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Pilgrims witness for life in Washington



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Diocesan pro-life pilgrim Ellen Makris, of St. Joseph, Mishawaka, participates in the Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington, D.C. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated the Jan. 23 Mass.

WASHINGTON — Pilgrims from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend filled Washington's St. Matthew's Cathedral for a 3 p.m. Mass on Jan. 23, celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

Diocesan priests and priests from Notre Dame joined the bishop, along with the diocesan seminarians currently attending Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.

Young people from the four diocesan high schools, as well as colleges and universities throughout the diocese, made up the majority of the congregation.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades noted that Washington's cathedral shares its patron with the co-cathedral in South Bend. He listed events in its history including the funeral Mass of President Kennedy in 1963 and a Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II on his first U.S. visit in 1979.

Bishop Rhoades focused on a message from that visit, saying, "The Holy Father, almost 32 years ago, proclaimed on our National Mall, with the U.S. Capitol behind him, that 'we will stand up every time that human life is threatened. When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, we will stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life.'"

Bishop Rhoades continued, "We're here in Washington this weekend to do what Pope John Paul said, 'to stand up and proclaim.' By praying and marching for life here in D.C., we are standing up for the lives of innocent babies in their mothers' wombs and also for women who are so grievously harmed by the sin of abortion. We are standing up and proclaiming the Gospel of life, the Gospel of true freedom, freedom grounded in moral truth, not the so-called 'freedom of choice' which does not liberate, but

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SWISS GUARDS MARCH ACROSS ST. PETER'S SQUARE



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The Swiss Guard band marches through St. Peter's Square at night at the Vatican Jan. 22. The corps was marking the 505th anniversary of its arrival at the Vatican on Jan. 22, 1506.

Diocese to host first annual men's conference

Event held at the Coliseum Expo Center Feb. 19 in Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE — The first annual diocesan-wide Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum Exposition Center. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, in conjunction with the Rekindle the Fire men's ministry, welcome all men of the diocese to this men's conference titled "Can You Handle The Truth?" beginning at 9 a.m. and ending around 5 p.m. The day will conclude with Mass celebrated by Bishop Rhoades beginning at 4 p.m.

This year's speakers are theologian/author/professor of philosophy at Boston College Dr. Peter Kreeft, who will speak on the culture war that Catholic men face; Father Donald Calloway, a priest of the Congregation of Marians of the Immaculate Conception from Steubenville, Ohio, who will speak about his conversion to

Catholicism; and also Catholic singer-songwriter W. Keith Moore, who will sing and talk about the "truth" in his music.

"I am happy to support and recommend the 'Rekindle the Fire' Men's Conference," said Bishop Rhoades. "It is an opportunity for men to gather in faith and to experience anew the grace of God in their lives. The theme of the conference this year centers on truth. Living in an increasingly relativistic culture, this is certainly a timely theme. I hope to see a large turnout of men from throughout our diocese at the conference."

The conference cost is \$30 per man, with students and seniors priced \$20. Each ticket includes a boxed lunch. Tickets may be purchased online at www.RekindleTheFire.net, through a mail-in registration form on the conference brochure, by contacting Joe Witulski at jswitulski@yahoo.com or by calling (260) 452-6875 for more information.

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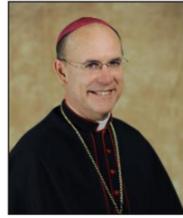
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No taxpayer funding for abortion act introduced in House



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

I am writing this column before leaving for the March for Life in Washington, D.C. I am looking forward to joining with my brother bishops, priests, hundreds of young people from our diocese, and hundreds of thousands of the faithful who will gather to bear public witness to the Gospel of life. We gather to protest a destructive force in our society and in the lives of many people: legalized abortion. The legalization of abortion has obscured the distinction between good and evil in our nation. The Catholic Church's efforts are second to none not only in educating people about the evil of abortion, but also in offering counsel, encouragement, and help to women and families in difficult situations. I thank all in our diocese who are serving the Gospel of life.

One way we can serve the Gospel of life is through legislative advocacy. Legislation to permanently prohibit taxpayer funding of abortion across all federal programs has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is called the "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act" (H.R. 3). After the passage of the healthcare legislation last year, the U.S. bishops urged the amendment of that legislation to prevent it explicitly from either providing abortion directly, or funding healthcare plans and community health centers that do so. Our bishops' conference criticized the 2010 healthcare reform bill for lacking provisions that would ensure taxpayer money did not fund abortion.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

I am writing this column in the midst of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 17-25). This week reminds us of the call for Christian unity made by the Second Vatican Council. Full communion among Christ's disciples is the goal of the ecumenical movement, the movement for the restoration of unity among all Christians. The Catholic Church is irrevocably committed to this goal, as Pope John Paul II stated in his 1995 encyclical *Ut Unum Sint*.

At the hour of His Passion, Jesus prayed 'that they may be one' (John 17:21). Christ's prayer to the Father for the unity of His disciples is a model for all of us. I invite you to remember in your prayers this week the intention of the unity of all Christians. We are still far from the unity which Christ wills, yet we should not lose hope. There have been many achievements through ecumenical dialogue these past forty-five years. There is continuing and deepening dialogue. In this dialogue, we must call upon the aid of the Holy Spirit, since ultimately Christian unity is a gift of



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades greets diocesan pro-life pilgrims after a Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington D.C. Jan. 23.

the Holy Spirit.

Last year, I received a Vatican appointment to serve as the Catholic Co-Chair of the International Catholic-Reformed Theological Dialogue. This is one of four major dialogues between the Catholic Church and our principal Western ecumenical partners (the other three are Anglican, Lutheran, and Methodist). The "Reformed" communion includes about 75 million members of 230 denominations, including various Reformed, Congregational, Presbyterian and United churches. I ask for your prayers as we prepare for the fourth phase of international Catholic-Reformed dialogue. Our first meeting will be in Rome this April. The theme of this phase of the dialogue is *Justification and Sacramentality: The Christian Community as an Agent for Justice*.

Catholic Schools Week

We are about to celebrate the annual Catholic Schools Week (January 30-February 5). The theme this year is *Catholic Schools are A+ for America*. This theme celebrates that Catholic schools are an added value for the United States. This is demonstrated and proven by our schools' excellence in academics, high graduation rates, and strong moral values. From my visits to several schools in our diocese this past year, I can attest to their excellence.

It is good to have this week to celebrate our Catholic schools. It also affords an opportunity to spread the good news about Catholic education in our communities. Our diocese is strongly committed to the mission of Catholic education. I thank all who support our schools with financial donations, so greatly needed to ensure their future viability. I also thank our Catholic school principals, teachers, and staffs for their hard work and dedication.

Many of us were encouraged by the words of Governor Mitch Daniels in his address to the Indiana House on January 14th, when he stated that school choice is a civil and human right and a matter of justice for parents and children.

Parental choice is indeed a matter of justice, based on the truth that parents are the primary educators of their children and thus have the right to choose the school best suited for them. The Bishops of the United States have stated that "the entire Catholic community should be encouraged to advocate for parental school choice and personal and corporate tax credits, which will help parents to fulfill their responsibility in educating their children."

Catholic schools make an enormous contribution to society by serving the common good. They are indeed an *A+ for America* and for Indiana!

Women 'hungry for truth' about abortion, says pregnancy center head

BY JULIE ASHER

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Laura Strietmann, the director of a Cincinnati crisis pregnancy center, calls abortion “the issue that is shaping our country,” and said the challenge for pro-lifers is to get everyone “to respect life again.”

In her work, she hears the stories of women’s pain and sees pregnant women in need who “are hungry for the truth about abortion,” she said. “When they come in the door, we need to love them and tell them the truth,” that abortion is taking a life, she added.

Strietmann, a member of St. Rose Parish in Cincinnati who is enrolled in a lay pastoral program at the archdiocesan seminary, believes no woman really wants to have an abortion but feels she has no other choice.

She spoke to Catholic News Service as she headed toward the March for Life rally site on the National Mall, where thousands of pro-lifers were gathering to mark the 38th year since the U.S. Supreme Court handed down *Roe v. Wade* legalizing abortion.

Bundled up against the cold, people streamed toward the rally

site from various points, carrying all manner of signs, many of them homemade.

Among the messages were: “Choose life: Your mother did,” “Unborn babies feel pain,” “Face it: Abortion kills a person.”

Early in the morning, on the other side of the Capitol, volunteers in the parish hall at St. Peter’s on Capitol Hill began their day at 4 a.m., preparing a warm welcome for pro-life marchers who came by bus overnight. By day’s end they expected to have handed out 175 dozen doughnuts, served gallons of hot coffee and hot water for tea and hot chocolate, and given out numerous small containers of juice.

Chartered buses started arriving around 4:30 a.m. Pro-lifers come in waves throughout the morning and then headed down to the Mall. St. Peter’s also offered four Masses before noon.

Why do it? “Because the parish is always pro-life” and shows solidarity with the marchers, said volunteer Dr. Anthony Martinez, a physician who just returned from a volunteer medical mission to Haiti. He said he has seen the enthusiasm for the pro-life cause build “like a crescendo” over the years, espe-

cially among young people.

But laws on abortion won’t turn around “until the powers that be, the leaders of this country make logical decisions,” Martinez said, adding, “I believe in my heart it (Roe) will be overturned.” And prayer is the key. “Just like when he was a child, he recalled, and Catholics prayed for “for the conversion of Russia. It happened.”

“It’s a full expression of our faith,” said coordinator Suzanne O’Connor about the parish’s support for the pro-life marchers. She said the parish has provided hospitality since the first anniversary of *Roe*. But, she noted, it doesn’t happen without dozens of volunteers working throughout the day and helping with preparations in the days before.

Hours before March for Life participants arrived at the Supreme Court after the rally on the Mall, a woman walked back and forth in front of the court with her sign:

“Choose Life: End the Death Penalty.” She said she was a Catholic from Maryland who spends each Monday morning in front of the court as her way to draw attention to the issue.

“All life is sacred,” she said, and the death penalty “harms us all.”



CNS PHOTO/PETER LOCKLEY

Young people chant and cheer before the annual March for Life rally in Washington Jan. 24. The annual pro-life demonstration marks the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion across the nation.

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enslaves those who choose death.”

Diocesan pilgrim Anna McNamara from St. Joseph Parish in Fort Wayne told *Today's Catholic* she was amazed at the number of young people in Washington, D.C. who stood for something they believed in.

Zac Zumbaugh from St. Bernard Parish in Wabash said he came to the national march because it’s important to send a strong message to our country that abortion is wrong.

Vigil Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Over 10,000 worshippers, many of them youth from schools around the nation, gathered in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to pray for an end to abortion at the Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life, Sunday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m., the eve of the 2011 March for Life. January 22 marks the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and chairman of the U.S. bishops’

Committee on Pro-Life Activities, was the principal celebrant and homilist at the Vigil Mass, celebrated by fellow cardinals and many of the nation’s bishops and priests. Following the Opening Mass, the Vigil continued in the Crypt Church of the basilica with confessions, a National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer according to the Byzantine Rite, and holy hours led by seminarians from across the country from midnight until 6 a.m.

Cardinal DiNardo, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, praised the young people gathered for the two days of events marking the 38th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision for being “unflinching witnesses to the inestimable worth of each human person.”

“The sad anniversary recalled each year on Jan. 22 has become an invitation to you, one that calls for prayer and vigiling, for marching and testifying and for a joyous love for human life that is unable to be defeated,” he said during his homily to the young people in attendance.

Returning home after the March for Life ends provides young people the opportunity to continue their pro-life witness to family and friends, both at school and at parishes, Cardinal DiNardo said.

“We are always in need of that conversion, that turning around that the kingdom of heaven invites,” he said. “There is always

room for us to deepen our respect for the human person. Not only do we need to see each person in the light of the Gospel, but we also need the jolt from Christ Jesus to see every human person as light.”

The cardinal also called for a unified Catholic Church in the pro-life effort and urged the huge congregation to unite in the body of Christ in the Eucharist.

“If there is a place where our unity must shine it must be in this realm of laboring for the culture of life,” he said. “Anything else will compromise that culture.”

Citing Pope John Paul II’s 1994 encyclical, “The Gospel of Life,” which proclaimed the dignity of the human person, Cardinal DiNardo expressed concern that efforts to expand public funding of abortion continue and the conscience rights of health care workers and pharmacists who do not wish to participate in abortion procedures are eroding.

He also expressed hope that recently introduced legislation in the House of Representatives would become law. In particular, he cited three bills introduced Jan. 20:

- The Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, which would prevent governmental discrimination from forcing any healthcare entity to performing or participating in abortions.

- The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, which would enact the Hyde amendment which prohibits federal funding of abortion and the Hyde/Weldon amendment

on conscience rights for healthcare workers into law for all federal departments and all avenues of federal funding.

