ZAGREB, Croatia (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI used his apostolic journey to the Croatian capital to encourage nations to build their communities on Christian values and to support the traditional family and the sanctity of life.

A culture guided by truth, reason and love not only will lead to peace, justice and solidarity, the community’s very survival is dependent on such transcendent values, he said during his brief two-day pilgrimage June 4-5.

If religion, ethics and a moral conscience are banished from informing the public realm, “then the crisis of the West has no remedy and Europe is destined to collapse in on itself” and risk falling prey to every form of tyranny, he said in an audience with Croatia’s political, religious, cultural, business and academic representatives.

Free and just democracies thrive when citizens’ consciences have been formed by love and Christianity’s “logic of gift” in which the good of the whole human family is sought after, not narrow self-interests, the pope said June 4 in Zagreb’s ornate Croatian National Theater.

“The quality of social and civil life, and the quality of democracy depend in large measure” on all citizens possessing and exercising a conscience that listens, not to subjective feelings, but to an objective truth that recognizes one’s duty to God and all human beings, he said.

Such moral consciences are formed in Christian families, parishes and Catholic schools, the pope said.

By Carol Glatz

School choice offers opportunities for parents, Catholic schools

BY DR. MARK MEYERS

The 2011 Indiana General Assembly passed school choice legislation to provide significant funding for parents in what has been called “the country’s largest state school voucher program.” Voucher funds and scholarship awards are available to families who choose to enroll children in Catholic schools. Any child who has been attending a public school in grades 1-11 for a full year could qualify for a voucher equal to up to nearly 100 percent of Catholic school tuition and fees.

A child who enters a Catholic kindergarten this fall could qualify for over $36,000 in tuition assistance awarded in grades 1-8. High school students could qualify for over $20,000 in voucher funds that can be applied to tuition and fees. The voucher is awarded to the family and applications will be taken online. The number of vouchers allocated in the fall is limited to 7,500, so parents should apply as soon as the Department of Education publishes the application process.

The Catholic Schools Office is developing...
Our Lady of the Cenacle

This past Saturday, I was grateful to celebrate the annual First Saturday Mass with the members of the World Apostolate of Fatima in our diocese. It was wonderful to see several hundred people gathered for the Mass in our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. After Mass, we enjoyed breakfast together at the parish center of Saint Mary’s Parish a few blocks away.

Since this Mass took place during the novena of preparation for the Solemnity of Pentecost, I celebrated the Mass of Our Lady of the Cenacle. This beautiful votive Mass recalls Mary’s presence at the first gathering of Christ’s apostles in the same upper room (cenacle) where the Last Supper was celebrated. They were gathered after the Ascension of the Lord to wait in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. When I reflect on their nine days of prayer (the origin of the Catholic custom of “novenas”), I often think of the significance of the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary with the disciples. She prayed with the disciples in oneness of mind and heart. She prays with us when we gather as disciples of Jesus in prayer.

Prayer

During my homily I reflected on prayer, since in the Gospel that day, we heard the words of Jesus: “Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete.” Jesus is our high priest in heaven, our mediator, our intercessor; therefore, he promises us that everything we ask for in his name, he will do. To ask in his name is to appeal to the power of the Risen Jesus, with faith that he is all-powerful and ever-merciful because he is true God. It also means asking for what is conducive to our salvation, since he is our Savior. It is important to understand the meaning of this since what we ask needs to be truly beneficial, for the good of the one asking or the one being prayed for.

When we do not receive what we ask for sometimes, we must trust that the reason may be that God is not answering our prayers. There is a quote in the Catechism that reads as follows:

“Do not be troubled if you do not immediately receive from God what you ask him, for he desires to do something even greater for you, while you cling to him in prayer.”

The Blessed Virgin Mary helps us to pray. She helps us to trust in her Son who intercedes for us with the Father. By entrusting ourselves to her, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her so that we can say with her from our hearts: Fiat, let it be done to me according to your word.

Pentecost and the Sacrament of Confirmation

As we celebrate Pentecost this weekend, we come to the end of the Easter season. We have celebrated for 50 days the Resurrection of Our Lord. Now we celebrate the fulfillment of the Easter promise: the sending of the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. As we pray in the preface of the Mass on Pentecost Sunday: Today we celebrate the great beginning of your Church when the Holy Spirit made known to all peoples the one true God, and created from the many languages of man one voice to profess one faith.

For the past few months, Bishop D’Arcy and I have celebrated dozens of Confirmation Masses throughout our diocese. I am very grateful to Bishop D’Arcy for his great help in administering this sacrament to our young people. It is truly a joy and a blessing as bishops to be the ministers of this sacrament in which our young people become more firmly united to Christ and his Church. Congratulations to all our young people who have been confirmed these past few months! I pray that, with the special strength of the Holy Spirit received in Confirmation, you will be faithful and courageous witnesses of Christ and continue to grow in your faith.

Pentecost is a good day for all of us to recall the graces of our Confirmation and to open our hearts anew to these graces. We have received the power of the Holy Spirit to live our Catholic faith, to spread and defend it. We have received the Holy Spirit’s gifts. Here is what the great bishop and doctor of the Church, Saint Ambrose, wrote about Confirmation:

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God’s presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign. Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

As we celebrate this Sunday the great beginning of the Church on Pentecost, let us renew our commitment to daily living our faith with conviction. We’ve received the gifts of the Holy Spirit and are called to use these gifts, to let the Holy Spirit act and work through us, our words and our actions.

As Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians, as by one Spirit we were all baptized, ... so we were all given to drink of one Spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells in each of us and also unites us to one another in the one Body of Christ, the Church. It is the Holy Spirit who builds and sanctifies the Church. “The Holy Spirit is the protagonist, the principal agent of the whole of the Church’s mission” (CCC 852). It is important to remember this lest we think that we can carry this mission on our own shoulders. And so it is good to pray every day the prayer we say on Pentecost: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!
“This logic of gratuitousness, learned in infancy and adolescence, is then lived out in every area of life, in games, in sport, in interpersonal relations, in art, in voluntary service to the poor and suffering,” as well as in policy making and the economy, he said.

The 84-year-old pope headed to the Croatian capital in an effort to encourage this predominantly Catholic country to resist secular temptations and hold strong to its Christian identity as it prepares for full integration into the European Union. It was Pope Benedict’s 19th trip outside Italy and 13th to a European nation.

Even though nearly 90 percent of the country’s population declare themselves Catholic, the bishops say the country is experiencing fierce pressure to allow adoptions by same-sex couples, ease restrictions on artificial reproduction and legalize euthanasia. Divorce and abortion are legal and same-sex civil partnerships are recognized in Croatia.

Before hundreds of thousands of families and young people gathered for Mass in Zagreb’s grassy hippodrome June 5, Bishop Valter Zupan of Krk, Croatia, decried current threats against the family saying alternative lifestyles “have no basis in European culture” and every child has the right to have both a mother and a father.

The bishop, president of the Croatian bishops’ commission for the family, urged the government to defend life by reconsidering its abortion laws and to stop calling something “that leads to death, progress.”

The emphasis on the family came as part of the country’s first national gathering of Croatian families. Some 400,000 people attended, including families, bishops, priests and religious from nearby nations including Slovenia, Serbia, Albania and Macedonia.

Jubilant crowds squelched through the muddy fields to chase after the popemobile as it slowly circled the giant horse track. People waved banners and Vatican and Croatian flags and many babies braved being passed over barricades and through the open popemobile window to receive a kiss and blessing from the pope.

In his homily, Pope Benedict called on the government to support families and he urged young men and women to be courageous and fend off trends that advocate “living together as a preparation, or even a substitute for marriage.”

“The presence of exemplary Christian families is more necessary and urgent than ever, especially in the west,” he said. “The protection of families that promotes false freedoms, materialism, superficial relationships and an empty, sentimental notion of love that seeks “the gratification of instinctive impulses without a commitment to build lasting bonds,” he said.

“Do not be afraid to make a commitment to another person,” he said as he encouraged married couples to be open to life since the “respect for natural moral law frees people, rather than demeaning them.”

In an evening vespers service in the neo-Gothic Zagreb Cathedral June 5, the pope urged bishops to be vigilant and guide the faithful to ensure the Church’s moral teaching was correctly understood in light of the Gospel.

Pope Benedict urged Church leaders “to strive for reconciliation among separated Christians and between Christians and Muslims” in reference to lingering religious and ethnic tensions between Croats, Serbian Orthodox and Muslims that once plagued the Balkan region.

After vespers, the pope prayed at the tomb of Blessed Cardinal Alojzije Stepinac — a national hero and a symbol of Croatia’s struggle against communist oppression. He defended “the truth and man’s right to live with God.”

Pope Benedict praised the martyr of the Church saying the revered cleric became “a living image of Christ” and was able to withstand the suffering and torment brought about by his opposition to Nazi then communist suppression. He defended Jews, Orthodox and gypsies who were targeted by the murderous World War II-era Ustase regime, the pope said.

He said the cardinal is a role model for all people, not just Croatsians, because he courageously defended “the truth and man’s right to live with God.”

A torrential downpour and lightning storm lifted right before the pope was due to lead some 50,000 young people in a prayer vigil in the city’s Ban Josip Jelacic Square June 4. Spirits were not dampened, however, as the crowds sang and chanted the pope’s name.

The pope told them to resist today’s materialism and superficiality, and let Jesus become their “friend and companion along life’s journey.”

True happiness and the meaning of life are found living fully immersed in God’s love which naturally radiates out toward others seeking the good and well-being of others, he said.

Becoming rooted in Christ will take sacrifice and commitment, especially in the face of so many temptations, but it is worth the effort, he said, “you will fully become the person you are meant to be.”

The festivities and Liturgy of the Word were followed by a long period of silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Pope Benedict said Croatian cardinal and ceremonial archbishop Cardinal Josip Stanovnik — a cardinal who has been known to hold off East European conservative bishops — often speaks out in support of liberal causes, such as gay marriage. He urged the bishops “to strive for reconciliation among separated Christians and between Christians and Muslims” in reference to lingering religious and ethnic tensions between Croats, Serbian Orthodox and Muslims that once plagued the Balkan region.

The pope’s trip also coincided with Croatia’s 20th anniversary of its independence from Yugoslavia and the eve of its full accession into the European Union.

Croatia’s political and social evolution can be seen in the capital’s architecture as modern steel and glass high-rises have sprung up among rundown concrete communist-era apartment blocks; both are juxtaposed against the city center’s Austro-Hungarian styles, reflecting the influence that empire had over Croatia for centuries.

Pope Benedict has long supported Croatia’s entry into the economic and political bloc of 27 member states. In response to questions from journalists aboard the papal plane, Pope Benedict said Croatian cardinals and bishops have always told him that they feel Croatia is not a Balkan nation, but a part of “middle Europe,” he said. Therefore, “it’s logical, right and necessary that it enters into the union.”

When asked what he thought of Croatian opinion polls showing a sharp decline in support of entering the union, the pope said a bit of skepticism is understandable.

