SOUTH BEND — Newly-ordained Deacons Benjamin Muhlenkamp and Jacob Meyer are one step closer to ordination to the Priesthood next year.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades ordained the two men to the order of the diaconate May 14 at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend. They will minister for a year as deacons before their ordination to the Priesthood on June 2, 2012.

Bishop Rhoades began the Mass by thanking all those who attended, but especially the deacons’ candidates’ parents — Kurt and Julie Meyer, and Gary and Mary Agnes Muhlenkamp — because the home is the seedbed of vocations. Also present were Bishop Emeritus John M. D’Arcy and Father James A. Wehner, rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum, where the deacons attend seminary.

May 14 marked the Feast of St. Matthias, apostle and martyr. The Book of Acts relates how St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, the apostle who betrayed Jesus. Bishop Rhoades, in his homily, explained that “the one chosen would become, along with them, ‘a witness to Christ’s resurrection.’ This was their mission, the mission of Matthias and the other apostles. This is also the mission of the Church, which we can rightly call ‘the community of the Resurrection.’ This is our mission and the mission of our two candidates for ordination, Jacob and Ben.”

In explaining their role as ministers of God’s word, Bishop Rhoades said, “Jacob and Ben will proclaim the crowning truth of Christianity: that...”
Our diocese and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHODES

I am already looking forward to our diocesan pilgrimage in September. One of the highlights of the pilgrimage will be a day at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. As you may know, there is a special connection between our diocese and the National Shrine.

The famous fifth Bishop of Fort Wayne, John Francis Noll, led the diocese from 1925 until 1956. He was nationally known as the founder and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor and as a leader in the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the forerunner of our national Episcopal Conference. He was a prominent figure in battling anti-Catholic bigotry and defending the faith as well as fighting atheistic Communism.

Construction of the National Shrine honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary and Immaculate Conception (the patroness of the United States) began in 1920. The crypt was completed in 1927, but construction on the great upper church was postponed due to lack of funds. With the Great Depression in 1929 and the 1930s, followed by the Second World War, the National Shrine remained incomplete. After the war, in 1946, Bishop Noll chaired the bishops’ committee to raise $7 million to complete the great church.

How were the funds raised? Bishops who had a diocesan collection that raised the largest amount ever raised in a collection in the church had decided to have a national fund drive in 1953. In our own diocese, Bishop Noll had a diocesan collection that raised the largest amount ever raised in a collection in our diocese up to that time: $104,486 for the National Shrine. Incidentally, it was in 1953 that Pope Pius XII raised Bishop Noll to the personal rank of “archbishop” due to his outstanding service to the Church.

When we go on pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine, the largest Catholic church in the United States, we will have the opportunity to pray in and to visit this magnificent edifice that was completed in 1959, thanks to the efforts of our own Archbishop John Francis Noll. He was given the title “Apostle of the Shrine.” We must look for the bronze bust of Archbishop Noll and the plaque honoring him and his efforts when we visit the crypt. The bust was the gift of our sixth Bishop, Leo A. Pursley, to the National Shrine.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception contains over 70 chapels and oratories. Beautiful mosaics and sculptures abound throughout the upper church and in the crypt. I have served on the Board of Trustees of the National Shrine since 2006. My most active role was helping to raise funds for the Oratory of Our Lady of Pompei (the “Italian Chapel” and I am not even Italian!). This is one of the newest chapels in the Shrine and its walls are adorned by the Mysteries of Light (the luminous mysteries) which were added to the rosary by Pope John Paul II in 2002.

I love walking through all the chapels and oratories of the National Shrine, enjoying the art, reading the inscriptions, and reflecting on the many Biblical scenes and Marian devotions depicted there. Besides the bronze bust of Archbishop Noll, there is another “Indiania” contribution to the Shrine. A limestone sculpture of Saint Mother Theodore Guérin, donated by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, is located on the North Terrace, next to “Mary’s Garden,” an outdoor area for rest and prayer that has a fountain and reflecting pool amid the trees, shrubs, and flowers.

The mosaics in the interiors of the domes of the National Shrine are amazing works of art. The succession of decorated domes is the chief characteristic of the interior of the upper church. Covering all the interior domes of the upper church with mosaics is an ongoing effort. When I became a member of the Board of Trustees, the major project at the time was the decoration of the dome (3,780 square feet) in the south nave. It is called “The Incarnation Dome” since it depicts four scenes of the Incarnation and manifestation of Jesus: the Annunciation, the Nativity, the Wedding Feast of Cana, and the Transfiguration. The four pendentives of the dome portray the prophets Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Micah and the matriarch Sarah. Around the bottom of the dome are the words of the Gospel of John 1:14: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. And we saw his glory—glory as the only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and of truth.” The Incarnation Dome was completed in 2007, thanks to the generous $1 million gift from the Knights of Columbus.

Planning has begun for the ornamentation with mosaic of the largest dome in the upper church, located at the crossing of the nave and transepts. It will be called The Trinity Dome. When asked what is my favorite chapel in the National Shrine, it is very difficult for me to respond as they are all beautiful. But the most meaningful for most of us is probably the one with which we relate due to our ethnic background (most of the chapels and oratories reflect ethnic devotions and titles). Since my “Catholic” roots are Irish, I have to say that the Oratory of Mary, Queen of Ireland is most meaningful to me. It has a statue of Our Lady and the Holy Child. The mosaics and carvings in the chapel reflect the heritage of Irish Catholics. The mosaic depictions of the four evangelists from the Book of Kells are beautiful.

The exterior of the Basilica also has an abundance of iconography. On the east façade, one finds another “Indiana connection.” There are five mosaic tympana within the interior of the east porch that highlight events in U.S. church history. One is a mosaic of the ordination of Father Stephen Badin in 1793, the first priest to be ordained within the original U.S. colonies. Father Badin was a devoted missionary to the Indians, a pioneer of the Catholic faith in our area. He served among the Potawatomi Indians. In 1832, he purchased the 524 acres in northern Indiana with two small lakes and named the site “Saint Mary of the Lakes,” the future Notre Dame! Father Badin also visited Fort Wayne regularly to celebrate the sacraments. He convinced Catholic laymen to purchase the land on which our cathedral now stands. When you visit Notre Dame, stop by the Log Chapel and pray over the place where he is buried (his remains were transferred from Cincinnati to Notre Dame in 1906). When we are at the National Shrine, we will have to try to find the mosaic of Father Badin’s ordination since he was the pioneer of the Catholic faith in our diocese.

If you are interested in making a reservation for our diocesan pilgrimage to Washington and Emmitsburg (September 8-11, 2011), please visit our website, www.diocesefwsb.org and click on “Pilgrimage of Faith” or call Jeff Krudop at Travel Leaders at (260) 434-6540.
‘Jesus Christ is truly risen.’ This proclamation of Easter is at the core of the Gospel they will preach.