- The Protect Life Act, which would apply long-standing federal policies on abortion funding and conscience rights on abortion to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

“These matters deal with public policy and they are issues in the public square in which you can participate,” Cardinal DiNardo told the congregation. “Advocacy on behalf of human life is an impor-

tant dimension of our pro-life cause.”

The National Prayer Vigil for Life was co-sponsored by the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and The Catholic University of America.

Dennis Sadowski of Catholic News Service and Don Clemmer contributed to this story.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Jan. 30, 9:15 a.m. — Mass at St. Peter Church, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Feb. 2, 5 p.m. — Mass and dinner at Holy Cross Village, South Bend
- Thursday, Feb. 3, 9:30 a.m. — Mass and pastoral visit at Marian High School, Mishawaka
- Friday, Feb. 4, 8:15 a.m. — Mass and pastoral visit at Holy Cross School, South Bend
- Friday, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. — Capital Campaign Information Night, Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend
- Saturday, Feb. 5, 4:30 p.m. — Mass at St. Stanislaus Church, South Bend
- Sunday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. — Mass at St. Joseph Church, South Bend

Catholic identity to be discussed

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In dioceses across the country this year, U.S. bishops and Catholic college and university presidents plan to discuss the specifics of how to best promote Catholic mission and identity on college campuses.

The bishops and college leaders will be giving a 10-year review of "The Application of 'Ex Corde Ecclesiae' for the United States" a document that was approved by the U.S. bishops in 1999 and then approved a year later by the Vatican. The document officially went into effect in 2001. It outlines how U.S. Catholic colleges and universities should implement the Vatican document on Catholic higher education "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" ("From the Heart of the Church").

"Ex Corde Ecclesiae" is an apostolic constitution issued in 1990 by Pope John Paul II that outlines the identity and mission of Catholic colleges and provides universal norms to ensure colleges maintain these standards. The document was issued after more than a decade of research involving Vatican departments and Catholic educators around the world. It specifically defines the "mandatum," or Church authorization, granted by the local bishop to teach theology.

The plan for upcoming local dialogues to review the application of "Ex Corde" at U.S. Catholic colleges and universities was announced Jan. 20 by Los Angeles Bishop Thomas J. Curry, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Catholic Education.

In a statement, the bishop said he hoped the review will help the bishops "appreciate the positive developments and remaining challenges in the collaborative efforts of bishops and presidents to ensure the implementation of "Ex Corde Ecclesiae" in the United States."

After these dialogues occur, bishops will share their reflections with one another at regional meetings during their fall 2011 general assembly in Baltimore. These presentations will then be compiled and presented to the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic

Bishops, New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan.

Bishop Curry said the upcoming discussions between bishops and Catholic college and university presidents should provide "an important means to foster a mutually beneficial relationship."

He added that the "collaboration is essential to the spirit of 'Ex Corde Ecclesiae,' which is why a working group of bishops and university presidents created the review process together."

Vincentian Father Dennis Holtschneider, president of DePaul University in Chicago and chairman of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, said he was pleased that the bishops "invited university presidents to help shape the instrument that will guide these conversations." He noted that the Church and society at large are "served well when the leadership of both the Church and higher education institutions work closely together."

This notion of university and Church leaders working together is something Pope John Paul II hoped would come about as colleges implemented "Ex Corde."

In a 1987 address to U.S. Catholic education leaders, he said the then-upcoming document calls for "close personal and pastoral relationships" between university and Church authorities "characterized by mutual trust, close and consistent cooperation and continuing dialogue."

Pope John Paul's U.S. meeting with Catholic educators at Xavier University in New Orleans took place as Catholic higher education officials around the world debated the possible effects of the much-anticipated apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education.

The pope just briefly addressed one key point in the document that focused on giving greater administrative control of Catholic universities to Church hierarchy. He told the group of more than 1,000 Catholic higher education leaders that bishops must be participants in Catholic colleges and universities and that the work of theologians has to be tested by the Church's teaching authority.

In 2008, when Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States, he

met with more than 400 Catholic college presidents and diocesan education representatives at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

He urged them not to simply transmit knowledge to their students but to bring them to a deeper understanding of faith "which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation."

Before the address, many were speculating that the pope might have harsh words of reprimand for college leaders for not doing enough to promote their Catholic identity, but instead he spoke warmly to the group, calling them "bearers of wisdom" and telling them of his "profound gratitude" for their "selfless contributions" and dedication.

In one specific reference to Catholic college presidents, near the end of his address, he said he wished to "reaffirm the great value of academic freedom." He also noted that any appeals to academic freedom "to justify positions that contradict the faith and teaching of the Church would obstruct or even betray the university's identity and mission."

Pope Benedict highlighted the importance of Catholic identity — a key issue for Catholic colleges, schools and religious education programs — by noting what it is not.

"Catholic identity is not simply a question of the number of Catholic students," he said. It also is not "dependent upon statistics" nor can it be "equated simply with orthodoxy of course content."

He stressed that the Catholic identity of a school or religious education program "demands and inspires much more: namely that each and every aspect of your learning communities reverberates within the ecclesial life of faith."

The pope linked the current "crisis of truth" to a "crisis of faith" and said that educators must do more than simply "engage the intellect of our young" but should instead help today's youths to fully live their faith.

One way Catholic colleges and universities have worked to develop and strengthen their Catholic identity is through mission identity offices currently in place on more than half of U.S. Catholic colleges.

US monthlong observance targets 'global travesty' of human trafficking

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — By proclaiming January Human Trafficking Prevention Month, President Barack Obama signified he is "very much in touch" with a problem he has called "a global travesty," said Julie Tanner, assistant director of socially responsible investing for Christian Brothers Investment Services.

The investment firm urges companies in its portfolio to adopt standards that would lessen the incidence of human trafficking that could be enabled by their firms, both globally and domestically.

Tanner and others engaged in the fight against human trafficking were caught unaware that Obama was going to make such a proclamation. Even so, "we're really excited about it," she said.

The president chose Jan. 1 as the start in recognition of the Emancipation Proclamation, which took effect Jan. 1, 1863. For the end he chose Feb. 1 — called "National Freedom Day" in Obama's proclamation — for the date in 1865 when President Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment banning slavery and sending it to the States for ratification.

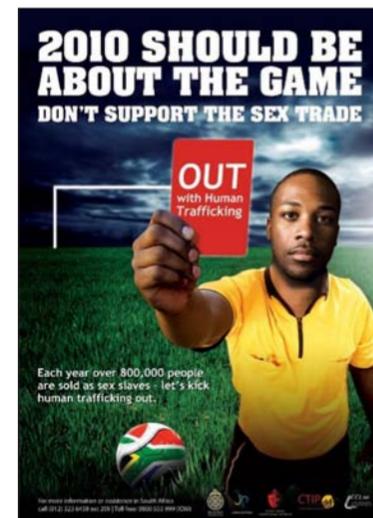
"Human trafficking is a global travesty that takes many forms. Whether forced labor or sexual trafficking, child soldiering or involuntary domestic servitude, these abuses are an affront to our national conscience, and to our values as Americans and human beings," Obama said in his Dec. 22 proclamation. "From every corner of our nation to every part of the globe, we must stand firm in defense of freedom and bear witness for those exploited by modern slavery."

Trafficking foes also were using the Feb. 6 Super Bowl to focus on the issue, for example asking hotels to watch for signs of human trafficking, especially child trafficking, as was done during last June's World Cup.

Tanner credited Obama for linking the fight against human trafficking to the dates spanned by Human Trafficking Prevention Month.

"It's great that he's obviously very much in touch with how much publicity human trafficking is getting and how the United States has really ramped up their efforts on this," Tanner said in a Jan. 14 interview with Catholic News Service from New York.

A Cabinet-level Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, created by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, coordinates the federal government's anti-trafficking efforts. The State, Defense,



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This is a poster for the awareness campaign to fight human trafficking during the June 11-July 11 World Cup soccer tournament in South Africa. Trafficking foes also are using the Feb. 6 Super Bowl to focus on the issue.

Justice, Agriculture, Labor, Education, Homeland Security, and Health and Human Services departments have their own initiatives to combat trafficking, as do the Agency for International Development and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

But it is an uphill climb. A State Department fact sheet, citing its 2010 Trafficking in Persons Report, noted that an estimated 12.3 million adults and children are in forced labor, bonded labor or forced prostitution worldwide, 56 percent of them women and girls.

And while there were 4,166 successful trafficking prosecutions in 2009, up 40 percent from 2008, there are 62 countries that have yet to convict a trafficker under laws in compliance with the Palermo Protocol — which was adopted in 2000 — and 104 countries without laws, policies or regulations to prevent trafficking victims' deportation.

The 2010 report included the United States for the first time. While it got relatively good marks in the report, Tanner said, the report noted that "we've got to get away from this boys will be boys (mentality) ... and say that this is unacceptable."

Last year, human trafficking watchdogs focused their efforts on the monthlong World Cup tournament in South Africa. This year, they are setting their sights on the Super Bowl, to be played Feb. 6 in Arlington, Texas.

The Super Bowl represents an economic boost nearing \$1 billion to the host city and surrounding region, and some of that money could get into the hands of traffickers.

37th Annual March for Life

Sponsored by Allen County Right To Life

Saturday noon
January 29, 2011
SCOTTISH RITE CENTER
March through downtown
Fort Wayne at 1:00 pm
Keynote Speaker:
Father John Raphael



Father John Raphael

Father Raphael is Principal of St. Augustine High School in New Orleans and a nationally known Pro-Life leader and speaker.

A "Silent No More" awareness event will follow immediately after the march at the Federal Building.

Hoosier hospitality to end for immigrants under state proposal

INDIANAPOLIS — Frustrated by the federal government's inaction to fix a broken federal immigration law, state lawmakers will take on the issue by introducing an undocumented immigrant bill making the Hoosier state inhospitable, particularly if one is of Hispanic descent, legal citizen or not.

"The undocumented immigrant bill, SB 590, is another example of the frustration we all have over the federal government's irresponsibility in not dealing properly with the immigration issue," said Glenn Tebbe, Indiana Catholic Conference executive director and spokesman for the five Indiana bishops on public policy issues.

"The Catholic Church shares the frustration," said Tebbe. "We see the faces, and minister to families and children every day who are harmed by a flawed law. The problems are serious and complex. The solution must be addressed in a comprehensive manner on the federal, not state level."

"Current immigration law is having a harmful impact on human life and human dignity," said Tebbe. "The Church has stated that the status quo is immoral."

Tebbe said that SB 590 gives the appearance of addressing this concern, but would exacerbate the problem and create new ones. "The impact of this type of legislation is far reaching and would have devastating, unintended consequences of harming families and children," said Tebbe.

"The Church is insistent in

calling for comprehensive reform of the U.S. immigration system on the federal level," said Tebbe.

The Church is not the only group concerned about the bill's negative impact. Members from Indiana's business community, faith groups and social service organizations are also concerned. The Indiana Farm Bureau, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the Indiana Manufacturer's Association, the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Indiana Coalition of Domestic Violence have raised serious concerns and are opposing the bill.

These independent groups, along with the Catholic Conference and others have joined forces to form a coalition called the Alliance for Immigration Reform in Indiana. "These independent groups are working together to affect positive, constructive change for the immigrant community," said Tebbe.

Sen. John Broden, D-South Bend, said, "I'm opposed to the bill largely because I'm very, very concerned about the language that whenever someone is in violation of a city or local ordinance, law enforcement, if they have a 'reasonable suspicion' that the person is not lawfully in this country, they can ask for verification of citizenship. I have a real problem with this because I don't know how the 'reasonable suspicion' could be anything but how they look or how they talk," said Broden. "This could be anything as 'de minimis' as a parking ticket."

INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

The bill also would require state government documents, phone lines and electronic media to be available only in English. "The English only tenor that is throughout the bill, even on state websites, is out of line. I don't think that's helpful in any way," said Broden.

"I also think this could have very negative consequences for our state economy going forward," said the South Bend attorney. "We talk about the new economy which includes very often numerous very high tech positions, filled by people who are lawfully here from China or India who are highly-educated. I'm not sure how attractive our state is going to be if we enact a law like this," said Broden. "These highly skilled professionals will think twice before coming to Indiana if this is the attitude we project."

"I have always held a strong preference that this is a federal matter. There should not be a patchwork of 50 different immigration laws," said Broden. "It's bad policy for the country, and very bad policy for the state."

Angela Adams, an Indianapolis immigration attorney

also offered numerous problems with the legislation. "First and foremost is the cost," said Adams. "There is the cost to implement enforcement and the litigation costs when the state is sued on basis of constitutionality. There are also the costs to the economy due to decreased tax revenue, decreased economic output and a decrease in consumer purchasing power from the immigrant community-undocumented and legal immigrants." The outcome of SB 590, Adams asserts would "have a huge negative impact on our economy."

