Upcoming collection assists with education of seminarians

Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians initiates June 12

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has been blessed with an increase in the number of seminarians studying for the priesthood over the past two years.

This spring, there are 21 seminarians, “two of whom will be ordained priests,” said Msgr. Bernard Galic, director of the Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Msgr. Galic said, “There is plenty of interest” from men who wish to discern the priesthood. “Bishop (Kevin C. Rhoades) has already accepted four (additional seminarians) — so that has us back to 23 (in the fall) — and there are four more in the application process. There is a possibility as many as 27 this fall.

“There is no question that God is blessing our diocese,” Msgr. Galic said. When he first became vocation director he said so few men applied, “It’s really grown and that’s encouraging,” he added.

But with the rejoicing comes a financial burden to the diocesan budget. “I have called this a ‘happy problem,’” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said in a letter that will be distributed June 12, the solemnity of Pentecost. He said in the letter, “The funds raised in the Annual Bishop’s Appeal are not sufficient to pay for the education of all our seminarians. The full annual cost for each seminarian, including tuition, room, board, insurance, travel, and a modest stipend for summer work is approximately $49,000.”

Harry Verhile, the diocesan secretary of Stewardship and Development, noted, “After six to eight years of study, depending on previous education, the total cost invested in each seminarian can range between $294,000 to $392,000.”

FORT WAYNE — After a year of study and consultation, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has announced a major reorganization and restructuring of the curia of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend which will become effective on July 1, 2011.

“The diocesan curia consists of those institutions and persons which furnish assistance to the bishop in the governance of the entire diocese, especially in directing pastoral activity, in providing for the administration of the diocese and in exercising judicial power” Canon 469.

Last fall, Bishop Rhoades appointed a task force to study the functioning of the 21 diocesan offices and departments, all of which had reported directly to the bishop, and possibilities for increased coordination, collaboration and efficiency in operations. The bishop discussed the task force recommendations with the Diocesan Finance Council and the Presbyteral Council and made modifications before adopting the new structure.

The reorganization involves the clustering of offices within Secretariats directed by Secretaries and within the offices of two assistants to the bishop, one in Fort Wayne and the other in South Bend. Bishop Rhoades has appointed Father Jason Freiburger as his assistant in Fort Wayne and Fred Everett as his assistant in South Bend.

Msgr. Robert Schulte will continue to serve as Vicar General and as Moderator of the Curia. As Vicar General, Msgr. Schulte assists Bishop Rhoades in the governance of the whole diocese. As Moderator of the Curia, Msgr. Schulte, under the authority of the bishop, coordinates and oversees the operations of the diocesan curia. A major responsibility entrusted by Bishop Rhoades to Msgr. Schulte in the reorganized structure is to assist him in matters relating to the clergy. This responsibility is entrusted to a Vicar for Clergy in most other dioceses.

The Diocesan Curia will include four Secretariats with particular offices and ministries situated within each Secretariat. Bishop Rhoades has appointed a Secretary to oversee each of the new secretariats. Dr. Mark Myers will head the Secretariat for Catholic Education. Mary Glowaski will head the Secretariat for Evangelization and...
Saint Joseph’s High School announces vision of new state-of-the-art facility will be realized

SOUTH BEND — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has given approval for construction to begin on June 1 of a new Saint Joseph’s High School (SJHS) at the former site of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

The official groundbreaking ceremony will be held on Friday, June 10, at 1 p.m. at the site of the new school.

Principal Susan Richter said, “It is with great pride and excitement that this announcement is shared with the Michiana community. And it is with deep gratitude that we thank Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center for the gift of land and their enduring support of our vision for the future of Saint Joseph’s High School. We also thank The Most Reverend John M. D’Arcy, bishop-emeritus of the diocese, for his initial approval of this ambitious campaign.”

“I wish to express my deep appreciation to all who have worked so hard and sacrificed so generously to make this ‘dream’ of a new Saint Joseph’s High School a soon-to-be accomplished reality,” said Bishop Rhoades. “Over a thousand generous donors have made pledges to this important vision. I am deeply grateful to these donors, alumni and other supporters of the noble and holy mission of Saint Joseph’s High School. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless this project as we continue the capital campaign and begin the construction in June.”

A project of this magnitude cannot succeed without the dedication and investment of many people,” Richter added. In addition to the medical center and Bishop D’Arcy, thanks also go to the Sisters and Brothers of Holy Cross, the University of Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s College, Mayor Steve Leucke and the City of South Bend, and the unwavering support of the diocese.

Heading the “Forward in Faith Campaign,” Jeff Boettcher, chief advancement officer at SJHS, assembled a professional and dedicated team to drive the campaign to this day of celebration.

Jim Schellinger and CSO Architects, the Chicago-based consulting firm Campbell and Company, the “Forward in Faith” Steering Committee — led by chairs Al and Mary Harding and Kevin and Maryjo Kelly — and School Board President Matt Edmonds have spent the past year committed to the realization of this shared vision.

“It is the tireless efforts of these people who have generated the excitement, contacting countless alumni, present and future Saint Joe families, and friends asking them to join in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” Richter said. “We thank all those who invested in the future of Saint Joseph’s High School, from our visionary donors who launched us on this successful path to every person who donated to ‘Forward in Faith.’ We will be forever indebted to you and we all can share in the accomplishments of the past year.”

Tremendous progress recently has been made in the fundraising, allowing construction to start immediately. This will enable Saint Joseph’s High School to open the doors of the new, state-of-the-art high school in August of 2012, thereby limiting maintenance expenses for the current facility to just one school year, Richter explained.

Saint Joseph’s High School will continue to move “Forward in Faith” celebrating what has been accomplished and completing the challenges that still lie ahead. The school will be changing its address, but the spirit and tradition of excellence in faith, service and academics will live on and thrive at 453 Notre Dame Ave. Even the new address speaks to those traditions. The “33” in the new address is to honor the 1953 opening of the current Saint Joseph’s High School.
Pope to meet Catholic families, pray at tomb of martyr in Croatia

BY SARAH DELANEY

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI will meet with politicians and professionals, families and clergy on his first trip to Croatia June 4-5.

He will fly to the Croatian capital of Zagreb for an event-packed two-day trip that begins with a visit to President Ivo Josipovic and Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor. Later in the day, he will meet with the country’s civic, academic, business and cultural leaders.

In the evening, he will join young people in a prayer vigil in a Zagreb square.

On June 5, Pope Benedict will celebrate a Mass dedicated to Croatian Catholic families in the city’s Hippodrome.

Here is the schedule for the pope’s trip as released April 18 by the Vatican. Times listed are local, with Eastern Daylight Time in parentheses:

Saturday, June 4 (Rome, Zagreb)
• 11 a.m. (5 a.m.), Arrival at Zagreb’s Pleso International Airport. Speech by the pope.
• 12:15 p.m. (6:15 a.m.), Courtesy visit with Croatian President Ivo Josipovic.
• 1:50 p.m. (7:50 a.m.), Meeting with Croatian Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor at the apostolic nunciature.
• 2 p.m. (8 a.m.), Lunch with members of the papal entourage at the apostolic nunciature.
• 6:15 p.m. (12:15 p.m.), Meeting with members of civil, political, academic, cultural and business sectors of Croatian society, with the diplomatic corps and religious leaders at the Croatian National Theater. Speech by the pope.
• 7:30 p.m. (1:30 a.m.), Prayer vigil with young people in the Ban Josip Jelacic Square in Zagreb. Speech by the pope.

