Apostles guide us and draw us to the Lord.

READINGS

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1,4,13-14

1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt 4:12-23

Monday: Heb 9:15,24-28 Ps 98:1-6

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2

Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3,7-

8,10 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4ab,

5-6 Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6,23-

24,39-40 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2,8-19 (Ps) Lk

1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41

The new translation of the Holy Mass:

The Creed, Part I

Our look at the new translation of the Order of Mass continues with the Nicene Creed, which is a profession, or "symbol," of the truths of the Christian faith. This Creed was originally adopted at the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325 and then updated at the Council of Constantinople in A.D. 381, during times in which clarifying right doctrine was especially important for the Church. It is therefore also referred to as the "Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed." (The "Filioque" clause, by which the Catholic Church affirms that the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father and the Son," was recognized later.)

The Nicene Creed is used at all Masses on Sundays and solemnities (although the older, shorter Apostles' Creed will also be an option with the new Missal), and it may be recited or even sung, just as the Latin text was chanted.

The following is the complete new English text of the Nicene Creed, with changes in bold:

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, **consubstantial** with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was **incarnate** of
the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day in
accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son is
adored** and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

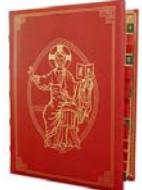
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of
the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen

The first major change is difficult to miss: the Creed will now say "I believe" instead of "We believe." Other language groups have been using "I believe" in the

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BY BRIAN MACMICHAEL

vernacular, because it is a straightforward translation of the ancient Latin text, which begins with "Credo in unum Deum" ("I believe in one God"). The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers a reflection on this phrase: "Whoever says 'I believe' says 'I pledge myself to what we believe.'" — no. 185. It is a recurring opportunity to reaffirm one's personal faith, just as when individuals respond, "I do," if there is a renewal of baptismal promises during Mass.

The next change is the line, "all things visible and invisible," which is currently "seen and unseen." The Latin "visibilium" and "invisibilium" convey a more specific demarcation between the bodily and the spiritual realms. For instance, a child playing hide-and-seek may be unseen yet is still considered visible, whereas one's guardian angel is indeed invisible by nature.

In addition, the new Creed translation recovers Christ's title, "Only Begotten Son" ("Fili Unigenite"), which we also saw in the revised Gloria. To say the Son is "born of the Father before all ages" is a very profound theological truth, for the Son is not "born" in the human sense of beginning one's life, but eternally proceeds from the Father while being always fully God.

This observation leads us to a major wording change: from "one in being" to "consubstantial with the Father." "Consubstantial" ("consubstantiale" in the Latin text) is an unusual word that will require some catechesis, but it is a crucial early theological term, asserting that the Son is of the "same substance" with the Father — meaning He equally shares the Father's divinity as a Person of the Holy Trinity.

Although it carries the same basic meaning as "one in being," the more precise use of "consubstantial" is an acknowledgement of how the Greek equivalent of the word was so important for safeguarding orthodoxy in the Early Church. In the 4th century, the description "homoousios" ("same substance") was affirmed over "homoiousios" ("like substance"). The reality of who Christ is thus hinged upon a single letter!

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Prospects good for pro-life legislation

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With apologies to Charles Dickens, it is the best of times or the worst of times, the spring of hope or the winter of despair.

That depends on whether you think the increased pro-life numbers in the U.S. Congress and the leadership of House Speaker John Boehner portend a greater appreciation for and protection of human life or the rise of “the most powerful anti-choice politician in the country” and a move to “shrink the government to be small enough to fit inside our bedrooms,” as NARAL Pro-Choice America puts it.

The 112th Congress that was sworn in Jan. 5 contains up to four dozen more pro-life House members and four to six more pro-life senators than the Congress that preceded it, according to estimates from organizations on both sides of the abortion question. And the Republican “Pledge to America” outlining the party’s legislative priorities vows to “establish a governmentwide prohibition on taxpayer funding of abortion and subsidies for insurance coverage that includes abortion.”

“This prohibition would ... enact into law what is known as the Hyde amendment as well as ban other instances of federal subsidies for abortion services,” the pledge says. “We will also enact into law conscience protections for healthcare providers, including doctors, nurses and hospitals.”

But with a president who supports keeping abortion legal in the White House for two more years, what are the chances that the Republicans can deliver on their pledge? Richard Doerflinger, associate director of the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, thinks progress will be made.