“Perhaps there is a fear of an overly powerful centralist bureaucracy, a rationalistic culture that does not sufficiently take into account the richness of historical diversity,” he said.

The pope said at a colorful welcoming ceremony at the airport that Croatia has a mission to help the other EU nations “inject new life into that priceless common heritage of human and Christian values.”

Croatian President Ivo Josipovic told the pope in his welcoming address that even though he is agnostic, he believes in and builds his policies on the Christian values of justice, forgiveness and reconciliation.

The president said the pope that no matter what one’s religious affiliation, it is love and reason together that create an ethical and healthy family life, community and nation. From love and reason spring forgiveness and healing, which “are the groundwork of modern Europe” and an antidote to the narrow-mindedness that fueled so many wars in Europe, he said.

A torrential downpour and thunderstorm led organizers to cancel the formal farewell ceremony at the airport. Instead the pope, local bishops and government dignitaries met briefly in a large hangar to shake hands and share parting words.

Pope Benedict XVI waves as he arrives to celebrate an outdoor Mass in Zagreb’s hippodrome June 5 during a two-day visit to the Croatian capital. About 400,000 people attended the Mass, including families, bishops, priests and religious from nearby nations including Slovenia, Serbia, Albania and Macedonia.

Pope Benedict XVI celebrates an outdoor Mass in Zagreb’s hippodrome June 5 during a two-day visit to the Croatian capital.
WASHINGTON (CNS) — When the U.S. bishops consider a proposed policy statement on physician-assisted suicide during their mid-June meeting in Seattle, they will be taking on for the first time as a body of bishops one of the most divisive issues in U.S. society today.

A Gallup Poll released May 31 showed that Americans are more closely divided on the issue of physician-assisted suicide than on any other issue, including abortion, out-of-wedlock births, gay and lesbian relations or medical testing on animals.

Asked whether doctor-assisted suicide was morally acceptable or morally wrong, 45 percent said they thought it was acceptable and 48 percent said they believed it to be wrong — a result that fell within the survey’s margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said the time is right for the statement, titled “To Live Each Day With Dignity.”

“After years of relative inaction following legalization of physician-assisted suicide in Oregon in 1994, the assisted suicide movement has shown a strong resurgence in activity,” said the cardinal in a news release about the proposed statement. “This renewed effort has led to the passage of an Oregon-style law in Washington by popular referendum in November 2008, and the supreme court decision essentially declaring that assisted suicide is not against public policy in Montana, and concerted efforts to pass legislation in several New England and Western states,” Cardinal DiNardo added.

“The Church needs to respond in a timely and visible way to this renewed challenge, which will surely be pursued in a number of states in the years to come,” he said.

Although the U.S. bishops’ Administrative Committee issued a brief “Statement on Euthanasia” in 1991, the bishops have never commented on the topic as a group. The 1991 statement said euthanasia violates divine law, human dignity and basic “American convictions about human rights and equality.”

In the works since November, the proposed policy statement aims to counter two arguments of assisted suicide proponents — that their agenda affirms patients’ “choices” and expresses “compassion” for suffering. The assisted suicide movement once known as the Hemlock Society has rebranded itself as an organization called Compassion & Choices.

The document says physician-assisted suicide does not promote compassion because its focus is not on eliminating suffering but on eliminating the patient. True compassion, it states, dedicates itself to meeting patients’ needs and presupposes a commitment to their equal worth.

The practice also undermines patients’ freedom by putting pressure on them, once society has officially declared the suicides of certain people to be good and acceptable while working to prevent the suicides of others, the statement says. It argues that assisted suicide would not supplant palliative care but would instead be a poor substitute that can ultimately become an excuse for denying better medical care to seriously ill people, including those who never considered suicide an option.

The draft statement speaks of the hardships and fears of patients facing terminal illness and the importance of life-affirming palliative care. It cites the Church’s concern for the consistency of this stance with the principle of equal and inherent human rights and the ethical principles of the medical profession.

If passed, “To Live Each Day With Dignity” would be paired on a USCCB website with a variety of fact sheets on such issues as the role of depression, views of medical experts, assisted suicide as a threat to good palliative care, lessons from Oregon and Washington state, lessons from the Netherlands and other topics.

It is by happenstance that the document will be debated and voted on in one of the two states where physician-assisted suicide has been approved by voters. The USCCB spring general meetings are held in various U.S. cities, and the locations are set years in advance.

A recent report on physician-assisted suicide in Washington state during 2010 — the first full year that it had been a legal option — showed that 88 different doctors wrote prescriptions for lethal drugs for 87 patients. The state Department of Health said at least 51 of those patients took the drugs and died and 15 died without taking the drugs.

Another six of the patients died, but the state did not know whether they had taken the drugs or not; the Department of Health said it did not know if the remaining 15 patients were alive or dead.

In its report covering 10 months of 2009, the state health department said it had lost track of 20 patients who had requested and received prescriptions for lethal drugs. At least 36 people died from physician-assisted suicide in Washington state in 2009.

Since physician-assisted suicide began to take place legally in Oregon in 1998, 525 deaths from assisted suicide have been reported there.

Bishops’ document on assisted suicide will be first by full conference
Those drawn to monastic lifestyle say it balances work, prayer, study

BY MARNIE MCALLISTER

TRAPPIST, Ky. (CNS) — Monastic life isn’t for everyone. But there is a small group of men and women who are drawn to such a life — one that balances work, prayer and study.

The Trappist monks at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Trappist and 16 other Trappist communities in the United States launched a vocation effort recently that aims to attract new monks and nuns to join them in contemplative life. Their efforts also aim to educate people about their way of life.