Sunday, June 5 (Zagreb, Rome)
• 10 a.m. (4 a.m.), Celebration of Mass for the National Catholic Families Day at the Zagreb Hippodrome. Homily by the pope. After the Mass, recitation of the Angelus and greeting by the pope.
• 2 p.m. (8 a.m.), Dinner with Croatian bishops, with guest bishops and papal entourage in the new headquarters of the Croatian bishops’ conference in Zagreb.
• 4:30 p.m. (10:30 a.m.), Farewell at the apostolic nunciature.
• 5 p.m. (11 a.m.), Celebration of vespers with bishops, priests, religious and seminarians; prayer at the tomb of Blessed Alojzije Viktor Stepinac in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary and St. Stephen Cathedral in Zagreb. Speech by the pope.
• 6:15 p.m. (12:15 p.m.), Visit to the residence of the archbishop of Zagreb, Cardinal Josip Bozanic.
• 7:15 p.m. (1:15 p.m.), Farewell ceremony at Pleso International Airport. Speech by the pope.
• 7:45 p.m. (1:45 p.m.), Departure for Rome.

The American Red Cross is a primary supplier of blood and blood products for the state of Indiana. While the summer months are a busy time of year for many of us, the Red Cross needs our support to ensure blood is available for patients in need.

Spending time at the ballpark, going on vacation and enjoying a picnic in the park are activities we associate with the summer. Unfortunately, there is another reality of summer: blood shortages.

Twice each year, the Red Cross faces a donor shortage. June 2011 marks one of these critical periods. Since blood can be split into different components, each donation can help save as many as three lives. Just think about the number of lives we could touch if each of us donated at least once this summer! There are 2,250 hours of summer; please spend one of them giving the gift of life.

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Bishop Rhoades encourages donation of blood

Dear Friends in Christ,

(Information about blood donation)

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May the Lord, whose Sacred Heart we honor in a special way during the month of June, bless you with His abundant love and grace!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In giving priority to Gregorian chant and to classical liturgical music, the Catholic Church is not trying to limit anyone’s creativity but is showcasing a tradition of beautiful prayer, Pope Benedict XVI wrote.

Music at Mass should reflect the fact that the liturgy “is primarily the action of God through the Church, which has its history, its rich tradition and its creativity,” the pope said in a letter marking the 100th anniversary of the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music.

In the letter, released by the Vatican May 31, the pope wrote that sometimes people have presented Gregorian chant and traditional Church music as expressions “to be overcome or disregarded because they limited the freedom and creativity of the individual or community.”

But, he said, when people recognize that the liturgy does not belong to an individual or parish as much as it belongs to the Church, they then begin to understand how, while some expressions of local culture are a

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Bishop Rhoades said in his letter, “In light of this important need, I have decided to initiate an annual diocesan collection on the solemnity of Pentecost to help fund the education of our seminarians. On this feast, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church at its very beginnings. The apostles, the first priests of the Church, emerged from behind the locked doors of the upper room to bring the Gospel of Christ to the world. Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they bore courageous witness to Christ and began their priestly mission. Our seminarians are being formed to continue that holy mission as priests of Jesus Christ.”

Verhiley, who coordinates the Annual Bishop’s Appeal, told Today’s Catholic, “This collection is needed because in recent years, a portion of the Annual Bishop’s Appeal covered the full cost of seminarian expenses. Now, due to the rising costs of education and an increase in the number of seminarians, the funds raised for seminarian education from the Annual Bishop’s Appeal cannot completely cover the costs.”

When Bishop Rhoades instituted this collection for seminarians in Harrisburg, Pa., while he was bishop there, “it was the biggest collection of the year,” a hopeful Magn. Galic noted, “because people want to support the seminarians.”

Deacon Terrence Cooman Jr., who will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 11, said, “These six years of seminary formation have been the best years of my life. They have helped me to know more about myself as a son of God, more about my vocation within God’s plan, and all of the extremely important practices, knowledge and habits of a holy priest. I am very grateful to the diocese for providing this privilege and opportunity in my life in which I will never be able to repeat.”

The Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians will be a special, annual second collection held each year on the weekend of the solemnity of Pentecost.

Verhiley said, “Prayers for our seminarians, and financial assistance to this fund, will come back to us in the form of pastoral, sacramental and spiritual service. Investment in our seminarians is an investment in the life of the Church.”

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The Red Cross is the only blood collection agency that is dedicated to helping families and communities be safer at home and around the world through a broad range of services. It not only supplies area hospitals with blood their patients require, but is also recognized for its valuable contributions certifying people with vital lifesaving skills, mobilizing relief to victims of disasters and serving as a communications link to military personnel.

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Pope receives papers for cause of Archbishop Sheen, whom he knew

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — When Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria, Ill., presented Pope Benedict XVI with two thick volumes about the life of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the pope surprised him by saying he had worked with the late archbishop.

Pope Benedict “told me something I hadn’t known: he worked on the commission for mission at the Second Vatican Council with Fulton Sheen,” Bishop Jenky told Catholic News Service. The pope served as a theological expert at the council in the 1960s.

At the end of the pope’s weekly general audience May 25, Bishop Jenky presented the pope with two leather-bound volumes with golden lettering on the side: “Fultonus Ioannes Sheen.”

The tomes — totaling close to 2,000 pages — are the “positio,” the official position paper, outlining why the Catholic Church should recognize Archbishop Sheen as a saint.

Archbishop Sheen, who was born in Illinois in 1895 and died in New York in 1979, was an Emmy-winning televangelist. His program, “Life is Worth Living,” aired in the United States from 1951 to 1957.

Bishop Jenky said, “I hope it helps” that the pope personally knew Archbishop Sheen, who was national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1950-66 and attended every session of Vatican II.

For the Peoria bishop, the most impressive thing about Archbishop Sheen was his uniriting evangelizing effort, which was addressed not just to radio or television audiences, but to taxi drivers and anyone else he happened to meet.

“I don’t know how many people he brought to the faith; it must be thousands and thousands,” the bishop said. “He never passed by an opportunity to bring someone to the faith. He was a hands-on evangelizer.”

Msgr. Stanley Deptula, executive director of the Peoria-based Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation, joined Bishop Jenky for the trip to the Vatican.

They also gave the pope an album with more than 100 letters from cardinals and bishops in North America, Australia and Africa supporting Archbishop Sheen’s cause.

Msgr. Deptula told CNS that Archbishop Sheen should be beatified and declared a saint because “he was a dynamic missionary, he used all the modern means available to spread the Gospel throughout the world.” In fact, the archbishop was host of “The Catholic Hour” radio program for 22 years before beginning his television career, he wrote several popular books and traveled throughout the world. “In fact, the archbishop was host of “The Catholic Hour” radio program for 22 years before beginning his television career, he wrote several popular books and traveled throughout the world.”

The Congregation for Saints’ Causes will study the “positio” and if congregation members agree, they will recommend the pope officially declare that the archbishop lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way. Before Archbishop Sheen can be beatified, the pope also must recognize a miracle attributed to his intercession.

“We actually have two fully-documented alleged miracles of cures that seem to have been effected by God through the intercession of Archbishop Sheen,” Msgr. Deptula said. “Actually, we also have a couple more that have come into our office. Really, every day I hear stories about little miracles, ways that Fulton Sheen continues to change lives today.”

The diocesan phase of the sainthood cause concluded in 2008 and the postulator, or promoter, of the case took the testimony and “every book Sheen ever wrote” and summarized the material, creating the “positio,” the monsignor said.