When the leadership of the House makes a pro-life promise, “it makes a lot of difference practically in getting a vote” on key pieces of legislation, Doerflinger said. In addition, he said, “the president is less likely to veto a bill if he has to veto an entire package of funding legislation” on another matter.

Ready to be introduced in the new Congress or recently introduced are four pieces of legislation supported by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:

- The Protect Life Act, which

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would apply long-standing federal policies on funding and conscience rights related to abortion to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

- No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which would make those policies part of permanent federal law rather than requiring them to be inserted into funding legislation each year.

- Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, which would ban governmental discrimination against obstetrics/gynecology residency programs that do not provide abortion training and allow healthcare providers to sue a discriminating entity.

- Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, which would protect the rights of insurance issuers, providers and purchasers to negotiate a health plan under the new reform law that would exclude items that are against their moral and/or religious convictions, even in the face of new federal “mandated benefits” provisions.

Most of those bills received wide bipartisan support in the last Congress, Doerflinger said, and “they should receive support again even from people who say they are pro-choice” because they guarantee a true choice for those who do not support abortion.

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., co-chairman of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus with Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., and a chief sponsor of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, said at least 77 of the 93 freshman members of the 112th Congress “are committed to defending the unborn.”

“Dan Lipinski and I have — and will continue to — work hard together to provide needed protection for unborn children and their mothers,” Smith said in a news release.

Another sign of progress for those who support the pro-life cause is the appointment of some House committee chairmen who

are known to oppose abortion.

The Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, for example, is headed by Rep. Joe Pitts, R-Pa., who co-wrote the Stupak-Pitts amendment to eliminate abortion funding from the health reform legislation. The subcommittee has jurisdiction over private health insurance, Medicaid, the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health.

“We need to protect human life from the unborn to the elderly,” Pitts said in December, when his subcommittee appointment was announced. He has described the health reform legislation as “riddled with loopholes that allow taxpayer subsidies for coverage that includes abortion.”

Laurie Rubner, vice president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, termed Pitts “as anti-choice as a member of Congress can be.”

Even when no specific legislation has been introduced, heads of committees and subcommittees can raise awareness of particular issues by scheduling oversight hearings.

At the state level there are signs of progress, too.

As a result of the November elections, “the number of states where pro-life legislation stands a realistic chance of enactment has substantially increased,” according to Mary Spaulding Balch, director of state legislation for the National Right to Life Committee.

Her group has proposed model legislation for states based on Nebraska’s Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, which prohibits abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy because of what Balch called “substantial medical evidence” that unborn children can feel pain.

“While we expect substantial resistance from abortion advocates, we believe most Americans agree in rejecting abortions that cause excruciating pain, and look forward to protective laws being given serious consideration in a significant number of states,” she said.

Other bills likely to receive consideration in some states this year would ensure that women could see ultrasounds of their babies before an abortion and allow state insurance exchanges to opt out of any abortion coverage under the federal health reform law, Balch said.

laughter also give us a reason to go on. My memories of Trent’s love and commitment to his family shown in those silly family shots are the foundation on which lays the strength of my family.

It’s never too late to share a silly photo and a touching story with a loved one who mourns a loss. As time moves on, those memories become part of the stuff of everyday life.

Photographs are a gift that have the power to sustain us in moments of grief or bring us joy in the remembering. The memories they invoke are, in part, what

defines who we are now and who we are becoming as we mourn our loss. Each cherished memory may eventually inspire us with the confidence to face the future. You see, our hope lies not in the pictures of the past, but in the promise of the future.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for January 23, 2011

Matthew 4:12-23

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: Jesus begins his active ministry in Galilee. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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GREAT LIGHT	DEATH	KINGDOM
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Sidon on the sea

Where is Sidon where St. Paul visited some friends?

St. Paul was in Caesarea in Israel where he was departing for Rome in Italy to see the emperor. At Caesarea, Paul and some other prisoners were handed over to a centurion named Julius. They boarded the ship and set sail. The following day they landed at Sidon in Phoenicia (modern Lebanon) where Julius kindly allowed Paul to visit some friends who cared for his needs.

