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...”

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 Wituski at jswu@msn.com or by calling (260) 452-6875 for more information.
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 one” (John 17:21). Christ’s prayer is for the Father for the unity of His disciples to be 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 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 came 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.”

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 enslaves those who choose death.”

Diocesan pilgrim Anna McNabb of 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, concelebrated 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 No-Novena 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 “unflagging 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 vigilance, 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 faithfulness 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 to undermine 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 against any religious 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 important dimension of our pro-life cause.”

The National Prayer Vigil for Life was co-sponsored by the Secretariat for 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. RHODES

• 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

• 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

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.
Catholic identity to be discussed

B Y C A R O L Z I M M E R M A N N

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In dioceeses 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 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 guidance regarding how to ensure colleges maintain these standards. The document was issued after more than a decade of dialogue by Church officials, Vatican departments and Catholic educators around the world. It specifically defines the “mandatum,” or Church authorization, granted by the local bishop to teach theology.

In pre-pandemic days, the 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 “support 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 this year. 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 Hochsvern, president of DePaul University 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 1990, the pope issued a document titled “A Mandatum” to 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 continuous consultation 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 possibility of the much-anticipated apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education.

The pope in his address 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 must be to foster 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 being enough to promote their Catholic identity, but instead he spoke of “bearers of wisdom” and telling them of his “profound gratitude” for their “selfless contributions” and education.

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 is also 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 Catholic life of faith.”

The pope linked the current “crisis of faith” 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 youth 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.

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 convictions 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 June 11-July 11 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 annual $6 billion windfall in bidding, security and hosting fees in 2009, up 40 percent from 2008, and could be enabled by their companies in its portfolio to adopt standards that would lessen the incidence of human trafficking that can result from business practices, 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. Evidently he “was uniquely excited about it,” she said.

The president chose Jan. 1 as the start date for the Feb. 1 — called “National Freedom Day” in Obama’s proclamation — for the date in 1863 when President Abraham Lincoln issued 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 commitment to treat values as Americans and human beings,” Obama said in his Dec. 22 proclamation. “From every corner of our own country and all parts of the globe, we must stand firm in defense of freedom and bear witness for those exploited by modern slavery.”

Traffic 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 publicly human trafficking is getting our attention in the 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 was created by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, coordinates the federal government’s anti-trafficking efforts. The State, Defense,
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 immigrant 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.”

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 the cost,” said Adams. “There is the cost to implementation 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 $250 billion in unmatched social security numbers.

Many of these provisions in SB 590 are currently being litigated in other 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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Celebrated in most countries as the tides. The pope made the remarks dynamism and ensured that the said, the voluntary migration of lived. On the other hand, the pope where they and their ancestors had said, “Migration today some- times is voluntary and at other times, unfortunately, is forced by wars or persecution, often in dra- matic conditions,” the pope said. “The par- ents 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 home- lands, 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 fron- tiers. 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

Maria Shriver stands with brothers Tim, Bob, 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 bestow 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 bish- ops’ conferences and youth groups were meeting in Madrid to prepare for the August gathering. Cardinal Stanislaw Ryylko, 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 bish- ops 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 min- istry on the technicality of his bishop mishandling the process. The letter, brought to public atten- tion 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 regard- ing proposed Irish norms for deal- ing 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 fol- lowed.” He told Catholic News Service Jan. 19 that the Vatican “does not have a universal, specif- ic 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 vio- lence in Egypt. The decision of Sheikh Ahmad el-Tayeb, president of al-Azhar University in Cairo, and members of the Islamic Research Academy was reported Jan. 20 by the website Ahram 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 col- lecting the information needed to adequately understand the situa- tion. 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 com- mittee, established in 1998, meets in late February each year.

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 chairman 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 consid- ered 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 health reform, but rather than joining efforts to support or oppose the repeal of the recently enacted healthcare law, we will continue to do 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 Archishop 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 near- ly a year ago, the bishops identi- fied three “moral criteria” that they believe our health system must reflect: “Access to quality, affordable healthcare for all”; protection of the con- science rights of health providers and “abortion bans on any federal funding for ‘clerical’ abortion plans that include them”; continued access to health care for immigrants and the removal of existing barriers to access.