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The best documented cases involve cures that took place in the United States, he said, “One happened in central Illinois to an elderly woman in the Champaign area. And the other, kind of the stronger case that we will probably be pursuing to present to the Holy Father, involved a baby in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area.”

The monsignor said he could not reveal many details about the case, but “basically this baby was born ... with several life threatening diseases, any one of which would have been a very serious illness for this infant.”

“They parents and family and friends prayed for the intercession of Archbishop Sheen. They had the baby baptized, (and) I believe his middle name is Fulton,” he said. “It seems to have been a miracle. The baby lived and seemed to have been cured of those illnesses” and is now in the first or second grade.”
Tornado survivors in Joplin begin recovery, scene described as war zone

BY MASON T. BEECROFT

JOPLIN, Mo. (CNS) — The devasting scene left by the massive F-5 tornado that hit Joplin the evening of May 22 can best be described as apocalyptic.

The tornado cut a swath of destruction three-fourths of a mile wide and six miles long, claiming at least 139 lives with hundreds still missing. Nearly every building in its path was left in total ruin.

The powerful winds uprooted trees and tossed cars. They toppled bricks, bent steel, snipped power lines, sheared limbs and stripped bark off trees.

In a May 25 news conference for area faith leaders, Missouri Gov. Jeremiah Nixon, upon witnessing the catastrophic destruction at St. John’s Regional Medical Center, described it as a war zone.

St. Mary’s Catholic Church was in the storm’s direct path. The sanctuary, elementary school, rectory, parish hall and the St. Vincent de Paul building — the original church from 1938 — were all leveled by the storm.

“Most people’s emotions are still too raw for them to begin processing this cataclysmic event,” said Father Justin Monaghan, St. Mary’s pastor.

“I just want to tell them, ‘Our prayers are with you and we will join you in rebuilding, healing, and renewal in the midst of the pain you are all suffering.’

Father Monaghan found shelter in the bathroom of the rectory only seconds before the tornado brought the entire building down around him. He was trapped for hours, but parishioners eventually found him safe and dug him out of the ruins.

Parishioners retrieved the Blessed Sacrament from the church’s shattered tabernacle. Only the large steel cross at what was the church’s entrance remains, towering over the wreckage.

The priest said he has been overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from his parishioners. “I hope that I am reaching out to others as much as they have been reaching out to me.

“My faith has been strengthened by the amazing response of people in our parish and in the community. And to see the cross still standing reminds us what our mission is all about,” he told the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic, the publication of the Diocese of Tulsa, Okla.

Tulsa is about 100 miles southwest of Joplin, in the western Missouri Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. The city sits close to the state line bordering Kansas and Oklahoma.

As she brought lunch to fellow parishioners sitting through the rubble, Cassie Patrick was overcome by the extent of the destruction.

“I have watched so much of the wreckage in tears,” she said. “It is really hard for me. I can’t even wrap my head around it. I would have rather lost my house than this church.

“It is absolutely remarkable to watch our high school and college kids working with our professionals to help the homeless, the elderly and anyone in need. There has been an abundance of compassion, concern and charity from the people, he said. “Even those who have endured tragic personal suffering or the loss of their homes are helping others. They just want to care for people when they need it.

At times like this, it is easy to see the face of Jesus in both His suffering and compassion."

Father Friedel told the congregation at Mass: “Sometimes only tears, laughter and love can get us through our disasters. . . . We are going to be OK. For us, losing our lives is not the end. This does not make light of the pain and suffering, but reminds us that God in Christ is in the middle of our lives. This disaster cannot win. Easter reminds us that Jesus will make all things right in the end.”

Karen Drake, the first-grade teacher at St. Mary’s Catholic Elementary School, standing next to all the parish’s toppled buildings, said: “Our cross is still standing. I think that says a lot.”
Cardinal Baum marks 60th year as priest with Mass at national shrine

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As he has done every day for six decades, Cardinal William W. Baum, a retired Vatican official and his native archbishop from 1973 to 1980, celebrated Mass May 12. But it was no ordinary day. It was his 60th anniversary as a priest, and he was joined by about 60 priests, 12 bishops and five cardinals for a special Mass of thanksgiving in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception.

“The I have not words enough to express my gratitude for this day,” Cardinal Baum said in a gentle voice, as he addressed the congregation after Communion. Now 84, he hosted Pope John Paul II’s pastoral visit to Washington in 1979, which included a papal Mass for 175,000 people on the National Mall. At the anniversary Mass, Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, archbishop of Washington since 2006, presented his predecessor with a special gift from the priests of Washington — a chalice and paten that will be used in the chapel at the archdiocesan’s new Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. The chalice is inscribed with Cardinal Baum’s name and notes his 60th anniversary as a priest, May 12, 1951-2011. “It is very close to my heart, preparing men for the priesthood,” said Cardinal Baum, who called the priests “the love of my life” in a recent interview.


WASHINGTON (CNS) — The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the chief author of the recently passed House budget for 2012 have exchanged letters discussing the moral implications of the federal budget debate. Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, USCCB president, said in a May 18 letter to Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., a Catholic who chairs the House Budget committee, that he was pleased to know that consideration was given to the foundational principles of Catholic social teaching in drafting the budget plan. The archbishop’s correspondence came in response to a April 29 letter from Ryan, who explained that the need for the poor, the sick and the elderly were not being ignored and that it was a moral imperative to address the growing federal deficit in the budget as passed in the House.

The Senate has yet to take up the budget. Ryan’s office released the letters May 19. The House budget has been criticized by Catholic bishops and the archbishop Ryan has said that he deviates from the basic tenets of Catholic social teaching. Specifically, they have raised concerns about how the legislation would change Medicaid funding in the future, particularly harming children and women, how it would reshape Medicare and would likely reduce access to health care for the elderly, and how its plan to reduce the tax rate for high income individuals would fuel the federal deficit.

Displaced people gather in Sudan’s TWC county

Displaced people gather in Turalei in Southern Sudan’s TWC county May 27. Turalei is located about 80 miles from Abyei town. Tens of thousands of people have fled Abyei since the north Sudanese armed forces seized the oil-producing area May 21.

Religious face identity challenges, say speakers at Rome assembly

ROME (CNS) — Unprecedented social and cultural changes around the world are challenging the Church’s religious orders to re-examine their identity and their prophetic role, speakers at a Rome conference said. The changes have accelerated the process of secularization, but they have also highlighted the religious vocation as an increasingly visible alternative to the “globally indifferent society,” said participants at a May 25-27 assembly in Rome that brought together 180 leaders of men’s and women’s religious orders. “We are living in a time of epochal change, impacted by the effects of globalization, secularization, consumerism and technology.” These factors pose many challenges to religious life, calling for a search for a new identity and a new consciousness in the midst of this rapidly changing world.” Sister Mary Lou Wirtz, president of the International Union of Superiors General and superior general of the Daughters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, told the assembly May 25. She said religious orders should consider, for example, how to give stronger “intercultural witness” in a pluralistic world, how to collaborate more effectively with other religious congregations and how to better involve lay people in their mission. Sister Mary Maher, superior general of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, said it was clear that “pluralism of religions and cultures has challenged the Church’s understanding of its relationship to the world and its peoples,” particularly in how the Church evangelizes.