Bishop Rhodes said, “The Church’s mission of evangelization is the proclamation of the One who died on the cross and rose again on the third day to save all those whom He will ordain to be bishops. Jesus Christ and Ben will be ordained to bring the Risen Jesus to all those whom they will serve, especially to the poor, the sick, the suffering, the lost in the world. They are called to bring the Gospel of salvation to sinners, to help them to die to sin and to be renewed by the Holy Spirit.”

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Local youth to sing at Festival of Praise for beatified pope

BY SUSAN BAXTER

MISHAWAKA—When the news broke that Pope John Paul II would be beatified, some people wanted to weep, some wanted to dance in the streets, and some, like a group of Catholic youth in Mishawaka, wanted to sing ... and sing and sing and sing.

This Sunday, May 22, members of Mishawaka Antioch Youth with singers from Marian High School will present a special concert, A Festival of Praise in Honor of the Beatification of Pope John Paul II, at 7 p.m. at St. Bavo Church. St. Bavo’s Joe Higgenbotham, who organized the event, will conduct.

“There are 12 short readings from the writings of the pope,” Higgenbotham said. “Each will be followed by a brief reflection by Father Bob Lengerich, parochial vicar at St. Pius X in Granger. A song will then be presented by the choir or a soloist.”

The readings were selected by Joe Bagiackas of South Bend and St. Bavo Pastoral Associate Gus Zuehlke. Bagiackas, who has a doctorate in theology from the Catholic University of America, has published the “Lay Person’s Guide” series.

“These are summations that were written for lay people to help them better appreciate the papal teachings,” Higgenbotham said. “Joe and Gus came up with 12 themes (with short readings) which they felt were emphasized in his pontificate.

‘I then tried to come up with music that would match the theme. Of course, Father Lengerich will tie in his reflection with the theme.’

Higgenbotham says the concert will have a variety of liturgical music, from traditional to contemporary.

There is no doubt that the Blessed John Paul II will be pleased with the event; he held a special place in his heart for artists. In his “Letter to Artists,” as extracted by EWTN in a Vatican Update in 1999, the pope wrote that “the faith of countless believers has been nourished by melodies flowing from the hearts of other believers, either introduced into the liturgy or used as an aid to dignified worship.

“In song faith is experienced as vibrant joy, love and confident expectation of the saving intervention of God,” Higgenbotham said.

The concert, which features so many beautiful young voices, is an appropriate response to the gift of John Paul II, Higgenbotham said as he shared his family’s reflection.

“He was a saint for our times; a great gift from God for the whole world,” he said. “He spoke to so many areas that we needed to hear about. He conveyed the truth courageously and was an example of Christ to all.

“He always upheld the dignity and sanctity of human life and he modeled to the whole world through his own suffering the value of human life, even up to one’s last moments on earth.

“He was a great light.”

The concert is free and open to the public.
Vatican norms insist on ‘generous’ approval for use of Tridentine rite

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A new Vatican instruction calls on local bishops and pastors to respond generously to Catholics who seek celebration of the Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal, commonly known as the Tridentine rite.

The instruction, issued May 13, said pastors should approve such Masses for groups of faithful, even when such groups are formed of people from different parishes or dioceses. These faithful cannot, however, contest the validity of the modern Mass or the authority of the pope.

“In deciding individual cases, the pastor or the rector, or the priest responsible for a church, is to be guided by his own prudence, motivated by pastoral zeal and a spirit of generous welcome,” it said.

The instruction said that, depending on pastoral needs, bishops should make sure seminarists are trained in celebrating the Tridentine rite, or “extraordinary form” of the Mass.

At the same time, the Vatican said the Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei would be responsible for issuing local Church officials were making the old rite available where warranted.

The instruction was issued by the Ecclesia Dei commission and approved by Pope Benedict XVI. It came nearly four years after the pope’s letter of 2007 had three main goals:

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• the papal letter had said that priests who use the 1962 Roman Missal must be “qualified” to do so, but did not spell out requirements.

• The new document said that every Catholic priest in good standing is generally qualified to celebrate Mass in the extraordinary form. A basic knowledge of Latin is needed, enough to pronounce the words correctly and understand their meaning, it said.

Regarding the need to know the rite, it said priests are presumed to be qualified if they present themselves spontaneously to celebrate the Tridentine rite and have celebrated it previously.

Father Lombardi said learning, or relearning, the rubrics of the old rite could be “demanding.”

“For example, I wouldn’t have a problem with the Latin. But knowing all the rubrics that indicate the movements and particular gestures is much more complex,” he said.

The instruction said the Ecclesia Dei commission would be in charge of monitoring compliance with the provisions allowing the use of the old rite, and would have the power to decide on recourse by groups of faithful against “any possible singular administrative provision of an extraordinary form which appears to be contrary” to the papal letter. The commission’s decisions can, in turn, be appealed to the Vatican’s highest tribunal, the Apostolic Signature.

The Ecclesia Dei commission is headed by U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, who signed the instruction.

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Fiesta in Madrid: Preparations heating up for World Youth Day

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — With fewer than 100 days to go, preparations for World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid are heating up and organizers are promising a “fiesta,” adding a Spanish flavor to the traditional opportunities for prayer, friendship, music and religious education. As of May 7, organizers reported 347,965 youths had registered for the Aug. 16-21 event, which Pope Benedict XVI will attend. The figure included 22,488 young people from the United States and 5,439 from Canada. The Italians — always a big contingent at World Youth Day — were leading the pack with 65,196 registrants, ouptacing even the Spaniards by more than 10,000. While registering has benefits — including priority seating at papal events — young people also seem to know they won’t be turned away, and so an earlier estimate of 1.5 million participants seems to be right on track.

Father Eric Jacquet, the official in charge of the youth section at the Pontifical Council for the Laity, the official sponsor of World Youth Day, said, “We can’t predict how many will register at the last minute.” At WYD Paris in 1997, he said, 300,000 young people pre-registered and there were 1.2 million people at the closing vigil and closing Mass with Pope John Paul II. The staff of WYD Madrid has rallied interest and is helping prepare all those young people with a major presence on the Internet, especially through social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Photos of the pre-registration phase are posted on Flickr and videos produced by or about WYD 2011 are collected on a special YouTube channel.

Sexuality is God-given gift for communicating true love, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The human body is a God-given instrument for communicating love, although it also can be used to inflict harm on others or for one’s own selfish pleasure, Pope Benedict XVI said.

That the body is designed for true love is what gives value to chastity as the virtue that takes seriously the power of the body to communicate something profound if given in the respect and time it needs, the pope told participants in a meeting sponsored by the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. The pope met the group May 13 during their celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the institute by Blessed Pope John Paul II.

The late pope encouraged the institute to study and promote what has been described as his “theology of love” — a theology of the body. “Applying the respect and time it needs, the body is designed for true love is what gives value to chastity as the virtue that takes seriously the power of the body to communicate something profound if given in the respect and time it needs,” the pope said.