Sidon or Saida is the largest city in southern Lebanon and lies 45 km south of Beirut. L. Keen says the name Sidon comes from a Canaanite root meaning “fish,” so the first settlers were possibly fishermen. Sidon first developed on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and then the city spread inland. People wanted to move away from the stench emanating from the dye works that produced Phoenician purple dye. The ancient Sidonians even developed dentistry. In the museum you can see a skull with teeth held in place with gold wire.

L Keen says one of the prettiest sites to see in Sidon is the bay. Sidon was known as the “Queen of the Seas,” and had four ports. Near the beach is Murex Hill. A “murex” is a shellfish from whose extracted substance the famous dye was made. Some ancient mosaics on top of the mound show that the Romans built there.

The Catholic crusaders also



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came to Sidon. You can see the ruined Castle of St. Louis constructed in A.D. 1253. The castle lies on top of some Phoenician temples and an ancient theater.

Another Crusader castle, called the Sea Castle, is set off the coast literally in the sea. This castle was built in the 13th century on the site of a pagan temple to the god Baal. There is a grand mosque also built in the 13th century as a Church of the Hospitallers of St. John. There are also khans or inns in Sidon. These included a market and a stable for camels or other pack animals. The khans usually have two stories. The first floor is for the shops, courtyard, fountain and stables. The second floor holds the rooms for sleeping. The inn at Bethlehem when Jesus was born was possibly of a similar pattern. At Sidon, there is also an old Arab market, a Greek Catholic Church and an ancient royal cemetery. S. Jenkins adds that Sidon has five old Turkish baths and a museum for soap making.

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time and requires facing myriad of emotions. I’ve learned that we must be gentle with ourselves as we remember our lost loved ones no matter what evokes the memory.

It seems, over time, as we do the work of grief, memories become our stronghold. They provide a guidepost for what is to come. Past images of love and

Sports

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth girls' battle to hold winning streak

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Now past the half way mark in the Catholic Youth League (CYO) regular season, the St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth (SJSE) eighth-grade girls' team remained undefeated, racking up a 5-0 record with just three games to go.

On Saturday, Jan. 15, Joe Leja's girls beat St. John, Fort Wayne, 30-10. On the floor with just six of their nine players, SJSE battled hard for the win to stay unbeaten in league play. Allison Leja was once again the high scorer for both teams with 16.

In earlier matchups, SJSE downed St. Charles, St. Vincent (twice) and three-time defending league and tournament champs, St. Jude. The team's overall record improved to 10-2 with both of the season's losses coming at the University of Saint Francis tournament against the eventual champions, St. Jude, where SJSE finished runner-up.

"These girls have come a long way. We really started playing well last year," explained Leja. As seventh graders, the girls finished second in the regular season and

runner-up in the tournament after a 0-2 start. And prior to that, they lost the first round of the tournament in both the fifth and the sixth grades.

Leja added, "The girls worked hard over the summer to improve and this continued into the CYO season. Our success has been driven by playing well as a 'team' with more balanced scoring and aggressive defense."

SJSE's two leading scorers are averaging within 0.4 points of each other and they have had three different girls lead in scoring in their 12 games this season (Leja, Michelle Adgalanis and Natalie Huntine).

Pointing out a defensive highlight, Leja summarized, "Our defense was the best in our third game of the CYO schedule in our win over St. Jude." In that game, SJSE held St. Jude to two points (free throws) in the second half en route to their 41-26 win.

The SJSE roster of nine eighth graders includes: Leja, Adgalanis, Huntine, Dana Boretzky, Makenna Zwick, Audrey Deiser, Jenna Kawiecki, Cassie Schneider and Savannah Toporek, while Steve Boretzky serves as assistant coach.

NOTRE DAME'S HOLY HALF MARATHON TO BENEFIT SOUTH BEND CHARITIES The Holy Half Marathon is a two-loop 13.1 mile race around the University of Notre Dame's campus. The year 2011 marks the seventh annual Holy Half. This year, the Holy Half plans to donate proceeds to three South Bend charities: Center for the Homeless, Michiana Down Syndrome and St. Adalbert Elementary. Their goal is to have over 1,000 runners raise over \$20,000 to be split among the charities. The race will take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 10.

Unbeaten St. Anthony scores another ICCL win

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Heavy weights of the St. John Bosco Division of the Inter-City Catholic League pitted stifling defenses that would put the winner in the driver's seat for the championship at Saint Joseph's High School.