Pope explains biblical story of Jacob to stress importance of prayer

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Humility and perseverance in prayer is rewarded by a true encounter with God, Pope Benedict XVI said. At his weekly general audience May 25 in St. Peter’s Square, Pope Benedict said God’s blessing cannot be won by force but rather “must be received with humility from him.” The pope continued his series of audience talks about prayer, using the story of the biblical patriarch Jacob, who was challenged by an unidentified foe as he prepared to cross a river. After a struggle that lasted all night, Jacob, who appeared to be winning, demanded that his opponent bless him. The man turned the tables by asking Jacob his name, which the pope said was like appropriating “the deepest reality of the individual, revealing secrets and destiny.” The challenger gave Jacob the name Israel, the pope said, which showed that even though the patriarch won the fight, he finally recognized that he had been battling with God, who gave him a new and honest identity. The pope said the story “speaks to us of a long night in search of God, of the struggle to know his name and face.” It describes “the night of prayer that with tenacity and perseverance asks God for a blessing and a new name, a new reality that comes from conversion and forgiveness.”

Pope names bishop for Rapid City, auxiliary bishop for Milwaukee

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Msgr. Robert D. Gruss of the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa, to be bishop of Rapid City, S.D., and named Father Donald J. Hyning of the Milwaukee Archdiocese an auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese. Bishop-designate Gruss, 55, is rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. Bishop-designate Hyning, 47, is rector of St. Francis de Sales Seminary in Milwaukee. The appointments were announced in Washington May 26 by Archbishop Pietro Sanbi, apostolic nuncio to the United States. Bishop-designate Gruss succeeds Bishop Blase J. Cupich, who was named bishop of Spokane, Wash., in June 2010 and installed in the diocese in September. He was to be ordained and installed as the eighth head of the diocese July 28 at Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City. Bishop Cupich said Pope Benedict “has singularly blessed the Diocese of Rapid City with the selection of a man well respected for his deep faith, pastoral experience and proven leadership abilities. The Diocese of Rapid City knows how blessed they are to have a shepherd so well suited to lead and love them.” Bishop-designate Gruss said that although “at all seems a bit overwhelming at the moment, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve God, the Church and the people of this diocese.”
Catholic youth summer camp offered

SOUTH BEND — An overnight Catholic youth summer camp will be offered to fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students at Camp Tannadomah Aug. 7-12. This fun camp experience, sponsored by St. Jude Church, South Bend, Sacred Heart Church, Lakeville, and St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, is designed to inspire a deepening of faith and will focus on the World Youth Day theme taken from Col. 2:7.

Check-in is Sunday, Aug. 7, from 1-2 p.m. Parents and families are invited to join the final campfire held on Friday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. Cost, that includes lodging, meals, activities and T-shirt, is $250 for one student, $200 for each additional sibling. For more information contact camp directors Dave and Jan Toma at (574) 291-3381 or e-mail fisherofmend-jt@msn.com.

St. Jude to celebrate 25th annual festival

SOUTH BEND — This year marks the 25th annual festival for St. Jude Church to be held Saturday, June 11, and Sunday, June 12. Saturday night is Adult Night featuring a rib dinner, casino games, music, food and refreshments from 5:30-11:30 p.m. Entertainment by Soundsations will begin at 7 p.m.

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GRADUATING EIGHTH GRADERS CELEBRATE SPECIAL LITURGY

A graduating class of eighth graders from St. Louis Academy, New Haven, school pose outside the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception following a special graduation liturgy celebrated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on May 24. Graduating students from around the diocese attended the Mass whose theme was “Opening our Hearts to Your Will.”

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY GRADUATES RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

Twenty-one members of the Education for Ministry program in the South Bend area were awarded their Certificate of Catechetical Leadership by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on May 14. The participants, representing 10 parishes in the area, attended classes for two years, which were offered by the Office of Catechesis at no cost through a grant from Our Sunday Visitor. A reception followed the ceremony. Applications are now being accepted for the 2011-2013 classes for the South Bend area. Contact the Office of Catechesis at (260) 422-4611.

RETIREE HONORED AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

A retirement party was held on May 22 at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, for the principal and three retiring teachers. The four educators have a combined total of 92 years teaching at St. John School. From left are Michelle Kearney, 14 years; Jane Sandor; principal, five years; Mary Jo Knight, 33 years; and Pat Helmkamp, 40 years.

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis School of Arts and Sciences announced that Adam A. J. DeVille, Ph.D., assistant professor of theology, is the author of a new book, “Orthodoxy and the Roman Papacy: Ut Unum Sint and the Prospects of East-West Unity.” Published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

DeVille provides a comprehensive look at the papacy from an Orthodox viewpoint and proposes a way around the most widely acknowledged obstacle to unification of the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church — the question of the papacy. His analysis includes a detailed plan for Orthodox-Catholic unity.

DeVille is a member of the university’s Department of Philosophy and Theology.

Correction

The name of the deacon-elect in the photo on page 2 of the May 29, 2011 issue of Today’s Catholic at the Mass of Ordination should have been John Hilger. We apologize for the error.
St. Charles Girl Scouts receive religious medals

FORT WAYNE — The St. Charles Girl Scouts in Fort Wayne received religious medals at an awards ceremony prior to Mass on Sunday, May 15, with Father Tony Steinacker, parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo Church. The Girl Scouts participated in the Mass as servers, lectors, offertory bearers and greeters. Mass was followed by a reception and Bridging ceremonies at the school cafeteria and was attended by approximately 180 Scouts and family members. The Girl Scout Religious Award recipients of the Spirit Alive Award from Troop 20400 were Lauren Adamson, Kaitlyn Coffee, Sarah Fick and Kathryn Gonda. Monica Gonda is the leader. The Girl Scouts receiving the Family of God Award from Troop 20906 were Olivia Carney, Maria Cavacini, Cynthia Charles, Kayley Fox, Kaitlyn Gerard, Aubrey Kinsey, Samantha McLaughlin, Erin Neuhaus, Emma Pillie, Hope Scranton, Brittany Vinson and Meghan Walden. The leaders are Janay Pillie and Cheryl Gerard.

A SEASON OF CONFIRMATIONS

Jessica Heise earns Girl Scout Gold Award

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Girl Scout Jessica Heise has earned her Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts. A graduate of St. Vincent de Paul School, Heise is currently a sophomore at Bishop Dwenger High School, involved in show choir, assisting younger Girl Scout troops at their meetings, baby-sitting at the Women’s Care Center, and volunteering with Life Teen at St. Vincent de Paul Church. The project Heise chose to earn her award assisted the Women’s Care Center, whose mission is to assist young women in pregnancy crisis. She presented to the WINGS group (women in God’s service) a Bible study group at St. Vincent de Paul Church, the St. Vincent de Paul Church Respect for Life committee, for a YAR grant (Youth As Resources of Allen County) where she was awarded $235. Heise also advertised in the St. Vincent de Paul Church bulletin and the school menu, collected donations at church and school and hosted two baby showers. She collected 2,796 diapers, 81 onesies and 71 outfits.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop-emeritus, have conferred the sacrament of Confirmation at parishes throughout diocese this spring. Above, Bishop Rhoades confirms Samantha Kugler of Immaculate Conception Parish, Ege. Immaculate Conception Parish joined the Confirmation class of St. John Bosco Parish, Churubusco, on May 28, at St. John Bosco for a combined-parish celebration of the sacrament.

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History echoes in the halls of Saint Joseph’s High School

By Lisa Kochanowski

SOUTH BEND — History came to life for a group of 15 students at Saint Joseph’s High School in their English and history class through a unique project titled “Echoes of the Hallways: A Story of Saint Joseph’s High School.”

This was a cooperative project between the English and U.S. history teachers where students had the opportunity to talk to Saint Joseph’s High School alumni from the 1950s and 1960s about their life and memories as a teenager in high school.