Adams said, that in Kentucky, the Senate passed a bill similar to SB 590 and the estimated cost to Kentucky taxpayers is \$40 million per year. Adams said, "We don't want to pass something costly, unconstitutional and not welcoming."

"The big message is we really don't want Indiana to be perceived as an unwelcoming state — for immigrant entrepreneurs and immigrant investors," said Adams. "We want to reaffirm our global reputation as a welcoming and business-friendly state. That would be good for the economy. There are less harmful, more constructive ways to send a message to the federal government."

Senate Bill 590 is scheduled to be heard at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, by the Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor in the Senate Chamber at the Statehouse.

Undocumented immigrants facts

In 2009, the Washington based Pew Hispanic Center estimated that Indiana has 120,000 undocumented immigrants.

While concerns have been raised regarding the cost of illegal immigrants to taxpayers, studies show that undocumented immigrants contribute mightily to the social security system through employment tax.

In 2006, Patrick O'Carroll, Inspector General of the Social Security Administration, testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance that unauthorized immigrants provide a net gain of \$7 billion to the Social Security system each year. The Social Security Administration also credits these workers for paying an additional \$520 billion in unmatched social security numbers.

Many of these provisions in SB 590 are currently being litigated in others states. The cost to these states in litigation alone is \$1 million in Nebraska; \$3.2 million in Texas; and \$2.4 million in Pennsylvania.

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Shriver, Peace Corps founder and leader in war on poverty, dies at 95

BETHESDA, Md. (CNS) — R. Sargent Shriver, the founder and first director of the Peace Corps, a major figure in the war on poverty and the Democratic vice presidential nominee in 1972, died Jan. 18 in a Bethesda hospital at age 95. Shriver, who was admitted to Suburban Hospital Jan. 16, had announced in 2003 that he suffered from Alzheimer's disease. A family representative said he died surrounded by those he loved, among them his five children — Robert, Maria, Tim, Mark and Anthony — and several of his 19 grandchildren. A public wake was scheduled for Jan. 21 at Holy Trinity Church in Washington. Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington was to preside over a private funeral Jan. 22 for Shriver at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Potomac, Md. Shriver's death came about a year and a half after the death of his wife, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, a founder of the Special Olympics and member of one of the most prominent American Catholic political families of the 20th century. She died Aug. 11, 2009. About two weeks later her last surviving brother, Sen. Edward "Ted" Kennedy, died. Sargent Shriver attended both funerals. A native of Maryland and lifelong Catholic who attended daily Mass and was known to carry a well-worn rosary with him, Shriver was "a man who personified the ideal of Catholic public service," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said in a Jan. 19 statement.

Jesus was a refugee, pope says on world migration day

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Jesus was a refugee — a fact that should be remembered as societies deal with modern issues of emigration and immigration, Pope Benedict XVI said. "Migration today sometimes is voluntary and at other times, unfortunately, is forced by wars or persecution, often in dramatic conditions," the pope said Jan. 16. From its very beginnings, the Church has taken an interest in these situations, he said. "The parents of Jesus had to flee their own land and take refuge in Egypt, in order to save the life of their child: the Messiah, the son of God, was a refugee," he said. Throughout the centuries, he said, Christian populations have at times suffered the necessity to leave their homelands, impoverishing the countries where they and their ancestors had lived. On the other hand, the pope said, the voluntary migration of Christians through the ages has increased the Church's missionary dynamism and ensured that the witness of faith reaches new frontiers. The pope made the remarks at the Vatican on a day that was celebrated in most countries as the

MARIA SHRIVER STANDS WITH SIBLINGS DURING WAKE



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Maria Shriver stands with brothers Tim, Bobby, Mark and Anthony, as she speaks during the wake for their father, Sargent Shriver, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Washington Jan. 21. Shriver, who was founder and first director of the Peace Corps, died Jan. 18 at a Bethesda, Md., hospital at age 95.

World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Late last year, he issued a message on the theme of this year's celebration, "One Human Family."

Pope John Paul II named patron of WYD

MADRID (CNS) — The future Blessed Pope John Paul II will be the official spiritual patron of World Youth Day 2011, which will be Aug. 16-21 in Madrid. The Vatican announced Jan. 14 that Pope Benedict XVI would beatify his predecessor, the pope who founded World Youth Day and presided over many of its largest gatherings around the world. The same day the Vatican announcement was made, about 200 representatives of bishops' conferences and youth groups were meeting in Madrid to prepare for the August gathering. Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, told the representatives in Madrid the news of Pope John Paul's upcoming beatification. Auxiliary Bishop Cesar Franco Martinez of Madrid, general coordinator of World Youth Day 2011, then announced that the future Blessed Pope John Paul would be one of the official patrons of the gathering. The other patrons are Sts. Isidore, Maria de la Cabeza, Teresa of Avila, Ignatius of Loyola, Francis

Xavier, John of the Cross, John of Avila, Rose of Lima and Rafael Arnaiz.

Spokesman: Vatican did not tell bishops to cover up abuse cases

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Vatican official downplayed a 1997 Vatican letter to Irish bishops about handling cases of clerical sex abuse, saying the letter did not tell bishops to keep the cases secret from the police. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, said the letter aimed at ensuring the bishops fully followed church law for dealing with accusations in order to avoid a situation in which an abusive priest could return to ministry on the technicality of his bishop mishandling the process. The letter, brought to public attention Jan. 17 by Ireland's RTE television and published by the Associated Press, was written by Archbishop Luciano Storero, then-nuncio to Ireland. The letter summarized the concerns of the Congregation for Clergy regarding proposed Irish norms for dealing with the sex abuse crisis. Archbishop Storero said that according to the congregation, "the situation of 'mandatory reporting' gives rise to serious

reservations of both a moral and a canonical nature." Father Lombardi said, "One must note that the letter in no way says that the country's laws must not be followed." He told Catholic News Service Jan. 19 that the Vatican "does not have a universal, specific position on mandatory reporting because the laws and situations are so different from country to country."

Top Muslim scholars in Egypt announce boycott of dialogue with Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Top Muslim academics in Egypt have announced they are suspending all dialogue with the Vatican to protest Pope Benedict XVI's remarks about anti-Christian violence in Egypt. The decision of Sheik Ahmad el-Tayeb, president of al-Azhar University in Cairo, and members of the Islamic Research Academy was reported Jan. 20 by the website Ahran Online, a site devoted to covering news of interest to Muslims in the Middle East. Shortly after the news was reported in Cairo, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters that the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue "is collecting the information needed to

adequately understand the situation. In any case," he said, "the line of openness and the desire for dialogue on the part of the pontifical council remain unchanged." The news of the dialogue boycott came about a month before the scheduled annual meeting of the Joint Committee for Dialogue of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and the Permanent Committee of al-Azhar for Dialogue among the Monotheistic Religions. The committee, established in 1998, meets in late February each year. Ahran Online reported that the decision to suspend the dialogue was made unanimously in response to the pope's reference Jan. 1 "to the discrimination endured by Coptic Christians in Egypt" after a Dec. 31 bombing at a Coptic Orthodox church in Alexandria left 23 people dead.

After House repeal vote, plenty of ideas to improve Affordable Care Act

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Now that the House has had its say on repealing health reform, what are the next steps for those who would like to see improvements to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act? "Basic health care for all is a moral imperative, not yet completely achieved," said the chairmen of three committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in a Jan. 18 letter to members of Congress. The Republican-led House of Representatives voted 245-189 Jan. 19 to repeal the health reform law, but the repeal is unlikely to be considered by the Democratic-run Senate and would undoubtedly be vetoed by President Barack Obama if it were to reach his desk. For the U.S. Catholic bishops, it was never a question of whether to repeal or not repeal. "Rather than joining efforts to support or oppose the repeal of the recently enacted healthcare law, we will continue to devote our efforts to correcting serious moral problems in the current law, so healthcare reform can truly be life-affirming for all," said Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., and Coadjutor Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles in the letter. The three chair the USCCB committees on Pro-Life Activities, on Domestic Justice and Human Development and on Migration, respectively. Just as they did during debate over the health reform legislation nearly a year ago, the bishops identified three "moral criteria" that they believe our health system must reflect: "Access to quality, affordable, life-giving health care for all"; protection of the conscience rights of health providers and a ban on any federal funding of "elective abortions or plans that include them"; continued access to health care for immigrants and the removal of existing barriers to access.

Bishop Luers scholarship recipients announced

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School has announced the recipients for the 16th annual Bishop Luers Henry-Keefe Scholarship.

The incoming freshmen student recipients and their schools include the following: Peter McNamara of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth; Kelson Reiss of St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth; Ellen Robbins, St. Louis Academy; Vanessa Case, Memorial Park; Robert Ottenweller, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel; Erik Woehner, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth; Luke Scheer, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth; Sebastian Skordos, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne; Alaina Richert, home schooled; Brenden Spangler, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth; Tyler Nelson, Crestview Middle School; Jonathan Gladding, St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel; and Audrey Deiser, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth.

The eighth-grade scholarship placement exam was established by former Bishop Luers High School Principal Norm Glismann to recognize and promote academic achievements of incoming students at Bishop Luers.

Saint Mary's College Center for Spirituality announces Lecture Series

NOTRE DAME — Last fall's gift of the Heritage Edition of The Saint John's Bible to Saint Mary's College inspired the theme for the Center for Spirituality's 2011 Spring Lecture Series. The series is titled "Illuminating the Word," referring to the illuminated pages of the The Saint John's Bible, on permanent display in the Cushwa-Leighton Library. While not every lecture will refer to The Saint John's Bible, each speaker will cast new light on our general understandings of the Scriptures.

- Lecture No. 1 — "Feminist Interpretations of the Bible" will feature speaker Barbara E. Reid, professor of New Testament studies and vice president and academic dean at the Catholic Theological Union, Chicago. The lecture will be Thursday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall.

- Lecture No. 2 — "Scripture and Spirituality: Touching a Finger to the Flame" will feature speaker Carolyn Osiek, Catholic distinguished visiting professor of New Testament, Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University. The lecture will be Tuesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge, Le Mans Hall.

- Lecture No. 3 — "A Librarian Looks at the Saint John's Bible" will feature Robert Hohl, librarian, Saint Mary's College. The lecture will be Tuesday, March 22, at 4 p.m. in the Vander Vennet Theatre, Student Center.

For more information, go to www3.saintmarys.edu/pr-cfs-spring-lectures-2011.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

PRO-LIFE WITNESSES MARCH AT COURTHOUSE



TOM GILL

About 100 hardy souls came out to bear witness for the right to life around the federal courthouse in South Bend on Jan. 21. Saint Joseph County Right to Life president Tom Gill said that *Roe v. Wade* "does not recognize the right of all human beings to be born" and noted that during the one-hour march "400 children were aborted in the United States." Indeed at around 10:15 a.m. the South Bend abortion doctor arrived at his business with several customers waiting. Margarita Rodríguez, assistant director for Pro Life and Hispanic Outreach, and Fred Everett of the Family Life Office were on hand as sidewalk counselors and for prayer.

USF announces academic appointments

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis Provost Dr. Rolf Daniel has announced the following appointments to the Academic Affairs Department.

- Helen Murray appointed dean of the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership. Murray has served as interim dean since the summer of 2010.
- Dr. Matt Smith appointed dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Smith was appointed interim dean this summer.

- Dr. Ken Bugajski appointed chair of the department of English and Foreign Languages. Dr. Bugajski has served as interim chair since the summer of 2010.

- Dr. Andrew Prall appointed assistant provost, general education. Dr. Prall was named interim general education director this summer.

"Drs. Smith, Bugajski and Prall and Murray have excelled in their interim positions. I am pleased to announce their new appointments," Dr. Daniel said.

Carol Buchanan makes first commitment to the Associate Community

DONALDSON — After several months of initial formation, Carol Buchanan of Plymouth, made her first commitment as an associate with the Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper. The ceremony was held at Ancilla Domini Chapel on Jan. 16.

Several mentors, led by Associate Jeanne Boomershine, worked with Buchanan during her initial formation period. She joined 140 Christian faithful women and men from five different dioceses across the Midwest who are active associates within this spiritual family.

The Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper is comprised of the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Congregation, the Associate Community and the Fiat Spiritus Community. All three expressions of the Spiritual Family of Catherine Kasper are devoted to sharing the charism of Blessed Catherine Kasper who founded the Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ religious congregation in

Germany in 1851.

Poor Handmaid of Jesus Christ Sisters, the Associate Community and Fiat Spiritus Community join in praying for the needs of the congregation, the Church and the world. Each associate lives in different circumstances and can contribute in ways depending upon their personal commitments, such as family and work commitments.

Forward in Faith community kick-off

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's High School will be holding a community event on Friday, Feb. 4, from 7-9 p.m. in the Saint Joe gymnasium. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will begin the evening with a prayer and opening remarks. Jim Schellinger, Architect for the Catholic Schools Office, will provide a building overview and site plans. The co-chairs and steering committee members for the campaign will also be in attendance. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be available. There is no charge for this event, but an RSVP is requested. Contact alumni@saintjoe-high.com or call (574) 234-2904.

