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TODAY'S CATHOLIC

Encountering Christ in words of the Mass

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Clergy, liturgical ministers, catechists and other lay leaders gathered at Bishop Dwenger High School March 26 to attend the day-long workshop titled, "Mystical Body, Mystical Voice: Encountering Christ in the Words of the Mass." Those attending were offered a comprehensive formation for the upcoming implementation of the new translation of the Roman Missal.

The English words of the Mass have been more faithfully retranslated from the official Latin text, and Catholics will begin using these new words on the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 27, 2011.

The workshop was presented by the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Ill., and coordinated by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend offices of catechesis and worship.

Presenter Father Douglas Martis is the director of the Liturgical Institute. He is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet, Ill., and chair of the Worship Department at Mundelein Seminary of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Father Martis teamed up with presenter Evan Stricklin, who serves as a lay pastoral minister at a suburban parish in the Diocese of Metuchen, N.J., for the Fort Wayne workshop.

The day was broken into five sessions.



TIM JOHNSON

Father Douglas Martis, director of the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Ill., fields questions from workshop participants at the "Mystical Body, Mystical Voice: Encountering Christ in the Words of the Mass" workshop held at Bishop Dwenger High School on March 26.

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POPE SIGNS GUEST BOOK DURING MEMORIAL VISIT



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Pope Benedict XVI signs a guest book during a visit to the Ardeatine Caves Memorial in Rome March 27. The site honors 335 Italian citizens who were killed there by the Nazis in 1944.

Young adults offered unique Reconciliation opportunity

BY KAY COZAD

All Catholic young adults, ages 18 to 39, are invited to a special opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, April 12, from 6-11 p.m. The sacramental evening, sponsored by the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, and themed, "Has it been a while ... ?" will be offered in both South Bend and Fort Wayne.

Mary Glowaski, director of the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry, says the diocese hopes to reach the young adult population where they are. "Our experience of young adults is they are very busy and some are perhaps disconnected from the Church. ... We wanted to make Reconciliation accessible to them."

This creative initiative, led by the efforts of Campus and Young Adult Minister Allison Sturm, will offer as many as 13 confessors at both the Cathedral of the Immaculate



Conception in Fort Wayne and St. Matthew co-cathedral in South Bend. The hours are set in the evening to accommodate the working lifestyle of the Catholic young adults of the diocese.

"There is no prayer service," says Glowaski. "We just want them to stop by after work or later in the evening after they've been out."

According to Glowaski, 18 percent of the Catholic Church is made up of young adults ages 18- 29. And statistics show that only 17 percent of that 18 percent regularly practice their faith. "We can insist that the young people experience the Church the way we have — and they'll keep leaving. Or we can take

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Diocese disperses \$195,112 to 11 'needy' projects

BY VINCE LABARBERA

The Annual Bishop's Appeal of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend includes a funding program to assist less affluent parishes. A Parishes-in-Need Fund Committee met recently to review parish requests for "needy" projects. The committee recommended a total of \$195,112 be granted to 11 parishes for 20 essential projects, enabling them a more stable existence. The grants were approved by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

"Obviously, we can't meet every request submitted by the parishes," said Msgr. Robert C. Schulte, vicar general/chancellor of the diocese. "We have to consider the nature of each request in light of the total needs and financial resources of the parish as well as the other parishes in the diocese requesting funding assistance," he continued. A total amount of \$312,773 in requests were submitted this year.

"If all or part of a request cannot be met, often the committee will recommend the parish apply to another fund of financial resource in the diocese or community, or seek other alternatives," Msgr. Schulte added.

Some funds usually remain in the account for use throughout the year by parishes when a new need arises, Msgr. Schulte indicated. If all the money is not used in 2011, however, it will be carried over and allocated to next year's Parishes-in-Need fund, he explained.

"Hopefully, this money will strengthen these parishes financially, increase their outreach and improve their ability to do the work of Christ," said Bishop Rhoades.

This year's allocation of Parishes-in-Need funds brings to \$5,043,947 the amount granted from the Annual Bishop's Appeal to parishes in need during the 24 years of the Annual Bishop's Appeal.

This year's primary parish projects include:

Fort Wayne

- St. Henry — a \$2,000 parish subsidy
- Queen of Angels — \$15,000 for two new air conditioning units for the church and \$15,000 for new windows and doors for the rectory
- St. Therese — \$19,000 to replace aluminum siding, replace windows and install additional insulation, \$8,000 to resurface parking lots used by both the parish and school, and \$5,000 to have all floors in the school professionally stripped

Fort Wayne area

- St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla — \$32,000 to repair west end of the church roof, repair or replace gutters, tuck-pointing and repair interior wall due to water damage
- St. Patrick, Ligonier — \$20,000 to repair cracks in floor and ceiling, remove carpet and floor tile, purchase, paint and install steel beams and columns

South Bend

- Holy Cross — \$6,357 to repair stained-glass window in the church due to snow causing damage
- Holy Family — \$15,000 to replace 20 sets of windows in school
- Our Lady of Hungary — \$5,500 for replacement of three-inch Honeywell Steam valve and main heating control valve, \$2,325 to survey boiler building control system, and replace thermostats and radiators, and \$1,700 for plaster repair in entryways and resource teacher's classroom
- St. Augustine — \$5,000 for parish subsidy and \$2,000 to hire someone to put parish data on ParishSoft
- St. John the Baptist — \$5,680 to replace windows on the rectory and \$550 for roofing repairs

South Bend Area

- St. Monica, Mishawaka — \$15,000 to upgrade and repair electrical wiring and lighting in church, \$10,000 to replace sidewalk surrounding church to school and \$10,000 to replace church bell tower roof.

24th Annual Bishop's Appeal**Percent of Donor Participation**

Parish	Rate of Participation
Blessed Sacrament, Albion	94.1
St. Louis, Besancon	84.8
St. Rose of Lima, Monroeville	73.9
St. Catherine, Nix Settlement	70.4
Immaculate Conception, Ege	68.4
St. Joseph, Roanoke	68.1
St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel	66.8
St. Hedwig, South Bend	63.0
St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart	59.7
St. Aloysius, Yoder	59.2
St. Joseph, South Bend	59.0
St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton	58.7
Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne	58.2
St. Mary of the Presentation, Geneva	58.2
Immaculate Conception, Auburn	57.2
St. Michael the Archangel, Waterloo	56.4
St. Robert Bellarmine, N. Manchester	55.1
St. John Bosco, Churubusco	53.3
St. Joseph, Bluffton	52.4
St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend	52.3
St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla	52.2
St. Gaspar del Bufalo, Rome City	52.1
Immaculate Conception, Kendallville	52.1
St. Patrick, Ligonier	50.9
St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne	50.3
St. Patrick, South Bend	50.2
St. Jude, Fort Wayne	50.1
St. Stanislaus, New Carlisle	50.0
St. Stanislaus (South Bend)	49.5
St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne	48.3
St. Catherine of Siena, South Bend	47.7
St. Patrick, Arcola	47.0
Little Flower, South Bend	46.1
St. Henry, Fort Wayne	45.7
St. Mary of the Angels, Big Long Lake	45.3
St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur	45.3
St. Joseph, LaGrange	45.2
St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne	45.1
St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City	45.0
Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne	45.0
Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne	43.7
St. Therese, Fort Wayne	42.4
Christ the King, South Bend	42.2
Corpus Christi, South Bend	41.2
St. Pius X, Granger	41.1
St. Monica, Mishawaka	40.8
St. John the Baptist, South Bend	40.3
St. Joseph, Garrett	39.7
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne	39.6
St. Mary, Fort Wayne	39.6
St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend	39.4
St. John the Baptist, New Haven	39.3
Holy Cross, South Bend	39.2
St. Mary of the Annunciation, Bristol	38.7
St. Patrick, Fort Wayne	38.6
Sacred Heart, Notre Dame	38.4
St. Peter, Fort Wayne	38.3
Holy Family, South Bend	38.0
St. Paul Chapel, Clear Lake	37.3
St. Patrick, Walkerton	35.9
St. Bernard, Wabash	35.8
Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend	34.8
St. Mary of the Lake, Culver	33.3
St. Casimir, South Bend	33.3
Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne	32.9
St. Mary, Huntington	32.6
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw	31.8
St. Martin de Porres, Syracuse	31.3
St. Augustine, South Bend	31.3
Queen of Peace, Mishawaka	30.7
Cathedral/Conception, Fort Wayne	30.5
St. Anthony of Padua, Angola	30.2
St. Dominic, Bremen	29.9
Ss. Peter and Paul, Huntington	29.5
Sacred Heart, Warsaw	28.6
St. Joseph, Mishawaka	27.2
St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart	26.8
St. John the Evangelist, Goshen	25.6
St. Michael, Plymouth	24.9
St. Bavo, Mishawaka	24.8
St. Joseph, Fort Wayne	23.1
St. Adalbert, South Bend	15.8

24th Annual Bishop's Appeal**Percent of Goal Reached**

Parish	Percentage of goal reached
St. Anthony de Padua, South Bend	237.5
Blessed Sacrament, Albion	218.5
St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart	204.0
St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne	183.3
St. Rose of Lima, Monroeville	180.8
St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton	178.0
St. Patrick, Ligonier	176.6
Immaculate Conception, Kendallville	172.0
St. Pius X, Granger	170.4
St. Michael the Archangel, Waterloo	169.4
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw	168.7
Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne	162.1
St. Paul Chapel, Clear Lake	156.9
Immaculate Conception, Auburn	153.1
St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur	153.1
St. Louis, Besancon	152.7
St. Joseph, Garrett	152.4
St. Joseph, South Bend	150.8
St. Dominic, Bremen	150.7
St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne	145.0
Christ the King, South Bend	144.7
St. Mary of the Annunciation, Bristol	143.8
St. Michael, Plymouth	143.6
St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend	143.2
Sacred Heart, Notre Dame	142.2
St. Aloysius, Yoder	140.3
St. John the Baptist, New Haven	138.9
St. Patrick, Arcola	136.6
St. Monica, Mishawaka	135.6
St. Adalbert, South Bend	134.5
Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne	134.2
St. Mary of the Assumption, Avilla	133.9
St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart	133.3
Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend	132.8
St. Bernard, Wabash	132.1
St. Charles Borromeo, Fort Wayne	131.6
St. Jude, Fort Wayne	130.9
St. Gaspar del Bufalo, Rome City	130.8
St. Mary of the Presentation, Geneva	130.3
St. Joseph, Bluffton	130.1
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne	129.6
St. Patrick, South Bend	128.3
Immaculate Conception, Ege	126.3
St. Catherine of Siena, South Bend	125.4
St. Mary, Huntington	125.2
St. Robert Bellarmine, North Manchester	124.5
St. Mary of the Angels, Big Long Lake	123.9
St. Catherine, Nix Settlement	123.9
Holy Cross, South Bend	123.8
St. Joseph, LaGrange	121.3
St. John the Baptist, South Bend	121.3
St. Anthony of Padua, Angola	120.2
St. Stanislaus, New Carlisle	119.4
Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne	117.7
St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel	117.0
St. Joseph, Roanoke	115.4
Queen of Peace, Mishawaka	115.1
St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City	114.9
St. Augustine, South Bend	113.9
St. Martin de Porres, Syracuse	112.7
St. Peter, Fort Wayne	112.7
St. John Bosco, Churubusco	112.3
Ss. Peter and Paul, Huntington	110.4
Cathedral/Conception, Fort Wayne	110.0
St. Joseph, Mishawaka	109.7
St. Mary, Fort Wayne	109.4
Sacred Heart, Fort Wayne	109.0
Sacred Heart, Warsaw	108.1
St. Patrick, Walkerton	107.8
St. Joseph, Fort Wayne	106.4
Holy Family, South Bend	106.2
St. Patrick, Fort Wayne	106.0
St. Henry, Fort Wayne	105.1
St. Bavo, Mishawaka	104.6
St. Casimir, South Bend	101.9
St. Stanislaus, South Bend	101.4
Corpus Christi, South Bend	100.0
St. Mary of the Lake, Culver	100.0
St. Therese, Fort Wayne	100.0
St. John the Evangelist, Goshen	100.0
St. Hedwig, South Bend	100.0
Little Flower, South Bend	100.0

Report abuse

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org under "Safe Environment."

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Mary Glowaski, victim assistance coordinator, (260) 399-1458, e-mail: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, or Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, or at (260) 399-1419, e-mail: mraatz@diocesefwsb.org. The diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

Permanece importante para nuestra Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficos del abuso. Abusar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, pólizas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Esto se puede observar en la página cibernética de la Diócesis, www.diocesefwsb.org bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro "Safe Environment."