According to teacher Beth Schwitz, the goal of the project was to integrate history with communication skills. The students had to develop questions pertaining to the history of Saint Joseph’s as well as the historical events of the same time period when the students interviewed were in high school.

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Deacons Matt, left, and Terrence Coonan Jr., right, visited their alma mater, St. Vincent de Paul School, for an assembly and prayer service on May 20, where they spoke to the students about their vocation and their call to the priesthood. Christian song artist John Angotti lead the school assembly in praise, worship and song. The assembly included time for the student body to pray over the Coonan brothers. Jim Fitzpatrick, newly ordained deacon assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Parish, joined in the prayer celebration.

Students from St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel School honored military personnel from the National Guard during their fine arts program May 25. The students demonstrated their gratitude to the military personnel with patriotic songs.

COLUMBUS — The Bishop Dwenger girls’ rugby team captured the state title on Saturday, May 21, at Richard Wigh Fields in Columbus, Ind. Bishop Dwenger High School defeated North Central team in the Division II Championship Game with a score of 14-7.

Brie Rahrig was named most valuable player for the championship game. Members of the all-state team from Bishop Dwenger are Brie Rahrig, Bri Campbell and Olivia Perez.

This group of young women just formed their team this year. Led by Coach John Porter, the Lady Saints had a fantastic start and finish to their inaugural season, including an undefeated record of seven wins, no losses and one tie. For Porter, who had previously coached the boys’ rugby team, this was his 100th rugby win for the Saints.

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Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend seminarian Christopher Lapp, left, stands with Bishop Roger Foys, Covington, and Father James Wehner, rector of Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, following the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for Holy Orders in the seminary’s St. Turibius Chapel on March 25. Lapp publicly expressed his intention to complete his preparation for Holy Orders and his resolve to fully invest himself to that end.
In the footsteps of the Good Shepherd
MATTHEW COONAN
AND
TERRENCE COONAN, JR.
accept the responsibility
of feeding His lambs...
as they are ordained in the
priesthood of Jesus Christ.
Bishop Rhoades announces Blessed John Paul II Center

MISHAWAKA — The diocesan offices in the Wayne Street building in South Bend and in the Catholic Education Center on the campus of Marian High School will now be located together at the Marian site, Bishop Rhoades recently announced. The center will be named in honor of the recently-beatified Pope John Paul II.

The offices at the Wayne Street building will be relocated to the Blessed John Paul II Center in early summer. The offices presently housed in the Wayne Street building include the Tribunal, a satellite sales office for Today’s Catholic, Family Life, Vocations and Young Adult Ministry. The present Catholic Education Center on the Marian campus has vacant space and rooms to accommodate the addition of the other offices. Presently, the building houses diocesan offices for Hispanic Ministry, Catholic Education, Catechesis, and Development.

The consolidation of diocesan offices on the South Bend end of the diocese was unanimously supported by the Presbyteral Council and the Diocesan Finance Council and recommended by the task force that studied the reorganization of the Diocesan Curia.

Noting the increased space and parking at the Marian site, Bishop Rhoades also noted that the clustering of offices in one building also provides economic savings and serves the purposes of the restructuring of the diocesan curia and secretariat structure.

The Blessed John Paul II Center, like the office building on Wayne Street, has a chapel. The Masses and confessions at the Faith, Hope and Charity Chapel on Wayne Street will be moved to St. Patrick and St. Hedwig Churches, a few blocks away in South Bend, beginning on July 5, 2011. The pastor at St. Patrick and St. Hedwig parishes, and Holy Cross priests will continue to serve this downtown ministry.

Bishop Rhoades comments that the diocesan curia exists to assist him in the governance of the diocese and ultimately serves the needs of the people of God in our parishes, schools and other institutions of the Church. He expressed gratitude to all who serve in the curia as well as the members of the task force and all involved in the consultation process: “I have been edified by the hard work and cooperation of everyone involved.”

CATHERINE SHERWIN

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Brothers share priestly fraternity

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Deacons Matt and Terrence Coonan Jr. are much more than biologically-linked brothers. They are now brothers of the faith as well. The two close-knit siblings, the third and fourth of eight children of Terry and Terri Coonan, have recently completed their seminary studies for priestly formation and now anticipate their ordination into the Holy Priesthood on June 11 with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Like the now revered Ratzinger brothers, Pope Benedict XVI and Father Georg Ratzinger, who together celebrate their 60th anniversary of ordination into the Priesthood this year, the Coonan brothers agree that their vocations are a testament to the importance of family. “It will be joyful to make this life gift on the same day,” says Matt.

The seeds of priestly vocation, nurtured by their faith-filled family, were planted early by the “joyful witness of the parish priests” who joined in many of the Coonan family events over the years. Terrence, better known as “Tink,” remembers the family friends as men who lived out their vocations as priests with lots of joy. “They were a good witness for planting seeds,” he says.

Both however, display an exuberant passion for Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith.

When speaking of the differences between the two, both brothers note that they each received their call to the priesthood in very unique ways. Matt, who remained active in youth ministry at his home parish of St. Vincent de Paul, even after his graduation from Bishop Dwenger High School, studied business marketing at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. “I desired to serve the Church, and local teens to Christ. But I always thought I’d be married and a youth minister at the parish level,” he says, noting that “he didn’t pray about it much then.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree Matt began a career with a local printing company. As he continued assisting with youth ministry, however, he began to understand the importance of the priest in ministry. “I saw the example of the priests, especially with the sacraments. It was an amazing awakening!” he recalls, adding, “It was a clear call from God.”

Both Matt and Tink prayed fervently for his life direction. “I tried to be open,” he says. Studying computer engineering at the University of Dayton left him feeling unfulfilled. And with his involvement with the local youth group he began to desire something more. “I wanted to be involved in fostering my faith and faith in other people,” he says. His application process to the seminary began in the fall of 2005.

Both brothers entered the seminary in spring of 2005, Matt to study theology at Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, and Tink to finish his undergraduate degree in philosophy at Immaculate Heart of Mary College in Minnesota. Those two years in separation fostered growth in self identity for both that led to an even deeper fraternal bond. Matt says, “We communicate all the time, have similar sports interests and mutual friends. But we cherish the time we are separate as well.”

Both men found fraternity at the seminary as well, pre-exemplary religious studies and have recently graduated with a master of divinity degree from the Pontifical College Josephinum. Both men hold a sacred theology bachelor’s degree as well.

Part of their priestly formation involved preparing to be ordained as transitional deacons for the Catholic Church, which took place at Pontifical College Josephinum on April 25, 2010. Both brothers, now deacons, recall the day as one that held great meaning, as Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop-emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, conferred Holy Orders. “We made a life choice on April 25,” says Deacon Matt, “Embracing our vocation with our whole heart. ... It will be coming to fruition at the Ordination of Holy Orders.”

Deacon Matt spent the summer of 2010 at Most Precious Blood Parish in Plymouth, where he gave homilies, officiated at marriages, performed baptisms and learning from the parish priests. “It was a joy to be there,” he says.

Deacon Tink was assigned to St. Michael in Plymouth, where he gave homilies, officiated at marriages and Baptisms. “Baptizing the first baby was phenomenal! It was a very important thing for me to establish a relationship with them (the parishioners) through the pulpit,” he recalls.

“The two priests were supportive. I learned a little about the priestly life and serving God’s people.”