On one sunny spring morning the Gethsemani’s idyllic, secluded grounds in rural Nelson County, reflected the quiet reverence of its inhabitants. The monks, gathered in the abbey church, kept silent when they weren’t chanting.

The monks who live at the abbey refrain from speaking during meals and generally live a quiet, contemplative life. They celebrate Mass each day, and they pray (typically chanting) the Liturgy of the Hours at seven intervals throughout the day — sometimes for just 10 or so minutes at a time. In between, they continue their work.

Trappist monks who live at the Abbey of Gethsemani, prepare to eat lunch in their dining hall in late March in Trappist, Ky. Fifty men live in the community, which is joining with other Trappist communities in the U.S. to promote vocations to monastic life.

Father's Day Champagne Brunch

Sunday, June 19, 2011
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Knights of Columbus Hall
601 Reed Road - Fort Wayne
$8.00 per person
Children under 12 - $4.00

Monks at the Abbey of Gethsemani in Trappist, Ky., take part in the recessional following Mass in the abbey church. A new national vocation effort by Trappist monks and nuns aims to promote monastic life.

Each day at Gethsemani is punctuated by the rhythm of this disciplined prayer life. The discipline doesn’t appear rigorous, but it is ever-present.

“This is a great place to live,” said the community’s vocation director, Brother Luke Armour, speaking during one of the several intervals between prayer.

“Clearly it’s not for everyone.”

The balance of prayer, work and study propels you right through life and in the plan of God and the care of God — beautifully fulfilling and enriching,” he told The Record, newspaper of the Louisville Archdiocese.

Then, Brother Armour stopped his train of thought and said, “It’s time for praise. I’ll see you in 10 minutes. ‘To me,’ he said as he stood to go, “that’s irresistible.”

Brother Armour, a welcoming soul to all those who happen to encounter him on the abby’s grounds, is also the community’s choir master — which means he plays organ during each interval of prayer and generally tends to the community’s musical needs.

Between prayer, the monks tend to the tasks of running a very large house. Some monks wash dishes, others serve in the infirmary and they all take turns doing housekeeping duties. They also work in the food-gift industry — making cheese, bourbon fudge and fruitcake.

Monks also run the guesthouse, providing hospitality to visitors and retreatants.

The needs of the community create plenty of activity. Yet their lifestyle focuses the monk’s efforts on completing their work intentionally, contemplatively and for the glory of God.

Such an outlook on life is lost to many, if not most Americans, said Trappist Father Alberic Farboli, regional secretary for formation and vocation promotion for all 17 of the Trappist communities in the United States. He is organizing the order’s national vocation effort from his home at New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, Iowa.

“IT is our firm belief that contemplation is a fundamental human capacity — like the capacity to fall in love, to work, to make music, to play sports,” he said in an interview conducted via e-mail.

“It is astonishing to us that many people seem to go through life evidently unaware that — at any moment and in any place — you can simply quiet yourself, be still, and, in the depths of your heart, encounter the living God who is the source of life, love, forgiveness and the deepest meaning of life,” he said.

For the curious and the interested alike, families, groups and individuals have a standing invitation to visit the Abbey of Gethsemani.
Church must find more effective ways to evangelize, says pope

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — New evangelization means finding the most effective ways to proclaim the Church’s message, a pope has said. The pope himself is either too distracted or too blind to see the divine, Pope Benedict XVI said. Today’s spiritual crisis is marked by people excluding God from their lives, “generalized indifference” toward Christianity and stringently pushing faith from the public to the private sphere, he said. The Church will have to “find ways to make the proclamation of salvation more effective,” he told members of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. The newly created council, headed by Archbishop Renato Fisichella, met for its first plenary assembly May 30 to June 1. Pope Benedict, who established the new council, said he hoped the members would help outline a plan for the whole Church in regards to the urgent task of evangelization, which must include formation, especially for young people. It’s important for people to understand that “being Christian is not a kind of outfit to wear in private or on special occasions but is something that is alive and all-encompassing, capable of taking on all that is good in modern times,” he said. Part of reinvigorating the missionary spirit involves making sure one’s actions are compatible with one’s beliefs, he said.

AIDS conference focuses on need to change sexual behavior

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Back-to-back speeches at a Vatican AIDS conference illustrated that condoms in AIDS prevention remains a sensitive issue for both Church officials and international health experts. Michel Sidibe, executive director of UNAIDS, told conference participants May 28 that he was delighted when Pope Benedict XVI, in his recent book-length interview, “Light of the World,” hypothesized that use of condoms to prevent infection could be a first step toward moral responsibility. As Vatican officials listened with rather pained expression, Sidibe quoted the relevant section from the pope’s book. “This is very important. This has helped me to understand his position better and has opened up a new space for dialogue,” Sidibe said. A few minutes later, Archbishop Silvano Tomasi also quoted from the pope’s book — the part that began: “We cannot solve the problem of (AIDS) by distributing condoms.” Like other Church officials at the conference, Archbishop Tomasi and the Vatican’s representative to U.N. agencies in Geneva, took the view that condom campaigns have failed to tackle the fundamental issue of irresponsible sexual behavior in the spread of the AIDS virus. The two-day conference was billed as a forum for clarifying pastoral practices when it comes to the Church’s efforts against AIDS. No guidelines were issued, but they may come later; the Vatican typically lays down principles at a gathering like this one, and specific instructions may emerge somewhere down the road.