The unbeaten Panthers of St. Anthony put their unblemished record on the line as Christmas Tournament Champion; Holy Cross Crusaders had other ideas.

The teams started the game very uncharacteristically, as they acted as pugilists circling the ring, scoring just 7 points through the first quarter and 22 for the first half, with the Panthers holding to a slim 4-point lead at intermission.

St. Anthony opened up a 6-point lead after three, leading, 20-14, over the Crusaders who had been averaging 38 per contest during the season.

"I told the kids going into the fourth quarter that we would have to score double what was on the board to win the game," explained Crusader Coach Jason Ball.

The Holy Cross squad then pressed the Panthers with all they had, and with just more than 10 seconds left, Mark Madden drove hard to the basket and scored to give the Crusaders their first lead

of the game and a one-point advantage.

The jubilation would be short lived as the ball was taken out and Chris Lippert heaved the ball the length of the floor into the waiting arms of the smallest player on the hardwood, Matthew Faccenda. The mighty Panther finished the play by hitting a lay-up with seconds remaining to give St. Anthony's the victory and an unbeaten season intact, 30-29.

"Everyone on the team stepped up today," remarked Coach Nick Dalton. "Our guys that weren't rebounding earlier in the year, rebounded today and they all shared in this win."

In other action, St. Thomas handled the Trojans of Holy Family, 52-36. Kevin Weinberg paced all of the scorers with 18 in the loss and Spencer Dibley and Dylan Konwinski had 12 and 10 respectively for the victorious Spartans.

The Blazers of St. Matthew had an upset victory over Christ the King, 35-31. Anthony Blum dumped in 14 and Nasha Bonk added 12 in the victory as Joe Kelley's 14 for the Kings was not enough.

One of the more exciting contests of the day was a double overtime thriller between St. Joseph, South Bend, and St. Pius X, as the Lions' Sam Quinn hit a big three pointer at the buzzer to

send the game into overtime. Not to be outdone, the Eagles' Brennon Koehler matched the feat by hitting one of his own as time expired to send the game into its second overtime.

The Eagles prevailed in the nail biter, 55-49, as Koehler finished the contest with 15. St. Pius X was paced by Tony Pratt's and Quinn's 13.

St. Bavo remained unbeaten in league play as they got by the upstart St. John the Baptist team, 36-22. Julian Collier lead the Spartans with 15 in the loss and Joe Molnar netted 14 in the win.

St. Joseph, Mishawaka, kept pace by defeating the talented Bulldogs from Our Lady of Hungary, 51-44. Will Whitten had 31 for the Wildcats as Boniface Mugaro's and Mikal Henderson's 14 points apiece was not enough in the loss.

The Comets of St. Monica edged the Falcons of St. Jude, 39-35, in a close contest. Patrick Coulter led all scorers with 22 for the purple and gold clad squad as Brady Hawkins netted 17 in defeat.

Corpus Christi surged ahead for the lead in the St. Martin De Porres West Division by holding on to beat the Pumas of Queen of Peace, 49-32, when Schuyler Crull's 20 points was not enough as Jack Cole and Ricky Entzian both had double digits for the Cougars.

Paulist Productions gets co-producer credit on new Hallmark TV movie

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The next "Hallmark Hall of Fame" made-for-television movie will feature a couple of firsts — a rarity for the venerable TV franchise, which has logged more than 200 such movies over the decades.

For one thing, Paulist Productions is getting a co-producing credit on "The Lost Valentine," slated to air Sunday, Jan. 30, 9-11 p.m. EST on CBS.

For another, it will be the first Valentine's Day-themed Hallmark movie. "This is pretty astounding,

considering how many valentine cards they sell," mused Paulist Father Eric Andrews, the head of Paulist Productions for the past year and a half.

Hallmark Productions worked with CBS to air last year's Christmas movie over this past year's Thanksgiving weekend so that Hallmark could devote more time to properly promote "The Lost Valentine."

The movie stars Betty White as the wife of a World War II soldier who left the home front for the Pacific theater on Valentine's Day — their first wedding anniversary — and some months later was

reported missing in action. Every Valentine's Day since, White's character has returned to the train station in a stoic vigil to wait for the man who promised to return to her.

She gets some help in solving the mystery of his disappearance from a TV news reporter played by Jennifer Love Hewitt of "Ghost Whisperer" fame; Hewitt is listed as one of the movie's executive producers.