As for the upcoming joint Ordination into the Priesthood on June 11, the brothers admit to being a little nervous, but not about the ordination itself. “We’re not nervous about our vocation,” says Deacon Matt confidently, “but the unknown of what’s to come.” Deacons Matt and Tink Coonan are happy to be home and ready to serve the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

“It’s a new stage in life,” adds Deacon Tink. “I’m very anxious and excited to begin to serve God’s people for the rest of my life.”

Expectations for their ministry? None, they each humbly admit, except to serve the diocese and grow in deeper communion with the Lord. But they say, they will always support each other in their priestly ministries wherever they are assigned. “We’re already close,” says Deacon Matt, “He’s (Tink) one of my closest friends.”

Soon-to-be Father Matt will celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving at 7 p.m. on June 11 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish following his ordination. The following day, June 12, soon-to-be Father Tink will celebrate his Mass of thanksgiving at St. Vincent de Paul Parish at 2 p.m. Both newly-ordained brothers will be present at each other’s Mass of thanksgiving and will enjoy a week together with extended family at a lake in Michigan before beginning their assignments within the diocese.

Congratulations to Matthew and Terrence Coonan

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Andy Hall

The people of ST. MICHAEL PARISH congratulate Father Terry Coonan on his ordination.

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FORT WAYNE — Walking through the front door of the Coonan home, less than a mile west of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, one will see many concrete signs that a faith-filled Catholic family fills its walls. On one wall, baptismal records framed to commemorate the day each child was baptized. Next to it, a photo family tree gifted by the children to their parents one Christmas and across the room a collage of plaques depicting the spiritual meanings of each family member’s name. The wall, like the faith-life of the family which dwells there, has grown and changed many times in many ways over the years.

Terry and Terri Coonan were married 35 years ago at St. Vincent de Paul Parish where Terry has been a lifelong member. The convent and seminary life were not new to either Coonan. At the age of 4, Terri, the youngest of three children born to Agnes and Birdell Jones, saw her older brother leave for the seminary and her sister join the convent. Terry and one of his brothers also spent time at the seminary. Although none of these family members remained in the religious life, Terry understands the priesthood is not an occupation, but a calling — a vocation to be discerned.

Terry was born the third son of children to William “Coach” and Agnes Coonan. Coach explained, “Terry decided to become the ‘father’ of his family, not the ‘father’ of a parish.” The first of the Coonans to go by the front door of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and their parish was喇叭叫。 He was a great baseball player at St. Vincent as well. The legendary ‘father’ of his family, not the ‘father’ of a parish,” Terry summarized.

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The Coonans have been blessed with eight children: Patrick, Audra, Matt, Terrence (Tink), Tricia, Katie, Kasey and Tommy, a wonderful sister and Terri one of the Coonans’ youngest, Tommy, will be graduating.

In addition to their Catholic education, the Coonan children have been very involved in athletics and with their parish youth group program, Life Teen.

Tink, four years younger than Matt, was athletically gifted and always included by his older brothers. His strengths were basketball, baseball and his killer flip-throw in soccer, while Matt was an all-conference cross-country runner at Bishop Dwenger and a musically gifted member of the marching band.

Like many siblings, the Coonan brothers are alike in their upbringing but so unique in their personalities and character traits. Terri shared, “Tink is very laid back while Matt is more gung-ho. It is fun now for Terri and I to compare them to different priests we know commenting that Tink is more like Father So-and-So and Matt like another. We knew there was something special going on with Tink (who, at the time, was a sophomore studying engineering at the University of Dayton), but it was Matt who threw us the curve ball,” the continued.

Matt stayed in town while earning his business degree and had a huge passion for working with the young and serving in a leadership role with the Life Teen group and planning the seminarian retreats. Terri marveled, “He just came home, one night, and he said he was going to the seminary. And he added, ‘don’t be surprised if Tink goes with me!’”

Terri summarized, “The boys are both so very different with very different amazing gifts and talents. Terry and Terri credited the prayers of the boys’ grandparents as making a huge impact in the lives of their children. “Mom (Dolly) is a prayer warrior,” described daughter-in-law Terri. “She has been responsible for praying daily for vocations in our parish for many, many years.”

She is also responsible for making the vestments both boys will wear for their first Mass. The two senior Coonans have taken their assignment very seriously and have been reaping much success from their parish. But they insist it has been Terry and Terri who have done an exemplary job of creating a home that would foster and encourage vocations.

An instrumental figure among the faith-life of the Coonan boys have been priests like Father Mark Gurtner, Father Joseph Gaughan and Msgr. John Kuzmich. Kuzmich predicted, “There will be many vocations come out of this.”

Another memory dad Terry won’t forget is after Matt came up with an idea to start a Wednesday night ministry. Father Mark and Msgr. Kuzmich predicted. ‘There will be many vocations come out of this.”

Terry added, “We have been very blessed with priests who have been great models of how vibrant and faith-filled priest life can be.”

All of the siblings will be present at the ordination, along with the grandparents, aunts, uncles and many other extended family members and friends from near and far.

“We are all hyped up and very excited. It will be a big bash and just beautiful,” younger sister Katie envisions.

Nearing the final semesters of their elementary education studies at Marian University, Katie shared, “Being in a transitional stage in my life, Tink and Matt are very inspiring examples to me of how they have embraced the will of God’s will for their lives and not their own.”

She feels that the boys is the goofy and lighthearted one of the bunch who is instrumental in drawing the family together. Katie has followed Tink’s passion for music, while looking up to his godly example through his faith-life.

Tommy, who was only around kindergarten age when his brothers were still living at home full-time, feels ‘very blessed’ to have both Tink and Matt joining the priesthood. Early memories of sharing a room with his older brothers include that Tink was addicted to video games and Matt liked Metallica.

When asked what they were feeling about the upcoming “wedding,” as Terry and Terri refer to the ordination, event, Terri shared, “We are really still in shock. Since the diaconate, it has really started to hit us. Our parish community has set up kind of a buddy system to pray when their cell phones ring.”

Katie has followed Tink’s passion for music, while looking up to his godly example through his faith-life.
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Killing bin Laden

On the night that we learned of Osama bin Laden’s death, I was tempted to rejoice. If I had been downtown, I might have at least considered joining the flash mob that showed up a few miles from our campus at the White House to celebrate the death of the world’s most famous and feared Islamic terrorist.

But as I watched this spontaneous pep rally on television — with its campaign signs and spontaneous pep rally on television — with its campaign signs and chants of “U.S.A.” — I found my own emotional state a little more somber. I can’t blame anyone for feeling good about the terrorist’s death. But the mob’s unbridled glee seemed better suited to a sporting event. Reflecting on the carnivalesque composition, I wondered if I was just getting old.

Bin Laden masterminded the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, which killed about 3,000 Americans. His action inspired two mass wars with even greater and ongoing loss of life. Bin Laden’s organization has since conducted further horrific massacres of civilians — for example, in Spain and Indonesia. So it is safe to say that we are all better off without him. But should we really be so happy about his demise?

And can we, as Catholics, close this chapter in world history with a feeling that we have not participated in some kind of injustice?

A public statement by Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, the Vatican spokesman, on bin Laden’s death offered a clear answer to the first question, but it failed to address the second: “In the face of a man’s death, a Christian never rejoices, but reflects on the serious responsibilities of each person before God and before men, and hopes and works so that every event may be the occasion for the further growth of peace and not of hatred.”

So that much seems clear. But can bin Laden’s death be justified by the same Catholic Church that denounces the culture of death and frowns upon...
I want to hold your hand

In the summer of 1979 I was 16 years old. One muggy, warm evening I walked up by my first date ever and went to the coupla, a new team.