Pope meets US vice president, Palestinian leader in meetings

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI met with U.S. Vice President Joseph Biden in an unplanned visit June 3. Biden, the first Catholic vice president in U.S. history, met with the pope in what was termed “a personal and private visit,” according to a U.S. official. In an unusual move, the Vatican did not announce or comment on the papal audience, which, sources explained, was because it was not an official visit. However, L’Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, ran a headline and one-sentence summary reporting the pope’s audience with Biden, Biden’s wife, Jill, and entourage. The vice president and leaders from about 80 other countries were in Rome to take part in Italy’s June 2 celebration of its 150th anniversary as a unified nation. Biden, who supports keeping abortion legal, has said he accepts Church teaching that life begins at conception, but that he does not want to impose his beliefs in the public policy arena. Pope Benedict, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, outlined in a 2004 memo to U.S. bishops principles under which bishops or other ministers may deny Communion to Catholic politicians who consistently promote legal abortion. As part of a process of pastoral guidance and correction, a minister could extend a warning against taking Communion, and in the case of “obstinate persistence” by the politician, the minister “must refuse to distribute” Communion, the memo said. Before Biden’s papal audience, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas held talks with Pope Benedict as well as with Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican secretary of state, and Archbishop Dominique Mamberti, the Vatican’s foreign minister.

Oregón Jesuit priest confirmed as new House chaplain

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Jesuit Father Patrick J. Conroy was unanimously approved as the next House chaplain in a May 25 vote. Father Conroy, 60, a native of Washington state, had been nominated by House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, himself a Catholic, as the ideal candidate for the position. The Jesuit succeeds Father Daniel Coughlin, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese who retired in April after 11 years on the job. Father Conroy most recently was a theology teacher, campus minister and assistant and chaplain at Jesuit High School in Portland, Ore., and long served as a minister to Native Americans in the Pacific Northwest. Boehner, who attended Jesuit-run Xavier University in Cincinnati, decided he wanted a Jesuit to serve as the next pastor and confidant to House members and staff. Father Conroy’s nomination initially was held up by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California, who expressed concern that the Jesuit belongs to the Oregon province of the Society of Jesus, which agreed in March to pay about $166 million in settlements to 500 people who have sought damages for abuse they said they suffered under Jesuits at schools and parishes in the Northwest. She later dropped her objections. Father Conroy has not been accused of any involvement in the sexual abuse of minors or any cover-up of such abuse.

June deemed Abortion and All Acts of Violence Awareness Month

NEW YORK (CNS) — The National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life has declared the month of June to be Abortion and All Acts of Violence Awareness Month. It is the 14th annual declaration by the New York-based organization. “Those gunned down or aborted could possibly be the ones who could have changed history, who could have made a blueprint for peace, invented life-changing inventions, cured illnesses and improved the quality of life by leading families and ultimately nations,” said Therese Wilson Favors in a May essay promoting the awareness month. “We’ve got to tighten up as a family and get involved with the lives of our own people,” she said. “Mind someone else’s business with a Jesus love and a Jesus level of compassion,” she added. Favors suggested that black Catholics increase their efforts by, among other things, “turning three or four into a family emergency fund treasury, scholarships, special prayer and counseling circle.” Favors said, “We can do it!” More details about the observance are available at www.blackcatholicforlife.org.
SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE RECEIVES LARGEST BEQUEST IN COLLEGE’S HISTORY

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College has announced a gift of $4.7 million from the trust of Marjorie A. Neuhoff ’61. It is the largest bequest in the 167-year history of the Catholic, women’s college. The gift will be used to establish endowments for a chair in nursing, a need-based scholarship and the Summer Science Research Communities, all in Neuhoff’s name. The news comes on the heels of the March 26 announcement of the largest single private gift ever to the college — $9 million from philanthropists MaryAnn and Clayton Mathile, parents of alumna Jennifer Mathile Prikkel ’95. That gift, matched by a $1 million gift from Prikkel, will fund an extensive renovation of Science Hall.

Neuhoff’s classmates celebrated her gift at the President’s Reception and Dinner for the Class of 1961 on Friday, June 3. The class is marking its 50th anniversary as part of Reunion Weekend, which this year invites back to campus classes that end in a 1 or a 6 (e.g., 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, etc.).

“Marjorie A. Neuhoff, was a professional woman known for her business acumen. She also had a great love for Saint Mary’s. In her memory, and with the consideration of her family, we have invested her bequest in areas of the college where we see increasing student interest. Our hope is she would see these as sound investments in an institution with which she had a strong personal connection.” Saint Mary’s College President Carol Ann Mooney said.

Neuhoff’s family, which includes her stepbrother Robert Dozier, said of the bequest, “The college’s board of trustees suggested her gift be allocated into three areas, and we feel Marjorie would readily agree to her bequest being used for those purposes.”

Neuhoff, who passed away in 2008, graduated from Saint Mary’s College with a double major in business administration and economics. According to Dozier, the major in the Roanoke, Va., native’s career was spent in Atlanta working for Cox Broadcasting Corporation (1969-1983), where she was the personal secretary to Clifford Kirkland, who was chairman, president and chief executive officer.

“Marjorie’s generosity to Saint Mary’s has inspired admiration and fond remembrances from her classmates. It is clear that the college was in her heart for many years,” said Susan Fitzgerald Rice ’61, Neuhoff’s classmate and vice chair of the Saint Mary’s College Board of Trustees.

SAINT JOSEPH’S HIGH SCHOOL FED CHALLENGE TEAM REPEATS VICTORY

SOUTH BEND — Saint Joseph’s High School students Ellen Bachmannhuff, Tim Bradley, Gracie Gallagher, Joe Watkins,

Nick Wawrykow and Austin O’Brien traveled with moderators Julia Chismar and Phil DePauw to Chicago on May 16 to compete in the Midwest Fed Challenge Competition. After a morning presentation and question-and-answer-sessions, the Indiana State Champions and defending National Champions competed against the state champions from Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan. Once again, the Saint Joseph’s High School Fed Challenge team was declared the 7th District Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago winner.