The Paulist connection came courtesy of Barbara Gangi, the film's producer and a board mem-



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ber of Catholics in Media Associates.

"I was waiting for a plane, I went to the airport gift shop, I saw this novel, and it looked like a cute little romance, set in the Forties," Gangi told Catholic News Service from her home in Burbank, Calif. She read it and loved it, but promptly forgot about it.

"Several years later, someone brought me a script. I thought, 'Gee this sounds familiar,' and sure enough it turns out to be the book that I had read," Gangi said. "I took it to Hallmark. It was the only place I shopped it. ... They loved it. Four years later, it was a process of licensing and contracts, but it finally got made."

Gangi's partner in the production was Paulist Father Frank Desiderio, Father Andrews' predecessor as head of Paulist Productions. Father Andrews said

it was only a matter of timing that his own name is on the closing credits and not his predecessor's.

But it was also timing that led to the teaming of White and Hewitt to head the cast. White's been on a hot streak unprecedented for many Hollywood octogenarians since the Television Critics Association gave her its lifetime achievement award in July 2009, which led first to a popular Snickers commercial, then a successful Facebook effort to have her guest host "Saturday Night Live." White now co-stars in a hit cable-TV comedy, "Hot in Cleveland."

"She told her agent, 'I'm not going to do any more movies. I don't want to take the time, and I'm not going out of town,'" Gangi told CNS. "I took it to her agent (and he said), 'She told me: 'Don't bring any more scripts.' But I'm going to give it to her because it will resonate with her."

White read the script at her agent's insistence. "I cried when I read it," she reported, "then I cried the next 10 times I read it. I want to do it, but don't take me out of town too long." The filming sched-



CNS PHOTO/COURTESY CBS

Actress Betty White is pictured in a scene from the "Hallmark Hall of Fame" made-for-TV movie "The Lost Valentine." Paulist Father Eric Andrews is one of the movie's co-producers. The film airs Sunday, Jan. 30, 9-11 p.m. EST on CBS.

ule in Atlanta and Chattanooga, Tenn., was a compact 25 days.

The chances of getting Hewitt attached to the project, Gangi said,

were "not that great because at the time she was doing 'Ghost Whisperer.' We went back and forth and Betty came on, and

Jenny's series was canceled, so it was a matter of all these great forces coming together at once."

Father Andrews, talking to CNS from Paulist Productions headquarters in Pacific Palisades, Calif., raved about White's performance. "She's known for comedy, but to see her (character) grieve helpfully, to get in touch with her feelings and be able to emote about them, is just incredible," he said.

"I was a big 'Password' fan," Father Andrews added, referring to the popular daytime game show hosted by White's late husband, Allen Ludden. "The way he presided on television, I picked up some of those traits when I preside at Mass."

When Father Andrews told this to White on the set, "she teared up and said, 'You don't know how much that means to me. His birthday was a couple of days ago.' She cried. We both cried."

CNS staff critic John Mulderig gave a hearty endorsement to "The Lost Valentine," calling it "that current rarity: quality programming appropriate for all ages."

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Cancer benefit for Dave and Theresa Didion

Fort Wayne — A benefit to financially assist Dave and Theresa Didion will be Wednesday, Feb. 2, from 6-9 p.m. at Beach Bums, 602 W. Washington Center Rd. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 per child and includes meal and drink, raffle, music and dancing.

Spaghetti dinner to benefit Hannah's House

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 553, 553 E. Washington St., will have a spaghetti dinner Saturday, Feb. 26, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Knights hall, 553 E. Washington St. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 5 free. Hannah's House is a Christian maternity home located in Mishawaka.

Trivia Night at St. Bavo School

Mishawaka — A fundraiser for the eighth-grade class trip will be Saturday, Feb. 5, at the school. Doors open at 6 p.m. and questions begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per table of 10 or \$10 per person. Call Beth Molnar at (574) 302-1772 to make reservations.

Pancake, sausage and biscuits and gravy breakfast celebrates CSW

Fort Wayne — Kick off Catholic Schools Week with breakfast Sunday, Jan. 30, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Therese School, 2304 Lower Huntington Rd. Freewill donations to the Knights of Columbus will be accepted. Tours of the school will follow 11 a.m. Mass.