Si usted tiene razón para creer que un niño puede ser víctima de abuso o negligencia, la ley de Indiana requiere que usted reporte esto a las autoridades civiles. Si usted o alguien que usted conoce fue abusado, ya sea niño o persona joven por un adulto, lo animamos a que notifique las autoridades civiles apropiadas de ese abuso. También, si el alegado abusador es o fue un sacerdote o diácono de la Iglesia Católica, lo animamos contactar a Mary Glowaski, Coordinadora de Asistencia de Víctimas, (260)-399-1458, correo electrónico: mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org, o al Rev. Msgr. Robert Schulte, Vicario General de la Diócesis de Fort Wayne - South Bend, al P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46801, o al (260) 399-1419, correo electrónico: mraatz@diocesefwsb.org. La Diócesis esta comprometida en ayudar a prevenir el abuso o negligencia de niños y personas jóvenes y dar asistencia a aquellos quienes reclaman haber sufrido daño como resultado de tal abuso.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

• Saturday, April 2, to Saturday, April 9 — Meeting of the International Catholic-Reformed Theological Dialogue, Rome, Italy

Palm Sunday's six-church pilgrim walk highlights Christ's passion

BY KAY COZAD

SOUTH BEND — The high school age youth and young adults of the diocese are invited along with other interested faithful to participate in a six-church passion walk on Palm Sunday led by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The pilgrimage will offer the youth an extraordinary opportunity to not only pray the Stations of the Cross and celebrate Mass as a community, but to present a public witness to their faith as well. No registration is required.

The pilgrims of the faith community are invited to gather at St. Joseph Church parking lot, located at 226 N. Hill St. in South Bend, between 11:15 and 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, April 17. The pilgrimage will begin promptly at noon when those in attendance will sing hymns and pray the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary. A brief corresponding parish history will be read at each of the six churches on the journey.

Bishop Rhoades will then lead the travelers to St. Patrick Church, located at 309 S. Taylor St., where the pilgrims will begin their meditation on

the Lord's journey to Calvary by praying the first four stations there. The next four stations will be witnessed at St. Hedwig Church, 331 S. Scott St. As the group processes again through the streets of South Bend they will stop next at St. Augustine Church, 1501 W. Washington St., to pray stations 9-12 and finally conclude the Way of the Cross by praying the last two stations at St. Stanislaus Church, 415 N. Brookfield St.

Following the completion of the Lord's Passion, the pilgrims will exit St. Stanislaus Church for the distribution and blessing of the palms, and the proclamation of the Gospel outside the church. Finally the pilgrimage will route the faithful to Holy Cross Church, 1050 Wilbur, where they will join Bishop Rhoades in the celebration of Palm Sunday Mass at 4 p.m. A simple reception will follow. Buses will be provided to transport pilgrims back to St. Joseph Church.

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The first session was titled "Word Become Flesh." The session discussed how to prepare parishes for the new Missal by laying the groundwork for liturgical understanding. The session covered an introduction to liturgical and sacramental theology, Christ present in the liturgy and how Christ continues to work in the sacraments.

"The reality of the liturgy is Christ the Word. In Him and in His Mystical Body, the restored dialogue of love resonates in the world today. The words of the liturgy are sacramental signs of the Word. To speak, hear, sing and pray the words of the Mass is to encounter the Word, Jesus Christ," said Father Martis, to summarize the session.

The second session was titled "Maturing in the Word." Father Martis and Stricklin spoke of a continuous thread of liturgical instruction. There exists continuity between the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy and the Third Typical Edition of The Roman Missal in English. The Church's practice of translating has matured over 50 years. And pertaining to vernacular translations, a number of principles — theological, ritual and linguistic — are now used by the Church to translate liturgical texts.

The third session titled "Liturgy of the Word," and the fourth session, "Liturgy of the Eucharist," provided an in depth look at the translation changes of the Mass.

The final session was titled "Tips for Catechesis." It offered tips for clergy and laity to successfully implement the new

translation. The laity is encouraged to make spiritual preparation by praying over the Mass texts, to read the explanation of Mass texts, to attend or organize local study sessions, to be attentive to the texts and ask questions about their origin and meaning, and to join a Catholic Bible study.

Father Derrick Sneyd, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Auburn, attended the workshop with 27 parishioners. He plans to provide training to prepare his parishioners for the implementation of the new translation of the Mass. "I'm planning before every liturgy, I will do a five minute PowerPoint — very brief and succinct — and it will be a continuing thing starting after summer," Father Sneyd said. He plans to use examples of the "old words that are being reinserted into the new translation." He said he will also provide adult education on a greater level.

He thought the day was wonderful, "and it reinforces our role as priests," he said, "a representative of Jesus for the community. And it's also educational. It brings back a lot of thinking, a lot of history, so it's very nice."

Many who attended cited the importance of being attentive to the words. Ben Wagner, the youth director at St. Joseph Church in Bluffton, said, "I think the new translation will be very effective to reaching out to all ages to develop a deeper appreciation of the liturgy and its historical beginnings."

Michelle Paxton, the administrative assistant and director of religious education at St. Joseph Parish, added, "I am excited. Vatican II is all I've ever known. I'm excited because it gives us cradle Catholics a deeper meaning in what we are saying."

Cheryl Whitaker, principal of

St. Louis Academy, Besancon, in rural New Haven, told *Today's Catholic*, "I really enjoyed the presentation today because I think the new translation will make us more present in the Mass."

Whitaker explained, "We all have to pay attention to the words and as cradle Catholics we take those words for granted. We learned them. They're rote. And unless you are really concentrating, sometimes you lose sight of being in the Mass."

She was recently discussing the implementation with her husband, who just joined the Church two years ago. "Even though he is a full member," Whitaker related, "there is still that little bit of a (feeling) that he doesn't know all the prayers, that he's different than everyone else. And this puts the new Catholics on an equal footing with cradle Catholics because we all are starting from the same point now."

Brian MacMichael, director of the Office of Worship, said, "This is a very exciting and important time, and a fulfillment of the goal of the Second Vatican Council that we strive to engage the heart of the Roman Catholic Church's rich liturgical tradition in our vernacular prayer. We who are preparing for the implementation of the new Missal are very grateful to the Liturgical Institute for developing this excellent workshop and taking it around the country. In particular, it's great that they focus on what matters most — how this new English translation, which is so grounded in Scripture, should help all of us enter into a deeper and more reverent sacramental encounter with Jesus Christ at Mass."

The same workshop was offered at Marian High School in Mishawaka on March 5.

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what is essential, listen to them and create something with them that speaks to their experience and to their hearts' desire for God," she says.

The Church needs the inspiration of the young adults and what they know about God. Glowaski says, "We have a responsibility to frame things in a context that is accessible to help them know how much they're needed and wanted in the Church."

She adds that the young adults are not just the future of the Church, but also the present Church.

The host of priests who will participate in this initiative are eager and willing to offer the sacrament of Reconciliation to the

busy young adults of the diocese. "The priests think it's a great idea. We recognize that it's Lent and this conflicts with parish services. But so many of our constituency are not connected to a parish," says Glowaski. This evening will provide an additional opportunity and accessibility to the sacrament.

In addition to the traditional methods of extending the invitation to the young adults of the diocese, including parish bulletin blurbs, radio and newspaper ads and flyers, the primary source the Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry will be using is social networking. The office will invite their friends on Facebook at Fort Wayne Area Catholic Young Adults and their website at www.diocesefwsb.org/diocesan-offices/campus-young-adult-ministry.

For more information contact Office of Campus and Young Adult Ministry at (260) 483-3661.

Confession is a teaching moment for priest, penitent, says pope

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The sacrament of Confession can be a teaching moment for both priest and penitent, Pope Benedict XVI said.

While penitents can discover grace and hope from God's love and forgiveness, priests hearing confession can be inspired to be more honest, humble and transparent about their own sins, he said.

The pope made his comments during an audience March 25 with participants attending a course sponsored by the Apostolic Penitentiary — a Vatican court that handles issues related to the sacrament of Penance.

The pope said confessors can learn so much from "exemplary penitents about their spiritual life, the seriousness with which they examine their conscience, about their transparency in recognizing

their own sins and their docility toward Church teaching and recommendations from the confessor."

"We can learn great lessons about humility and faith" when administering the sacrament of Penance, the pope said.

A priest's faith in God and in God's mercy can be strengthened every time he assists and witnesses true "miracles of conversion," he said.

By hearing confession, a priest will "visit the depths of the human heart, even its darker side," which can test the faith of priests just like it tests other people's faith, said the pope. On the other hand, it also can foster the certainty that evil never has the last word and that God and His mercy make all things new, he said.

People not only learn about humility and recognize their own fragility when confessing their sins, they become aware of their

need for God's forgiveness and of the fact that divine grace can transform their lives, he said.

In a world "marked by noise, distraction and solitude, the conversation between penitent and confessor can be one of the few, if not the only, occasion to be really and completely listened to," he said.

The relativism of modern times has weakened people's knowledge of their true being, which in turn has led to people no longer practicing the sacrament of Penance, the pope said.

Yet examining one's conscience in confession has enormous value because it teaches people to "take a sincere look at their existence and confront it with the truth of the Gospel and evaluate it with parameters that are not just man-made, but that emerge from divine revelation," he said.

USCCB urges no change in federal housing discrimination rules

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Proposed changes in federal housing regulations to forbid discrimination based on "sexual orientation" or "gender identity" could violate existing federal law and force faith-based organizations to end their "long and successful track record in meeting housing needs," according to comments filed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Anthony R. Picarello Jr. and Michael F. Moses, USCCB general counsel and associate general counsel, respectively, said the proposal by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to add to the list of protected categories for which discrimination in HUD programs is prohibited "appears at odds" with the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which says marriage is the union of one man and one woman.

"HUD should not create a new protected classification where there is no statutory policy undergirding it and where the new classification flies in the face of a policy expressly adopted by Congress," they said.

The two attorneys filed the comments on behalf of the USCCB late March 25, the final day of a 60-day comment period on the proposed changes.

When HUD first proposed the addition of the two new protected categories Jan. 20, HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan called it "a fundamental issue of fairness" and said the agency's aim was to clarify that "a person's eligibility for federal housing programs is, and should be, based on their need and not on their sexual orientation or gender identity."

The proposed rule would clarify that the term "family," as used to describe eligible beneficiaries of public housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs, would apply to any combination of adults and children regardless of marital status, sexual orientation or gender. HUD rules already prohibit discrimination based on marital status.

Picarello and Moses noted in their comments that faith-based organizations "fulfill a vital role as partners in implementing HUD and other government housing programs."

Last year, for example, Catholic Charities agencies assisted nearly half-a-million people with housing services, and in 2007 they sponsored or were affiliated with programs that provided housing or housing-related services to 662,954 clients, according to a study by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate.

Catholic Charities housing programs were "especially likely to have served ... persons with HIV/AIDS," the CARA study said. That suggests "that not only does the Church not decline services to, but actively serves, a client base that includes large numbers of homosexual clients," the attorneys said.

Catholic dioceses and religious orders also are actively involved in housing programs, the USCCB comments noted.

"It is especially imperative, given their large role in meeting the housing needs of the poor, elderly, disabled and others, that such faith-based and other organizations not be required, as a condition of participating in such programs, to compromise or violate their religious beliefs," Picarello and Moses said.

"To continue to participate in these programs, these organizations must retain the freedom they have always had, when meeting housing needs, to avoid placements for shared housing that would violate their religious beliefs," they added.

The attorneys stressed that "we are not suggesting that any person should be denied housing."

In addition to the proposed rule change, HUD is conducting a national study about housing discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Americans. The agency conducts a study every 10 years about housing discrimination on the basis of race or color.



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Pro-life, school choice legislation affected by Democrats walkout

INDIANAPOLIS — After a five-week hiatus, House Democrats return to the statehouse. Their absence has taken a toll not only on the patience of Republicans in the House and Senate, but the passage of pro-life and school choice legislation that the Indiana Catholic Conference has marked as top priorities for the year, also may be in jeopardy.

The two potential casualties of the political war over collective bargaining and education reform that caused the walkout are an informed consent bill HB 1210 authored by Rep. Eric Turner, R-Cicero, and the school scholarship bill HB 1003, authored by Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis.

Both bills passed out of committee and were headed for second reading on the House floor when the walkout occurred.

Behning said, "The walkout has definitely made life more difficult. But the positive side of this is we have a solid commitment from the House Republicans, the Senate Republicans and the governor that education reform is going to move forward despite the fact that the House Democrats have decided to vacate the state."

Behning said, "The governor has made it very clear that education reform is a priority for him. He spoke to us during one of our caucus meetings, which doesn't happen very often. He told us that if the Democrats don't come back to pass a budget, he will keep calling them back for a special session until the end of the year if he has to so they can 'do the people's business, pass a budget and pass education reform,'" said Behning.

"Our first preference would be to move the bills off our calendar," said Behning. As a Plan B, Behning said, "We are talking to our Senate colleagues and looking for homes for our agenda items in Senate bills. Our last option would be to put these bills into the budget because everything is germane in the budget," he said. "We hate to load the budget up like this," but Behning said that would still be a way to pass the education reform.

Under House Bill 1003, the school scholarship, moderate to low-income families would be eligible to get up to 90 percent of tuition cost to attend a private school of the parent's choice. Each child in a qualifying family would be eligible for up to \$4,500 in school scholarship money to use at the private school of the family's choice. Families with a 150 percent of the free and reduced lunch income would also be eligible for a 50 percent scholarship. Only students who were previously enrolled in a public school would be eligible for a scholarship. There is no scholarship cap for high school.

"I'm still optimistic that the bill will pass because of the synergies that are together," said



BOB BEHNING, R-INDIANAPOLIS



ERIC TURNER, R-CICERO

Behning. "I know that I have the votes in the House. I know that President Pro Tem Sen. David Long has a commitment to move the bill in the Senate."