Teens invited to Eucharist-focused retreat

MISHAWAKA — The diocesan Office of Youth Ministry will host its first diocesan high school retreat focused on the Eucharist on Feb. 25-27. The retreat, which is for all high school teens, will be held at Marian Mishawaka High School.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass on Saturday. Franciscan Father David Mary Engo, Father Drew Curry, Father Mark Gurtner and other priests will preach and hear confessions.

Last spring, diocesan Youth Director Cindy Black met with Father Engo when he first arrived in the diocese. When discussing youth ministry efforts, Black mentioned she was interested in a Youth 2000-type of retreat.

"Father David has not only put on these retreats, but he worked for Youth 2000 out east," Black told *Today's Catholic*. "He shared that in Harrisburg, Bishop Rhoades' former diocese, their retreat called 'Mount 2000' had over 1,000 teens. Not only could Father David walk us through the whole retreat — but he and the friars would help lead it in our diocese."

Black noted, "'Panis Vitae' ('I am the Bread of Life') will be held Feb. 25-27 at Marian High School for all high school teens in our diocese."

"These retreats bear much fruit in the lives of teens for years to come," she added.

Several logistics teams are needed for such a retreat to oversee — prayer support, publicity, chaperones, food, set-up and clean-up, Black said. Those able to assist are requested to contact Cindy Black or Megan Oberhausen in the Office of Youth Ministry at (260) 422-4611 or through e-mail at cblack@diocesefwsb.org.

St. Peter's Catholic Church establishes scholarship

FORT WAYNE — St. Peter Church in Fort Wayne has established a scholarship for a student attending Bishop Luers High School.

This award will go to a student who is active in his or her parish and demonstrates financial need.

Father Philip Widmann, pastor of St. Peter, the St. Peter Finance Committee and the entire parish are providing the financial means for a student to be a part of the Luers community and to receive a Catholic education.

Thorpe assists with dental mission

SOUTH BEND — Chad Thorpe, a 2005 graduate of South Bend Saint Joseph's High School, recently returned from a trip to Kampala, Uganda, where he provided Ugandans with free dental treatment and oral health education.

Thorpe is currently in dental school at The Ohio State University and joined a team of other OSU students, under the nonprofit organization GYPA (Global Youth Partnership for Africa).

Redeemer Radio reports on campaign success, future plans

FORT WAYNE — It was an evening of gratitude and an opportunity to report on the recent endeavors of Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM, which serves Fort Wayne and the surrounding area. Plans for the future include expansion to a Redeemer Radio Network across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Redeemer Radio concluded its Building Faith, Sharing Christ: The Campaign for Redeemer Radio with tremendous success. Redeemer Radio had a goal to raise \$900,000 in support of specific capital projects focused on future growth. On Jan. 18, at a press conference and gratitude event for supporters of the station at St. Mary Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, Redeemer Radio announced that it had raised \$964,066, 107 percent of the original \$900,000 goal.

Concerning the capital campaign, campaign co-chair and Redeemer board member Nick Gray said, "This campaign was an overwhelming success — one that has rarely been seen in Catholic Radio." Gray and co-chair Lona Pritchard led a 15-member campaign cabinet that began planning in the summer of 2009 for this fundraising effort.

Honorary co-chairs for this capital campaign were Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy.

Bishop Rhoades offered his congratulations and encouragement. He said the lay apostolate Redeemer Radio serves as "an example of laity engaging in evangelization." He said the Church needs witnesses of the Gospel and Redeemer Radio fosters the role of the laity in evangelization.

He quoted Pope Benedict XVI in saying the greatest crisis in the culture is the absence of God. The solution to this crisis, the pope said, is the world needs the presence of God, the need for

evangelization. The role of Redeemer Radio is important as a means of evangelization. Redeemer Radio reaches non-practicing Catholics, non-Catholics and practicing Catholics with its message.

"Redeemer Radio brings God to the airwaves," Bishop Rhoades said, especially as the secular media often challenges the Church's values. Redeemer Radio, he said, helps build up the body of Christ.

The capital campaign began in December of 2009 with a major gifts phase, followed by a public phase beginning in April of 2010. In total, Redeemer Radio received financial support from 1,500 donors spanning 36 parishes around the Redeemer Radio listening area.

Redeemer Radio made additional announcements about the station's future plans. Chairman of the Board Mike Kelly announced that later this year Redeemer Radio will debut a live, locally produced morning-drive program.

Said Kelly, "It's critically important that Redeemer Radio is on the air with our own morning show featuring local news, weather and school closings — everything we need to start our day. We'll help listeners stay connected to parish activities, to diocesan leadership, and to their Catholic faith — all at the same time."

Noted Catholic author, board member and chair of Redeemer Radio's Mission (Programming) Committee Dr. Matt Bunson said, "The Redeemer Radio morning show will present the teachings of the universal Church in a way that is deeply personal to Catholics in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. This program will be fresh, quick moving, and provide Redeemer Radio listeners with everything they need in the morning."

Kelly also announced that later



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits with Fort Wayne's Women's Care Center director Anne Koehl, left, and Redeemer Radio's Patty Becker after the press conference and gratitude gathering on Jan. 18 at St. Mary Church in Fort Wayne.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks at the Redeemer Radio press conference and gratitude gathering on Jan. 18 at St. Mary Church in Fort Wayne. He spoke of the growth in Catholic radio across the nation and locally and how it is an instrument of evangelization.

this year, Redeemer Radio will expand Catholic Radio in the diocese, and will officially introduce the Redeemer Radio Network.

Kelly said, "Thanks to the donations of many individuals, Redeemer Radio now has the technology to distribute Catholic Radio to multiple stations. The apostolate is working with a number of Catholic groups to create The Redeemer Radio Network. Our goal is to expand Catholic Radio throughout much of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend."

Redeemer Radio also announced that the initial debt incurred in the purchase of WLYV in 2006 has been reduced from \$667,000 to \$230,000. As part of the capital campaign, Redeemer Radio was able to pay off \$232,000 in the last seven months, saving over \$24,000 in interest.

As part of the early success of the capital campaign, in May 2010, Bishop Rhoades blessed the station's new, 2,800 square foot location on East State Boulevard. Included in this new location is much of the new equipment and technology needed for future expansion and the new morning show. The building was named the Mary Cross-Tippmann Building in honor of the Tippmann family matriarch who was very devoted to the faith. John Tippmann, Sr., was presented with a plaque that honored his mother.

Redeemer Radio Board President Mike Kelly referred back to the initial 2008 feasibility study that charted the course for the capital campaign. "As a completely listener supported lay apostolate, we honored our listeners' priorities made clear in the feasibility study. And despite challenging economic conditions, Redeemer Radio surpassed campaign goals. Thanks be to God, and to our faithful supporters."

Tim Johnson contributed to this story.

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Vikki Wojcik chosen as principal of new Mishawaka Catholic School

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

MISHAWAKA — The tradition of a quality Catholic education will continue with the creation of the Mishawaka Catholic School scheduled to open in the fall of 2011. This will be one inter-parochial school existing in the current Mishawaka grade school buildings. Pre-K through second-grade classes will be at St. Bavo, third through fifth grade at St. Joseph and sixth through eighth grade at St. Monica.

Chosen to lead this amazing new project is Vikki Wojcik, currently the principal at St. Philip Neri Catholic Elementary School in Alameda, Calif.

“My husband retired last year and made a move here,” said Wojcik of how her journey from California to Indiana began. He has always been a fan of Notre Dame and when he retired he wanted to move to this area.

Wojcik stayed at her school in Alameda that she loved and wouldn’t leave until she could find a position that offered her the same love and challenges as her current school. When she heard about the opening in Mishawaka, she found a reason to make the big move to Indiana. “This is an exciting opportunity,” she said.

Originally from the Arizona area, Wojcik ended up in California with a job move by her husband. The mother of three grown children, two sons and one daughter, the family resided in the North Lake Tahoe area.

“We’re a family that absolutely loves sports,” said Wojcik, who noted the family participates in many outdoor activities together.

During this time in her life, Wojcik became very involved in her children’s lives and volunteered often at the school. She loves music and sports and found herself either in the classroom or on the athletic field coaching; especially soccer.

“I never thought I would be a teacher,” laughed Wojcik, who found a calling during her involvement with the children. She went to school with the intention of being a high school teacher that would reach kids who had lost their way or their spark for learning.

“When I reached the crossroads to graduation I spoke with my advisor who said ‘well you’re right, Vikki, that high school may be their last chance, but middle school is their best chance.’”

From that conversation she went into middle school education and began teaching language arts and social studies.

“I taught in an inner-city school in Oakland where I was a middle school teacher,” said Wojcik. She later became an assistant principal and four years ago took on the position of principal at St. Philips, a kindergarten through eighth-grade school in Alameda, Calif.

Wojcik is delighted with her opportunity to be the principal for Mishawaka Catholic. She is hon-

ored to have the opportunity to create a cooperative learning environment for the families of Mishawaka.

“My vision for the schools is to have a model to use best practices for the students learning and best practices for the teachers,” said Wojcik. “My role will be to have professional development that is ongoing and relevant.”

Wojcik feels especially blessed to be part of the Catholic school system and all the advantages it has to offer students. Not only will a child be academically prepared for the world, but she strongly believes that a private education offers children a chance to become a well rounded individual that will be educated in spirit,

mind and body.

“I think the K-8 model is the best model in education,” said Wojcik. “It offers us the chance to look at the development of the children and monitor the child for nine years.”

Wojcik values the importance of educating the whole child and wants to make sure that each child not only gets a strong academic environment but that they also get

the opportunity for classes in physical education, art and music.

“They need to be critical thinkers and problem solvers,” said Wojcik. “We will prepare them for the 21st century they will be occupying.”

Since being hired in December, Wojcik has spent a great deal of

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time traveling back and forth between Indiana and California. She has been interviewing teachers and other personnel along with meeting with parent volunteer groups and getting parent input.

“I’ll be commuting between now and June,” said Wojcik. “In July I’ll be here full time.”

There will not be any real struc-

tural changes for Wojcik to handle other than the movement of equipment. Throughout the summer she will be working with teachers on taking her best curriculum plans and integrating the ideas of the entire staff to create a comprehensive vision that will work best for all the students of Mishawaka Catholic.

“I am hoping to create a model for Catholic education that is appropriate; that allows the kids to meet their full potential,” said Wojcik. “We want them to leave the school as children of faith to serve the community and to embrace a vigorous college preparatory curriculum in high school.”

Wojcik is excited about this new chapter in her life and can’t wait to meet the families in the upcoming months.

“I love Catholic education. I love it because it is faith based and community based,” said Wojcik. “I hope to be a good listener. I am very excited about the community and the potential.”

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Marian asks alumni to 'u.Knight,' update classrooms

Capital campaign aims for \$2.25 million by June

BY JODI MAGALLANES

MISHAWAKA — Marian High School in Mishawaka is rallying alumni, students, parents and the Catholic community around a \$2,225,000 plan to bring the school's 47-year-old classrooms into the 21st century.

The high school was built on the corner of Logan Street and Dragoon Trail in 1964. It has seen several additions and renovations over the years, including an update of the science labs and the chapel and, in 2005, construction of the Baranay Sports Complex as well as the Bishop Crowley Activity Center. The critical need that will be addressed with this campaign is the modernization of student classrooms.

"Many of the alumni say the classrooms are the same as when they were here, even though that was 30 years ago," said Alicia Redinger, Marian High School director of development. Principal Carl Loesch, Marian school board members and members of the project task force, believe it's time to change that.

"To convey these Gospel messages as effectively as possible, we need to match the caliber of our talented students with updated classrooms. To match the commitment and compassion of our faculty, we need to update every classroom," Loesch remarked during a



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Dec. 7 luncheon with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades that marked the launch of the campaign.

A capital campaign feasibility study for the project took place in 2009. The plans that were approved by Bishop Rhoades in the spring of 2010 call for 38 classrooms to receive modern heating and cooling units, smart boards, ergonomic seating and recessed lighting that is two-thirds more efficient than the drop-down, fluorescent lights currently in place. The school hallways will be

painted and have updated lighting installed as well.

"The priority is, we want to impact every student and every teacher," Loesch said. He added that he often speaks with Marian High School alumni who remember and appreciate the relationships that they formed while students at Marian. The classroom is where those relationships begin, Loesch said. Because the prototype classroom is more comfortable, better lit and provides additional storage space for supplies it will facilitate



JODI MAGALLANES

opportunities for learning and friendship.

Student activities, a letter-writing effort and several fundraising events will attempt to bolster the results of the campaign's short public phase. The prolonged national and local recession may challenge the campaign's potential, but Loesch said that he, the school board, the task force and Bishop Rhoades decided they wanted to go ahead with the campaign on faith.