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Bishop Luers scholarship recipients announced

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

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 Woerhner, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth; Luke Shaefer, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth; Sebastian Skordos, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne; Alanna Richter, home schooled; Brenden Spangler, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth; Tyler Nelson, Crestview Middle School; Jonathan Gladney, 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 Gllsmann 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 themes 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-Bhattacharya Library. What 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 Dr. 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 Frances Hohl, librarian, Saint Mary’s College. The lecture will be Tuesday, March 22, at 4 p.m. in the Vander Vennt Theatre, Student Center.

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

Among 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 Rodriguez, 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.

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 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 chairs and associate 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@saintpoe-high.com or call (574) 234-2904.

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.

Thorp supports with dental mission

SOUTH BEND — Chad Thorpe, a 2005 graduate of Saint Bend High School worked for three years in Uganda recently returned from a trip to Kampala, Uganda, where he provided Ugandans with free dental treatment and oral health education.

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

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.

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

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 English, Father Drew Curty, Father Mark Guttner 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 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,chapareones, 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) 429-2131 or e-mail them at cblack@dioceseelweb.org.

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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 Radio 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 that “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 1,300 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 this year, Redeemer Radio will expand Catholic Radio to 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.”

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**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits with Fort Wayne’s Women’s Care Center directer 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.**

**Photos by Joe Rine**
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 honored 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 changes 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 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 structural 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 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.

Capital campaign aims for $2.25 million by June

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 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.

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 Barany 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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BY KAY COZAD

A n 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 by Father Fernand Maillet. 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 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 everyone is involved. What’s neat about it is everyone 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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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 through a grant from the Joint Institute for Nuclear Astrophysics from the University of Notre Dame as part of its outreach program. Debbie Notezine, 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 Notezine. “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 a 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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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.

“One of the projects that I shared ideas with,” said Kathy Wanecke, who teaches second grade at St. Monica School in Mishawaka, “was a geography project.”

“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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Since taking the helm at Christ the King, Father Wack has enacted a five-year plan for school improvement, eliminated the parish debt, implemented a bullying prevention program and personally raised funds for a safe new playground for the students. Additionally, he has initiated a twinning relationship with a parish in Bangladesh.

“Not only does this encourage global learning for the students, but provides them with the opportunity to practice Christian works of charity,” said school parent Kathleen Kloska.

Under Father Wack’s leadership, Christ the King School was recognized nationally in 2008 by the U.S. Department of Education, earning the status of Blue Ribbon School.

Father Wack begins every school day in the parking lot opening car doors, greeting students and parents. He is frequently seen in the classrooms and school hallways, and is the regular presider at all-school Masses.

“As a teacher I can’t help but notice how my students light up when Father begins his homily with a grand ‘Good Morning’ and their exuberant response resonates throughout the church,” said Jean Watts, third-grade teacher.

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.

Father Wack believes that the school is the largest ministry of the parish. He is also a 1984 graduate of Christ the King School.

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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 for all 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-to-1 ratio allowing public funding to follow a child if the parents decide to move their child from a public school to a non-public one. 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 prima facie reason why a state that supports 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?

I n his book “Rediscovering Catholicism,” Matthew Kelly writes, “The Church, like so many other things in life, is not so much something we inherit from generation past or take over from our predecessors, as it is something on loan to us from future generations.” Our future generations of Catholic children – have much to be pleased 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 heritage that every child is given 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 grandpar- ents 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, they will thrive once again, that which has been lent to us by our grandchil- dren will yield exponential divi- dends for the Church, the diocese, for our state of Indiana, and for our country once again.

The proposal, subject to change and amendments, will allocate 90 percent of the cost of a public school education to Catholic schools for children who qualify for free and reduced lunch. The parents currently will receive 50 percent of the increased and reduced rate would receive a scholarship equaling 50 percent of the cost of a public school education while parents at one half 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.

No children attending our Catholic schools currently would qualify for the new state tax schol- arships. 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 educa- tion and enhancing the scholar- ship granting organization funding opportunities for students as well.