Behning said that even though he is hopeful that the education reform package will pass, he said, that it is always helpful and appreciated to have supporters of

the reform package to make their support known.

Turner explained a similar scenario for his informed consent bill, HB 1210, to be passed. "I have every anticipation that HB 1210 will pass the House since there are 53 co-authors on the bill. That's a pretty good indication you are going to get at least

51 votes," said Turner. When the bill gets to the floor, Turner said he expects the bill to get 70 or 80 votes. "The pro-life bills are largely bipartisan," said Turner.

Turner calls himself "the eternal optimist." With the return of the Democrats, "We will pass the bill out of the House, and everything will be back to normal," said Turner. "We may have to work a little harder, work longer days and work on Fridays, which we normally don't do." Turner said they need to leave the last couple of weeks to hold conference committee meetings to iron out the differences between the House and Senate versions of bills.

There are 109 bills in the Senate. "The work also is being done to find homes for priority House bills," said Turner. "I can tell you the pro-life bills will be among the priority bills."

House Bill 1210, informed consent for abortion, would improve Indiana's informed consent law by including additional information a pregnant woman would receive prior to having an

INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

BY BRIGID CURTIS AYER

abortion. The Senate passed SB 328, an informed consent bill similar to Rep. Turner's bill. However, Turner's bill also prohibits abortions after 20 weeks and prohibits insurance plans in Indiana under the federally-mandated healthcare to provide abortion coverage.

"I'm still very confident we are going to pass a significant pro-life bill out of the General Assembly this session," said Turner.

Turner said that a "last resort" or "Plan C" would be to put the pro-life bills into the budget.

How lawmakers plan to pass Informed Consent HB 1210 and School Choice Scholarships HB 1003

Plan A

Democrats return late March to early April, Bill passes, moves to Senate.

Legislature is back to normal.

Plan B

HB 1210 language is amended into Senate Bill with similar topic.

HB 1003 language is amended into Senate Bill with similar topic.

Passed by Senate, moves to House for approval.

Plan C

HB 1210 and HB 1003 amended into budget.

Plan D

Governor calls lawmakers to special session.

Process begins all over.

HB 1003, School Scholarship Bill

— Moderate to low income families would be eligible to get up to 90 percent of tuition cost to attend a private school of the parent's choice. Each child in a qual-

ifying family would be eligible for up to \$4,500 in school scholarship money to use at the private school of the family's choice. Families with a 150 percent of the free and reduced lunch income would also be eligible for a 50 percent scholarship. Only students who were previously enrolled in a public school would be eligible for a scholarship. There is no scholarship cap for high school.

HB 1210, Informed Consent Bill

— Indiana's informed consent law for abortion would be

enhanced by including additional information a pregnant woman would receive prior to having an abortion. The information would be provided in writing and include adoption alternatives, risks associated with having an abortion, notify the woman that the baby could experience pain, and medical information including pictures of the gestational age of the baby. It also prohibits late term abortions after 20 weeks and prohibits the federally-mandated healthcare plan offered in Indiana to cover abortion.

(Source: Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis & Rep. Eric Turner, R-Cicero)

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Archbishop Buechlein recovering after suffering mild stroke

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis suffered a mild stroke March 18 and was admitted to St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was transferred to a rehabilitation hospital March 23 to begin three to four weeks of therapy. According to *The Criterion*, the archdiocesan newspaper, the archbishop became dizzy while at home March 18 and called 911. After undergoing tests at St. Vincent, doctors determined that he had suffered a mild stroke. The archbishop said the day-to-day operations and ministries of the archdiocese would continue as normal while he recuperates. He said he would appreciate everyone's prayers.

Catholic groups mobilize after quake hits Myanmar and Thailand

YANGON, Myanmar (CNS) — Catholic organizations mobilized to assess damage and casualties caused by an earthquake and aftershocks in northeastern Myanmar and northern Thailand, reported the Asian Church news agency UCA News. A team of five from Karuna Kengtung, the Church's charitable agency in the Diocese of Kengtung, arrived on the scene March 25 to collect data, said Daw Rose Mary, executive secretary of Karuna Myanmar Social Services in Yangon. Others were purchasing food and supplies to take to the quake-affected areas, said a Kengtung Karuna staff member. A magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck Thailand and Myanmar March 24, followed by a magnitude 5.5 aftershock March 25. At least 60 people were dead, mostly in Myanmar.

Pope Benedict appeals for suspension of fighting in Libya

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI appealed for a suspension of fighting in Libya and the immediate start of a serious dialogue aimed at restoring peace to the North African country. Speaking at his weekly blessing March 27, the pope said he was increasingly concerned at the news from Libya, where rebels supported by U.S. and European airstrikes have battled the forces of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. "My fear for the safety and well-being of the civilian population is growing, as is my apprehension over how the situation is developing with the use of arms," the pope said. "To international agencies and to those with political and military responsibility, I make a heartfelt appeal for the immediate start of a dialogue that will suspend the use of arms," he said. The pope said that in moments of great international tension, there was more urgency

NEWS BRIEFS

LEADERS PROTEST AGAINST REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH BILL



CNS PHOTO/ROMEO RANOCO, REUTERS

Religious leaders sit below a large crucifix during a Mass and protest against a reproductive health bill in Luneta Park in Manila, Philippines, March 25. Philippine lawmakers have opened debate in the lower house on the bill that seeks to improve access to information on contraception but faces strong opposition from the influential Catholic bishops.

for diplomatic efforts that take advantage of "even the weakest sign of openness to reconciliation" among the parties in conflict. Solutions should be "peaceful and lasting," he said. The pope offered a prayer for "the return of harmony in Libya" and throughout North Africa.

Two pastors appointed as auxiliary bishops for Detroit Archdiocese

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Msgr. Donald F. Hanchon and Father Michael J. Byrnes, who are both pastors in Detroit and also have other duties in the Detroit Archdiocese, to be auxiliary bishops for the archdiocese. Bishop-designate Hanchon, 63, is pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish and episcopal vicar for the central region of the archdiocese. Bishop-designate Byrnes, 52, is pastor of Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish and vice rector of Sacred Heart Seminary. The appointments were announced March 22 in Washington by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop-designate Hanchon was ordained a priest for the Detroit Archdiocese in 1974 and named a monsignor in 2005. Bishop-designate Byrnes was ordained for the archdiocese in 1996. The two will be ordained as bishops May 5 at the Cathedral

of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron of Detroit called the appointments "a great blessing for the archdiocese," as well as an honor for the two priests. He said the two men, coming from different paths and different generations, each bring unique gifts to the local Church.

Catholics in Sendai deliver food to people hit by Japanese disasters

SENDAI, Japan (CNS) — Despite the post-tsunami chaos, parishioners of Kita Sendai Catholic Church have been busy delivering food aid to victims of the deadly quake and tsunami. Hiroko Haga, one of the parishioners, told the Asian Church news agency UCA News that persistent distribution difficulties in the city have meant that "people must stand in line for three hours to buy a slice of bread," so parishioners reach out not only to the homeless but also to the elderly and to nursing mothers for whom the endless lines would be too arduous. The ongoing efforts of the parishioners form a natural extension of charitable activities in which the Church was already active, reported the Asian Church news agency UCA News. Violent aftershocks — as strong as magnitude 6 March 24 — and the continued disruption of gas supplies forced

parishioners to cook meals with propane. Food was supplied by a variety of organizations, including Caritas Japan, food banks and ecumenical groups. Dominican Father Raymond Latour, pastor of Kita Sendai, is also pastor of Haramachi Church in Minamisoma. He said those who remained in Minamisoma were forced to stay indoors because of their proximity to the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant; they had only ramen noodles to eat. The Sendai Diocese has 53 churches and 8 mission stations. Serious damage to Furukawa church in Miyagi prefecture and Sukagawa and Yumoto churches in Fukushima prefecture rendered them unusable. Otherwise, damage to diocesan buildings was described as "minimal."

Father Corapi's company says action against priest violates canon law

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A representative of the media company owned by Father John Corapi challenged the action to place the popular speaker on administrative leave from priestly ministry, saying that it was illicit under "several points of canon law." Bobbi Ruffatto, vice president of operations at Santa Cruz Media, Inc., in Kalispell, Mont., charged in a posting on Father Corapi's Facebook page March 25 that

Bishop William M. Mulvey of Corpus Christi, Texas, acted improperly, according to canon lawyers consulted by the company. The statement offered no specific citations of canon law. However, Marty Wind, director of communications for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, disputed Ruffatto's claim that Bishop Mulvey placed Father Corapi on leave. He said the action was taken by officials of the priest's order, the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity in Robstown, Texas. "We have been clear from the beginning that the bishop of Corpus Christi was notified by the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity that the administrative leave was imposed by the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity, not the bishop of the diocese," Wind told Catholic News Service March 25. Father Corapi was placed on administrative leave following an accusation of misconduct by a former Santa Cruz Media employee. The priest denied any wrongdoing in a statement on his website March 18. He gave little information about the accusation except to say a former employee had "sent a three-page letter to several bishops accusing me of everything from drug addiction to multiple sexual exploits with her and several adult women."

Ferraro dies; first woman to seek vice presidency for major party

BOSTON (CNS) — Geraldine Ferraro, a lawyer and former congresswoman who in 1984 became the first woman to seek the vice presidency on a major political party ticket, died March 26 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Ferraro was not only the first woman on a major party's presidential ticket, she was the first Catholic Democrat to be nominated after abortion became a significant issue in political campaigns. A family representative said she had been suffering from a type of blood cancer known as multiple myeloma, which was first diagnosed in 1998. She was 75 years old. The Associated Press reported that a funeral Mass for Ferraro was to be celebrated March 31 at the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer in Manhattan. AP said attendance at the funeral would be limited to friends and family and that no press coverage would be permitted. Ferraro is survived by her husband, John Zaccaro, and her children, Donna, John Jr. and Laura. From the first day of her campaign for vice president — as running mate of former Vice President Walter Mondale of Minnesota — Ferraro was challenged about how she could be a "good Catholic" and vote as she did in support of legal abortion. Throughout the campaign, Ferraro was met by pro-life protesters and was regularly challenged for saying that, although she accepted Church teaching that abortion is wrong, a range of political positions on the topic could be acceptable.

Saint Mary's College announces valedictorian, commencement speaker, honorary degree recipients

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College will hold its 2011 commencement on Le Mans Green at noon on May 21. The valedictorian for the Class of 2011 is Samantha Wassel, an English writing major, originally from New Carlisle. The 2011 commencement speaker will be alumna and mental health author/blogger Therese Johnson Borchard. In addition to delivering the commencement address, Borchard will receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree from her alma mater.

Saint Mary's College will also recognize Colleen Barrett, president emeritus of Southwest Airlines Co., with an honorary doctor of humanities degree.

Borchard is a 1993 alumna of Saint Mary's College, where she received a degree in religious studies. She also earned a master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame. She is associate editor of Psych Central, where she contributes regularly to the award-winning blog, "World of Psychology." She also writes the daily blog, "Beyond Blue," on Beliefnet.com, which is featured regularly on *The Huffington Post* and several other websites, and moderates the popular depression support, Beyond Blue, on Beliefnet's community site. Borchard is author of "Beyond Blue: Surviving Depression and Anxiety and Making the Most of Bad Genes" and "The Pocket Therapist: An Emotional Survival Kit." A columnist for Catholic News Service, she is also coeditor, with Michael Leach, of the national bestseller, "I Like Being Catholic: Treasured Traditions, Milestones, and Stories."

Also receiving an honorary degree is Barrett, who has consistently been recognized as one of the most powerful businesswomen in America, working her way up the ranks at Southwest Airlines, a company that built its reputation on excellent customer service. She started with Southwest at its inception in 1971, stepping down as president in 2008.

Wassel '11 finished her classes at Saint Mary's College in December 2010. She will attend the commencement as valedictorian.

Luers' FBLA members place well in state competition

FORT WAYNE — Members of the Bishop Luers Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competed at the state leadership conference in Indianapolis. Those who placed third or higher have qualified to compete at the National Leadership Conference this summer in Orlando, Fla.

The 2011 FBLA winners include the following: business law — Lorenzo Guevara, sixth, Brian

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Kim Reber, a seventh- and eighth-grade teacher and fifth- and sixth-grade language arts teacher at St. Aloysius School, Yoder, was recently honored as the recipient of the Golden Apple award, which is promoted by Indiana's NewsCenter. Reber was nominated by eighth-grade student Bryce Pollick. He, incidentally, was baptized and made his first Communion the day the award was presented, March 4. Reber has been Pollick's sponsor. Above, Jennifer Blomquist of Indiana's NewsCenter makes the announcement at a school assembly as Reber, shown holding the bag with gifts from award sponsors, gathers with her family and Pollick, shown in the white shirt.