"It can't stop us from preparing

for our future. And what better way to prepare for the future than to invest in our students?" Like the boy who offered his two loaves of bread and fish, Loesch added, God will multiply what donors are able to offer.

He and Redinger hope that renovation will begin immediately after the end of the school year in May. The capital campaign will wrap up at that time to avoid overlapping with the Annual Bishop's Appeal collection.

Loesch would like to see 50 to 70 percent of the project paid for by major contributors before the public portion of the fundraising campaign begins after March 19. Any excess funds that the campaign collects will be used for additional planned renovations, such as the construction of a student lounge and the reconfiguration of the main entrance and guidance areas of the school.

Andy and Florence Krizman, the parents of seven children and over 15 grandchildren, some of whom have attended Marian, have been named honorary chairpersons of the campaign. Alumni Tony Catanzarite and his wife, Dolores, are the campaign chairpersons.

"It's great to see alumni come back and provide for the next generation. It's great to see parents who are already sacrificing do so again for things like this," Loesch said.

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Pueri Cantores worships through music

BY KAY COZAD

An assembly of musically adept youth from around the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are taking St. Augustine's celebrated adage, "He who sings, prays twice," as truth this year as they participate in an exciting new program. Pueri Cantores, latin for "young singers," has been introduced to the diocese through a collaboration of the Office of Worship and Catholic Schools Office.

Brian MacMichael, director of the Office of Worship, with the support of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, along with Dr. Mark Myers, superintendent of Catholic Schools, organized a call to all diocesan school and parish music teachers and those home schooled late last fall to identify the most musically talented students, age 9-18, who might audition for the Pueri Cantores program. Each school or parish was allotted 10 seats in the special choir that would gather locally for practice as well as participate in four regional practices.

The young vocalists will sing a more classical repertoire of traditional liturgical music reports MacMichael. Latin Mass parts as well as choral pieces in English will be mastered. And adds Myers, the performances not only introduce the students to the rich historic music of the Catholic tradition, but supplements their fine arts area of study as well.

Pueri Cantores is a century-old practice established in France in 1907, according to its website www.puericantores.org. A special boys' choir was formed there to sing during liturgy. After faltering under the pressures of World War II, Pueri Cantores was reestablished in 1944 as an international organization led by Father Fernand Maillat.

In 1947, the first international Congress of the federation was held in Paris in which 90 European choirs participated and by the mid '60s Pueri Cantores was recognized as a Church movement. With the Second Vatican Council, girls' choirs were permitted to participate and currently there are over 40,000 youth from 35 countries



KAY COZAD

who sing in Pueri Cantores.

MacMichael reports that Pueri Cantores is sponsored in the U.S. by Cardinal Francis George, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago, with participating states hosting concerts with musicians from across the state in one diocese. This year will see the inaugural performance of the youth of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, with hopes of broadening the program to statewide in the future.

Each group of 10 has been practicing the liturgical music at their own school. The elementary-aged singers then join their high school counterparts for practice in their feeder high schools in both Fort Wayne and South Bend.

Myers is amazed at the group's effort and says, "It's just beautiful! Their progress is unbelievable. It's new but we're creating a culture that's good for catechesis and getting the students into the music tradition."

He is especially pleased that the high school students are taking a mentoring role with the younger students. And another program plus, he says, is, "It's a chance for the kids to visit the high schools."

The Pueri Cantores choir members from the Fort Wayne area Catholic schools practice singing historic Catholic liturgical music at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Jan. 13, under the direction of Michael Dulac. They will join their counterparts from the South Bend area to sing at the Indiana Festival Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Notre Dame on March 16.

The groups from both cities have practiced in their respective cathedrals and plan to practice together before the final performance on March 16.

Karlene Krouse, head of the performing arts department at Bishop Luers, has been involved since the inception of the program and says, "What's neat about it is every school has the same participation level."

And there are long-term benefits to participation as well. "As the kids grow up and go to college

they go into the Newman Centers. This is the training ground for future cantors and Church musicians," Krouse says, adding, "It is inspiring for these children ... their spirituality will be developed because of this endeavor."

The Pueri Cantores will worship with the great liturgical music of the Catholic Church during the Indiana Festival at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Notre Dame on March 16. The festival of songs will precede the Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at 3 p.m. The Pueri Cantores will be conducted by Paul French. Due to limited seating the performance will be by invitation only, but the Office of Worship hopes to have a recording made of the festival and Mass.

MacMichael hopes to coordinate other special events in the diocese at which this company of inspired young vocalists might perform, as well as future opportunities to sing in Rome with students from around the world.

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Marian's Arts Alive! welcomes Our Lady of Hungary students

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

MISHAWAKA — “I like coming to art here at Marian,” said Tania Wilson, a seventh-grader at Our Lady of Hungary School in South Bend. “It’s fun because you can express yourself freely in art and the high school students really like our work.”

Over 20 middle school students from Our Lady of Hungary School in South Bend join Marian Art Club students and Marian art teacher Kitty Gunty for weekly art sessions called Arts Alive!

Gunty developed the program after learning that Our Lady had limited art supplies. The program meets once per week after school. Students learn such things as mask making, ceramics, photography and silk-screening.

“We use art in many ways,” said Gunty. “The students even paint space and the solar system. They really work hard.”

The program is funded though a grant from the Joint Institute for



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Marian High School Art Club members help Our Lady of Hungary School students with art projects through the Arts Alive! sessions. Art teacher Kitty Gunty developed the program after learning that Our Lady had limited art supplies. The program meets once per week after school. Students learn such things as mask making, ceramics, photography and silk-screening.

Nuclear Astrophysics from the University of Notre Dame as part of its outreach program. Debbie Notestine, an employee of Notre Dame, spearheaded the grant.

“Through this grant the kids get science books and many of them get excited about science,” said Notestine. “For me to be able to help a school like Our Lady come here and paint and learn is great. It’s a good way the high school students help the middle school kids improve their self-esteem.”

“I like how the kids, especially the boys, really get into their art projects,” said Mollie Pajakowski. “They talk to us about what they are going to do with it when they take it home.”

Eighth-grader Austin Smith said he likes doing line drawings.

“And Mrs. Gunty likes them, too,” he said. “I like art a lot. It’s one of my favorite things to do.”

Alex Wizieck, a junior at Marian, thinks Arts Alive! is great opportunity for Our Lady students.

“I wish they would have had a program like this when I was

going,” he said. “But it’s nice to help the school that I graduated from.”

“I am not sure who is having more fun, the high school or the grade school students,” wrote Marian Principal Carl Loesch in the newsletter, Marian Alive.

“Each week the program attracts more students,” he wrote. “The Nutrition and Wellness classes taught by Mrs. Marilyn Havens are now contributing snacks and treats for the after school art classes. This program truly embodies what Pope Benedict XVI wrote (in the ‘Blessings of Christmas’): ‘To look at the star means receiving light and giving light, radiating in the world around us the light that we have received. ... We have more than enough opportunities to do this, even outside Advent: Once our heart has awakened, we see around us so many others who are waiting for a light.’”

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Teachers work with Notre Dame to develop curriculum

BY JUDY BRADFORD

Developing a curriculum can be a lonely, arduous task.

But the job has become a fun way for teachers in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend to share ideas and grow professionally, through a project sponsored by the Alliance for Catholic Education at the University of Notre Dame.

An interactive web-based project called Collaborative for Academic Excellence allows selected teachers to work together as they create a social studies curriculum for kindergarten through 12th grade.

"Instead of one person sitting down to do it, it means putting more heads together, which means more experience," said Sara Moeller, a seventh- and eighth-grade literature and social studies teacher at St. Jude Catholic School in Fort Wayne.

Moeller, like the other 119 participating teachers, attended a week-long workshop last summer to kick off the project. By the end of this summer, they will be done. And because they are sharing their ideas with diocesan teachers in Memphis, Tucson, Phoenix and Tallahassee, the project will become national in scope.

Moeller especially likes how geography has become integrated into each two-to four-week unit.

"Geography can be boring on its own, just teaching countries, but if it's blended with history, it becomes contextually exciting," she said.

The project also gives teachers the latitude to seamlessly incorporate a Catholic identity — and share ideas on how to do that. Moeller says that gets really exciting for the eighth-graders, in particular, because they study freedom of religion.

"When we talk about the beginnings of the United States, and our freedoms, we talk about the candidates and their beliefs, and how our rights are protected. This way, we can integrate the Catholic identity all year long, instead of just talking

about it for two weeks."

Second-grade teachers have been able to share ideas on how to fit the U.S. bishops' Faithful Citizenship theme into their lessons, says Kathy Wanecke, who teaches second grade at St. Monica School in Mishawaka.

"As we work on social studies, we can really tie into how we become a faith-filled citizen. That's what is so beautiful about a Catholic education," she adds.

Wanecke also likes the logical cohesiveness of the lesson plans that are being developed. "The stepping stones are going to be more visible, and there will be a nice flow. Students will be building upon what they've already learned, and the process

is broken down to the three levels of K through grade 2, 3 through 5, and 6 through 8."

Wanecke loves how the project fosters a sense of community among teachers. "At our school, we only have one class per each grade level, so I'm the only second-grade teacher there. It's been wonderful to get together with other second-grade teachers."

Participating teachers, who were chosen by the principals, enjoy the secure but user-friendly website where they can easily link with teachers across the diocese, see what's been suggested for curriculum, and make their own suggestions. They then report back to other teachers at

faculty meetings so all teachers in their buildings know what's happening with the project.

Particularly helpful are the ideas they share on how to support struggling students — and, challenge more successful students. Lesson plans will also engage different learning styles and apply other best practices.

And, teachers won't be stopping at social studies. Beginning in June, the teachers will start on foreign language and math lesson plans. Other subject areas will follow.

"It's a process that follows (the concept of) understanding by design," says Marsha Jordan, associate superintendent of the diocesan schools. "You know what your final outcome is, and you work up to that. It's a real solid way of developing curriculum so that systemwide, we're following the same guidelines, and addressing national and state standards."

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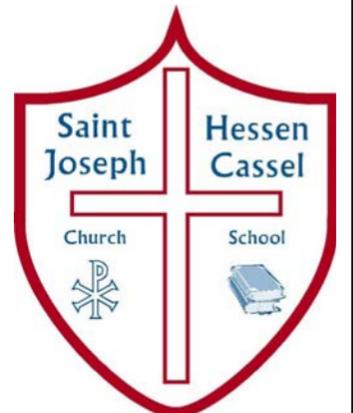
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Father Wack begins every school day in the parking lot opening car doors, greeting students and parents. He is frequently seen



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The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) has awarded Holy Cross Father Neil Wack the Distinguished Pastor Award for his outstanding support of Catholic education. He is shown blessing the school’s playground, which he helped raise funds for and installed at Christ the King School in South Bend. Holy Cross Father Kevin Grove, parochial vicar, is at the right.



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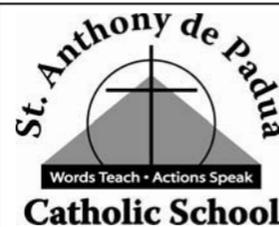
Father Wack illustrated his commitment to the students in May of 2010 when he walked a marathon (26.2 miles) to raise funds for a new playground. The walk occurred on a treadmill in the school gym where he had interaction with students throughout the

day. Following the success of this fundraiser, Father Wack pulled on his work gloves and labored side by side with parishioners, school parents and contractors to install the playground equipment.

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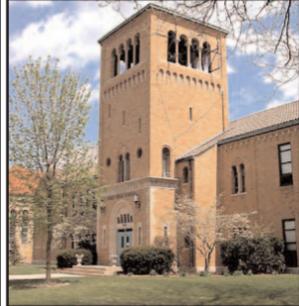
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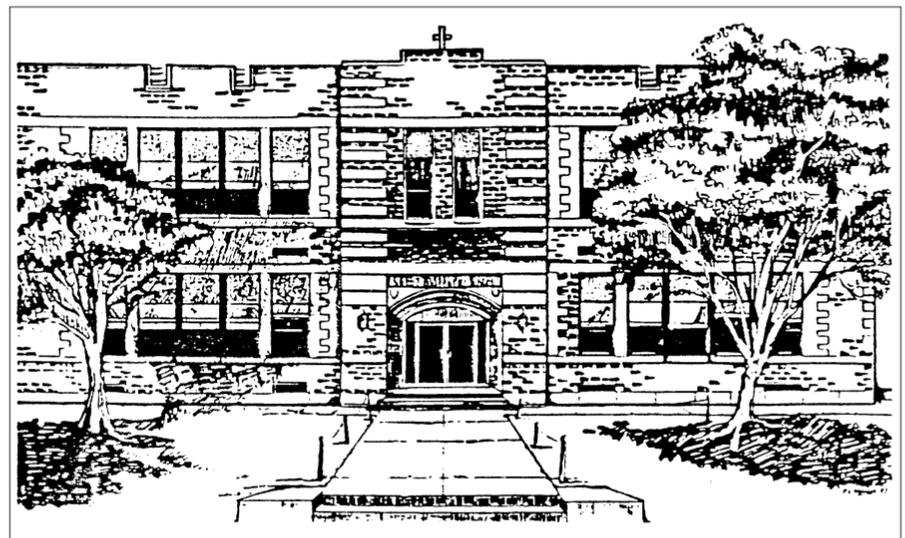
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GUEST COMMENTARY FROM FRED EVERETT

The time for school choice has arrived

Gov. Mitch Daniels has decided that only bold moves will do if we are to provide an educational system worthy of our children in the 21st century. Among a number of initiatives, the education reform package that he recently announced will likely include “choice scholarships” that will help low and middle income families to choose a non-public school of their choice. Due to strong Republican majorities in both houses of the Indiana General Assembly, the time for school choice may finally have arrived.