Ancilla baseball team joins relief efforts for Alabama tornado victims

DONALDSON — The Ancilla College baseball team recently joined in relief efforts to aid victims of the tornadoes that swept through Alabama, delivering donated goods and lending assistance to those in need.

Jo Yonto, along with Ancilla faculty, staff and administration, began a collection of items including hygiene products, water, clothes, blankets, socks, food, animal food, baby items and other necessities.

Drop boxes were placed at the college, the LifePlex, WTCA Radio, and Martin’s Supermarket in Plymouth and were quickly filled with goods. Martin’s donated three boxes of food and baby items to the efforts. Overmyer Water and Culligan matched each purchase made, while members of the local communities from Culver to South Bend came forth with donations of their own.

Eventually a 15-passenger Ancilla College bus was completely packed and left room for just four passengers to travel — Yonto, assistant baseball coach Terry Coleman, Trace Myers and Dennis Emmons. The group arrived at Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Birmingham, Ala., where they met with Msgr. Paul Rohling, pastor there. They also traveled to Cullman, Ala., to aid in relief efforts for local residents affected by the storms, and Catholic Charities Services, where they spent several hours organizing truck loads of boxes and supplies.

USF receives national recognition for community service

FORT WAYNE — The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has named the University of Saint Francis (USF) to its 2010 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The award recognizes USF as a leader among institutions of higher education for its commitment to student volunteerism, service-learning and civic engagement by involving students, faculty and staff in meaningful service that achieves measurable results in the community.

Criteria for the CNCS award drew from the 2009-2010 academic year. Since then, USF opened its Center for Service Engagement to focus upon service opportunities for students and the community, and many other community service connections have been made with local nonprofit charitable organizations.

The community service program has been a part of the curriculum at least once a semester by the 35 registered co-curricular groups and the 15 service learning academic courses on campus included approximately 1,500 graduate and undergraduate students on campus who engaged in service to the community, with 130 faculty and 58 staff persons supporting community service, academic service-learning and/or civic engagement.

Correction

Sam Gray, who was listed on the All-Diocese team in the June 5, 2011 issue of Today’s Catholic, is a member of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.

More sibling priests

Today’s Catholic June 5 issue failed to name Father Thomas A. Mungovan (ordained 1899) and Msgr. Edward J. Mungovan (ordained 1902) on the list of brothers who were ordained into the priesthood. We apologize for the omission.
ND students offer free SAT and ACT preparation courses

FORT WAYNE — This summer, University of Notre Dame student and Bishop Dwenger High School graduate Mariel Lee has been selected to launch one of the Fort Wayne branches of Ivy Insiders, an innovative SAT/ACT preparation program that was started by undergraduates at Harvard University in 2003 and has since grown into a national test prep leader thanks to the highest student score improvements in the industry.

Using the first-hand insights of top college test-takers to help high school students beat standardized tests, Revolution Prep selects student-entrepreneurs from the country’s top colleges to return to their hometowns each summer to manage and teach their SAT/ACT prep businesses.

Ivy Insiders’ programs deliver unmatched results due to three key differentiators: brilliant instructors, an intensive format, and outstanding results.

The college-aged instructors are selected for their 99th percentile SAT scores and experience as mentors and role models to high school students. These instructor-mentors provide a personalized approach that targets each student’s problem areas and customizes instruction to every student’s needs.

The program’s structure provides intensive delivery of a three-week period during which students can avoid the typical school-year distractions and focus entirely on the SAT or ACT. And, over the last eight years, Ivy Insiders programs have helped nearly 10,000 students achieve

According to the company’s founders, the reason Ivy Insiders has had so much success is that it takes a student-centered approach to the test. The Ivy Insiders curriculum approaches the SAT like a game to be beaten and exposes students to some of its best players — top-tier undergraduates who beat the exam themselves.

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Golf tournament raises more than $100,000 for Women’s Care Center

FORT WAYNE — The first annual Tippmann-McArdle Women’s Care Center Classic held Monday, May 23, at Sycamore Hills Country Club, has raised more than $100,000 for the Women’s Care Center.

The Texas Scramble tournament featured eight gold sponsors, four silver sponsors and 28 bronze sponsors in addition to 64 hole sponsors. Thirty-two foursomes played in the tournament that was won by the Glenbrook Dodge/Mercedes Benz Fort Wayne team (gross) and Tire Rack team (net). Closest-to-the-pin winners were David Dimberio and Pat Miller.

Proceeds from the tournament support the Women’s Care Center, a pregnancy resource organization whose mission is to help pregnant women choose life, and to support and educate new mothers. The organization offers one-on-one birth preparation, a nine-week “Baby Basics” program, goal counseling, parenting classes, and a crib club to earn vouchers redeemable for cribs, car seats, baby clothing and diapers.

“Right now we are serving about 65 women per day, every day. The support we are receiving through this tournament is greatly needed and appreciated,” remarked Anne Koehl, the center’s director.

To learn more about the Women’s Care Center Foundation contact Executive Director Bobby Williams at (574) 274-0313.

ST. BAVO MISSION WELCOMES JIM MURPHY

Jim Murphy, left, the man who once dragged a six-foot cross on a 4,200-mile journey across the U.S., spoke at St. Bavo, Mishawaka, recently for its parish mission. Before beginning his discussion on “Christian Community,” Murphy and St. Bavo parishioners surprised their pastor, Father Barry England, right, with blessings, honors and a celebration recognizing the 43rd anniversary of his ordination. Mishawaka Mayor Dave Wood, a St. Bavo parishioner, presented Father England with the key to the city, and delivered a proclamation declaring Sept. 1, 2011, “Father Barry England Day.” Sept. 1 marks Father England’s anniversary as pastor of St. Bavo.