Teeters, fifth, and Katie Yagodinski, fourth; business math — Sam Stein, third; business plan — the team of Sara Beal and Kendra Rine, second; business procedures — Sara Jenkins, seventh, Emily Hayes, sixth, Samantha Eckrich, fifth, and Olivia Soehngen, third; computer applications — Julia Hayes who earned first place; economics — Lorenzo Guevara, fourth, and Celia Wang, third; FBLA principles and procedures — Katie Yagodinski, sixth, and Brennan Mullins, fifth; healthcare administration — Austin Hayes, fifth; impromptu speaking — Emily Hayes, second; introduction to business — Brian Teeters, seventh; introduction to business communications — Julia Hayes, fourth, and Brian Teeters, third; introduction to parliamentary procedures — Zach Soehngen, fourth; introduction to technology concepts — Brennan Mullins, sixth, and Sam Stein, third; networking concepts — Celia Wang, seventh, and Josh Ware, sixth; personal finance — Austin Zahm, seventh; technology concepts — Sara Beal, seventh, and Kendra Rine, fifth; word processing 1 — Julia Hayes, second; word processing 2 — Olivia Soehngen, fifth, and Kendra Rine, first place.

USF awarding \$3,000 to exhibiting SOCA artists

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts (SOCA) at the University of Saint Francis will award \$3,000 in scholarships to students during an awards ceremony at the opening of the 34th annual SOCA Student Exhibition Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium at 2702 Spring St. The ceremony will honor SOCA student artists, musicians and scholars for high achievement in their fields.

Scholarships to an outstanding freshman, sophomore, junior and senior, among other awards, will be presented. Other opening night activities will take place in the Rolland Center for Art and Visual Communication off Leesburg Road and at the North Campus before the ceremony. Art and music will be showcased in the Weatherhead and Goldfish galleries in the Rolland Center and in the Lupke Gallery at the North Campus from 6-9 p.m. More than 500 student pieces will be displayed. The University Jazz Ensemble will perform at 7 p.m. in the North Campus Auditorium.

The exhibition will run through May 6. The Weatherhead and

Goldfish galleries are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. The Lupke Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call SOCA at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001.

Saint Joseph's FBLA team excels at state

SOUTH BEND — Members of the Saint Joseph's High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) placed either first or second at the state competition, earning them the opportunity to compete at the National Leadership Conference in June in Orlando, Fla.

The 2011 FBLA State winners include the following: Chris Agostino — first place in introduction to technology concepts; HeeSang Lee — first place accounting I; Connor Brown — first place sports management; Patrick Bruneel — first place spreadsheet applications; Bill Miller — first place help desk; Ben Paczkowski — second place accounting I; Nick Minaudo — second place word processing II;

Ben Paczkowski and HeeSang Lee — second place banking and financial systems team; and Nick Minaudo, Connor Brown, Demetre Stavros — second place business ethics team.

Chris Agostino was the alternate for Jason Rink who was competing for a hockey state title. Faculty moderators were Yvonne Rex and Linda Peterson.

Saint Joseph's High School's Kaitlin Martin recognized

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph's High School's Kaitlin Martin's four Regional Gold Key awards in art have qualified her for national judging and resulted in two national medals. Martin's award-winning portfolio



KAITLIN MARTIN

received one of only 30 Portfolio Silver Medal with Distinction awarded nationwide. The award comes with a \$1,000 scholarship, and her teacher Kim Coleman receives \$250. By earning this prestigious recognition, Martin is also eligible to request tuition support from the Alliance Scholarship Partners.

Saint Mary's College tuition fees, room and board increase lowest in 10 years

NOTRE DAME — The Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees recently approved a 3.2 percent increase in tuition, fees and room and board for the 2011-12 academic year. It is the lowest rate increase in 10 years, with tuition and fees set at \$32,000 and room and board set at \$9,800. Tuition and room and board represent the college's main sources of revenue, comprising 80 percent of the college's operating revenue. The remaining 20 percent is supported by gifts from Saint Mary's generous alumnae and friends and by earnings of the college's endowment.

"The college remains committed to supporting a first-rate faculty and the many innovative educational programs available to our students," Saint Mary's Vice President for Finance Richard Speller said in a letter to parents of students returning for the next academic year. "The 2011-12 charges will sustain our strong academic offerings and maintain the facilities on Saint Mary's campus."

The college works to make its nationally recognized liberal arts education as affordable as possible. Nearly one-third of the college's operating budget is devoted to financial aid. The end result is that, for some students, the cost of attending Saint Mary's is lower than that of attending a public university. In addition, the benefits of personal attention and close faculty/student working relationships that are possible at a small school last a lifetime.

Youth gather at historic St. Felix Friary to pray, reflect and worship

BY JERID MILLER

HUNTINGTON — More than 50 eighth graders from four different parishes — Ss. Peter and Paul, Huntington, St. Mary, Huntington, St. Robert, North Manchester, and St. Bernard, Wabash — gathered at the historic St. Felix Friary in Huntington on Saturday, March 12, for a day of prayer, reflection and worship as the youth prepared for their upcoming Confirmations.

Led by Stephanie Kornexl, the Ss. Peter and Paul eighth-grade religious education catechist, the day-long retreat focused on the baptismal affirmation the youth will be called upon to make in the bishop's presence at their Confirmations. Each session for the retreat was designed to help the eighth graders reflect upon what it is they are being asked by the bishop when they make their affirmation.

For instance, one of the sessions focused on the first question the youth are asked as part of their affirmation: "Do you reject Satan and all his works and all his empty promises?" The eighth graders watched portions of two music videos popular among teens and were asked to reflect on the glamour of evil and the ways in which they are continually exposed to and seduced by Satan's works and empty promises. The youth came away with a clearer understanding of what it means to reject this evil and will be prepared to respond to the bishop's question with integrity and honesty when Confirmed March 30.

The day was structured around the liturgy of the hours and included lauds, noon prayer and vespers. The band Milk and Bread, from the Catholic Worker,



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Stephanie Kornexl, the retreat leader, offers instruction to the retreatants prior to praying noon prayer.



Capuchin Father Ron Rieder, pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington, celebrates Mass with retreatants, sponsors, parents and others in St. Felix Friary in Huntington.

South Bend, inspired the youth and provided musical accompaniment for the celebration of the Mass, which was the first Mass held in the friary church in over 30 years.

Rob Mayo, the operations manager at St. Felix, spent weeks preparing the facility, which is still under renovation, for use by the youth. The facility was built in 1928 as a Franciscan friary, and for 10 years was the home to Capuchin Franciscan Father Solanus Casey, who was declared venerable in 1995.

Only recently has the facility come back into Catholic hands. While the facility is several months away from being fully operational, Mayo is hopeful that area parishes will contact him to schedule tours, visits, retreats and other parish related activities. Mayo may be contacted at (260) 359-9112.

LITERACY FAIR INVOLVES FAMILIES AND FUN AT ST. THERESE SCHOOL



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St. Therese School in Fort Wayne held its annual Literacy Fair on Wednesday, March 23. Forty-five prekindergarten through grade 3 students and their families attended the evening event. Each family traveled to eight booths and completed activities centered on a book. The evening concluded with ice cream (donated by Edy's Ice Cream) and a copy of each of the books featured at a booth. The books were purchased with a grant from GE Volunteers.

STUDENTS RECEIVE LUMEN DEI EXEMPLAR AWARDS



DICK DORNBOSS

Four seniors from Marian and Saint Joseph's high schools received the distinguished Lumen Dei (Light of God) Exemplar Awards from the Knights of Columbus Council 4263 in Granger. The theme for the award is "in service to One and service to all," in recognition and appreciation for an example of courage, love, inspiration, leadership and commitment to Christian living while serving Jesus, the Catholic Church, school and community. In the photo, from left, front row, are: Mario Aversa and Rachel Staley of Saint Joseph's High School, Erin Myers and Markus Creachbaum of Marian High School; back row, Bill Coughlin, Deputy Grand Knight Council 4263, Susan Richter, principal of Saint Joseph's High School, Father Bob J. Lengerich, chaplain at Saint Joseph's High School and chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Council 4263, and Carl Loesch, principal of Marian High School in Mishawaka.

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Mishawaka Catholic School launches open registration

MISHAWAKA — Incoming Mishawaka Catholic School Principal Vikki Wojcik introduced the 2011-2012 school's administration during an informational enrollment night held on Saturday, March 12.

Families interested in attending Mishawaka Catholic School for the 2011-2012 school year at the three campus sites: St. Bavo — Early Childhood Development Program through second grade; St. Joseph — third through fifth grade; and St. Monica — sixth through eighth grade, had an opportunity to learn more about the programs being offered. In addition, the teaching staff, representatives from the Home and School Association, athletics, marketing, development, Early Childhood Program, Catholic identity, FACTS and SCRIP were available.

Mishawaka Catholic's Early Childhood Development Program at the St. Bavo campus will provide an individualized curriculum

using research-based best practices with an integrated lesson plan promoting a readiness for a successful transition into kindergarten.

To help alleviate "first day" jitters in the fall, Mishawaka Catholic School also conducted a "Visit Your New Campus" field trip for all students who are currently in grades kindergarten-7. Students could become familiarized with their new campus environment, ask questions regarding their new school and learn about some of the enhancements and enrichment programs that will take place in the next school year. The students toured their respective school, classrooms, gymnasium and the church. Each pastor celebrated Mass with the students. For many this was their first time to meet the pastor assigned to the particular parish.

The eighth-grade class at each campus participated in a community project at the Golden Living Center in Mishawaka as one

group.

Wojcik stated, "What a great event, it was a rich learning opportunity for everyone involved."

Open registration began in March. For more information regarding the 2011-2012 registration year, please contact Vicki Zmirski at (574) 255-0709 or at vsmirski@stmonicamish.org.



Mishawaka Catholic students are registering at the new school for the 2011-2012 school year. On March 12, an informational enrollment night was held.

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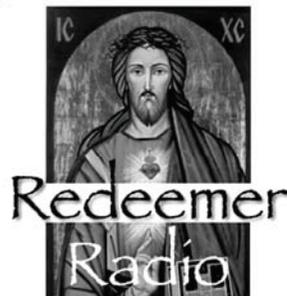


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Father Solanus Guild launches E-greeting card

DETROIT — The Father Solanus Guild has launched a free E-greeting card service.

Solanus Guild director and Capuchin friar Brother Richard Merling explains that the new E-Greeting card is designed to further spread the word of Father

Solanus Casey, a beloved Capuchin friar credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel.

“We receive many visitors to our Solanus Guild website,” Brother Richard explains. “We were looking for a fresh communication tool that would allow followers of Father Solanus to share his holiness with their friends.”

Currently, there are four images

and four quotes to choose from. Three of the four quotes are words from Father Solanus. There is no charge for the E-greeting. The greeting link can be found on the homepage of the Father Solanus Guild website: www.solanus-casey.org.

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Father Thomas Shoemaker from St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne traveled to St. Martin de Porres in Syracuse to offer his unique presentation on Church history — Pope On A Rope. Shown above are confirmation students who were among the 75 parishioners who attended this session.

GREG EICHMAN ORDAINED INTO TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE



PHOTO PROVIDED BY BRIAN EICHMAN

Greg Eichman, far right in the front row, of Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne, was ordained a transitional deacon for the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter on March 19 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Neb., by Bishop Czeslaw Kozon, bishop of Copenhagen, Denmark.



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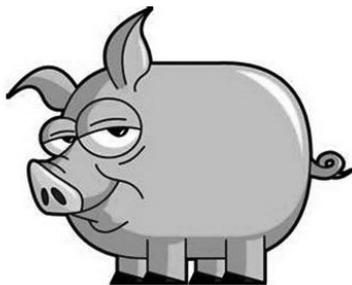
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Local food banks encourage farmers, gardeners to share the fresh fruits of their labor

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Food pantries across the area work diligently, especially during the winter months, to provide their clients with a variety of food and grocery products that offer a healthy, balanced diet. But it's not always easy to acquire fresh fruits and vegetables, even when they are in season.

The Franciscan Center, founded in 1989, and located at 4643 Gaywood Dr. in Fort Wayne, is one of the local organizations that offers a food pantry among its host of ministries to the poor. Jim Christie, executive director, says his food pantry is currently running dangerously low on fruit — the canned variety. But he looks forward to the coming of spring and summer when the fresh fruits and vegetables will become more available.

Surplus food and grocery products are donated by a variety of resources that include Walmart, Kroger and other local food stores. The Franciscan Center also buys produce through Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana at a reduced rate.

However, as these stores have become more efficient with their produce purchasing, the amount of surplus food has declined, reports Christie. So to meet the needs of the growing number of families in need, it has become necessary to locate food elsewhere. "We see people selling produce or talk to farmers. ... It's about hustling and talking to street sellers," says Christie, who humbly requests donations of any excess produce for the pantry.

He recalls a generous benefactor who donated 15 bags of apples last fall from her local orchard. Those apples were a welcomed addition not only to the food pantry but to the 1,000 to 1,200 bagged lunches that The Franciscan Center's sack lunch ministry provides each week for the area hungry.

The Franciscan Center food pantry serves families, many of whom fall below the federal poverty guidelines. "Most people we serve are good people just needing help. They appreciate what they get," says Christie. Because the fresh watermelon, strawberries, apples, potatoes, tomatoes and the like all come from various sources that assist in the hunger relief effort, the donations must be checked for health purposes.

"We do need to know where it comes from," reports Christie, adding the pantry must receive detailed information about the original source.

This year The Franciscan Center is broadening its base of potential resources. Christie says, "We're looking for people who have access to fruits and vegetables or people who will use part of their property to grow produce."

Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana, incorporated in 1983, is the largest hunger relief organization in northeast Indiana, annually distributing over 10 million pounds of food in nine counties, including Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley. According to their website, food is provided to those in need via a network of Community Partners Member agencies including soup kitchens, women's shelters, youth centers, day-care facil-

ities, health clinics and senior programs.

Community Harvest also distributes food via seven direct service programs including Kids Cafe, the Backpack Program, SeniorPak, Farm Wagon, Community Cupboard, Holiday Meals and Disaster Assistance.

Executive Director Jane Avery says 40 percent of their fresh produce comes from a Walmart distribution center. Other resources include retail pickup from area grocery stores including Kroger, Meijer and Aldi's. However, the bank also relies on local gardeners, farmers and hunters as well. Use of this surplus food is a win-win situation, says Avery, as the food goes to feed the hungry and not to the landfills.

The close to 700 families that are served at one Fort Wayne food bank site take home up to 54,000 pounds of food products each week. And the Community Harvest Food Bank works as The Franciscan Center does to provide a balanced choice of food products. "Our clients love getting fresh fruits and vegetables," reports Avery, who says the food bank tries to implement the food pyramid philosophy in their food offerings.

Last year corn was donated by a local farmer and was well received by the food bank's clients.

Another interesting gardening effort in Fort Wayne involves a group called Garden Angels, led by Efram Smiley who teaches inner-city children gardening skills on two acres of donated land. The locally grown produce from the garden goes to food programs at the food bank.

Avery, who grew up on a farm and understands what growing produce entails says, "All folks who garden, bring your produce to the local pantries. We happily accept donations."

To donate funds or fresh produce to The Franciscan Center call (260) 744-3977 or e-mail www.thefranciscancenter.org. To donate to Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana call (260) 447-3696 or e-mail abullinger@feedingamerica.org.



Sisters of the Holy Cross emphasize care of creation

BY SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

NOTRE DAME — When Sisters of the Holy Cross Liturgy Director Barbara Ziliak and Congregation Justice Coordinator Sister Ann Oestrich, a Sister of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, first reviewed the Lent 4.5: Christian Simplicity program, they knew right away that participation in it was in keeping with the congregation's long standing commitment to sustain earth and to protect God's creation. The sisters and the worshipping community at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto are using the program.

"Choosing to enter into this program has gone far beyond my expectations," says Ziliak. "Many people have taken copies to share with small faith communities, coworkers, family members, etc., so the message seems to have gone far and wide. Here at Church of Loretto, it has focused our Lenten liturgies and prayer in a refreshing and enriching way, looking deeper — and with new insights — into the disciplines of Lent: prayer, fasting, almsgiving."

Holy Cross Sister Joan Marie Steadman, president of the Sisters of the Holy Cross, comments about the congregation's involvement: "A dimension of our mission as Sisters of the Holy Cross is to 'participate in the prophetic mission of Jesus to witness God's love for all creation.' The Lent 4.5 program gives us the opportunity to reflect on our choices to see how we are acting — and can act with respect and care for earth and all creation.

"We are also committed to 'reflect on the signs of the times,

discern needs and respond.' One of the needs of this time is change our patterns of use and consumption of earth's resources so that our sisters and brothers throughout the world can thrive. The simplicity of our lives may enable others to live with dignity."

Developed by the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center in Louisville, Ky., Lent 4.5: Christian Simplicity educates members of Catholic parishes and those of other denominations on issues of sustainability and social justice from a faith perspective, inspiring them to take practical steps to care for God's creation by using only their fair share of earth's resources. It offers a faith-based response to injustice, inequity and devastation of creation caused by rampant consumerism.

Asked why the name Lent 4.5, Sister Ann says, "If earth was equally divided among all people, each person would receive 4.5 acres. Everything each of us needs to survive and thrive — food, energy, home, clothing, etc. — would have to come from our 4.5-acre allotment. But it takes 22.3 acres to maintain the average American lifestyle. The Lent 4.5 program encourages us to care about God's creation and take practical steps toward adopting a simpler lifestyle, using only our fair share of earth's resources. It's a tremendous challenge to look at how our daily choices affect creation and all people with whom we share this planet."

"Lent 4.5 gives those who participate in it some new and practical ways to practice the traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and



SISTER MARGIE LAVONIS, CSC

Ann Martin, nurse practitioner at Saint Mary's Convent, looks over the Lent 4.5 display showing the Lenten discipline activities suggested for the Second Sunday of Lent.

brings an awareness of the global reality," says Holy Cross Sister Margaret Ann Nowacki, a member of the Communication Department of the congregation.

The program leads participants into prayerful gratitude for the gift of life in all its forms. It brings contemporary meaning and value to fasting by suggesting practical ways to abstain from habits and choices that harm God's creation. For almsgiving it gives suggestions for making small but significant lifestyle

changes that express care for creation and concern for the common good by not taking more than our fair share of the earth's resources.

The program is not just for the sisters and those worshipping at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto. Employees who work with the sisters have been invited to participate. There are weekly handouts and the members of the Green Living Committee put up a display for the topic of the week. Topics are Christian simplicity,

food, consumption, water, energy, transportation, and gratitude and generosity.

On the 2010 World Day of Peace, Pope Benedict XVI said, "I invite all believers to raise a fervent prayer to God, the all-powerful Creator and the Father of mercies, so that all men and women may take to heart the urgent appeal: If you want to cultivate peace, protect creation."

Chambliss' garden reflects fruits of life

BY MAY LEE JOHNSON

SOUTH BEND — Hattie Chambliss knew something special was happening earlier this week when she walked out into her garden and saw sprouts of green springing up. Spring is on its way.

"I taught for years," she said. "After a busy day at school, I enjoyed working in my garden. But now that I'm retired I can spend as much time as I want getting my yard and garden ready. It's a great way to unwind and to just enjoy the feel of dirt between my fingers."

For some, enthusiasm for gardening comes and goes. Currently, however, due to the economy and a renewed sense of concern for the earth, gardening has become a mainstay. For example, last year, First Lady Michelle Obama dug up part of the White House grounds to plant



MAY LEE JOHNSON

Hattie and Richard Chambliss begin cleaning and working in their garden to prepare it for spring planting.

a vegetable garden.

Hattie and Richard Chambliss, parishioners of St. Augustine, South Bend, have never lost their enthusiasm for gardening. They've been at it for the past 30 years and can't wait to get started again.

"We take great pride in our work," Hattie said. "Hopefully with this year's vegetable gardens along with all the flowers we've grown, we'll be able to help again," she said.

The Chamblisses are givers. They've volunteered for three decades with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Hattie retired from Dickinson Middle School as a home economics teacher, and Richard retired from maintenance at Kennedy Primary Center. Now

they have plenty of time for activities they love, like gardening. But they know that a gardener can only do so much. At some point, other elements take over, especially the weather.

"Last year in the summer it was a little too cool," Hattie said. "My tomatoes didn't do too well. But later, when it was so hot, they started to perk up a bit."

Part of the satisfaction in gardening comes from making sure the produce grown is fresh and safe, Hattie said. "I'm no expert and, technically, my garden isn't organic," she said. "I avoid chemicals. So it's probably an example of what an average person can do."

Another part of the satisfaction comes from taking raw materials, planting seeds, minding the weeds and seeing good things grow from your labor.

It's how they've gardened. It's how she taught. And it's how they've lived.

Our Lady's Garden at Queen of Peace Parish serves parishioners, those in need

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

MISHAWAKA — Designed in the shape of a rosary, Our Lady's Garden at Queen of Peace Parish intertwines the elements of flora and faith in its landscape and scope. With perennial and vegetable gardens providing color and refreshment, and a serene grotto for spiritual nourishment, the community garden welcomes parishioners and visitors year round.

Our Lady's Garden co-chairs Barb Holderbaum and Debbie Anthony, recall that in March 2008 Queen of Peace pastor Father Daniel Scheidt announced to the congregation plans to construct a community garden that would serve parishioners and also those in need.

Holderbaum, who has a degree in landscape architecture from Purdue University, came up with three designs for the garden. The design chosen by Father Scheidt, was Holderbaum's favorite.

"I think the garden has brought a lot of people together from Queen of Peace," says Anthony. Holderbaum adds, "The cross-generational aspect is fabulous. I love when some of the older members of the parish intermingle with my kids while gardening."

In the spring, signup sheets are posted in the church for helping out in one of the vegetable areas or one of the perennial areas which border around Our Lady's Garden. "If you work in one of the vegetable gardens we ask you to do the planting, the weeding and the harvest," notes Anthony.

Father Scheidt encourages parishioners to become good stewards when they harvest their produce. "If you want your entire plot to go to the St. Vincent de

Paul Society, that's fine," says Holderbaum. "If you want the harvest mainly for yourself, father just asks that the first fruits be given to the poor."

Another path to stewardship involves bringing produce from Our Lady's Garden and placing it in a container in the back of the church. "People can also bring produce from their own gardens at home to add to those from the garden. This helps many of the older members who may want fresh produce but aren't able to harvest it themselves," Anthony emphasizes.

Our Lady's Garden also provides a venue to socialize with other parishioners or neighbors that live close to the parish. "On the third Wednesday of every month we have a garden social meeting. It helps new people feel more welcome and get to know those that have already worked in the garden," says Anthony.

Those living in the surrounding parish neighborhood use the garden pathways for walks in the evening. Some neighbors have brought over seedlings, started in their homes, for planting in the vegetable and garden areas.

The parish school also has their own section within Our Lady's Garden. "In fourth grade the kids study the Indian culture and learn about the Three Sisters; corn, beans and squash. They plant those items at the end of that school year and harvest the produce as fifth graders," says Holderbaum.

Anthony adds that for the last two years students have planted marigolds (from seeds started in the classroom) around the vegetable gardens to help keep pests away due to the flower's smell. Parishioners also have purchased flats of marigolds from the church plant sale in May to finish

bordering the entire garden.

Several improvements to Our Lady's Garden include a sprinkler irrigation system donated by Anthony Irrigation. A fence for the children's garden area, which encloses small playground equipment for youngsters to use while parents are working the garden, was also donated by a parishioner.

Last October, a grotto that had been in the planning stages since the garden's conception, was completed. The majority of the rocks used for the Marian shrine came from the Holderbaum farm. A "per standard altar," designed by Father Scheidt, is used for outdoor Masses, and a pavement of bricks, with some purchased by parishioners and engraved with their names, are set in front of the grotto.

Since the design of the garden is in the shape of a rosary, plans for paved walkways between markers representing 10 rosary beads, are being developed. According to Holderbaum, the beads would be made from large square pavers with an embedded mosaic on each.

A parishioner donation of a marble plaque, which is set in the brick pavement of the grotto, embellishes the beauty and reverence that Our Lady's Garden represents. A quote from St. Augustine on the plaque reads, "In the Lord's garden are to be found not only the roses of His martyrs. In it are also the lilies of the virgins, the ivy of wedded couples, and the violets of widows. On no account may any class of people despair thinking that God has not called them. Christ suffered for all. What the Scriptures say of Him is true. He desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."



KAREN CLIFFORD

Our Lady's Garden in bloom during the summer.



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A diagram of Our Lady's Garden shows its rosary shape.



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Queen of Peace garden co-chairpersons Debbie Anthony and Barb Holderbaum stand in front of the grotto in Our Lady's Garden.

Natural Saints' promotes environmental stewardship

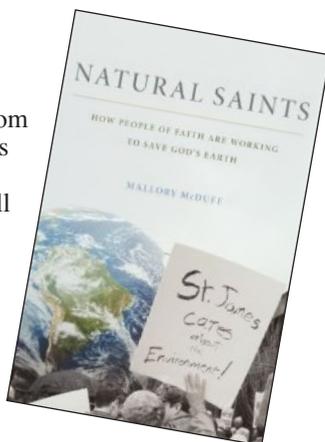
The book "Natural Saints," by environmental studies professor Mallory McDuff, Ph.D., is both a testimony to the author's faith filled upbringing and an excellent resource for parishes looking to transform their community into environmentally-efficient models of stewardship.

McDuff's research showcases stories of Christian churches across the country whose "natural saints" have integrated the environmental movement into their ministry. The church leaders and parishioners she studied provide the framework for each chapter. The following eight ministries are highlighted: protecting human dignity, feeding the hungry, responding to natural disasters, seeking justice, making a pilgrimage, creating sacred spaces, educating youth and bearing witness.

"Natural Saints" offers an equal balance of

environmental issues ranging from examples of ways to reduce the parish electric bill to programs that empower people and give them hope. The stories also include lessons learned, like the church leader who discovered that "justice is more important than charity. The more justice there is, the less need for charity," a revelation that provides more self respect for the individual in the process.

— Tess Steffen



Jim Kitchens linked to journey to permanent diaconate

FORT WAYNE — In a 2008 Lenten meeting with parish priests and clergy of the Diocese of Rome, Pope Benedict XVI stated the following regarding the permanent diaconate: "It can equally be the link between the lay world, the professional world, and the world of the priestly ministry — given that many deacons continue carrying out their professions and maintain their positions — important or those of a simple life — while on Saturday and Sunday they work in the Church. In this way, you give witness in the world of today, as well as in the working world, of the presence of faith, of the sacramental ministry and the diaconal dimension of the sacrament of Orders."