Knights plan Polish dinner

Mishawaka — The Knights of Columbus Council 1878, 114 W. 1st St., will be hosting a Polish style dinner on Friday, Feb. 4, from 5-7 p.m. Carry-out is available. Prices are \$8.50 for adults and \$4.25 for children 12 and under.

Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Our Inner Journey." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$15 and includes lunch. Register by Jan. 21 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

'Late Nite Catechism' in Wabash

Wabash — The Fort Wayne Civic Theatre Guild will make a bus trip to the Wabash Ford Theatre to see "Late Nite Catechism," Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. Bus leaves Fort Wayne at 6 p.m. at old Marsh parking lot, (Rothman and Maplecrest) at 6 p.m. Return by 10:30 p.m. Cost is \$65 and includes show and snacks on bus. Reserve space by Feb. 28 by calling (260) 437-7497.

Marriage enrichment series planned

Granger — A post-Cana marriage enrichment series: "Let's Start Talking About Sex," will be held one Monday a month at St. Pius X Parish Education Center, Room 002. "Encountering God's Love in the Bedroom — Sex and Holiness in Married Life," will be Monday, Feb. 7, led by Deacon John and Manuela Tugman and Harry and Joanne Verhiley. "What's Love Got To Do With It? — The Relational Dimension of 'Good Sex,'" will be Monday, March 14, led by Fred and Lisa Everett. "Living NFP — The Real Story," will be Monday, April 11, led by couples practicing NFP. Registration is not necessary. Contact Nick and Megan Sorg at (540) 383-9556 sorgmegan@gmail.com or www.stpius.net/PostCana for information.

DCCW to meet

Fort Wayne — The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will meet Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. in the lower level of St. Joseph Hospital. A rosary, speaker from Byron Health Center, a short business meeting and lunch will be offered.

ManAlive series planned

Pierceton — A ManAlive series on the Pope John Paul II document, "The Role of Christian Family in the Modern World," will be held on Sundays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Parish through April 17. Call (260) 229-2696 for information.

Saint Joseph's school musical planned

South Bend — The Saint Joseph's High School Saint Joe Players will perform "Bye Bye Birdie" Thursday, Jan. 20, and Friday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. The Saturday, Jan. 22, show will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door. All performances will be at the

O'Laughlin Auditorium on the Saint Mary's College campus.

Trivia Knight

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a Trivia Knight Saturday, Jan. 22, from 7-11 p.m. in the gym. Tickets are \$100 per table of 10. Call Pat Landon at (260) 747-6110 for information or to register.

Living Healthier series sponsored by University of Saint Francis

Fort Wayne — The Living Healthier series will continue Monday, Jan. 24, with "Women's Health," from noon to 1 p.m. at the North Campus, 2702 Spring St. Non-perishable food item donations accepted.

Mystery Dinner Theatre

Fort Wayne — St. John the Baptist Parish, 4500 Fairfield Ave., will have a Mystery Dinner Theater, "Dead in the Water," Saturday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per couple, \$15 per person and include dinner. Call (260) 456-3321 for information.

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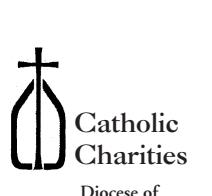
ECHO is...

- Voluntary and Free
- A program that provides you with a case manager who will meet with you individually at home or at school. Your case manager will help you set goals and provide you with the guidance and encouragement to meet those goals.
- Designed to help you stay in school or in a job-training program until you complete your course of study.
- Help finding all the community resources available to you and your child.
- Emotional support.



How can you get started?

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Bishop Adamec retires, Indianapolis gets an auxiliary

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Msgr. Mark L. Bartchak, a priest of the Diocese of Erie, Pa., to head the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Pa., and accepted the resignation of Bishop Joseph V. Adamec, who had headed the diocese since 1987.

The pope also appointed Father Christopher J. Coyne, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston, as an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Bishop Adamec turned 75 last August. Under canon law, bishops must submit their resignation at 75.

Bishop-designate Bartchak, 56,

has been parochial vicar for two Pennsylvania parishes, St. Francis in Clearfield and St. Leo Magnus in Ridgway, since his 1981 ordination. He also has been judicial vicar for the diocese since 1992. He was diocesan vicar for canonical affairs from 2004 to 2006 and is a past president of the Canon Law Society of America.