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Deacon Jim and Pat Tighe find a home at St. Jude Parish

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good, not for woe . . . plans to give you a future full of hope. Jer 29:11

FORT WAYNE — Jim and Pat Tighe have anticipated for a very long time the great joy and unfolding hope of Jim’s diaconal ordination. On May 21, along with 10 of his classmates, Jim was ordained into the diaconate by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. With eyes full of love and pride, Pat watched as Bishop Rhoades laid hands on Jim and asked the Holy Spirit to strengthen him to do the work of the ministry of deacon.

Jim received the book of the Gospels as Bishop Rhoades prayed, “Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.” The acceptance of such a responsibility relies heavily on the grace of God, but also on a committed love for Christ and the Church, regardless of the personal sacrifice. Jim, with Pat’s support, ever more fully, committed his life to reading, teaching and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. How does God take a “woodburning disc jockey” with a great radio voice and transform him into a deacon, a servant for Christ and the Church? How can one move from burning disc jockey” with a great radio voice and transform him into a deacon, a servant for Christ and the Church? How can one move from broadcasting by “hanging around” the seminary radio studio. His love of radio landed him in the radio broadcasting business from 1972 to 2009.

After his seminary experience and a radio broadcasting internship in Dubuque, Iowa, Jim was drawn to a Catholic radio station KNOM in Nome, Alaska. This radio station, supported by the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, is the oldest Catholic radio station in the United States. Rooted in the Roman Catholic faith, KNOM continues to inspire listeners from the Yukon delta to the Bering Strait, and throughout the villages and rural areas of the Alaskan bush. Jim fondly recalls the station’s ability to report current events, play pop music and yet provide listeners with daily Mass, the rosary and inspirational programming each day. The volunteers who supported the radio station lived in a diverse community of disc jockeys, maintenance workers, nurses and cooks offering their services to the local people while supporting the mission of the station.

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He is kept very busy assisting parishes and training catechists in bringing the Gospel to the people. In the midst of this enormous diocesan task, Jim said “yes” to God’s call to the diaconate. Having volunteered in many ministries at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, Deacon Jim now has been assigned to his home parish as deacon under the direction of Father Tom Shoemaker, pastor. Wearing multiple hats will be a challenge for Deacon Jim, who says of the diaconate, “The response to the call means accepting more than a position or task. It is a total giving of oneself to God — a lifetime commitment.”

Deacon Jim and Pat are aware that God is in the process of refocusing their lives, and they trust in his comforting love and healing. Perhaps the Inspirational Spot from the KNOM website says it best: “The daylight shadows grow long, the tundra is frosted over, and snow covers the red and gold of autumn. The birds have fled and the carpets of summer blossoms are withered and gone. Lord, as nature shuts down into darkness for the long winter, please be my light. Shine in my heart and in the hearts of those I love. Keep us in the warmth of Your presence always, and in the light of Your love.”

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SOUTH BEND — Fifty years ago, the parents of one-year-old Terri Herendeen began attending Mass at Corpus Christi Catholic Church on the northwest side of South Bend. Today, Herendeen is the parish secretary and her memory is among the best records of the development of a parish that nurtures a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Years ago, she said, the name of the parish prompted worshippers to establish one of the broadest schedules of Eucharistic Adoration in the diocese. Worshippers attend the Blessed Sacrament in prayer in the chapel from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

“When the parish first began, people hoped to have the adoration 24 hours a day. But the parish wasn’t big enough and didn’t have enough people to keep it going,” Herendeen said.

The parish is also known throughout the young neighborhood surrounding it for the processions that take place yearly on their name-sake’s feast day.

Prominently located on the roof above the church’s main doors at 2822 Corpus Christi Dr., is a monstrance that further clarifies any ambiguity visitors might have about the mission and heart of Corpus Christi. Herendeen describes the statue as “huge” and said that it came to Corpus Christi at the hands of former pastor Father Denis Blank, who salvaged it from a seminary in Kansas where he sometimes visited friends.

“They were tearing down the building or something and we got to rid of it. But Father Denis stepped in asked if it could be brought here for the new building.” Father Daryl Rybicki is the current pastor of Corpus Christi and the fifth priest to be assigned there since 1961. Msgr. Elmer Peterson was the first diocesan appointment to the new parish, followed by Father Joseph Horvath, Father Denis Blank and Father Camillo Tirabassi. Fathers Horvath and Tirabassi retired from Corpus Christi, while Peterson and Blank were appointed to other parishes. For a short time, Father Walter Bly also served concurrently with Father Tirabassi.

According to Father Rybicki, at the time of the church’s founding, there existed a concentration of Catholic churches in downtown South Bend. As time went on the center of town was less able to support the number of churches, so the St. Mary’s faith community was moved to the western part of South Bend. For the same reason, Sacred Heart Parish of largely Belgian immigrants was moved to the north-west side to serve the new suburban population in that area.

Because a Sacred Heart Parish already existed at the nearby University of Notre Dame, as well as in Warsaw, the relocated parish was renamed Corpus Christi.

The following challenge was to evangelize the area and build up the new faith community.

“We were in a pretty typical situation at that time, in that, if you’re going to found a new parish, the way to attract families was to found a school as well,” Father Rybicki said. Corpus Christi did just that, erecting a building that served as both a school and housed the church.