The life of Jim Kitchens, a permanent deacon candidate, exemplifies this "link" spoken of by the pope.

Jim, a convert to the Catholic faith, is the business manager and pastoral associate of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, a large urban parish on the southwest side of Fort Wayne. Jim came well prepared to step into this position given his professional experience in the business world.

At a very young age, Jim became a life insurance underwriter vice president for a small company in Atlanta, Ga. Within a very short time, he accepted a similar position in a larger corporation named Lincoln National Re-Insurance in Atlanta in 1973.

In April of 1990, Jim and his family moved to Fort Wayne to continue his profession at the same company. He remained in



JIM AND EMILY KITCHENS

the underwriting insurance profession with Lincoln National for 26 years.

In December 2001, renewed in faith through Christ Renews His Parish and his resulting volunteerism in the parish, Jim decided to leave what was familiar and comfortable to serve the Church in a more profound way. At the invitation of his pastor, he would now not only oversee the financial aspects of his Catholic parish but also dive head first into the pastoral side of parish life. A former United Methodist and Southern Baptist successful business man, Jim had been led by faith to serve Catholics through parish lay ministry.

Jim's journey to the Catholic Church was influenced by religious classical music and three

wonderful ladies including a family friend named Margaret, his wife Emily and the Blessed Virgin Mary.

At a very young age, Jim lost his natural father, leaving his mother to tend to all of the family's needs. In order to help with the financial aspect of their lives, his mother welcomed a Catholic woman named Margaret to live with their family.

Over time Jim began to realize the impact Margaret had on his spiritual life. This humble but

strong Catholic woman gradually began to teach Jim about the Catholic faith through her example, gentle teaching and prayer. Margaret invited Jim to attend Mass with her, which initiated God's mysterious tug at his heart. She explained her receiving Holy Communion to young Jim by saying, "The Jesus I love is the same One you love, and I just took Him in."

She taught Jim the rosary and helped him understand Mary's role in God's plan of salvation. She never hesitated to explain her faith to Jim in a sincere, committed and non-threatening way. Margaret was Jim's sponsor when he entered the Catholic faith in 1977.

Another woman of great influence in Jim's life is his wife of 38 years. Almost lifelong friends, Jim and Emily met in their high school choir. The beautiful classical religious music that they both

A GLIMPSE: THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

BY GINNY KOHRMAN

Caleb, their grandchildren continue to remind them of God's invitation of love to all His children.

Emily, having worked in the insurance business in Atlanta, continues her work for the DeHayes Group in Fort Wayne. She is a wedding planner, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and a co-spiritual director for Christ Renews His Parish at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Emily selflessly supports her husband in his ministry and diaconal formation.

Once settled in his new profession at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Father Jim Shafer, pastor, recognized Jim's potential to become that "link" as an ordained deacon and recommended him to Bishop John M. D'Arcy for the diaconate formation.

Through the years of formation, Jim has continued to grow in his Catholic faith through theological instruction, prayer and the camaraderie of others in his class.

He expressed the peace he has found in his spiritual journey by sharing this prayer by St. Therese of Lisieux: "Today may there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith."

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listened to and sang in their public school choir would eventually unite their hearts in love and in faith. Their love for each other and the grace of God would help them overcome the difficulties of marrying into families of differing faith traditions.

Emily, strong in her cradle Catholic faith, supported Jim as did his friend Margaret. In time they were blessed with one daughter Ivey, married to Daniel Drugge, and a son Robert, married to Cathy. Madelyn and

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grating, metal clasps that are broken, and pages that are fragile, molding, water-damaged or riddled with the boreholes of bookworms.

"Everybody knows that the only way to preserve material like this is to have a standard uniform temperature with humidity control and climate control throughout the entire year," he said.

"Thank God for Scotch tape," he said sarcastically as he pulled a manuscript of Byzantine liturgical music from a steel gray fireproof case. Brittle bits of yellowed adhesive tape flaked off the worn binding and large green rubber bands held together other volumes that were completely lacking spines.

"This is a sin against the patrimony of the human race," said the priest.

The institute and library are funded, like all pontifical institutes, by the Vatican. However, the portion they receive is only enough to increase their holdings and keep the place running. Major expenses for modern equipment,

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renovation and preservation are just not in the books, he said.

The institute's rector, U.S. Jesuit Father James McCann, said he is looking for outside funding for its preservation efforts.

Jesuit-run Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., hopes to provide a grant to the library that would pay for a high-tech digitizing machine plus a year's stipend for one person to do the scanning, he said.

Digitizing the collections would help preserve many of the works, especially the most fragile, since

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Redemptive suffering

It is not easy to block out the multiple cries of pain and suffering that permeate the world. It is almost deafening. All one has to do is turn on the radio, read the newspaper, watch television or go online. We are bombarded with news of pain and suffering, almost to the saturation point. I think of the people in Libya, Haiti, Japan and others affected by war and natural disasters. It gives me an overwhelming feeling.

A couple of years ago I attended several lectures on the martyrs of El Salvador who were killed during a civil war that took place there in the 1970s and 1980s. Archbishop Oscar Romero, four women missionaries and several Jesuits — only to name a few of hundreds of people — were brutally murdered because they spoke out against the intense suffering of the Salvadoran people and a system of government that perpetuated it.

The poor still suffer there and around the world, including in our own country. However, suffering is not limited to the poor. Who of us cannot look around and find suffering in our own life or in the lives of those who touch ours? No one is spared.

Everyday we hear of people diagnosed with fatal illnesses that change their lives or people who are out of work for a long time and become desperate to support their families. We know of families broken by divorce and those who experience the sudden death of loved ones. So many are bearing difficult crosses.

In the light of all this pain the question is often asked that if God really loves us, why does He allow all these good people to suffer? It reminds me of the book I read several years ago. It is called "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" and was written by a Jewish rabbi. At first I wondered why he didn't call his book "Why bad things happen to good people." I have since come to the conclusion it is because we don't know the reason why. All we know is that God allows suffering to exist in the world. He permits it



THE CUTTING EDGE

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but He doesn't make it happen. And He doesn't use it to punish us.

Suffering is a deep mystery of life. Although we may not feel it at the time, what our faith tells us about suffering is that God never abandons us in it. With all suffering, there eventually comes a resurrection. That is the Paschal Mystery. It is a central doctrine of our faith. Jesus suffered, died and rose. We, too, live that mystery in our own lives in big and in small ways. To suffer is part of being a Christian. It is not easy, but God is with us just as He was with Jesus during His life on this earth.

As Catholics we believe that suffering is redemptive. We are called to unite our suffering with that of Christ's. Suffering can embitter us or it can transform us. There are people who have suffered greatly who are very holy, caring, compassionate people and then there are others whose suffering has turned them into bitter, resentful people.

We have little power over most suffering, our own and others, but we do have control over how we let it affect our lives. Experiencing a hurt or loss can enable us to be more compassionate and loving to others in similar circumstances.

And there is some suffering we can control. That is the suffering we inflict upon other people. It might become a good habit to reflect upon each day to see if we have caused anyone to suffer or, if we have suffered, to unite our suffering with Christ's and ask Him to help us to allow our pain to make us more sensitive and loving persons.

As Jesus lived the Paschal Mystery, we, His followers, are called to do the same.

The light of God's presence awaits us



THE SUNDAY

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

4th Sunday of Lent Jn 9:1-41

Drawing from the first word, in Latin, in the Entrance Antiphon for this weekend's liturgy, this Sunday long has been called "Laetare Sunday." Laetare means "to rejoice." The Church rejoices that even amid the drabness and penance of Lent, the glory of Christ shines forth, as the Lord rose in brilliant light after being crucified.

The first reading for this weekend is from the First Book of Samuel. An ancient prophet, and therefore God's representative and spokesman, Samuel selected the young David to be king of Israel. To signify this appointment, Samuel anointed David with oil.

Anointings always have marked persons for special jobs or to strengthen them in particular circumstances. All Catholics are anointed when they are baptized or confirmed. Priests and bishops are anointed. Faithful people in bad health are anointed to strengthen them and reinforce their spiritual constitution should they near death. Once, kings were anointed.

David was, and still is, special in the Hebrew mind. He was the great king who unified and empowered the nation. But, he was much more than a successful political leader. His ultimate duty was in tightening the bond

between God and the people. The bond was in the people's genuine acknowledgment of God, and their lives of obedience to God's law confirmed this bond.

The Epistle to the Ephesians provides the second reading. This reading is an admonition to the Christian people of Ephesus, in the 1st century one of the major seaports, commercial centers and pagan shrines of the Roman Empire.

Drawing heavily upon the imagery of light and darkness, the reading links light with righteousness, darkness with sin. It calls upon the Christian Ephesians to live in the light.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading. Central to the story is the Lord's meeting with a man blind since birth. The Lord gives the man sight. To understand this entire story, it is necessary to realize how Jews at the time of Jesus looked upon physical difficulties.

Unaware of the scientific explanations for blindness and other problems that people of this age have come to see as obvious, the ancient Jews believed such terrible handicaps came as a result of sin. After all, original sin ushered death itself into the world. In this thinking, sin also upset the good order of nature, hence disease.

Thus, the question came: Was this man's blindness the result of his own sin or a sin of his parents? Searching for an answer, the Pharisees question the man. Different from the blind man, the Pharisees are shown as obstinate and smug. By contrast, the blind man is humble and sincere. He has faith in God and in Jesus.

An added element, surely of special interest to the early generations of Christians who suffered persecution, was that the Pharisees

expelled the man from their synagogue. The righteous often suffer from the ill will of others.

Reflection

The Gospel story recalls a miracle. It also is a study in contrasts. On the one side is the man born blind whom Jesus healed. The other side is that of the Pharisees, so self-satisfied and so confident in their own knowledge and in their own high estimates of their piety.

We must apply these contrasts to ourselves. We may not be very evil, or even pompous and boastful as were the Pharisees. Still, we must admit our limitations. Our exaggerated judgments of ourselves trick us again and again and again.

This keeps us in the dark. Lent is the time to face facts. We must recognize our need for God. We must turn to God. The wonder of this is that God will receive us, love us, forgive us and give us sight. The light of God's presence awaits us. Rejoice!

READINGS

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b-6,7,10-13a

Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Monday: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53



Teresa of Los Andes

1900-1920

April 12

Juana Enriqueta, or Juanita, as she was called, was born to a well-off Chilean couple and had a happy and pious childhood. During a bout of appendicitis, she believed Our Lord told her to accept pain in memory of his sufferings. At 15 she made a private vow of celibacy and began to consider religious life. She joined the Carmel in Los Andes at 19, taking the name Teresa of Jesus and focusing on contemplative prayer. She caught typhus and died within a few days.

Channel of grace

David was 17 years old the summer he started working in the plastics factory, which was owned by his uncle. He took this job in between his junior and senior years in high school hoping to maximize earnings for college, which was just a year away. He also hoped that he would learn something about business. He did that, and more. But we'll get to that in a minute.

While working that summer at the plastics factory, David slowly came to find out that many of his coworkers had police records. Some had been incarcerated for theft, forgery, even physical assault. He personally worked under the supervision of a young man 21 or 22 years old, who, like many of the others, had been in prison.

Days were long at the factory and tasks were mundane. Conversation was a way to keep everyone from becoming too bored. David and this man talked about everything from the weather to music to philosophies of life as they manned the grinder and cleaned up the waste. One day, the conversation took a surprising turn. David's boss asked him if he would buy him a gun. Because the man had a record, he was unable to do so himself. David was stunned.

"A gun? What do you need a gun for, man?" he asked.

The young man replied directly, "To protect my family. I don't live in the greatest part of town. There's shootings. ... I got a daughter. ..."

Whether David believed him or not he couldn't decide. But one thing was certain; he was not going to try to buy anybody a gun, even if he had been old enough.

So he dodged the question, changed the subject and buried the conversation in the back of his mind. A few weeks passed.

Part of David's backbreaking and unglamorous job was moving remnant shavings from the plastic molds into the shredder. He frequently did shoveling outdoors. One day it was so hot that he removed his shirt to work — leaving on just a sleeveless white T-shirt. His boss came up to help with the task and noticed David's brown scapular hanging around his neck.

"What's that?" the boss asked.

"It's a scapular," David replied.

"What's it for?" the boss asked.

"Well ..." and David, to the best of his ability, explained the concept of the scapular associated with the Carmelite order, of God's love and protection, and the basic role of sacramentals, to an ex-criminal right there in the plastics scrap yard. The young man asked questions. David answered the best he could. The young man seemed intrigued.

The night before his last day of work, David asked his mother if he could have some scapulars. She directed him to the top drawer in the dining room buffet where the extra, replacement scapulars were kept. He took out three. The next day he gave them to his young boss. The man was visibly touched.

"For me? You got these for me?"

"Yeah," said David.

The man opened one of the plastic bags which held the scapular and looked at the written explanation, then put the scapular around his neck.

"Wow, thanks!"