In past years, the Indiana teachers’ union and their allies in the legislature have been largely successful in blocking attempts by groups of Hoosier parents and their allies to break public schools’ near monopoly on public spending and allow assistance to parents who choose non-public schools. Despite misleading claims that such assistance will blur the lines between Church and state or will weaken public schools, the fact is that the state has been assisting families choosing non-public higher education for over a half century and that fair competition leads to better choices, not poorer ones.

Hoosiers are already on board. A major statewide poll conducted in 2007 showed that a whopping 85 percent of Hoosiers favored or strongly favored giving parents the ability to choose the best public or non-public school for their child. Only 10 percent either opposed or strongly opposed it. Hoosiers even supported by more than a 2-1 ratio allowing public funding to follow a child if the parents decide to move their child from a public to a non-public school. In other words, Hoosiers are strongly for school choice for all parents.

While there are many reasons why allowing school choice will improve the education of all Hoosier children, the primary reason why this initiative deserves strong support from all men and women of goodwill is that public assistance to parents in deciding the best school for their children is a fundamental natural right. As the Church teaches, parents are the first and primary educators of their children.

In principle, there is no reason why a state that purports to be neutral on religion should only want to assist parents in choosing schools where even the mention of God and His moral law is forbidden. Shouldn’t parents who want to choose a school where reverence for God and His moral law is integrated into the curriculum also receive the same assistance?

Words from the Venerable Pope John Paul II

This November, the Church marks the 30th anniversary of “*Familiaris Consortio*,” Pope John Paul II’s “magna carta” on the Christian family. In it, the pope reaffirmed the fundamental and irreplaceable role of parents in the education of their children:

“The task of giving education is rooted in the primary vocation of married couples to participate in God’s creative activity: by begetting in love and for love a new person who has within himself or herself the vocation to growth and development, parents by that very fact take on the task of helping that person effectively to live a fully human life.

“As the Second Vatican Council recalled, ‘since parents have conferred life on their children, they have a most solemn obligation to educate their offspring. Hence, parents must be acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children. Their role as educators is so decisive that scarcely anything can compensate for their failure in it. For it devolves on parents to create a family atmosphere so animated with love and reverence for God and others that a well-rounded personal and social development will be fostered among the children. Hence, the family is the first school of those social virtues which every society needs.’

“The right and duty of parents to give education is essential, since it is connected with the transmission of human life; it is original and primary with regard to the educational role of others, on account of the uniqueness of the loving relationship between parents and children; and it is irreplaceable and inalienable, and therefore incapable of being entirely delegated to others or usurped by others.

“The state and the Church have the obligation to give families all possible aid to enable them to perform their educational role properly. Therefore both the Church and the state must create and foster the institutions and activities that families justly demand, and the aid must be in proportion to the families’ needs. However, those in society who are in charge of schools must never forget that the parents have been appointed by God Himself as the first and principal educators of their children and that their right is completely inalienable.”

Fred Everett is the co-director, Office of Family Life, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and diocesan coordinator, Indiana Catholic Conference

COMMENTARY

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State tax scholarship proposals are opportunities for Catholic schools

BY DR. MARK D. MYERS

In his book “Rediscovering Catholicism,” Matthew Kelly writes, “The Church, like so many other things in life, is not so much something we inherit from generations past or take over from our predecessors, as it is something on loan to us from future generations.” Our future generations of Catholics — our Catholic children — have much to be pleased about with regard to their long-term investment.

If we apply Kelly’s premise to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend specifically, the ethnic religious, priests and sisters who opened our schools at the turn of the century borrowed the Church from our current parish members who receive the sacraments and support the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend presently.

Today, according to Kelly, our Catholic children and grandchildren have lent the Church and the schools to us temporarily. Our children’s faith has been enriched greatly by the unselfish commitments of those who serve in our Catholic schools today just as it was in “generations past.” The record shows for over one and a half centuries, our diocese has been extremely generous when called to provide a Catholic education for our children and in particular, the immigrants and the disadvantaged.

As we enroll about 13,000 children today, Gov. Mitch Daniels and the Indiana General Assembly are considering and contemplating legislation to recognize the significant contributions the Catholic schools make to our communities, our economy and our state. Nationally, Catholic schools save American taxpayers over \$20 billion annually.

Every American, regardless of religion, owes a great debt to those religious who taught our grandparents and families all day, worked late into the evening, and prayed for our children and Catholic parish members well into the night. Today, we can predict with confidence and faith, if we continue to invest in our Catholic families and take bold steps necessary to renew our inner city schools so they will thrive once again, that which has been lent to us by our grandchildren will yield exponential dividends for the Church, the diocese,

for our state of Indiana, and for our country once again.

The current proposal, subject to change and amendments, will allocate 90 percent of the cost of a public school education to our Catholic schools for children who qualify for free and reduced lunch. Parents earning two times the free and reduced rate would receive a scholarship equaling 50 percent of the cost of a public school education while parents earning two and one half times the rate for free and reduced lunch would receive 25 percent of the state per student expenditure for Catholic tuition. The proposed scholarship follows the child and is used to offset tuition exclusively.

No children attending our Catholic schools currently would qualify for the new state tax scholarships. It is reasonable to believe since families who qualify would enter from public schools, the majority — not all — would not be parish members and would pay rates consistent with non-parish tuition. The sending parish, a parish without a school, would continue to follow the policy of paying for the difference between the total cost of educating a child and tuition because the intent and purpose of the law is to subsidize the family. A proposal is being considered for funding special education and enhancing the scholarship granting organization funding opportunities for students as well.

Some have made inquiries about the long-term effects of public funding for Catholic schools. Some have asked, “Will state funding diminish our fundamental purpose to support the faith formation of our children and undermine our Catholic identity?” It is important to note, our commitment to religious education will not be compromised with any new or significant contributions of public funding under any of these legislative funding proposals. Pastors can, under the tax scholarship law proposals, celebrate the sacraments and our school communities will continue to display a strong and present Catholic identity.

However, while these assurances are evident within the laws, we are taking concrete and precise steps to assist our Catholic schools to remain strong and committed to faith formation. Jim Tighe, director of the Office of Catechesis, has been working closely with the

Catholic Schools Office to ensure our schools will continue our tradition of strong and consistent religious instruction that occurs throughout the school day.

Mr. Tighe and his office have contributed to establish new staff development programs to assist Catholic teachers in their efforts to acquire state license renewal credits. A plan has been framed to support teachers to enroll in comprehensive training to enhance Catholic teaching and learning and provide instruction consistent with what the Church teaches.

In addition, pastors and principals at each end of the diocese have had important conversations about how to engage parents to assist more fully with liturgy and active faith formation programs for the teachers, staff, children and principals. These important initiatives will yield results to contribute to our strong Catholic identity. Benchmarks will be monitored in order that our religious education programs will be maintained as the central focus and purpose of our schools regardless of the impact of any potential or new public revenue streams. Enrollment growth, as a result of tax credits will not subject our schools to significant negative consequences in relation to curriculum or instruction.

This is an exciting time to be involved in our Catholic schools. We can expect enrollment growth and expanded service to more Catholic families and children in need. We can imagine thriving inner-city parish communities offering the Catholic school advantage to the needy and the immigrant children on a very large scale. And as always, we can depend on our faith-filled teachers, our committed principals, our dedicated staff and all those who support our children; they are embracing these new opportunities and challenges with faith, conviction and creative insight.

We will take appropriate measures to keep our communities informed as the legislative process evolves. Thank you for your continued prayers and ongoing support as we enter this new and exciting phase of Catholic education.

Dr. Mark D. Myers is the superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

How the Church faces apparitions

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When the bishop of Green Bay, Wis., recently recognized a series of Marian apparitions from 1859, it marked the first time apparitions in the United States received official approval.

That's quite an achievement considering that more than 1,500 visions of Mary have been reported around the world, but in the past century only nine cases have received official Church approval as being "worthy of belief," said an expert in Marian apparitions.

The Church has made very few judgments on apparition claims. "It's not always possible to ascertain if they are true or false because the phenomenon is much bigger than us," said Marianist Father Salvatore Perrella, assistant dean at the Pontifical Theological Faculty Marianum and a theologian who also serves as an expert for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The enormous job of determining the veracity of an apparition falls to the local bishop, said

Father Perrella.

To help with that task, the Vatican's doctrinal congregation established a set of norms in 1978 to guide the process of discernment and the investigation of reported apparitions and revelations.

The process "is never brief," said Father Perrella. For example, the Green Bay apparitions received approval 151 years after the first apparition was reported, but that's just half of the nearly 300 years it took the Church to approve the apparitions of Our Lady of Laus in France, he said.

The process is lengthy because visionaries and witnesses must be questioned and "the fruits of the apparitions, such as conversions, miracles and healings" must be examined, he said.

The local bishop sets up a commission of experts, including theologians, canonists, psychologists and doctors, to help him.

According to the norms, the bishop and his commission "must determine the veracity of the facts

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CAROL GLATZ

and the mental, moral and spiritual wholesomeness and seriousness of the visionary and his or her testimony," he said.

Father Perrella said that when the bishop's investigation is complete, he can come to one of three conclusions: He can determine the apparition to be true and worthy of belief; he can say it is not true, which leaves open the possibility for an appeal; or he can say that at the moment he doesn't know and needs more help.

In the last scenario, the investigation is brought to the country's

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The new translation of the Holy Mass:

The Creed, Part 2

Last week, we reviewed the origins of the Creed, and began looking at the changes in the new translation, such as "I believe," and "consubstantial." Now, we will look at a few additional elements of this ancient profession of faith.

Once again, the newly translated Nicene Creed is fully reproduced below, 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

In looking at the Creed as a whole, we recognize a definite structure: the first section speaks of God the Father, the second focuses on the Son, the third on the Holy Spirit, and the fourth on the Church. The portion on God the Son is by far the longest, for as we have seen previously, the need to affirm right doctrine about Jesus Christ was of utmost importance in the Early Church.

Let us turn to the phrase that stands alone in the middle of the Creed: "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." Our current translation reads, "by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man." This simple change from "born" to "incarnate" is perhaps the most important amendment in the new text of the Creed, because it more accurately conveys the truth of the

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BY BRIAN MACMICHAEL

Incarnation — when the Son of God took flesh.

The current wording can easily be interpreted to mean that Christ did not actually become man until the moment He was born. Of course, the reality is that the Son of God took on human nature from the moment of His conception in the Blessed Virgin Mary's womb, at the Annunciation. The Lord's birth in Bethlehem is certainly a profound, public epiphany; but Mary's "yes" to the Archangel Gabriel in Nazareth is understood as the moment when the Son first "came down from heaven" to dwell among us. In using the term, "incarnate," the new translation leaves no ambiguity.

The significance of this line is also underscored by the fact that the faithful are supposed to make a "profound bow" (that is, a bow of the body from the waist) while reciting it, as an expression of reverence towards the great mystery of the Incarnation. This gesture is not something new with the coming translation — we all should be doing it even now whenever the Creed is recited, though many are unaware of this.

Although it is not a change, there is an interesting significance to the subsequent mention of Pontius Pilate in the Creed. It functions to affirm and profess the authenticity of the events surrounding Christ's Passion by situating them within a definite historical context — when Pilate was Roman governor of Judea.

There are a handful of remaining minor changes in the new Creed translation. Describing the Resurrection as being "in accordance with the Scriptures" speaks inclusively of the New Testament, in addition to "fulfillment" of Old Testament prophecy surrounding Christ's rising. Towards the end, "I confess one baptism" carries more conviction than "acknowledge."

And by saying, "I look forward to the resurrection of the dead," one expresses a sincere desire, rather than simply "looking for" the resurrection. The Latin "expecto" conveys a sense of anxious waiting and expectation!

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Beatitudes reveal joy of life with God



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 5:1-12a

The first biblical reading this weekend is from Zephaniah. These details are known about this prophet. He was the son of Cushi and a descendant of Hezekiah. It is presumed that this ancestor was King Hezekiah, who reigned as king of Judah, the southern Hebrew kingdom centered on Jerusalem, from 715-687 B.C.