Pope sends representative to Japan to show support for quake victims

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Two months after a strong earthquake created havoc in Japan, setting off a tsunami and crippling a nuclear power plant, Pope Benedict XVI sent an envoy to the disaster area to express the pope’s concern for all affected, the Vatican said.

Cardinal Robert Sarah, president of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, was visiting Japan May 13-16 to convey the pope’s “closeness, his prayers and his assistance,” said a Vatican communiqué May 12. The magnitude 9 earthquake struck March 11. According to a report May 6 from the Japanese Red Cross Society, 14,704 people have been confirmed dead and almost 11,000 were still missing. The Red Cross also said that more than 125,000 of the people displaced by the quake were still in temporary housing two months after the earthquake.

Cardinal Sarah was to convey the pope’s support “to all the families of the victims, the displaced and all the volunteers who tirelessly are working on reconstruction,” the Vatican said. The cardinal was scheduled to visit Saitama May 14, going to Catholic shelters for those left homeless by the quake, and then on to Tokyo to join the Japanese bishops at a Mass of thanksgiving for the beatification of Pope John Paul II.

Wall Street lawyer gave up high finance for death-row chaplain

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Dale Recinella played the financing game like a fiddle, even working through Christmas one year to secure the complex arrangements to finance a new stadium for football’s Miami Dolphins. Yet he turned his back on the twin rushes of high pay and high power to minister to some of the most downtrodden: poor people with HIV and AIDS, and eventually prisoners on death row.

Recinella chronicled his journey in a new book, "Now I Walk on Death Row." “The book is not so much about the death penalty but it is about seeking the answer to the question: Did Jesus mean what he said?” Recinella told Catholic News Service in a recent telephone interview from his job in northern Florida, where he works part time to support his wife and family. One similarity to his high-flying corporate career: He’s got a window office. “And right outside are the garbage cans,” Recinella said with a laugh. As a volunteer chaplain, he ministers on death row three days each week, all day Mondays at a death-row prison in the Sunshine State and part of the day Wednesdays and some Saturdays. He gives religious education instruction Wednesday nights at Union Correctional Institution near Raiford, Fla. "Wednesday, everybody goes to church at night except the Catholics," Recinella said. He teaches inmates about “living Gospel values authenticly in our lives and in situations we encounter day in and day out. We have 110 inmates. ... They change every year. It is an extremely valuable program. Those (in the program) who are released have a much better chance of making it." Recinella, who has written the “Respect Life” column for the Florida Catholic string of diocesan newspapers for the past 11 years, is now an opponent of the death penalty but had long been unaware of the inconsistency in his position on life issues.

Members of the Vicksburg, Miss., Fire Department and county crews sandbag areas on the levee to slow down floodwaters from the swollen Mississippi River May 11. Water from the Mississippi and its tributaries spilled across farm fields, cut off churches, washed over roads and forced people from their homes.

Att prestations heating up for World Youth Day

WASiK (CNS) — When the news of Osama bin Laden’s death was announced May 1, college students on campus found a mountain of the cheering crowd that descended on the streets near the White House. Jordan Denari, a sophomore at Georgetown University was not among the revelers. She talked about it with her friends, including one of her roommates from Pakistan, and they didn’t feel right about celebrating someone’s death.

Denari gets the chance to talk about contemporary and religious issues on a pretty regular basis in the university’s Muslim Living-Learning Community where she lives. She said the on-campus religious education service provides plenty of opportunities for “unstructured dialogue,” which, as she put it, “often happens when you should be studying for my econ(omics) exam.”

The setting also set the stage for something she is coordinating on campus next year: interfaith dialogue groups. Denari was part of such a group last year when she and two other students — one Muslim and one Protestant — decided to get together once a week to talk about their religious perspectives.

These group discussions helped Denari, in Georgetown’s School of Foreign Service, not only learn about different faiths but clarify her Catholic faith, which she wasn’t so sure about when she started college.

Although many campus interfaith communities are unique, what happens when these students are together — simply getting to know one another and breaking down stereotypes — is also occurring at other colleges as the number of campus interface groups grows.

Obama launches new push for immigration reform during Texas visit

WASHINGTON (CNS) — President Barack Obama chose the Chamizal National Memorial in El Paso, Texas, near the U.S.-Mexico border to launch a push for immigration reform that the administration has been working toward for about a month. His May 10 speech, which came just as the release of a 34-page “blueprint,” called “Building a 21st Century Immigration System.” The document outlines an approach to immigration reform that includes: emphasizing federal responsibility for enforcement of immigration laws; holding employers accountable if they hire or exploit undocumented workers; creating a legal immigration system that adequately provides for the demands of employment and family reunification, including people in the United States illegally accountable for their actions before enabling them to “get on the right side of the law.” Obama’s announcement came just as the Texas Catholic Conference decreed the passage May 9 of an immigration enforcement bill by the Texas House.
The Pontifical College Josephinum held its 112th baccalaureate and commencement on Saturday, May 7. Seminarians from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who received degrees are Matthew Coonan, master of divinity, Terrence Coonan, Jr., master of divinity, and Royce Gregerson, bachelor's degree in philosophy. Pictured are the graduates, from left, Terrence Coonan, Father James Wehner, rector, Royce Gregerson and Matthew Coonan.

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from the Anthony Wayne and the Mother Teresa Assemblies honored priests, sisters and brothers at the Religious Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, May 11. Admiral Jim Alvine and Sister Rose Clare Ehrlich, a Sister of St. Agnes, who is the liturgy and music director at St. Joseph, Bluffton and St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City, were among those present.

Among those honored were Sister Jacinta Kreek, left, for 25 years with the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, Mishawaka, now a professor of theology at the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne; and Sister Genevieve Raupp of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Frankfurt, Ill., who was recognized for 40 years of religious life. Sister Genevieve is the assistant principal at St. Charles Borromeo School, Fort Wayne.
Historic mural of St. Mother Theodore Guérin unveiled

SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — A large mural featuring the life of St. Mother Theodore Guérin that soon will have a permanent home in the rotunda of the Vigo County Court House was unveiled May 6 in Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

St. Mother Theodore, foundress of the Sisters of Providence, was canonized Oct. 15, 2006, in Rome by Pope Benedict XVI. She came to the United States in 1840 to establish the Sisters of Providence. She arrived in the United States on a ship named Francisqace. She and her companions prepare to arrive in the United States. Other images show LeFer Bridge at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mother Theodore welcoming students to the Academy, now Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the sisters’ journey by stagecoach across swollen river waters to their new home, a sister carrying firewood to a log cabin and a map of Indiana documenting the state’s only Catholic saint.

The central image shows Saint Mother Theodore kneeling in prayer at the ship’s bow as she and her companions prepare to arrive in the United States. Other images show LeFer Bridge at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mother Theodore welcoming students to the Academy, now Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the sisters’ journey by stagecoach across swollen river waters to their new home, a sister carrying firewood to a log cabin and a map of Indiana documenting the state’s only Catholic saint.