He tucked the other two pack-



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ages in his pocket to take home to his family. It was a grace-filled moment. There was no preaching, no lofty sermon or judgmental comments. David saw this man's desire for protection and answered his request for a gun with three small brown scapulars. In his own way, without fanfare or preaching he was a channel of grace for someone else. Did this young boss of David's ever join the Catholic faith? Start going to Church? Convert? Did he ever become officially "enrolled" in the brown scapular? I don't know. But I do know that in that case, in that instance, one young man brought a message of God to another young man in a situation some may call random. Is it coincidence when we are placed in a particular situation in a particular time and an opportunity arises to minister to another? Or is it part of God's design and plan from the start? You decide. I'm simply going to offer that it's good to ponder the influence each of us may have unexpectedly, daily. In the strangest places, if we are open, we can be witnesses to our faith.

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scholars could work off the scanned pages, Father Taft said.

The library would also be able to put the content online so scholars could avoid the trouble and expense of traveling to Rome, he added. Having digital copies would mean works would be "preserved permanently in case of stealing or loss or destruction," he said.

While digitizing the collections will save on further wear and tear, funding must still be found for repairing the degraded volumes, which Father Taft said "costs a fortune."

"You just don't send it out to your corner bindery; these have to be handled by experts who work in a lab."

Father McCann said he also wants to look for potential donors outside the Church, such as "people who love books or specialists who recognize the value of these materials." One student told the rector he should start an Adopt-a-Book campaign.

A climate-controlled system for the library and its collections could cost a quarter-of-a-million dollars, said Father McCann. Not only would it protect the books from heat and humidity, he said, the library would be able to stay open year round instead of having to shutter its doors from mid-July to mid-September because of the stifling temperature.

The institute, which is a graduate school specializing in the study of the Christian East, was founded in 1917 by Pope Benedict XV to demonstrate Catholic Church's concern for its Eastern heritage and for the communities continuing to live according to the Eastern traditions.

When Pope Benedict XVI met with staff and students from the institute in 2007, he told them that "drawing from the patrimony of wisdom of the Christian East enriches us all."

The pope praised the world-renowned library as being a powerful instrument "for eliminating eventual prejudices that could harm cordial and harmonious coexistence among Christians."

On one rainy afternoon in March, the reading room was

filled with students from India and Arab, Scandinavian and European countries. Many students were poring over old volumes while typing away on laptops.

Because the institute attracts religious and lay students and experts from many Christian traditions, it plays a key role in the future of ecumenism, Father McCann said.

Fifty of the 360 students enrolled this year are from the Orthodox Churches, he said, including the Coptic, Ethiopian, Greek and Russian traditions.

The Orthodox students finish their studies at the institute with "a positive view of the Catholic Church," he said, and this is important for fostering Christian unity since many of them will be bishops someday. One of the institute's most famous Orthodox alumni is Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.

More than 9,000 scholars a year peruse the metal stacks. It's a gold mine for people interested in Eastern Christian culture, especially during the Czarist Empire in Russia when religious life and studies were flourishing, said Father Taft.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 3, 2011

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Cycle A: the furor caused by healing a blind man. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

HE SAW	BLIND	SPAT
GROUND	MADE CLAY	EYES
GO WASH	SILOAM	NEIGHBORS
SIT AND BEG	PHARISEES	SABBATH
SUCH SIGNS	DIVISION	OPENED
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TEACH US	WHO IS HE	SEEN HIM

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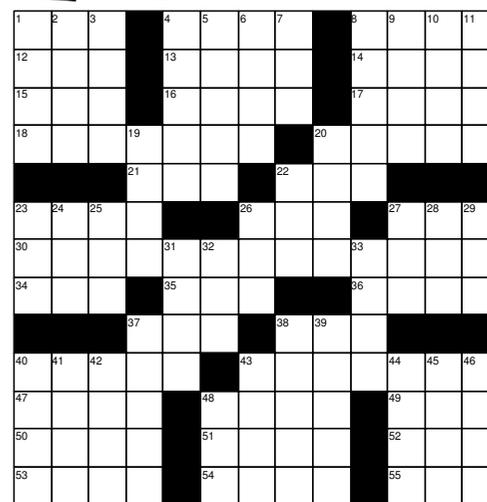
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The CrossWord

April 3, 10 and 17, 2011

53 "Christ died ___ for all"
54 Flat
55 Vane direction



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Based on these readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 and Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 and Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 27:11-54

ACROSS

- 1 Easter month
- 4 Middle East dweller
- 8 Divan
- 12 MD
- 13 Jacob's son
- 14 Bucket
- 15 Arab name meaning "noble"
- 16 As previously cited
- 17 Pod veggie
- 18 Street foundation
- 20 Pretender
- 21 Samuel had a horn filled with.
- 22 Klutz

DOWN

- 23 Among
- 26 Libya, in Bible
- 27 Holy Grail
- 30 Energy units (2 wds.)
- 34 Every
- 35 Terminal abbr.
- 36 Easter prep time
- 37 Baboon
- 38 Bishop's turf
- 40 Zaccheus was in stature
- 43 Bright lightbulb
- 47 Pueblo Indians
- 48 Cafe
- 49 Wing
- 50 Mined metals
- 51 ___ Major (Big Dipper)
- 52 Mayan language

DOWN

- 1 6th month (Jewish calendar)
- 2 Field game
- 3 Christian initiation process
- 4 Where you were at crime time
- 5 Revolutionary
- 6 Fan
- 7 Try to buy at auction
- 8 Parody
- 9 Trees of Mamre
- 10 Holy Spirit symbol
- 11 Winged
- 19 Extinct bird
- 20 Lane
- 22 "Lazarus, come ___!"
- 23 Precedes an alias
- 24 Cubic centimeter
- 25 Lazarus was, before dying
- 26 School group
- 27 Prompt
- 28 Cremation vessel
- 29 Clock time
- 31 Jesus did by Lazarus' tomb
- 32 Did at Last Supper
- 33 Fake butter
- 37 Rise from grave
- 38 Popular condiment
- 39 David's dapper brother
- 40 Scat!
- 41 Samuel used to hold oil
- 42 Oil producing cartel
- 43 Frau's husband
- 44 Match
- 45 Flair
- 46 Jesus' Holy ___
- 48 Loser

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

COUGARS' MAKE BACK-TO-BACK APPEARANCES IN THE MEN'S NAIA NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The University of Saint Francis (USF) became just the second defending national champion to make it back to the NAIA championship game in consecutive years in the 20-year history of the NAIA Division II National Championship Tournament. The Cougars added to their legacy by becoming the lowest seeded team to make it to back-to-back championship games. USF concluded its 47th men's basketball season with a 28-10 record. An assembly to celebrate the accomplishment was scheduled March 30 at 7 p.m. at the Hutzell Athletic Center.

Saint Joseph's High School's girls' track-and-field team takes championship

BY SUSAN LIGHTCAP

SOUTH BEND — The Saint Joseph's High School (SJHS) girls' track-and-field team won the 2011 Hoosier State Relays Indoor State Finals Saturday, March 19, at Purdue University by scoring 62 points to hold off a strong field of contenders.

It is the first indoor title for the girls' program and improves upon the runner-up finishes in 2009 and 2010.

SJHS junior Mikaila Chamblee led the way for Saint Joseph's with a state runner-up finish in the long jump (17 feet 9), a fourth-place finish in the 55 hurdles (9.02), and a solid anchor leg of the state runner-up 4x200 meter relay team (1:49.73).

Additional scorers for the

championship team were seniors Ali Connelly and Katie Campbell, juniors Ellen McClain, Michelle Potter, Maddy Kearney, Elisa Revak and Morgan Carroll; sophomore Rachel Staud, and freshman Zoey Morgan.

The boys' team finished in third place with 35 points. The junior distance quartet of Josh O'Brien, Jordan Holloman, Connor Method and Joey Zielinski won the distance medley relay in 10:56, setting a new school record in the process and also placed third in the 4x800 meter relay (8:26). Other scorers at the finals for Saint Joseph's were senior Jimmy Reagan and juniors Xavier Remmo Long, Nick Boggess and Brandon Turk.

The track-and-field program coaches are Mike McCarthy and Laura Method.

Stewardship: 'practical spirituality' that follows Jesus' example

BY BOB ZYKOWSKI

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (CNS) — If you think stewardship is just a fancy way a parish asks for more in the collection basket, Father Daniel Mahan invites you to think again.

"Stewardship is much more important than money, much more valuable than silver or gold," the priest from Indiana said. "Holiness is our goal. Stewardship is a practical spirituality that gets us there."

Stewardship calls people to imitate Jesus in His generous self-giving, he added, "and when we do that, we become more Christ-like. We grow in holiness."

Father Mahan, executive director of the Center for Catholic Stewardship at Marian University in Indianapolis, offered a vision of stewardship as spirituality as the keynote address during the recent stewardship conference of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

More than 250 from around the archdiocese and neighboring dioceses attended the annual gathering at Pax Christi in Eden Prairie.

To take up "Stewardship as a Way of Life," which was the conference theme, and to help build vibrant and engaged parishes and communities, growing in holiness is key, Father Mahan said.

"It's a day-by-day turning away from sin and turning toward Jesus Christ," he said. An aid for doing that could be opening the Bible and reading the Scripture passages for the day's Mass. Prayer of that nature has three aims: to be close to the Lord, to be close to the Church, and to gain a keen sense of mission, purpose and direction

in life.

"It is no accident God has put us here in this place at this time with these people," he said.

"Everyone has a role to play in the building up of the kingdom, and nobody else can do it like you are called to."

The U.S. bishops identified four prime elements to stewardship when they wrote a pastoral letter on the subject, Father Mahan said.

- Gratitude: A steward knows everything is from the Lord, so a steward is grateful. Father Mahan noted, "You cannot be both grateful and unhappy at the same time."

- Responsible: A steward takes care of God's blessings.

- Generous: It is very natural to hold on to God's gifts exactly the way God wants us to: loosely.

- To return with increase: As in the Gospel parable of the master who gave money to his servants and returned expecting that they would have grown that investment, there will come a day when each of us will have to render an account to the master, Father Mahan said. God will ask: "What did you do with your life? With your time, your talent and your opportunities? What did you do with all that money that passed through your hands?"

Building on the bishops' points, Father Mahan said that when stewardship is taught and learned, people attain a greater sense of living one's mission out in the world.

"Stewardship is about your parish, but it's more," the priest said. The primary place lay Christians are to witness to their faith, to make a difference, is out beyond the doors of the church, beginning with the family and extending to the workplace, the

school, the community and the world.

"Wherever you have influence in the world, you are called to do what cannot be done by anyone else, to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the world.

"Stewardship is not just something good for our parishes," Father Mahan added. "Stewardship is something that will transform the world. Through stewardship, the face of Jesus will shine forth in the world."

In that way, stewardship and evangelization are like fraternal twins, he said. Stewardship builds up parishes, builds up the Church and naturally draws others into the life of Christ.

Because stewards are the living body and blood of Jesus out in the world, stewardship is a Eucharistic spirituality, Father Mahan said.

Having been nourished at the Eucharistic table, he said, pointing to the altar in the worship space at Pax Christi: "Take what you have received and be a great steward in your words, deeds and works of mercy."

In welcoming attendees to the conference, Archbishop John C. Nienstedt called stewardship "central to our call to be the Lord's disciples," and said those who practice stewardship "have a keen sense of what it means to give back to God."

He told the gathering, "Stewards know that they are not the owner, user or exploiter of the resources God has put at our disposal, but that God's gifts are to be used in service to all God's children."

All have an innate spiritual desire to give of ourselves, the archbishop noted.



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Director previews 'There Be Dragons' for Opus Dei leaders in Rome

ROME (CNS) — Cardinals, Vatican ambassadors and the leadership of Opus Dei gathered in a seminary theater in Rome to watch director Roland Joffe's film, "There Be Dragons," about the early life of St. Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, founder of Opus Dei.

The screening March 21 was held in the auditorium of the Pontifical North American College, the U.S. seminary in Rome, and was attended by Joffe and by Bishop Javier Echevarria Rodriguez, head of the personal prelature of Opus Dei.

The film was to open in Spain March 25 and in the United States May 6.

Joffe, 65, described himself at the preview as a "wishy-washy agnostic standing in admiration" of St. Josemaria, who was born in Spain in 1902 and founded Opus Dei in 1928 as a community of men and women, married and celibate, who were committed to striving for holiness in their everyday lives.

The Spaniard died in Rome in 1975, was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992 and was canonized in 2002.

Opus Dei says it has about 87,000 members around the world, including about 1,900 priests.

In an interview with Catholic News Service before the screening, Joffe said writing and directing the film made "an enormous difference" in the way he thinks about religion.

"It made me respect and honor people who do believe ... and it taught me, in all honesty, that my views about religion had been subjective and cliched," he said.

"For me, it was a very powerful experience to say, 'Look, if I'm going to make this movie, the first step I must take is to honor belief and not think that I'm smart to criticize it,'" he said.

Joffe said for him, St. Josemaria had two especially important messages: "this idea that every human being could be a saint — and I notice he said 'every human being,' not every



CNS PHOTO/MOTIVE

Charlie Cox portrays Father Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer, founder of Opus Dei, in a scene from the movie "There Be Dragons." Cardinals, Vatican ambassadors and the leadership of Opus Dei gathered in a seminary theater in Rome to watch director Roland Joffe's film about the early life of the founder of Opus Dei.

believer; and the second thing was the idea that God can be seen not only in church but in everyday acts."

For the director, being a saint "is expressed through action. Each saint is like a series of acts strung together like beads. As each act is added to the necklace, you begin to say, 'This man is a saint.' What you really mean is the number of times he surmounted his own ego, the number of times he put himself at the service of others" is remarkable.