I remember the security day when my first date became something different but him. Years later that same gentle touch of the hand made me think suddenly, acutely, of nothing.

The greatest hand-holding benefits came from spousal hand-holding. Researchers concluded that there are measurable benefits of being socially connected, and of close, physically-expressed, emotional relationships.

To hold someone’s hand you have to trust them. Holding hands is important for comforting others, for gaining strength from that simple physical contact. There was a relational power in that effortless act that took understanding deeper than mere words or guesses ever could.

The first Christmas my husband and I spent together was in a stand where you tossed rings into the ocean. My husband and I spent together was my husband’s hand giving me the courage to get through that difficult day. Four more times, we suffered the loss of a child and each time my husband was there, offering his support ... and his hand.

My husband held my hand during the births of our nine children, and he probably still has nail marks on his palms from when I had to have a bone marrow biopsy and I dug my fingers deep into him.

When our oldest was an infant, I loved to sit in my rocking chair, with him. As infants do, he clutched my finger when I put it in his palm. It was our first hand-hold. Soon, along came his brother. The three of us would take walks every day, and I loved holding their hands as we strolled along, exploring the neighborhood.

With each child added to our family, our hand-holding circle grew. We held hands as we read books together, relaxed on the sofa and as I sat by them, first next to the cribs, then the beds, until they drifted off to sleep at night. I didn’t worry about rushing off to get something done in the evenings. Somehow I innately knew the time was limited and there wouldn’t always be the opportunity to simply share moments of fingers intertwined.

I recently read an article about the power of hand-holding in hospitals during difficult procedures. There were many relaxed than those not holding hands. They further found that

And, as in bin Laden’s case, we consider righteous the act of killing combatants in a just war, for it is a means of neutralizing military threats and ending war. Does it matter that bin Laden was not holding a gun? In all combat cases, the U.S. Navy SEAL teams were justified in presuming that he posed a grave immediate threat. They would have been obliged to accept his surrender, but they were not obliged to refrain from killing him simply because he was not firing back. There is nothing immoral about catching an enemy by surprise in war, when his weapons are not at the ready.

I suppose we might have tried to capture bin Laden even if he was unwilling to surrender, hugot him and hugged him onto a helicopter. But such a heroic effort to preserve his life would have created greater risks to the mission, to say nothing of the bloodstream and hostage-taking that would likely have ensued if the United States held him in custody.

The central point is that our Church does not condone killing as retribution or simple vengeance. I think it is offensively mark to think of shooting bin Laden as score-settling, or even to say that he got his just deserts. Killing him was an act of prophylaxis; it neutralized a grave threat. On that ground it was justified, even if it is nothing to celebrate.

John Garvey is the president of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.
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**SAINT JOSEPH’S**

**Baseball**

Kyle Zappia, senior, outfield

Dylan McMahon, senior, Corpus Christi, South Bend, pitcher

Joey McCombs, senior, Holy Family, South Bend, infield

**Softball**

Sarah Davis, senior, Christ the King, South Bend, outfield

Taylor Kurzhal, senior, Christ the King, South Bend, infield

Jenny Bals, senior, Corpus Christi, South Bend, pitcher

**Track**

Jimmy Reagan, senior, Corpus Christi, South Bend, 300 and 400M hurdles

Joey Zielinski, junior, Holy Family, South Bend, 1,600M run

Ali Connelly, senior, Christ the King, South Bend, 800 and 3,200M run

Katie Campbell, senior, St. John, South Bend, 100M hurdle, 400M relay

Ali Connelly, senior, Christ the King, South Bend, 3,200M relay

**Boys’ golf**

Mitch Pajakowski, Corpus Christi, South Bend

Jake Radde, Christ the King, South Bend

Boys’ track

Will Corrigan, senior, St. Joseph, South Bend, defense

Frank Busch, senior, St. Joseph, South Bend, midfield

**Girls’ tennis**


Emily VanTornhout, junior, Holy Family, South Bend, outfield

**Girls’ track**

Brittany Payne, sophomore, Holy Family, South Bend, sprinter

Brittany Duszynski, sophomore, St. Joseph, Mishawaka, long hump/sprinter

Maggie Hartnagel, freshman, sprinter

Elizabeth Eversole, sophomore, St. Monica, Mishawaka, pole vault

**MARIAN HIGH**

**Baseball**

Taylor Krugh, senior, Our Lady of the Lake, Edwardsburg, Mich., pitcher

Chase Parker, senior, St. Matthew, South Bend, outfield

Michelle Potter, junior, Christ the King, South Bend, 3,200M relay

Andrew Price, junior, third base

**Softball**

Ariel Sheets, junior, St. Matthew, South Bend, pitcher

Kathleen Kavanagh, junior, St. Thomas the Apostle, Elkhart, second base

Emily VanTornhout, junior, Holy Family, South Bend, outfield

**Boys’ golf**

Ian Saboski, senior, St. Matthew, South Bend, No. 2 position

Michael Makris, freshman, St. Joseph, Mishawaka, No. 1 position

**Boys’ track**

Luke Street, junior, thrower

Brian Florin, junior, St. Pius X, Granger, long jump/sprinter

Connor Burke, junior, St. Pius X, Granger, sprinter
BISHOP DWENGER

Baseball

Pete Kosiarek, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne, outfield, pitcher

Ryan Herberger, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, infield, outfield

Greg Kaiser, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, pitcher, infield

Softball

Ashley Burkhardt, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne, pitcher, infield

Erin Boedeker, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, pitcher, outfield

Andrea Filler, senior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, pitcher, infield

Elaine Rorick, senior, St. Mary’s, Avilla, infield, outfield

Girls’ track

Chris Widner, junior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, shot and disc

Natalie Kocks, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne, 400, 4x400

Sam Gray, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne

Luke Offerle, junior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne, relay team

Phil Schroeder, senior, St. Jude, Fort Wayne, relay team

Dan Niederer, senior, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, Fort Wayne, relay team

James Myers, junior, Queen of Angels, Fort Wayne, relay team

Boys’ golf

Carter Eifert, junior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne

Girls’ tennis

Ashlyn Rang, senior, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, Fort Wayne, No. 1 singles

Danielle Maxson, senior, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth, Fort Wayne, No. 1 doubles

Katy Linvill, freshman

BISHOP LUERS

Baseball

Charlie Pfister, senior, St. Therese, Fort Wayne, relay team

Dan Rodenbeck, senior, St. Aloysius, Yoder

Gabe Mendoza, senior, St. Therese, Fort Wayne, designated hitter

Girls’ tennis

Kailyn Baumgartner, senior, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne

Boys’ golf

Carter Eifert, junior, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne

Girls’ track

Girls’ tennis

Boys’ track

Manny Martinez, senior, St. Joseph, Fort Wayne, 800M run

Corey Leffers, junior, St. Therese, Fort Wayne, hurdles

Girls’ track

Liz Swygart, senior, St. Rose, Monroeville, 400M run

Rachel Crouch, junior, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 1,600M run

Katie Elfried, freshman, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, long jump
FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Youth League (CYO) track and field season wrapped up with the City Meet held on Saturday, May 21, at Bishop Luers High School. St. John the Baptist, New Haven, dominated once again in 2011 for the men’s competition出色的 rest of the field with 127 points. St. Charles was second with 86.5 points and St. Jude scored 64.5.

The St. John, New Haven, boys or girls teams have been crowned City Meet champs for 10 of the past 13 years that Coach Greg Lawrence has been involved with the program.