Some have made inquiries about the long-term effects of pub- lic funding for Catholic schools. Some have asked, “Will state fund- ing diminish our fundamental pur- pose to support the faith formation of our children and undermine our Catholic identity?” It is important to note, our commitment to reli- gious education will not be com- promised with any new or signifi- cant contributions of public fund- ing under any of these legislative funding proposals. Pastors can, under the tax scholarship law pro- posals, continue the sacramental formation and our school communities will continue to display a strong and present Catholic identity.

However, while these assur- ances 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 tradi- tional focus and purpose of reli- gious instruction that occurs throughout the school day.

In addition, pastors and princi- als at each diocese the Church 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 initia- tives 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 re- venue streams. Enrollment growth as a result of tax credits will not subject our schools to significant negative consequences in relation to future tax construction.

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 advan- tage to the needy and the immi- grant children on a very large scale. And as always, we can depend on our faith-filled teachers, our committed principals, our dedi- cated staff and all those who sup- port our children; they are embrac- ing these new opportunities and challenges with faith, conviction and creative insight.

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

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D r. 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 at the Pontifical Theological Faculty Marianum because the phenomenon is much bigger than us.

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 Lourdes in France, he said.

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

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

According to the norms, the bishop and commission “must determine the veracity of the facts 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 time to examine the case.

In the last scenario, the investigation is brought to the country’s 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.

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Reflection

The readings for this weekend, culminating in the Beatitudes, both celebrate the rejection 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.

The Beatitudes reveal to us the joy and perfection of life with God, and they challenge us to do our part in redemption. This summons us to personal and individual holiness. 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 life 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?"
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.

By the 20th century, the Catholic Church to set foot in Poland. For the past 30 years, people have claimed to see apparitions of Mary in Medjugorje. A few months ago was arrested as an enemy of the state — a man who six months ago was memorably welcomed the pope to Rome. Paul’s remarkable life when he caught this dimension of John’s recoveries from addictions, even hatreds. The Church affirms that God makes saints, and the same, in general, Mary appeals for intercession, “the person in charge of the liturgy.”

George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. He said that while the apparitions apparently are not alone in the world and can be seen on earth, the Catholic Church affirms that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven and that she, Christ, defeated death and triumphed 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 deacons can’t.”

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**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 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 the team. Roy feels the team has made progress showing hard and plan to be ready for the upcoming tournament.

“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 brought 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
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.

Traditionally the 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 champions Wildcats were lean on their scoring machine Wil 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-pointers 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 throws with 23 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 Wildcats win.

“The keyed on Whitten (who was held to nine points) defensively, but our big man Will Glassco 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) got 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 netted 18 in a losing cause.

Corpus Christi remained on top of the west division by holding on in overtime, 71-68, over rival St. John the Baptist. Dominic Ferro scored 12 for the Cougars and Julian Collier hit for 16 for the upstart Spartans.

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

We 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 Kamouse, remained undefeated by beating the Blazers of St. Matthew, 26-18.

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

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EWTN acquires National Catholic Register

IRONDALE, Ala. — EWTN Global Catholic Network has signed a letter of intent to acquire the National Catholic Register, the nation’s leading Catholic newspaper.

“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 trans-action, 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 countries 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.ncrregister.com) grew out of Denver’s Catholic Register, which began on Aug. 11, 1905. Under the leadership of Msgr. Matthew Spurka, 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.ncrregister.com

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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 Priory — 9 a.m.; Alton, Blessed Sacrament — 8 a.m.; Arcola, St. Patrick — 7:15 a.m.; Garrett, St. Joseph — 9 a.m.; New Haven, St. John Bosco — 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 Jeni Morman at jmorman@hot-mail.com for information.

Catholic speakers to visit St. Pius X Catholic Church speakers to visit St. Pius X Church

Fort Wayne — The all-family rosary will be recited on 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 3:45-5:30 p.m. at St. Mother Theodore Guerin 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 Welting 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 Guerin 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.

Knights plan fish fry Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 6133 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 5:30-7 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 Wells 224-226. A light lunch will be served.

**TV Mass Schedule for February**

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Marie Claude Calixte and the transitional shelter that CRS built for her. Photo by Benjamin Depp for CRS