The five-foot-by-ten-foot mural was created by well-known Terre Haute artist Bill Wolfe, who was assisted by Terre Haute artist Becky Gropp-Hochhalter. The frame for the mural was made by Keith Ruble of the Vigo County Park and Recreation Department. About half of the lumber used for the frame came from the same walnut stock that was used for St. Mother Theodore’s coffin. The coffin rests for public veneration in the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

The mural shows St. Mother Theodore as a baby, then as a young woman walking on the Breton Shore in France. A map of France locates the French motherhouse for the Sisters of Providence.

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Also shown is an authentic replica of St. Mother Theodore’s handwriting from her journals. “I’m happy it’s completed and I’m honored to have had this opportunity to document history, not only for Mother Guérin, but also the other parts of history in Vigo County.” Wolfe said about the three-month project.

Wolfe also will create three other murals about Vigo County’s history for the rotunda project. Sister Denise Wilkinson, the Congregation’s general superior, hosted the unveiling reception in the Providence Center lobby on behalf of the Congregation.

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Holy Family hosts Cinco de Mayo math night

SOUTH BEND — Holy Family School’s inaugural math night was held on May 5. Math teachers at Holy Family School collaborated for months to present fun and innovative ways for students to practice math skills, and parents got to join in the fun. Using Cinco de Mayo as their theme, the teachers created different math activities and games for students to try together. “We created passports for the students to use on their ‘journey’ through Mexico,” explained Jessica Stevens, a fourth-grade teacher at the school.

Several classrooms were designated to represent Mexican cities. Upon arrival at the school, the students were presented with a passport to carry from one room to another. Once a student completed a math activity or game, the teacher would add a stamp to the passport. “In my room we had a Math Restaurant. I used Mexican-themed items on my menu, and the students bought items. With the help of their parents, they counted out toy money to pay for their selections,” second-grade teacher Charlene Weber said.

Math Night has allowed the school to continue their work on the school’s improvement plan and motivate parent involvement as well. Ashley Parmelee, a third-grade teacher, added, “I would definitely make Math Night an annual event. Parents are able to learn ways to review math concepts taught in school, and it’s a fun way for families to work together and enjoy learning.”

Holy Family teachers also hope they have given parents tools to help their children develop an interest for math and learning beyond the classroom walls. “Hopefully they have new ideas for what kinds of activities the kids can do at home and through the summer to enrich math skills presented at school,” said Stevens.

As a mother of two Holy Family School students and the junior high science teacher there, Tracey Ackerley certainly recognizes and appreciates the need to reinforce learning at home. “My sons loved Math Night! Jacob, my youngest, loved the computer games the teachers could pull up on the SMART Board. I was sure to ask for the websites these games came from so we could work on math together at home.”

Holy Family-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Students Enjoy 1920 Day

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School held an “Era Day” at the St. Joseph campus on May 10, where teachers chose a decade and presented “stations” that looked closely at various cultural aspects of that time. This year’s decade was the 1920s and the fifth through eighth grades participated in learning about baseball, the art, music and literature of the Harlem Renaissance, the game of marbles, silent movies, dances, Fort Wayne architecture and more. Students and staff came to school in 1920s period clothing. Noah Kriesel and Mitch Gigli are shown playing marbles.
The elect declare their intentions to assume the responsibility of the Office of Deacon.

Above, the deacon candidates are formally presented and their readiness is affirmed.

At right, Deacon Ben Muhlenkamp and Deacon Jacob Meyer prepare the altar at offertory at St. Matthew Cathedral.

Deacon Jacob Meyer and his family.
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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades lays hands on Ben Muhlenkamp.
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GRADUATES

Lifelong friends lead Bishop Dwenger senior class as valedictorian and salutatorian

BY KAT COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger High School seniors Michael Gloudemans and Max Roesler have a lot in common. They both are academic scholars, interested in science, play in a jazz band together and lead their graduating class of 2011 in scholarship. Gloudemans is Bishop Dwenger’s valedictorian with an astounding GPA of 4.938 on a four point scale, with Roesler on his heels as salutatorian with a GPA of 4.837. The young men have been friends since kindergarten.

Valedictorian Michael Gloudemans likes to go by Mike. The Fort Wayne native has been a lifelong member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish along with his parents, Monica and Mark, and his four younger siblings. He anticipates an exciting college career at Duke University, a choice he made just recently, where he will study biology. “I’m planning on doing research in college and seeing what other opportunities are out there,” he says of his wide open career path.

Gloudemans feels that his exemplary Catholic education has brought him this far in fine form. “I enjoy having groups of peers and adult role models that show me I’m not alone. ... I enjoy having the opportunity to do things, like praying before class that you can’t do in public school. The All-school Masses are pretty cool,” the scholar says. Because this young man is the oldest of the five Gloudemans children he takes his responsibility of being a faithful role model seriously. “I try to behave in a Catholic way so they can see Christian behavior. Then we can all together grow in faith and be good people,” Gloudemans says.

Gloudemans is grateful for his close-knit family. His parents and grandparents have been instrumental in his faith and academic development, and he says. “I’m fortunate. My family is supportive. I want to thank them.”

In addition to his flourishing academic career that includes participation in honors classes, such as AP chemistry and AP history, and his favorite science classes like microbiology,
Salutatorian will study pre-med

**BY BONNIE ELBERSON**

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School salutatorian Ann Kebede is a young woman who knows exactly what she wants to do with her life.

“For as long as I can remember, I’ve wanted to be a pediatrician,” she says. “I just like working with little kids.”

Though she is the younger of two children — her older brother attends North Park University in Chicago — she has many young cousins whom she enjoys, sees frequently and baby-sits often. Kebede has been accepted at and plans to attend the University of Notre Dame, where she will study pre-med on her journey to a career in pediatrics.

At Luers, she most enjoys math and science classes with chemistry, anatomy and calculus high on the list, though she confesses to a passion for reading as well, which she pursues in her spare time. “I really like reading a lot,” she says. Interestingly, she is on the Luers English team during the highly competitive Academic Super Bowl challenge matches.

Kebede values her Catholic education and “being able to learn what it is to be Catholic” surround-ed by others of the same faith. She likes that “the sacraments are right there for you” and that her faith is exemplified every day, in every class.

Her other extracurricular activities include four years on the varsity soccer team, Key Club, peer ministry and acting as a student ambassador for Bishop Luers at the many elementary feeder schools in the area.

Kebede says she explains to younger students the importance of a faith-based academic community and what it means to be part of the Luers family. And she emphasizes that they should “work hard, have fun and get involved.”

Kebede is grateful to her parents, Martha and Yeneru Kebede, members of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, for the strong faith they exemplified and for making it possible for her to attend Luers. Reminiscing, she says she will always treasure the memories of her four years there, of its many sporting events and its close-knit community.