His episcopal ordination and installation will be celebrated April 19 at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona with Cardinal Justin Rigali of Philadelphia, Bishop Donald W. Trautman of Erie and Bishop

Adamec as consecrators. His episcopal motto will be "Christ, our hope of glory."

Bishop-designate Coyne has been serving as pastor of St. Margaret Mary in Westwood, Mass. He is a former spokesman for the Boston Archdiocese, 2002-05, and has been on the faculty of St. John Seminary in Brighton, Mass.

Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein will ordain his new auxiliary March 2 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis.

Bishop Adamec introduced his successor at a news conference in Hollidaysburg, Pa., saying that Bishop-designate Bartchak "comes to us well qualified. Above all, he has been chosen for us by the Lord. I am confident in handing the shepherd's staff over to him."

In Indianapolis, Bishop-designate Coyne is the first auxiliary to be named there since February 1933, when Bishop Joseph Ritter was named for what was then the Diocese of Indianapolis.

"I am grateful to the Holy Father. I consider this a late Christmas gift," Archbishop Buechlein said at a news conference. "As most of you know, I've



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Bishop-designate Christopher J. Coyne greets the media during a Jan. 14 press conference at St. John the Evangelist Church in Indianapolis.

had some health issues in recent years, including a bout with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2008 and that has curtailed some of my activities. Bishop-designate Coyne is a young 52. I'm 72. I'm looking forward to the energy he will bring to helping us carry out our mission."

The newly named auxiliary said he was grateful for his appointment but said he has a lot to learn about central and southern Indiana and about being a bishop.

"I need to learn how to be a bishop, a good bishop for the faithful and the clergy of this great archdiocese," he said. "I pledge myself today to the service of God's people here in (the archdiocese) and I hope over time to become a true son of Indiana. Please know that my prayers are for you and I ask only the same in return."

Born June 17, 1958, in Woburn, Mass., Bishop-designate Coyne was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston June 7, 1986. He holds a bachelor's from the University of Lowell in Lowell, Mass., a master's of divinity from St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass., and a licentiate and a doctorate in liturgy from the Pontifical Liturgical Institute of Rome's St. Anselm University.

He was parochial vicar of St. Mary of the Hills in Milton, Mass., before pursuing his studies in Rome. He also has been pastor of Our Lady of Help of Christians in Newton, Mass.



KAREN CLIFFORD

From left, Marian senior Mark Imus, Saint Joseph's junior Kate O'Brien, Marian senior Catherine Rice, and Saint Joseph's sophomore Michael Madden share reflections on previous March for Life trips and the upcoming event on Jan. 24.

MARCH

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just my youth group or my school that doesn't believe in abortion. But then you go to March for Life and see people who feel the same way you do."

Saint Joseph's junior Kate O'Brien and sophomore Michael Madden note the friendships and connections that develop from participating in the march. "It's a cool way to live your faith. You feel like you can make a difference because you are marching with thousands of other people," remarked O'Brien.

Madden added, "I think it's important because we put our names out there, like Saint Joseph's High School. It's powerful because we bond and there are a ton of people there."

Events held during the March for Life trip were of special signif-

icance to the students.

Imus found the actual march to be a powerful experience. "It was great going on the (National) Mall and seeing the thousands of people who were there united for the same reason."

O'Brien recalled the impact of the youth rally on her visit. "It was a bunch of youth groups and high schools in the Verizon Dome and it was totally filled with people. They all had different colored shirts to tell where they were from. There were performers, bands and speakers that were really cool."

The enthusiasm for this year's March for Life was felt at all of the Catholic diocesan high schools.

"We came back last year and we were so excited. This year everyone was racing to get their (signup) sheets in," Rice said.

Madden added, "I got more friends to go and I can't wait to see their reactions. I think there will be even more people next year and the following years."

The students share ways that

people can support those attending the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

"They can attend a local march (in their communities). Just showing that they believe in the same things we do will help us get our point across better," noted Imus.

O'Brien added, "It would be really nice if we could get their prayers while we are at the march."

Everett sums up the impact of the March for Life on students and the community at large: "Without question, young people are the new backbone of the pro-life movement. Recent studies all confirm that today's young people are more pro-life than their parents or grandparents."

He concluded, "When they congregate in Washington by the hundreds of thousands, they can see this for themselves as can those who hold a pro-abortion position. I think that participating in the march gives further encouragement to young people to continue to struggle for the greatest human rights issue of our day."

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