"One of the great themes in the film," and the theme that Joffe said fascinated him most was the redemptive value of forgiveness, which he called "the great and divine Christian message."

The film focuses on St. Josemaria's life, particularly during the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War, which tore apart families, as well as the country.

St. Josemaria, Joffe said, insisted that a real Christian was required to love others, even those who took a different stand during the war.

Mount Santa Fe, the film's production company, organized several

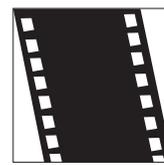
screenings in Rome of "There Be Dragons," including one in mid-March at the Opus Dei-run Pontifical University of the Holy Cross.

The headquarters of Opus Dei had provided Joffe with the historical information, photographs and artifacts he requested as he wrote the film, and an Opus Dei priest from the United States, Father John Wauck, who teaches at Holy Cross, served as an official consultant to the film. He blogs about his experience and about the film at www.wauckinrome.com/dragonposts.

Manuel Sanchez Hurtado, who handles international press contacts for Opus Dei, told CNS the film "is not a project of Opus Dei, but of Roland Joffe."

However, he said, "Our position as the Opus Dei Information Office is that it is a beautiful film and we like it; but that's not to say that everyone in Opus Dei will like it."

"Personally, I liked Joffe's human approach, the fact that he showed the richness of St. Josemaria's humanity," he said.



MOVIE CAPSULES

NEW YORK (CNS) — Following are capsule reviews of theatrical movies recently reviewed by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules" (Fox)

Gently humorous, and more family-friendly, sequel about the tensions between a hapless seventh-grader (Zachary Gordon) and his teenage older brother (Devon Bostick). When their advice columnist mother (Rachael Harris) tries to get these constantly quarreling siblings to bond, big bro goes from bullying persecutor to mildly bad influence, leading to some good-natured high jinks that eventually involve the younger lad's best friend (Robert Capron). Director David Bowers' follow-up to the 2010 comedy "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" — adapted, like its predecessor, from one of Jeff Kinney's best-selling cartoon novels — sends its protagonist through another series of embarrassing situations and useful learning moments. During this time, he picks up lessons about honesty and self-confidence. This time, though, the only possible red flag for parents is raised by a few instances of childish scatological humor, one of which can be seen as vaguely irreverent. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Hearts on Fire retreat for young adults
 Notre Dame — A retreat for young adults ages 18-39, single or married, with or without children, will be April 8-9 at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. "Living Faith in Daily Life with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola" will include Mass, Reconciliation, coffee-house with live music and T-shirt and be presented by the Apostleship of Prayer and co-hosted by Diocesan CYAM and the St. Pius YAs for young adults. Register online at www.apostleshipofprayer.org or call Sean Allen at (858) 354-9006. For childcare call Molly at (574) 360-2281.

Afternoon of Reflection for young adults
 Huntington — Sister Jacinta Krecek, OSF, will present "Seeking Happiness: Our Call to Beatitude" to young adults 18-39, Sunday, April 10, from 1-6 p.m., at Victory Noll. Time will be made to walk the grounds, visit the grotto and the outdoor Stations of the Cross. Reconciliation will be offered and Mass will be celebrated by Father Joseph Gaughan from Most Precious Blood at 4 p.m. A light meal will finish the day. Cost is \$15. Register by Thursday, April 7, to Mary Glowaski (260) 422-4611 or mglowaski@diocesefwsb.org.

Holy Land Pilgrimage announced
 Fort Wayne — Father Tim

Wrozek and St. Joseph Parish will host a Holy Land Pilgrimage Oct. 17. Contact (863) 648-0383 for information or visit www.eo.travelwithus.com.

SAT prep class offered
 Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will be offering an SAT prep class April 13 and April 14 from 6-8:30 p.m. Students wishing to take the class should register online at www.zaps.com. Cost for the five-hour workshop is \$79.

St. Joseph and St. Catherine of Alexandria Mission
 Roanoke — St. Joseph Parish will offer a mission "Our Father is Calling Us" with the Franciscan Friars and Father David Mary Engo on April 11-13 at 7 p.m. Call (260) 672-2838 for information.

Diocesan choir looking for members
 Fort Wayne — The Fort Wayne Diocesan Choir is preparing for the Chrism Mass, Tuesday, April 19, at 7 p.m. in the cathedral. Interested singers should attend two rehearsals Saturday, April 2 and 16, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Contact Michael Dulac at fwdiocesanchoir@gmail.com or call (260) 424-1485.

Little Flower Holy Hour
 Fort Wayne — Father Paul Bueter will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, April 5, at 7 p.m. to

pray for priests and vocations. Father Bueter is a retired priest of the diocese.

First Saturday devotions
 The First Saturday Devotions on April 2 will be held at these locations: Fort Wayne, St. Charles — 8 a.m.; Sacred Heart — 7:30 a.m. (English Mass) and 11:30 a.m. (Latin Mass). Our Lady of the Angels Friary — 9 a.m.; Albion, Blessed Sacrament — 8 a.m.; Arcola, St. Patrick — 7:15 a.m.; Garrett, St. Joseph — 9 a.m.; New Haven, St. John — 6:55 a.m.; Monroeville, St. Rose — 8:10 a.m.; Warsaw, Sacred Heart — 8 a.m.; North Manchester, St. Robert — 8 a.m.

Lenten program highlights the Paschal Mystery and African American Catholics
 South Bend — The St. Augustine Lenten Program will feature Sr. Dr. Jamie Phelps, OP, on Thursday, April 14. Doors will open at 1501 W. Washington St., with light refreshments at 6 p.m. and evening prayer with music provided by the St. Augustine Gospel Choir. Sr. Dr. Phelps, OP, is the Katharine Drexel professor of theology and the director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University of Louisiana. Contact Mel Tardy at (574) 707-1231.

FISH FRIES
Jonah Fish Fry
 South Bend — Corpus Christi Parish, 2817 Corpus Christi Dr., will have a Jonah fish fry Friday,

REST IN PEACE

Arcola Joseph Taylor, 89, St. Patrick	Lucile C. Tucker, 95, St. Jude	Lola M. Phillippsen, 86, Holy Cross Chapel
Decatur Francis Xavier Miller, 78, St. Mary of the Assumption	Helen Beams, 102, St. Charles Borromeo	South Bend Carol R. Rejer, 83, St. Adalbert
Fort Wayne Wayne L. Bartholomy, 93, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	Mishawaka Rita Willingham, 77, Queen of Peace	Shirley K. Kajzer, 68, St. John the Baptist
Virginia M. Knepper, 86, St. Charles Borromeo	Albert Van Laecke, 93, St. Monica	Donald J. White, 56, Little Flower
Mary Adelaide Wiegand Bechtol, 90, St. Peter	Mark S. Tobar, 51, St. Bavo	Abigail Ann Teeter, 93, St. Joseph
Thomas E. Simkins, 58, St. Charles Borromeo	Rita M. Dillon, 74, Queen of Peace	Warsaw Clarence S. Zimmerman, 84, Sacred Heart
	Notre Dame John E. Renaud, 50, Basilica of the Sacred Heart	

April 1, from 4-7:30 p.m. in the gym. Adults and carry-out tickets are \$8, children 6-12 years are \$3 and children 5 years and under are free. Call (574) 272-9982 for information.

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

Pork chop and Polish buffett
 South Bend — St. Hedwig Parish will have a pork chop Polish buffet Sunday, April 10, from noon to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 8-12. Advance tickets only by calling (574) 287-8932 or (574) 287-4821 by April 3.

Fish and chicken strip dinner
 Monroeville — Cornerstone Youth Center, 19819 Monroeville Rd., will have a fish and chicken strip dinner Friday,

April 8, from 5-7:30 p.m. Adults \$8.50, youth 10-6 \$5.50. Dine in or drive through.

Knights of Columbus host fish fry
 Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will have a fish dinner on Friday, April 8, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$3.50 for children 5-10 and children under 4 are free. Proceeds from the event will benefit local charitable organizations.

The CrossWord

April 3, 10 and 17, 2011



TV MASS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

2011	Feast Day	Fort Wayne 10:30 a.m. WFFT-TV, Ch. 55	South Bend 10:30 a.m. WNDU-TV, Ch. 16
April 3	Fourth Sunday in Lent	Rev. Jason Freiburger Cathedral Fort Wayne	Rev. Leroy Clementich, CSC Notre Dame
April 10	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Rev. Cyril Fernandes St. John the Baptist Fort Wayne	Rev. Michael Mathews, CSC Holy Cross/St. Stanislaus South Bend
April 17	Palm Sunday	Rev. Thomas Shoemaker St. Jude Fort Wayne	Rev. Leroy Clementich, CSC Notre Dame
April 24	Easter	Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy Bishop Emeritus	Rev. Jim Kendzierski, OFM St. Francis Friary Mishawaka

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Bishop Rhoades' **Six Church Passion Walk** and Palm Sunday Mass



Join Bishop Rhoades on April 17th for this beautiful opportunity to meditate on our Lord's journey to Calvary.

Gather at St. Joseph Church at noon, then journey to St. Patrick, St. Hedwig, St. Augustine, St. Stanislaus for blessing of the Palms, and Holy Cross Church for Mass at 4:00.

Greet Bishop Rhoades with refreshments following Mass.

For more information please contact the Office of Young Adult & Campus Ministry or the Office of Youth Ministry at 260.422.4611. No registration is required.

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

"Spirituality You Can Live With: Stronger Faith in 30 Days" by Chris Padgett

"Spirituality You Can Live With: Stronger Faith in 30 Days," by Chris Padgett (Servant Books, ISBN 978-0-86716-968-3, \$13.99)

Reviewed by Kay Cozad

In our fast-paced and always busy culture, "Spirituality You Can Live With: Stronger Faith in 30 Days," by international speaker, singer-songwriter and author Chris Padgett is a good choice for this month's *Today's Catholic* book club. The 131-page tome offers 30 succinct chapters geared to the busy person that covers faith issues such as forgiveness, dryness in prayer and loving yourself and your neighbor.

In his introduction Padgett pens, "Our spiritual life has to be something we can actually live rather than just dream, discuss or study in a book. In these pages are a few ways I have found that I can actually 'do' spirituality." And isn't that what so many of us yearn for — ways to live our faith. Padgett hopes that we can take a short but much-needed break from our busy schedules to read one chapter for each of the next 30 days to grow our faith.

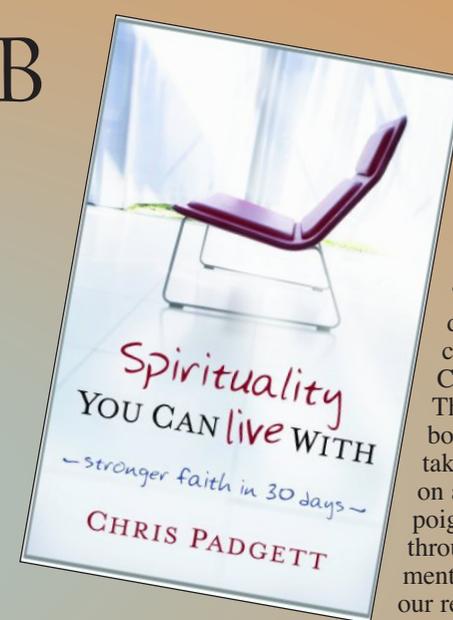
Each chapter averages only three to four pages and is written in easy-to-relate-to prose. But don't let the diminutive nature of the chapters fool you. They are each packed with Scripture references, pertinent quotes, challenging personal stories and inspiring analogies to drive home the potential for spiritual growth.

Padgett reminds us early on that we all have good and bad days but are capable of being saints even with our responsibilities and busy schedules. He writes, "God wants to meet us, even in our brokenness and bring us into abundant living."

In his unique style Padgett relates personal events to the message that spirituality is about an ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. He reminds us that Scripture tells us that "we love because He first loved us." The author goes on to suggest that to grow closer to Christ we must first acknowledge our brokenness. It is in our brokenness, he says, that we are rendered humbled and in need of a Savior. As we surrender we empty ourselves to be filled with Christ.

The close of each chapter prods us with specific reflection questions directed toward discovering our own personality type, the importance of community in our spiritual growth, our vocation and motivation in our lives. Taken seriously these reflections can produce some inspirational, and often times uncomfortable truths about who we currently are in our spiritual formation. And they challenge us to change in an effort to live our spirituality daily.

One challenge put forth by Padgett requires us to understand that to love, we must first receive love. And to act out that divine love in our lives we must develop the virtues, both theological and cardinal. Though not



always easy, the effort can "lead us into a deeper intimacy with Christ."

Throughout the book the author takes his readers on a brief but poignant journey through the sacraments and Bible, our relationship to

Mary, saints, forgiveness, sacrificial service and much more.

The book, a mini-retreat if you will, leads us to discovering how to will the good in every moment so as to live in ways that brings life to others. Padgett's final chapter is a spiritual pep talk championing the unique aspects of his authentic spirituality exercises.

"Spirituality You Can Live With: Stronger Faith in 30 Days," by Chris Padgett takes only moments to read each day but may make a long-lasting difference in your Lenten journey and in your everyday life.

Reflection questions can be found at the end of each chapter.

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