For Kebede, the future is as rosy as her sunny personality. She says she hopes, in years to come, that she will be a practicing pediatrician — “doing what I love.”

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Bishop Luers valedictorian to attend Notre Dame

**BY BONNIE ELBERSON**

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Luers High School valedictorian Sean Driscoll is the youngest of Theresa and Patrick Driscoll’s three children and the first in his family to attend Bishop Luers High School. Driscoll is thankful that his parents have provided him with a Catholic education. “Dad sacrificed a lot to send me here,” he says with gratitude.

He plans to attend the University of Notre Dame as an engineering student in the fall and says, “I’m very excited about it.” He credits his Luers education with his acceptance. “Otherwise, I wouldn’t have gotten into Notre Dame.”

Sean is a member of St. Therese Parish in Fort Wayne and puts a high value on his Catholic upbringing and education. “I have to say, it’s very fulfilling.”

His favorite high school subjects are math and science, and he says he enjoys seeing how religion works alongside them. He feels he was only of “average” faith when entering Bishop Luers but knows he has grown tremendously as a result of his Bishop Luers experience and a summer retreat in South Bend.

He says he now tries to incorporate faith in all aspects of his life. He is a liturgical minister at his home parish and active in youth groups at St. Jude and St. Vincent parishes. And he especially enjoyed the Knights of Faith retreats at Bishop Luers his junior and senior years.

Driscoll’s favorite classes have been calculus and advanced placement chemistry. He hopes to earn a degree in chemical engineering at Notre Dame and notes that there are already several engineers in his family.

Extracurricular activities include cross-country, where he was a team co-captain, track, peer ministry and National Honor Society. He is also a member of both the math and science teams in the Academic Super Bowl. He is a member of Key Club where he became active in Big Brothers Big Sisters, and he also earned his Eagle Scout ranking. In his spare time, Driscoll likes to play the piano and “hang out with friends.”

His best memories of high school will include the friendships he made in cross country and track. And when counseling younger students, he says, “You’ll only regret (it) if you didn’t get involved.”

Driscoll’s future plans include studying for advanced degrees after college and possibly doing mission work — something he’ll explore at Notre Dame.

With this young man’s quiet determination, he’ll no doubt find success in whatever pursuit he chooses.
Samuel Leung is Marian valedictorian

By Jodi Magallanes

MISHAWAKA — Samuel Leung, Marian High School 2011 valedictorian, has a clear idea of what he’d like his education to lead to.

Leung applied and has been accepted to study chemical engineering at the University of Notre Dame in the fall of 2011. He’ll take business courses as well and possibly declare a second major in business, he said, because he’d like to establish his own chemical engineering firm someday.

The high-reaching 18-year-old is a resident of Granger and formerly of Elkhart. Although not an initiated Catholic, Leung attends Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Elkhart. He appreciates the opportunity to have had his classroom studies infused with a religious perspective, he said, adding that the classes oriented his goals and to apply my talents to what I want to do,” Leung said. “When school gets rough or difficult, it’s helped me to remember what’s important and remember who I am. It helped me to push forward.”

In the future he’d like to contribute to the discovery of a new process that’s useful to the world, he said. Little surprise, then, that his favorite classes at Marian were science, physics and chemistry.

Michael Largey, Leung’s math teacher, made a particular impression. Largey invited Leung to work beside him at Notre Dame during summer vacations. The experiences encouraged him academically and interested him in attending Notre Dame. He hopes to use his education to advance to the front lines and improve the lives of people.

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Salutatorian Dana Lind to pursue teaching career

By Jodi Magallanes

MISHAWAKA — Dana Lind has so much respect for her Catholic school teachers that she’d like to become one of them.

Lind is a Granger resident and Marian High School’s 2011 salutatorian. The 18-year-old graduates with a 4.595 grade point average, just .005 behind valedictorian Samuel Leung, and plans to attend Saint Mary’s College in the fall to study education.

Her decision to pursue a career in teaching is a result of the educators she studied under, both at Marian and as a young student at St. Anthony de Padua School in South Bend.

“I was really inspired by my teachers. I’ve had during my Catholic education that I just wanted to give back,” Lind said. “I’m hoping to get my masters in elementary education and teach in the diocese ... beyond that, I trust God will reveal His plan for me.”

A parishioner of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, she’s strongly convinced of the value of an education that incorporates her Catholic faith. That faith is the center of her life, Lind said, and Catholic morality shaped her character and continues to influence her decision-making.

“A Catholic education helps us to discern our vocation and orient us to our specific, unique ways of helping others,” Lind said.

Through students’ relationship with God, Catholic education emphasizes individuals’ unity and motivates them to serve each other, she added.

While a student at Marian, Lind found the most enjoyment in courses that allowed her to explore her potential careers first hand. A class in exploratory teaching took her into working grade school classrooms and a course in applied science research allowed students into university laboratories. All of her teachers, she said, were dedicated to seeing their students succeed.

But dance team competitions, academic competitions also made for good high school memories. Lind was a member of the Marian Dance Team for four years, on the varsity squad for three and served as captain of the varsity squad for two years. The many trips to and from competitions were fun and memorable and made the trips particularly enjoyable.

She was also a member of Junior Civitans group, Student Ambassadors, A Chance to Serve Campus Ministry Leadership Team and National Honor Society. In her free time she dances, plays Wii table tennis and crochets.

Lind hopes that younger students will honor God with their actions, specifically by being kind and helping others. She expressed appreciation for the love and support she was given during her school career by her parents, her sister and fellow classmates.

It has really lead to.

In 10 years I want to be contributing to the world by working on the frontier of new technology and whatever that has brought about at the time — whatever people need at the time,” he said. “I’ll go wherever that takes me.”

He’ll graduate from Maridan with a weighted 4.6 grade point average, putting him at the top of the 2011 class. In addition to studying, Leung is an accomplished pianist and has performed publicly at area nursing homes, school functions and Masses. He also enjoys photography, spending time with his friends and going on bike rides.

Leung volunteered with Junior Civitans during his high school career, was a member of National Honor Society, played tennis all four years and was member of the Spanish and chemistry clubs. He was awarded a scholarship for an advanced research project, “Quantification of dNTP Pools in Brain Mitochondria.”

And in case there’s ever a need for a commanding puzzle-solver, Leung learned years ago to solve a Rubik’s cube in about 45 seconds. “The first time I solved it, back in the seventh grade, it took about two days. I got a lot quicker pretty fast. I don’t know why. It was just a challenge that I wanted to take on and beat.”

Leung encourages younger students to be themselves, be true to who they are and to always keep trying.

“You have to believe in yourself because God believes in you. Whatever it is you want to do. He’ll be there to help you do it. You’ve just got to hang in there and keep trying.”