If indeed Zephaniah descended from a king, he may more easily have had access to the royal court and consequently more familiarity with the politics of his day.

Whatever the exact timeframe in which this prophecy was written, the plight of the Hebrews, both those in the kingdom of Judah and those in the northern kingdom of Israel, was uncertain. The two kingdoms were insignificant and weak. They were easy prey for their mightier neighbors, and as history unfolded, powerful neighbors repeatedly overran them.

The prophets, Zephaniah included, saw the peril facing the Chosen People not so much as a result of policies for conquest of hostile neighboring powers, but rather as a consequence of Hebrew sin.

Nevertheless, for those of the Chosen People who remained faithful regardless of whatever,

God's protection and help would prevail.

St. Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians furnishes the next reading this weekend. The reading presents to us a paradox. The weak will be exalted. The mighty will be laid low. This paradox is deep and profound, teaching us a fundamental fact of life. We cannot judge our lives, or the world, by earthly, human standards. Happily, in Jesus, God has given us the standard to judge our lives and the world.

For its last reading, the Church this weekend offers us the Gospel of St. Matthew, and its presentation of the Beatitudes.

(Among the Synoptic Gospels, Luke also has a version of the Beatitudes, only slightly differing from that given in Matthew. Mark does not include the Beatitudes.)

These verses are very reminiscent of the Psalms. This fact roots them very much in the history of God's people, and in the people's experiences. It roots them in the historical fact of Revelation.

Always strong in the Old Testament was the hope that one day God would lead the people into life in a wonderful kingdom, where God would reign, and in which peace, love and justice would prevail.

The Beatitudes describe what such a kingdom would be. They give the same viewpoint as that of 1 Corinthians. Without being as direct as 1 Corinthians, the Beatitudes offer us a paradox. In God's kingdom the poor and humble will be the greatest.

Reflection

The readings for this weekend, culminating in the Beatitudes, both celebrate the revelation of God to

us, bringing us genuine wisdom about life, and also challenge us to be strong and active witnesses to Jesus and to the truth of the Gospel.

Zephaniah builds the case that living without regard for God reaps the whirlwind. Paul adds another lesson. The judgments of the world are unsure if not altogether false. If we follow the world's assessment of things, we at best walk on the edge of the cliff.

The Beatitudes reveal to us the joy and perfection of life with God, and they summon us to do our part in redemption. This summons applies to us personally and individually. We must accept the Lord, the Son of God, the Redeemer, born of Mary at Christmas, seen as God at the Epiphany, and the Savior manifested at Baptism of the Lord.

Then, beyond ourselves, we are called upon the live the Gospel in our lives, in all that we do.

Now as we look to the coming of Lent not that long away, the Church gently guides us to questioning ourselves. We have learned of Jesus. Now, how do we respond?

READINGS

Sunday: Zep 2:3;12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 12:6-31 Mt 5:1-2a

Monday: Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-4, 9-11 Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34

A life of miracles

The otherwise inexplicable cure of a French nun suffering from Parkinson's disease was accepted in early January by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and Pope Benedict XVI as the confirming miracle that clears the way for the beatification of Pope John Paul II on May 1, Divine Mercy Sunday.

John Paul II's life was a life of miracles — a life in which radical openness to God's grace opened channels of grace for others. In April 1990, the new president of then newly-liberated Czechoslovakia, Vaclav Havel, caught this dimension of John Paul's remarkable life when he memorably welcomed the pope to Prague in these stirring terms:

"I am not sure I know what a miracle is. In spite of this, I dare say that, at this moment, I am participating in a miracle: the man who six months ago was arrested as an enemy of the state stands here today as the president of that state, and bids welcome to the first pontiff in the history of the Catholic Church to set foot in this land ...

"I am not sure that I know what a miracle is. In spite of this, I dare say that at this moment I am participating in a miracle: in a country devastated by the ideology of hatred, the messenger of love has arrived; in a country devastated by the government of the ignorant, the living symbol of culture has arrived; in a country that, until a short time ago, was devastated by the idea of confrontation and division in the world, the messenger of peace, dialogue, mutual tolerance, esteem and calm understanding, the messenger of fraternal unity

in diversity has arrived. "During these long decades, the Spirit was banished from our country. I have the honor of witnessing the moment in which its soil is kissed by the apostle of spirituality."

"Welcome to Czechoslovakia, Your Holiness."

In its witness to the miracle of Karol Wojtyla's life, Vaclav Havel's eloquence was matched by the untutored eloquence of those thousands of people from all over the world who, spontaneously, wrote the Postulation for the Beatification and Canonization of John Paul II, telling their own stories of how this man they had never met had, nonetheless, changed their lives. Many of the letters were from non-Christians, even nonbelievers. Some were simply addressed, "Pope John Paul II — Heaven" — and found their way to the Postulation's offices near St. John Lateran in Rome.

Some of those letters reported recovery from illness; others reported even more difficult recoveries from addictions, estrangements, even hatreds. The professor-pope would likely have smiled at the letters reporting success in passing exams through his intercession. The pope who lifted up the vocation of marriage and who was a fierce defender of the right-to-life of the unborn would have certainly been touched by the letters from previously infertile couples reporting conceptions after years of sorrow and prayer.

On the day of John Paul's funeral, April 8, 2005, the people of the Church spontaneously proclaimed him a saint with their cries of "Santo subito!" — "A



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GEORGE WEIGEL

saint now!" With the announcement of John Paul's beatification, it might be said that the judgment of the Church's leadership has now caught up with the spontaneous judgment of the Church's people. Yet John Paul's sanctity was recognized not only by the people of the Church, but by the people of the world — hence all those letters addressed, "Pope John Paul II — Heaven." Thus the beatification on May 1 will be, in a sense, an ecumenical and inter-religious affair, in that the life of heroic virtue being recognized and celebrated was a life recognized as such far beyond the formal boundaries of the Catholic Church.

The Church doesn't make saints; God makes saints, and the Church recognizes the saints that God has made. John Paul II was convinced that God was profligate in his saint-making — that there are examples of sanctity all around us, if we only know how to look for them and see them for what they are. His blessedness consisted in no small part of showing us the blessedness of others.

George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

month to meet the alleged seers and to pray.

Father Perrella, who is a member of the Vatican commission to study the alleged Medjugorje apparitions, told CNS the work is only just beginning.

"The pope wants a decisive conclusion made," he said, adding that it will be a very long process.

The case under study "is a serious thing" that is "very complex" though not impossible to resolve, he said.

For the past 30 years, people have claimed to see apparitions of Mary at Medjugorje.

Such an extended duration of alleged apparitions in one place is no longer "something that generates suspicion," he said. That's because there are similar precedents such as the apparitions of Our Lady of Laus, which lasted 54 years and received formal Church recognition in 2008.

The Church approaches each claim "with the maximum prudence, investigative rigor and an invitation to live out the Gospel rather than follow the apparitions," he said.

In fact, the Church never requires the faithful to believe in

the Marian apparitions, not even those recognized by the Church, he said.

But "by believing in the resurrection of Christ, one can believe in the apparition of Mary" in which Mary is actually present in her body and can be seen on earth, he said.

The Catholic Church affirms that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven and that she, like Christ, defeated death and triumphs in heavenly glory with the totality of her being.

For that reason, Father Perrella said, Mary can appear in bodily form while the saints or other deceased can't.

"Mary never comes on her own accord; she is 'God's ambassador'" charged with a specific message for a specific time and place, he said.

He said that while the apparitions and messages are never the same, in general, Mary appeals for people's conversion and seeks to assure men and women that they are not alone in the world and can depend on God's loving mercy.

Her appearance is not meant to result in her glorification, but of God's, he said.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for January 30, 2011

Matthew 5:1-12a

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: the Beatitudes on the mountain. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| JESUS SAW | CROWDS | MOUNTAIN |
| SAT DOWN | DISCIPLES | BLESSED |
| POOR | SPIRIT | KINGDOM |
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| THIRST | MERCIFUL | HEART |
| CHILDREN | OF GOD | PERSECUTED |
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LETTER

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bishops' conference, Father Perrella said. If the body of bishops cannot come to a conclusion, then the matter is turned over to the pope who delegates the doctrinal congregation to step in and either give advice, send a commissioner and-or set up a commission to investigate.

At every step of the investigation, "the person in charge of everything is the bishop," he said.

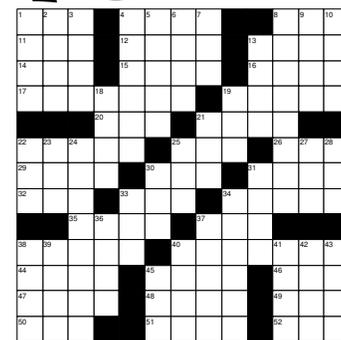
The alleged apparitions at Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina are an example of a situation in which the country's bishops requested the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to intervene.

The congregation established an international commission in 2010 to investigate the claims of six young people who said Mary appeared to them daily beginning in 1981.

The apparitions apparently are continuing and thousands of people travel to the small town each

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Based on these Scriptures: Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 and Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 and Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

Across

- 1 Imitate
- 4 ___ God said, "Let there be light."
- 8 Accountant
- 11 Promissory note
- 12 God formed servant here
- 13 Excuse me!
- 14 Neither's partner
- 15 Austin novel
- 16 Gripping tool
- 17 Tram
- 19 Peter's original name
- 20 The holly and the ___
- 21 Symbol of the Spirit
- 22 Lodge

- 25 Jesus takes away
- 26 Peter did to the tomb
- 29 ___ Dei
- 30 Biddy
- 31 Heap
- 32 Rowing tool
- 33 Killed in action
- 34 Diamond feature
- 35 Easter symbols
- 37 Winder malady
- 38 Also called Israel
- 40 Shame the wise
- 44 Voiced
- 45 Coalition
- 46 Twosome
- 47 God the Father symbol
- 48 U.S. President

- 49 Electroencephalograph (abbr.)
- 50 Compass point
- 51 Disorder
- 52 Advertisements

Down

- 1 Am not
- 2 Will inherit kingdom
- 3 European money unit
- 4 # of Jacob's tribes
- 5 Comfortable
- 6 TV award
- 7 BB association
- 8 Created in wild imagination
- 9 Mexican currency
- 10 Prayer ending
- 13 Tel ___ (Israel's capital)
- 18 Do wrong and speak ___
- 19 "This is my beloved ___"
- 21 Sound
- 22 Also
- 23 Government agency
- 24 Undefined raw sugar (2 wds.)
- 25 Galilee's lake
- 27 Brew
- 28 Fishermen were mending
- 30 Possessive pronoun
- 31 Wrote to Corinthians
- 33 USSR's secret police
- 34 Groups of sheep
- 36 Halo color
- 37 Dupes
- 38 The Baptist
- 39 Arabian
- 40 Ice sheet
- 41 Thought
- 42 Took to court
- 43 Pigs
- 45 Beats per minute

Answer Key can be found on page 23

Sports

RAISING AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR SAMARITAN'S FEET Bishop Dwenger High School head girls' basketball Coach Dave Scudder and Wayne High School Coach Mark Redding coached their game in bare feet on Saturday, Jan. 15, to bring attention to the plight of people around the world who do not have proper shoes to protect them from injury and illness. The game was at Bishop Dwenger High School, which serves as a drop-off site for Samaritan's Feet, the sponsor of the game, along with the school's Social Justice Club. Attendees brought new athletic shoes or cash donations to the game. For information about Samaritan's Feet visit www.samaritansfeet.org.

CYO Twins boys and girls have weekend sweep

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Youth League (CYO) regular season action heated up over the bitter cold weekend of Jan. 22-23.

On Saturday at St. Joseph, Decatur, the Twins from St. Rose-St. Louis got their first win of the season in a hard-fought battle with Most Precious Blood. Down by six at the half, the young ladies from St. Louis Academy, New Haven, and St. Joseph School, Monroeville, outscored their opponents, 16-5, in the second half to pull off the 23-18 victory.

Twins' eighth-grader Lydia Oberley led all scorers with 15 points, while Kailee Stuller had all of her 11 points in the first half for Most Precious Blood.

For the past few years, the Twins have struggled to find enough players for their own team and have been forced to play at neighboring schools. This year, however, the two schools managed to pull together enough girls by recruiting classmates who have not played before and even bringing up a couple sixth graders to wear the green and white.

Out of her love for the game, Cara Roy graciously agreed to coach and the season began. Roy feels the team has made progress each week. With the assistance of junior varsity coach, Tracey Jacquay, the girls have been working hard and plan to be ready for the upcoming tournament.

"This group of girls could not work any harder," said Jacquay.

It was a clean sweep for the Twins as the boys' also defeated Most Precious Blood, 38-16. After losing, 29-26, in their first outing back in the season opener, the Twins showed up determined in the rematch. A couple of treys from the bench, some huge big plays under the basket and a 22-3 burst in the second quarter sparked Coach Paul Gerardot's team.