“We knew something good would happen this year with this group. They were a great team last year, but young,” explained Lawrence of his 2011 boys’ team.

The powerful Raiders took seven automatic blue ribbons from their 4x100 meter relay team of Heather Nellum, Aidan Hoffner, Andy Kohrman and Luka Current. The runner-ups, St. Charles, got third in the 4x200 meter relay with Dominique Effinger, Alex Cagle, Greg Tippmann and Alex Current.

Boys’ 100 meter dash

Luke Current, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 12.63

Boys’ 200 meter dash

Luke Current, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 24.40

Boys’ 400 meter dash

David Tippmann, St. Charles, 48.88

Boys’ high jump

Kevin Wuest, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 5:49.00

Boys’ 800 meter run

Greg Tippmann, St. Charles, 2:14.99

Boys’ shot put

Alex Kohrman, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 33.10-00

Girls’ 100 meter relay

St. Charles, 56.79 — Heather Nellum, Erica Nelson, Rachel Gibson, Holly Weber

St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne, 58.56 — Anna Epple, Carly Grabner, Grace Devlin, Maddie Devlin

St. Vincent de Paul, 59.69 — Megan Coffin, Erica Evans, Caroline Kiniry, Amanda Wider

Girls’ 4x200 meter relay

St. Vincent de Paul, 2:08.83 — Claire Manning, Eve Lowney, Natalie Watercutter, Dominique Effinger

St. Jude, 2:09.82 — Mary Stotts, Samantha Weldon, Megan Brelage, Erin Kilbane

St. Charles, 2:18.54 — Laura Edrich, Abigail McGran, Abigail Schweiger, Dayle Jauch

Boys’ 4x400 meter relay

St. Vincent de Paul, 3:51.41 — Laura Edrich, Abigail McGran, Abigail Schweiger, Dayle Jauch

Girls’ 4x100 meter relay

St. Jude, 49.97 — Mady Stotts, Samantha Weldon, Megan Brelage, Erin Kilbane

St. Charles, 50.64 — Laura Edrich, Abigail McGran, Abigail Schweiger, Dayle Jauch

Girls’ 800 meter run

Megan Coffin, St. Vincent de Paul, 5:00-00

Heather Nellum, St. Charles, 4:10.00

Dayle Jauch, St. Charles, 4:40-00

Boys’ 800 meter run

Dominique Effinger, St. Vincent de Paul, 2:08.83

Girls’ 4x400 meter relay

St. Jude, 3:58.00 — Mady Stotts, Samantha Weldon, Megan Brelage, Erin Kilbane

St. Charles, 3:59.84 — Laura Edrich, Abigail McGran, Abigail Schweiger, Dayle Jauch

Girls’ 1,600 meter run

Elli Kasyer, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 5:15.06

Abby Brelage, St. Jude, 6:22.00

Karen Eckrich, St. Jude, 6:29.00

Boys’ 100 meter hurdles

Natalie Watercutter, St. Vincent de Paul, 19.12
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**Spaghetti dinner planned**

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5570, 5202 Linden Ave., will have a spaghetti dinner Thursday, June 9, from 4-6 p.m. Tickets are $7 for adults and $2.50 for children 5-12.

**Questions about faith answered in June**

Elkhart — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will present a question and answer session with Father Glenn Kornham each Wednesday in June. The topic for June 8 will be: Challenges — Conception, Same-Sex Union, Divorce and Living Together. The 5:30 p.m. Mass will be followed by a light salad supper with discussion to begin at 6:30 p.m. These sessions are for anyone who wants to know more about the teachings of the Catholic Church.

**Most Precious Blood hosts FunFest**

Fort Wayne — Most Precious Blood will host a Big Eyed Fish dinner Friday, June 3, from 5-8 p.m. The beer tent will be open from 5-10 p.m. with live music from 7-10 p.m. with Jim Didier and Friends. On Saturday, June 4, the Most Precious Blood FunFest will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dinner from 4-7:30 p.m. includes Book’s BBQ chicken dinner. The beer tent will be open 6-11 p.m. with the live music of Loose Change from 8-11 p.m. Also included are inflatables, kids games, silent auction, bingo, El Azteca tacos and hot dogs.

**Luers Loot garage sale planned**

Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers High School will have a garage sale Saturday, June 4, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bag sale starts at noon. Donations may be made on June 1-2 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Knights plan fish fry**

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

**Daughters of Isabella**

South Bend — The Daughters of Isabella, Notre Dame Circle 572, will honor 25- and 50-year members with a luncheon Monday, June 6, at 1 p.m. at the Logan Center, 2505 E. Jefferson Blvd.

**Vacation Bible School**

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish, 319 E. Diamond St., will have a Vacation Bible School June 13-17, from 6-8 p.m. Panda Mania — Where God is Wild About You — is for children ages 4-14 at no cost. Call (260) 347-4045 for information.

**Germanfest at St. Peter Parish**

Fort Wayne — A German Mass will be Sunday, June 5, at St. Peter Church, at 11 a.m. with Father Charles Herman. The Fort Wayne Mannenchor and Dammnchor will provide the music. After Mass in the Pavilion a dinner of bierwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad, kuchen and beverages will be available for $7 for adults, $5 for children 6 to 12, and those under 6 are free.

**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 foods will be offered. Also included will be a raffle, beer garden and dancing. For presale tickets or information, call (574) 287-1700 or visit www.ourladyofhungary.org/peoplefest.

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Music professor helps make 90-year-old composer’s dream come true

NOTRE DAME — The name Howard Terrell might not be familiar in the world of music, but it is definitely not for lack of passion. The 90-year-old composer from Howe has been composing for decades, knowing full well that most of his music would likely never be played for an audience. However, recently Terrell has wrangled a performance for his oratorio, “Sing a New Song,” composed in 1987, which will be performed by the South Bend Chamber Singers (SBCS) and the Heartland Chamber Chorale (HCC) from Fort Wayne for the first time ever.

“Howard is so excited he can hardly stand it,” Menk said. “I’m so excited to give him this opportunity to hear his music. He finally gets to hear it at 90 years old. I admire all the music he has and not putting it into it. A lot of composers today won’t even write a piece unless they know they’re going to have a performance of it.”

In addition to being a composer, Terrell enjoys playing instruments too. According to an October 17, 1988 article in the Sturgis Journal, the tuba, baritone horn, French horn, trombone and upright string bass are among the many instruments Terrell can play. He was a music teacher for over 30 years at a private military school in New York and the Howe School (formerly Howe Military Academy) in Howe, one of the locations set to perform the oratorio in June.

The oratorio, which focuses on the New Testament and the life of Christ, birth to crucifixion, will last about an hour and half. Terrell made an orchestral reduction to make the production less expensive and more doable for Menk and Nance. The orchestra will consist of two pianos, an organ, a harp and percussion. Both Menk and Nance will conduct the oratorio, which consists of arias, choruses and instrumental numbers.

Howard Terrell, center, meets with conductors Robert Nance and Nancy Menk as they collaborate on the premiere performance of Terrell’s oratorio, “Sing a New Song.”

Composer Howard Terrell, center, meets with conductors Robert Nance and Nancy Menk as they collaborate on the premiere performance of Terrell’s oratorio, “Sing a New Song.”

The personnel in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocesan Departments listed here, offer their sincere congratulations and pledge their continued prayers and assistance to Matthew Coonan & Terrence Coonan, Jr. as they are ordained into the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

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Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 6:21

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