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Ellen Roof named co-valedictorian of Saint Joseph’s High School

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Ellen Roof achieved the title of co-valedictorian of Saint Joseph’s High School class of 2011 due to her classroom achievements and focus and performance.

Ellen attends Clay United Methodist Church and will be attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

“I’m not sure of my major but I’m leaning toward English or biology as my focus of study,” Roof said. “I’m really toying with becoming a professor.”

“The overwhelming part of my high school Catholic education has been to enrich others,” commented Roof. “Service, interacting with my faith to define life as more than school work and a job, it is knowing that its God’s plan to do for others.”

“My favorite class is AP English with Mr. DePauw. We had so many great discussions about books and he really let the commentary take us to new directions,” Roof said. “As for thanks, my family definitely encouraged me and understood on stressful days.”

“The teachers at Saint Joseph’s High School were there for me all four years,” said Roof. “They were available after school for questions and helped me understand critical points in lesson plans.”

“My extracurricular activities included student council for three years, varsity cross country and swimming, Reach Out and Read, Hope, and I was the president of the school’s chapter of the National Honor Society,” explained Roof. “There isn’t a lot of spare time after that, but when I get some time, I like to read and spend it with family and friends.”

Lesli Mark, co-valedictorian, meets challenges with passion

BY JOE KOZINSKI

SOUTH BEND — Lesli Mark has distinguished herself as the co-valedictorian of Saint Joseph’s High School through her commitment to excellence in the classroom.

“I was originally born in Columbus, Ohio, but my family moved to South Bend when I was in the fifth grade so I consider this home,” explained Mark. “It looks like it will be home for at least another four years as I have been accepted to attend the University of Notre Dame.”

“I plan on studying chemical engineering with a focus on medicine, but I have an interest in economics and I may look into other disciplines,” Mark said. “I really like challenges and I try not to back down in accomplishing anything I have a passion for.”

“I think that the education I received at Saint Joseph’s High School was very good. The teachers were outstanding. I absolutely enjoyed all four years,” Mark said. “My favorite class was any science class and I enjoyed economics. This year all my classes were especially enjoyable.”

“I was not brought up in a religious household, but the theology classes solidified my ideas on ethics and how to live a moral life,” added Mark. “I haven’t declared what direction I will pursue religiously but Saint Joseph’s has definitely affected my life.”

“I have to thank my parents for pushing me to work hard and to reach my full potential,” said Mark. “I also have to thank Dr. Liberman at Notre Dame who let me work on graduate level research and grad student Kyung Nan Kim for fueling my passion for research.”

“My extracurricular activities were two years of tennis, science research at the University of Notre Dame, science fair and symposiums, mock trial, quiz bowl, film club and student Kyung Nan Kim for fueling my passion for research.”

“The culmination of all of my friends make up my most treasured memories of high school. I also treasure our trip down state with the swim team my junior year. It showed me what hard work could accomplish,” Roof continued. “I think that when I was elected vice president of the sophomore class of the student council I felt that other people trusted me and I had officially become an Indian.”

“The words of wisdom I would like to pass on to the underclassmen has to do with fear. Don’t be afraid to try something new and get involved,” Roof exclaimed. “Take initiative, older people really like to support and help high school students more so than college pupils, this will let you accomplish many things.”

“Ten years from now I would like to say that I have studied abroad, completed my undergraduate degree and my postgraduate studies and will be in the workforce,” Roof said. “At the 20-year mark, I hope to be somewhere warmer, have a family (happy and secure), be a professor of English and be involved in my community.”

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Saint Joseph’s salutatorian has plans for career in pharmacology

BY JOE KOZINSKI

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Gloudemans is an avid runner and active in several extracurriculars including cross country and track, National Honor Society, Key Club, Academic Super Bowl in math and science and Scrabble Club. And if that’s not enough, this academic leader enjoys playing alto sax in a jazz band he helped form with his buddy Roesler and friends some years ago. “The jazz band, with friends from St. Vincent. It’s never a dull moment with them. It’s fun,” he says. Gloudemans also plays piano and admits to “trying guitar” as well.

As he looks back over his high school career two special memories come to mind for the valedictorian of Bishop Dwenger High School. “I went to Costa Rica for my marine biology class. That was the best experience,” he says, adding, “And when the cross country team won semi-state in 2011. That was really exciting!”

As for the promising future of this academic star, Gloudemans says, “Some day I’d like to be married and have kids. I like Colorado.”

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“Plans hopefully allow me out into the community and had me make time for others,” continued Veldman. “As for my favorite classes, they would have to be AP microbiology and AP chemistry. I really enjoyed that!”

In his extracurricular activities he participated in cross country, National Honor Society (tutoring coordinator), Hope, student council for three years and Spirit Club,” Veldman said. “My spare time is spent with more tennis, and I enjoy our lake cottage on the water.

“One of my many treasured memories of high school was last year when we won the state tournament in tennis,” Veldman explained. “Coach Bill Mountford taught us to work hard together and we could achieve our goals. And our collective diligence paid off.

“My words of wisdom to the younger student are simply God gave you gifts, use your talents and gifts to their full potential,” remarked Veldman. “When you apply yourself, it will pay off in the long run.

“At the 10-year mark I would love to have traveled to Europe, graduate from college and be working in my profession,” continued Veldman. “I think that I will let the romance take care of my future.”

“My 20-year plan will definitely include being married and having children, I absolutely love kids,” exclaimed Veldman. “I really want to make a difference in the community through service work.”

“Plans hopefully allow me to continue my career as a pharmacist and be able to stay home with my children,” Veldman said. “I want to do the same for my children as my parents have done for me.”
The conversion of Bob Marley

May 11, 2011, marks the 30th anniversary of the passing of Robert Nesta Marley, more popularly known as Bob Marley. He’s known by other titles as well: “The king of reggae,” “the first Third World superstar,” “The Honorable Robert Nesta Marley,” and, by Rastafarians, as “The Prophet,” or “The Teacher.” There have even been efforts by Jamaicans for him to be declared a national hero.

What many don’t know is that Bob Marley also knew Jesus, the Christian. He was baptized into the Ethiopian Orthodox faith before his death in 1981.

Marley had become a zeal- ous Rastafarian as a young man. The dreadlocks and pot smoking that became central to his image weren’t just accessories to a rock star’s style. They were pillars of Rastafarian faith. Rastas believe that cannabis removes mental barriers to enlightened thinking, and they base their dreadlocks in Old Testament law. As debatable as these doctrines may be, their spiritual meaning goes beyond the faith itself.

Marley became a hero. For him to be declared a national hero is interesting, incidentally, that the nucleus of the administration of Pontius Pilate as governor, aside from mention in the Gospels, is a stone carved with his name and the stone was found in the ruins of Caesarea.)

Care of the needy, and of wid- ows who were very needy, was a Christian priority. Evidently the Apostles directed such care, but they also taught the Gospel. To assist in providing this care, they chose seven holy men to be deacons. Calling deacons was an exercise not just of organization but also of innovation, in the name of Jesus.