"I have been waiting all season to see this kind of intensity," said Gerardot. Jake Castleman led all scorers with 17 points including 11-11 from the charity stripe.

In seventh-grade league play, Queen of Angels got their second win in the conference by defeating St. John, New Haven, 32-24, improving to 2-2. For the Royals, Josh Kelly scored 17 points, while Deric Laurent led the Raiders with 8.



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Lydia Oberley sinks a free throw for the St. Rose-St. Louis Twins in their 23-18 victory over Most Precious Blood. Both schools' boys' teams look on as they wait their turn to square off.

St. Joseph girls' dominate opening of ICCL girls' basketball season

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — St. Joseph School, South Bend, went unbeaten on the way to the 2010 Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) girls' basketball title. The queens of the court aren't ready to end their reign.

Led by the dynamic duo of Michelle Weaver and Madeline Raster, the Eagles dominated in opening weekend of the season, posting victories over Mishawaka foes St. Bavo and St. Joseph.

"With only a week's worth of practice before the first game, I was impressed with how we looked this weekend," commented new St. Joseph Coach Katie Hoye. "We came out full of enthusiasm and ready to play. To see that type of team intensity in the first week of the season is encouraging."

St. Joseph opened Friday night with a 42-16 over St. Bavo, with Weaver and Raster leading

the way. Hoye was quick to point out, though, they had plenty of help.

"We needed our seventh graders to step up," remarked Hoye. "All of our girls saw the court this weekend and contributed to our wins. In particular, Theresa Carpenter brings a lot to the table and is going to be a big part of our team this season."

The Eagles continued their trend of terrific defense with a 26-15 triumph over St.

Joseph-Mishawaka Saturday.

"Going into the season we knew we were 'the team to beat,'" stated Hoye. "It's an incentive

for our girls to push each other day in and day out. Teams bring their A game when they play us, and as a coach I would not have it any other way."

For all the ICCL girls' basketball results of the weekend, go to the web-page, www.icclsports.org



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Wildcats, Panthers face off for ICCL division champs

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Schools that are separated by only 2,500 feet and a railroad track were just one game apart as they submitted their bid to become St. Martin DePorres East Division champions.

Traditional rivals the Wildcats of St. Joseph of Mishawaka and St. Bavo had everything on the line as they faced off for first place, the Panthers already holding bragging rights from an earlier regular season meeting and a Christmas Tournament triumph.

St. Bavo boasted an undefeated record and a quartet of eighth graders — Seth Majewski, Paul Saros, Joe Molnar and Michael Voor — and the defending champion Wildcats would lean on their scoring machine, Will Whitten, who was averaging 15 points per contest.

The lengthy Whitten started the scoring as he netted the first points

of the contest, but Voor of the Panthers quickly answered before the defenses took control of the game with the Wildcats holding a slim 6-5 advantage after one.

The defenses would again be the talk of the second quarter as St. Bavo's real attack kept falling short as the Wildcats forged a slim 13-10 half time lead.

The third quarter took on a completely different complexion as the Panthers' Voor hit three 3-point shots in a row and as Gus Horvath put back a rebound as time expired, St. Bavo had a reversal of fortunes now on top, 21-14.

Down but not out, the Wildcats changed their defense to an aggressive man-to-man and turned up the heat and creating turnovers resulting in lay-ups and foul shot attempts for guard Jake Whitfield and a 24-23 advantage.

With 36 seconds left, Molnar made a left handed lay-up for the Panthers making it, 25-24, St. Bavo. The lead would be short

lived as Whitten was fouled in the open court and sank both free throws with 25 seconds left.

After a St. Bavo turnover, St. Joe again went to the charity stripe and connected on one of two for a two-point margin with four seconds to play. St. Bavo's desperation 3 pointer by Horvath found the front of the rim but bounced harmlessly away for a big Wildcat win.

"The keyed on Whitten (who was held to nine points) defensively, but our big man Will Glascoe and Jake Whitfield had big games down the stretch," explained Wildcat Coach Steve Ravotto. "St. Bavo has a good team and when Voor (who finished with 18) hit those threes, we really had to fight to get back into it. I'm extremely proud of our kids."

"We knew from playing them

earlier that it would come down to making shots and limiting turnovers because both teams are so evenly matched," remarked Panther Coach Ryan Hunsberger.

"It was a game of friends playing against each other and it's exciting to think that they will be playing together next season, either at Marian or at the new Mishawaka Catholic Grade School."

In other St. Martin DePorres Division action, Our Lady of Hungary led by a trio of double figure scorers — Boniface Muguro, Austin Smith and Mikal Henderson — held off the 13 points of St. Jude Falcon Brody Hawkins, 44-17.

The much improved Queen of Peace Pumas succumbed to the Comets of St. Monica, 37-28, as Patrick Coulter dumped in 16 for the victors and Schuyler Crull net-

ted 18 in a losing cause.

Corpus Christi remained on top of the west division by holding on in overtime, 38-33, over rival St. John the Baptist. Dominick Ferro scored 12 for the Cougars and Jullian Collier hit for 16 for the upstart Spartans.

In the St. John Bosco Division, despite Ryan Schafer's 12 points, St. Pius X triumphed, 36-28, past the Maroon clad St. Thomas squad.

Wes Short was on target for 14 as the Crusaders of Holy Cross upended the Trojans of Holy Family, 40-26.

St. Anthony, behind a 13-point afternoon by Greg Kanouse, remained undefeated by beating the Blazers of St. Matthew, 26-18.

Strong performances by Camden Bohn and James Kelsey were not enough as St. Joseph, South Bend, came up short against rival Christ the King and a 23-point effort by Brendan Connelly, 41-38.



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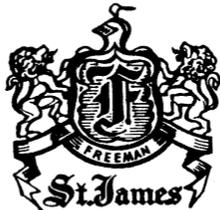
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EWTN acquires National Catholic Register

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"I am very pleased and excited that the *Register* will now be a part of the EWTN family," said Michael P. Warsaw, the network's president and chief executive officer. "All of us at EWTN have great respect for the *Register* and the role it has played throughout its history. It's a tremendous legacy that deserves to not only be preserved, but also to grow and to flourish."

"I believe that EWTN will be able to provide the stability that the *Register* needs at this time as well as to give it a platform for its growth in the years ahead. We're proud to be able to step in and carry on both the *Register's* name and its tradition of faithful Catholic reporting on the issues of the day," noted Warsaw.

Under the terms of the transaction, no cash will be exchanged

between the parties. EWTN will take over the ongoing operational expenses of the *Register* and will assume the paper's future subscription liabilities.

The acquisition of the *Register* is the latest in EWTN's efforts to expand its news presence in the global Catholic digital and multimedia market. At the start of 2010, EWTN entered into a partnership with the Catholic News Agency (CNA), a Denver-based independent Catholic news media outlet with bureaus in North and South America and Europe. Under that agreement, EWTN and CNA are sharing news resources and have created a joint news service found at www.ewtnnews.com. That arrangement was recently expanded to include a new original Spanish-language news service, EWTN Noticias, (www.ewtnnoticias.com) launched in January 2011.

EWTN Global Catholic Network provides multimedia services to more than 140 coun-

tries and territories. The network transmits nine separate television channels in several languages to audiences around the world. It also operates multiple radio services including a network of hundreds of AM and FM stations, a Sirius satellite radio channel, and a global shortwave radio service. EWTN's main website, www.ewtn.com, draws more than 20 million unique visitors annually.

The *National Catholic Register* (www.ncregister.com) grew out of Denver's *Catholic Register*, which began on Aug. 11, 1905. Under the leadership of Msgr. Matthew Smith, the Register System of Newspapers was developed, with the first national edition appearing on Nov. 8, 1927. It was acquired by the Legion of Christ in 1995.

To find out more about the *Register*, go to: www.ncregister.com



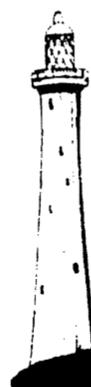
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First Saturday devotions

The First Saturday Devotions on Feb. 5 will be held at these locations: Fort Wayne, St. Charles — 8 a.m.; Sacred Heart — 7:30 a.m. (English Mass) and 11:30 a.m. (Latin Mass). Our Lady of the Angels Friary — 9 a.m.; Albion, Blessed Sacrament — 8 a.m.; Arcola, St. Patrick — 7:15 a.m.; Garrett, St. Joseph — 9 a.m.; New Haven, St. John — 6:55 a.m.; Monroeville, St. Rose — 8:10 a.m.; Warsaw, Sacred Heart — 8 a.m.; North Manchester, St. Robert — 8 a.m.

Catholic home school curriculum share

Fort Wayne — A home school sharing session will be Saturday, Feb. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon at the University of Saint Francis, Achatz Hall. Keynote speaker will be Theresa Thomas. A used book sale, refreshments and door prizes will be offered. Cost is \$2. E-mail Jeri Morman at jlmorman@hotmail.com for information.

Catholic speakers to visit St. Pius X

Granger — Dr. Scott Hahn will speak at St. Pius X Church Saturday, Feb. 12, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on "Why Scripture Matters and Reasons to Believe." Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. Christopher West will speak Thursday, Feb. 17, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on "The Gift: Your Call to Greatness." Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students (price includes a workbook). Visit www.stpius.net

Campus and young adult office announces spring series

South Bend — Theology on Tap is a Catholic speaker series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, to share in food, fellowship and faith. The series will be held at The Backstage Grill, 222 S. Michigan St. on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. The schedule includes: Feb. 8 — Franciscan Spirituality with Sister Agnes Marie, OFM; Feb. 15 — JPII's "New Evangelization" with Bishop Kevin Rhoades; Feb. 22 — Defining Marriage with Father Mark Gurtner; March 1 — Business for the Common Good with Carolyn Woo; and March 8 — Mardi Gras Party. Contact Sean Allen at sallen@diocesefwsb.org or (858) 354-9006 for information. The series is hosted by the diocesan office for campus and young adult ministry. www.diocesefwsb.org/TOT

Chicken buffett, Polish style

South Bend — The Rosary and Holy Name Societies of St. Hedwig Parish will have a Polish-style chicken buffet dinner on Sunday, Feb. 6, from noon until 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person (children 12 and under free), a cash bar will be available. For information and tickets, call Sal (574) 287-4821 or Joan (574) 232-6546 before Feb. 1.

Bishop Luers plans Casa dinner

Fort Wayne — LuersKnight will host a Casa dinner on Friday, Feb. 18, in the cafeteria from 4:30-7 p.m. Dinners must be purchased in

advance. Carry out available. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. Call by Monday, Feb. 14, to Karen Leffers at (260) 747-5977 or Kathy Skelly at (260) 456-1261.

Benefit for veteran Scott Schroeder

Fort Wayne — A benefit for Scott Schroeder who was severely injured Dec. 9, while serving in the U.S. Army will be Sunday, Jan. 30, from 12:30-5 p.m. at the Fort Wayne Turners, 3636 Parnell Ave. Food, drinks, music by Rob and Heidi and raffles are planned.

All family rosary

Fort Wayne — The all-family rosary will be recited on Sunday, Jan. 30, from 3:45-4:30 p.m. at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel. The intention is for all families.

Square dancing in January

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon will have a square dance Saturday, Feb. 12, from 8-11 p.m. in the hall. Music will be by Bill Werling and Breakaway. Tickets are \$10 and include one beer and snacks. All proceeds benefit the St. Louis Academy.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Tony Steinacker will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father Steinacker is parochial vicar of St. Charles Borromeo in Fort Wayne.

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Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Feb. 4, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$8 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

37th annual March for Life

Fort Wayne — Allen County Right to Life will have a March for Life, Saturday, Jan. 29, with a rally at noon at the Scottish Rite Center followed by a march to the courthouse at 1 p.m.

Manhattan Declaration discussed

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. Panelists include Franciscan Father David Mary Engo, Father Glenn Kohrman and theologian Dr. John Bequette.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on

Friday, Feb. 4, from 5-7:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 12 and under.

University Religious Forum

Fort Wayne — "The Christian Mosaic: Understanding Catholicism" will be discussed with Bishop-emeritus John M. D'Arcy at the University Religious Forum, Thursday, Feb. 17, from noon to 1:15 p.m. at IPFW, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., in Walb 224-226. A light lunch will be served.

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Feb. 6	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy Bishop Emeritus Fort Wayne	Rev. Glenn Kohrman St. Vincent de Paul Elkhart
Feb. 13	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rev. Anthony Steinacker St. Charles Borromeo Fort Wayne	Rev. Michael Matthews, CSC Holy Cross/St. Stanislaus South Bend
Feb. 20	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Msgr. Robert Schulte Cathedral Fort Wayne	Rev. Daryl Rybicki Corpus Christi South Bend
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