First Peter provides the second reading, centering Jesus as essen- tial in salvation. He is the prom- ise of God. The reading urges Christians to be true to Jesus. St. John’s Gospel supplies the last reading. Not a Resurrection Narrative expansion of the Lord’s discourse with the Apostles, consoling them as to what they should expect in the future. As it looks ahead, and frankly sug- gests that obstacles await, it is an appropriate reading for now as people contemplate Christian living amid modern troubles.

Reassuringly, Christ will be with us always. His “the way, the truth, and the life” belongs only to the Son of God.

Reflection

Almost a month has passed since Easter. For weeks the Church joyfully has told us of the Resurrection. He lives! Before long, the season will end. We will return to life in 2011, with its burdens and uncer- tainties.

The Church tells us not to lose heart. Jesus still is with us. He is our rock and our shield. He lives in the community of Christians. However, if authentic, this mod- ern community must be the same as the community described in Acts. Applying the picture in Acts to the present is interesting. Which Christian community actu- ally resembles the gathering of Christians in Jerusalem long ago, precisely in their reliance upon the Apostles with Peter at their head? It has to be the Roman Catholic Church. Trace the modern Church to Acts.

The community in Acts pro- foundly was dedicated to the Lord, caring for the sick and the needy. Ever since, care for others has been no changing sideline for Christians. It is of the essence of their religion. Finally, the Church tells us, as the Easter season concludes, that Christ is with us. In turn, we must draw ourselves into the community of the Lord created.

However, being in the com- munity is more than joining a club. We must give our hearts to match. His natural outgo- ing personality drew one and all of us to him, and he “had us” with his infec- tious smile and hearty laugh.

Our parish is multicultural and with that came a great challenge to intermingle us. Father Ascheman relishes our diverse community and makes a point to embrace differences and eagerly welcome everyone to become a part of our parish. Under his auspices, we have made great strides to keep the integrity of our cultures separate but together as well.

Being a natural and dynamic leader, he took heart of all the challenges our parish faced and addressed them, one by one, from the physical to the spiritual needs. Selflessly driven, he has put his heart and soul into serv- ing our needs as fellow children of God, zealously rallying for justice for the underprivileged.

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September, 2008, brought the joy and godliness of Father Ascheman who had been yearn- ing to be a parish priest again after many years working in an administrative capacity. He stole our hearts after he grinned as big as all outdoors and announced that he chose our parish for his pastoral care at our annual picnic upon his arrival. And care for us he has done with a love and dedication that would be hard to match. His natural outgoing personality drew one and all of us to him, and he “had us” with his infectious smile and hearty laugh.

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Bob Marley has been a self- stalwart advocate for the immigrants who have made a new life in our area. And, he has been a true humanitarian for all who have been marginalized, which included the elderly and ill.

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5th Sunday of Easter
Jn 14:1-12

Once again this season, the Acts of the Apostles provides the first reading. The early chap- ters of Acts marvelously reveal to us the lives led by the early Christians. Very obvious, and important, in this glimpse into events so long ago, is the place of the Apostles, and among them the place of Peter.

The Apostles led the commu- nity because the Christians rec- ognized the Apostles’ special relation- ship with, and calling from, the Lord. Indeed, reverence for the Apostles was so deep that the people placed their possessions at the Apostles’ feet, allowing the Apostles to control even the material assets of the community.

In Acts, this community was situated in Jerusalem. Although the very heart of Jewish life, and a city supremely symbolic for Jews, Jerusalem was not Corinth. It was not Antioch. It most cer- tainly was not Rome. In the total scheme of things, therefore, it was not a very important city.

In Palestine, the Romans maintained the city of Caesarea, a seaport on the Mediterranean Sea, as their capital. In Caesarea, the Roman governor resided and the Roman occupation had its headquarters. Even then, and in the Holy Land, Jerusalem was secondary.

(THE ruins of this city now are in the suburbs of modern Tel Aviv. It is interesting, inciden- tally, that the empty site of the administration of Pontius Pilate as governor, aside from mention in the Gospels, is a stone carved with his name and the stone was found in the ruins of Caesarea.)

Care of the needy, and of wid- ows who were very needy, was a Christian priority. Evidently the Apostles directed such care, but they also taught the Gospel. To assist in providing this care, they chose seven holy men to be deacons. Calling deacons was an exercise not just of organization but also of innovation, in the name of Jesus.

First Peter provides the second reading, centering Jesus as essen- tial in salvation. He is the prom- ise of God. The reading urges Christians to be true to Jesus. St. John’s Gospel supplies the last reading. Not a Resurrection Narrative expansion of the Lord’s discourse with the Apostles, consoling them as to what they should expect in the future. As it looks ahead, and frankly sug- gests that obstacles await, it is an appropriate reading for now as people contemplate Christian living amid modern troubles.

Reassuringly, Christ will be with us always. His “the way, the truth, and the life” belongs only to the Son of God.

Selflessly driven, he has put his heart and soul into serving our needs as fellow children of God, zealously rallying for justice for the underprivileged.

Donna Brooke is a parishioner of St. Patrick Church, Fort Wayne, and active with the Fort Wayne St. Vincent de Paul Society.
Aquinas and horses

Lander, Wyom., is not an easy place to get to. I got there in February by flying from Washington to Denver and then sitting around the Denver airport for hours, while the local commuter airline that flies to the town nearest Lander tried to get its small planes refueled in 15-below-zero weather. While waiting, I was informed that the flight schedule of this particular airline, which will remain nameless, is more subjective than indicative. Yet the wait, the aggravation, and the bitter cold were worth it, for they were part of getting introduced to a new venture in Catholic higher education that’s unfolding in Lander: Wyoming Catholic College, where students read Thomas Aquinas in the original Latin, take a mandatory freshman course in horsemanship, and go on a three-week, survival-skills trek through the Rockies before they crack a book. Oh yes: at Wyoming Catholic, students are not allowed to have cell phones, but the college provides a gun room for their rifles. A visitor from the Ivy League found this combination disconcerting. I found it charming.

Wyoming Catholic College celebrated its first commencement on May 14 — outdoors, of course — with one of its founding fathers, Bishop David Ricken of Green Bay, in attendance. Bishop Ricken came to the diocese of Cheyenne, Wyom., straight from the Roman Curia, which must have been something straight from the Roman Curia, in attendance. Bishop Ricken of Green Bay, — with one of its founding fathers, celebrated its first commencement combination disconcerting. I found it charming.

Starting such an enterprise these days is an act of faith. But Bishop Ricken, who is not short on faith (or hope, or charity), found partners with a similar pioneer attitude and a similar passion for classic Catholic liberal arts education (cowboy style). Thus Wyoming Catholic College was launched, before the good bishop was transferred to a diocese where one of his principal catechetical challenges is explaining why the Lombardi Trophy is not a fit object of Christian worship.

Wyoming Catholic is a byproduct of the most striking exercise in unintended consequences in the history of federal higher education funding. In 1970, Washington’s largesse led the University of Kansas to create a pilot project in classic liberal arts education called the Pearson Integrated Humanities Program, or IHP. The program was led by John Senior, Dennis Quinn and Frank Nelick, three brilliant teachers who believed passionately that higher education meant immersion in the classic texts of western civilization and civilized conversation about them. Many IHP students soon discovered that wrestling with the literary and philosophical classics of western civilization meant encountering, and thinking seriously about, the Catholic Church.

Conversions, intellectual and religious, followed. Those conversions later produced numerous vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, and two bishops. Authoritarian liberals on the Kansas faculty killed the IHP in 1979. But for several glorious years, your federal tax dollars were building a wholly unexpected vocations factory. As the late Peter Rossi used to say, there are many ironies in the fire.

The people who designed the curriculum at Wyoming Catholic

Years of friendship and charity earned the archbishop the right to be heard and, according to Father Malakot:

“Bob cried when the archbishop invited him to conversion and to give his heart to Christ. He decided to accept baptism.”

Bob’s baptism is marked by the heroic conviction with which he lived his life. For some Rastas, conversion to Christianity is tantamount to sacrificing the sacred cow. Yet this man who had become the international icon of Rastafariism converted anyway, deeply upsetting many people, including some of his closest friends. Marley showed a willingness to renounce everything in his pursuit of God.

The late archbishop who baptized Bob several months before his death spoke of his deep faith in a 1984 newspaper interview with Jamaica’s Sunday Gleaner:

“Remember once while I was conducting the Mass, I looked at Bob and tears were streaming down his face when I pronounced his name. He was converted and became a faithful reader of the Scriptures.”

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“Many Rastaman call him the prophet,” Father Malakot said. “Even myself as the chief of the Church in Jamaica, I saw him as a prophet in his own right. His music was inspired by God. It was an expression of his belief that the Lord was with him. And he inspired so many people to enter the Church. Many are inspired by him, even now, to convert. Five months ago I baptized a Rasta priest with his great dreadlocks who came into the Church with his wife.”

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Marlyn

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he said, “my own security, then I don’t want it. My life is for people. That is the way I am.”

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Judy Mowatt, one of Bob’s background singers, recalled in an interview with “The 700 Club” that she got a call from Bob’s wife as they were leaving in a car. “She said to me that Bob was in such excruciating pain and he stretched out his hand and said, ‘Jesus take me.’” That prayer was answered on May 11, 1981. He was only 36.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for May 22, 2011

John 14:1-12

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cycle A: a part of Jesus’ farewell discourse to his friends. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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4. Spooky
13. Sun’s name
14. Stash
15. Most corrupt
16. Garden tool
17. Business title ending
18. Deserved
20. Chides
22. Bonders
26. Beds
27. Corpe
28. Type of peace prize
30. Manna appeared after this
31. Philip did for the sick
32. Bishop’s territory
33. Peter was the apostle
36. Sun
37. Hawaiian Island
39. Lettuce type
41. A set of seven
43. Bats
44. “Father, who art...”
45. Noah (alt. spelling)
47. Vatican City
51. Pounds per square inch

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2. Popular papal name
3. Make a mistake
4. Key trait of a deacon
5. Lenten Wednesday
6. Courts
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8. Senile
9. Apostles laid these on deacon
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The Cross Word

Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 6:1-7, 1 Pt. 24:9-10, Jn. 14:1-12 and Acts 8:8-17, 14-17, 1 Pt. 3:15-18, Jn. 14:15-21

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Answer Key can be found on page 19

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What’s Happening?

What’s Happening carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today’s Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or e-mail: fhogan@fw.diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

Second annual People Fest
South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary Parish will celebrate ethnic cultures in the area with People Fest Saturday, June 4, at the 4-H fairgrounds, 5117 S. Ironwood Rd., from noon to 11:30 p.m. Live music throughout the day and ethnic food will be offered. Also included will be a raffle, beer garden, and dancing. For presale tickets or information, call (574) 287-1700 or visit ourladyofhungary.org/peoplefest.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 6153 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults $7, children (5-12) $3. Carry-out available.

Breakfast is served
Fort Wayne — The St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel Knights of Columbus will have a pancake, egg and sausage breakfast Saturday, May 22, from 8 a.m. to noon in the hall. Proceeds will benefit the Women’s Care Center. Free-will donations accepted.

ARISE steering committee being formed
Ladies interested in learning more about the 2011 ARISE Women’s Conference are invited to be part of a steering committee to meet Tuesday, May 24, at 7 p.m., at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center in Fort Wayne. There will be food, prizes and a chance to volunteer. RSVP to Natalie Kohrman at (260) 399-1437 or nkohrman@diocesefwsb.org by Friday, May 20. All women are invited.

Father Paul Banet, 89, dies
Father Paul E. Banet, a Josephite priest, died April 30 at St Joseph Manor, Baltimore, Md. He was 89. Father Banet was interred May 9, at St. Charles Center of the Precious Blood community in Cartagena, Ohio, next to his brother, Father Charles Banet, CPPS.

Father Banet, the oldest of seven children, was born in Fort Wayne June 30, 1921, to Henry and Marie Henry Banet. He attended St. Paul Catholic School in Fort Wayne. In 1949, Father Banet began studies with the Josephites and was ordained on June 4, 1955. Father Banet ministered throughout the U.S.

Annual Fatima Breakfast
The local division of the World Apostolate of Fatima invites everyone to the Annual Breakfast on Saturday, June 4, 2011 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. The morning begins with Confessions, Meditation and Holy Rosary at 8:00 am. Mass begins at 9:00 am. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be the celebrant and homilist. After Holy Mass, all are invited to St. Mary’s Church on Lafayette Street for breakfast. Father David Mary Engo, FFM, of Our Lady of Angles Friary will be the guest speaker.

Pre-paid reservations are required by May 26.
Adult tickets: $6.50 Tickets for those 10 and younger: $4.00

In the words of Our Lady to Saint Dominic
“One day through the Rosary and the Scapular, I will save the World.”
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH
A Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. and Emmitsburg

September 8-11, 2011
Visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. and the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in Emmitsburg, Md.

Rates start at just $425 per person for quadruple occupancy.
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You may also enter online at diocesefwsb.org/pilgrimage

Disclaimer: A double-occupancy room for two pilgrims will be given away. All entries must be received by Friday, June 10. The winner will be notified on Monday, June 13. No purchase is necessary to win. One entry per household is allowed. Must be 18 or older to win.

Those who have already registered for the pilgrimage may enter. If they win, their deposit or balance paid will be refunded - up to the amount of a double-occupancy room.

Mail entries to:
Pilgrimage - Attn: Natalie Kohrman, P.O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, IN 46801