In 1985 a separate church building was constructed. The parish also owns a rectory and a convent that houses members of the Daughters of Divine Charity, who have supported Corpus Christi Parish since its inception. The sisters perform services that include teaching, administration of the school, working as assistants to the pastor and visiting the sick. Currently, Sisters Carmella and Paula represent their order in the parish.

The transplanted parish brought well-attended devotions with it to the new location. The Holy Name Society is no longer active, but the Rosary Society enjoys solid support by the approximately 730 member families.

“I think there’s a lot of pride in this parish. The people here are super friendly, too,” Herendeen said. Annual parish picnics are a big hit with the church’s many young families, who comprise a larger part of the faith community than when Herendeen was a child. Back at the time of the merger, she thought, many of the church’s Belgian families had older children.

Corpus Christi is a medium-sized parish in a comprehensive list of diocesan churches. Its size allows parishioners to get to know the entire parish instead of buttonholing themselves into just one or two ministries and getting to know the people in those ministries.

“There are fewer activities than in a large parish, but the people that are involved don’t just know each other but they know people throughout the church. That’s a definite up side to a smaller community,” Father Rybicki said.

“I would say that in my experience at this parish that it’s very Catholic. Bishop (John M.) D’Arcy was fond of saying that the universal Church should be very Catholic and that’s what I see happening here. There are a wide range of ethnicities represented here, with very wide-ranging ages and interests,” he added.
The monstrance signifies the significance of Eucharistic Adoration devotions at the parish. The exterior view of Corpus Christi Church shows a monstrance on top of the church.

By Jodi Ma

Corpus Christi Church.

Blessed Mother on the pathway

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Making and concern are on the curriculum at Corpus Christi

SOUTH BEND — When teachers and administrators talk about the successes of Corpus Christi students, they just as often mention charity as they do academics.

For 49 years, concern for and service to others has been a fitting hallmark of the school named for the Body of Christ. Students in grades preschool through 8 study hard enough to win awards and achieve high ISTEP scores, but they also have a proven track record of taking an active role in helping others. They organize donation drives for the South Bend Center for the Homeless, sometimes as part of the service work required of junior high students, and other times just because there is a need.

Last month, the third-grade class had the idea to run a bake sale to help with the medical bills of a former teacher suffering from cancer.

At 284 students, Corpus Christi School is presently about twice the size it was when it first opened. Enrollment has fluctuated and at one time necessitated two classes of each grade level. Currently, only the seventh and eighth grades are large enough to fill two classes each.

Principal Maggie Mackowiak, a longtime Corpus Christi parishioner, missed attending the school herself by just one year. Her family moved to the area and joined the parish when she was a high school freshman. Teaching became her vocation, and by that time she had also decided that she didn’t much want to do it anywhere but at her parish school.

“I’ve always felt that Corpus Christi is where God wanted me to be. I’m very passionate about keeping the school as great as it has been,” Mackowiak said. “I just believe very much in what goes on in this building.”

That’s a consensus among the staff. Many Corpus Christi teachers have held their jobs for 20 or 30 years. Each preschool through fifth-grade classroom also has a full-time aid, many of whom are either retired teachers or young teachers waiting for assignments who choose to be in the Corpus Christi environment.

The staff members and parents collaborate in a similarly dedicated way during special school events and parish events. Two years ago the parent-teacher association was renamed “Parents and Teachers United in Christ,” or PTUC. The group is responsible for contributing what Mackowiak describes as “nice touches” to the school year, such as running ice cream socials, providing treats after the May crowning event and organizing parent education sessions.

Kathy Leyes is going on her 30th year of teaching at the school. Not only do Corpus Christi students have very supportive parents, she concurred, but there’s also a strong sense of religious unity — due to the perspective of the parish’s pastor.

“Father Rybicki has always really wanted to accentuate the Corpus Christi Catholic community. He regards the parish and school as one community, so functions are open to everyone ... we really do have a real sense of that,” Leyes said.

Father Rybicki prefers that all parish events include the school children and vice-verse, she explained. Observances and celebrations such as May crowning or Corpus Christ processions aren’t duplicated but instead incorporate everyone. Older students even join parishioners occasionally to pray outside local abortion clinics.

One of Mackowiak’s goals is for Corpus Christi to be named a blue ribbon school. The federal Department of Education’s national Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors high-performing public and private elementary, middle and high schools and has already recognized Christ the King School.

Several of the school’s students are helping to draw nearer to that goal. Three, in grades 1, 7 and 8, were named state handwriting champs this year. Seventh-grader Michael Nolan took top honors in a recent essay contest sponsored by the regional Right to Life association, and six-grader Abby Arnat received high marks for a regional science fair project.

The Corpus Christi Cougars hold their own as well. Students participate in basketball, football, soccer, volleyball, softball, wrestling, cheerleading, baseball and softball. Those abilities complement their academic achievements and spiritual development in ways that, Leyes said, seem to be notable to their secondary teachers.

“We are kind of proud of the students. When they go on to Saint Joe (High School), where a lot of them go, the teachers say you can tell that they went to Corpus Christi. They have study skills and religious knowledge, too. That bumps us up a bit to hear that,” she said.

Corpus Christi students will participate in the June 26 Mass, procession and dinner marking the end of the parish’s jubilee year.

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate a special Mass at the parish at 10:30 a.m. on June 26 to wrap up the year’s celebratory events. An outdoor procession will follow, after which participants are invited back to the parish for dinner and to pray the rosary.
Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration celebrate jubilees

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration in Mishawaka are honoring nine of their sisters who are celebrating jubilees of 60, 50, 40 and 25 years of religious life. The congregation was founded in 1863 in Olpe, Germany, by Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel. In 1875, the first sisters came to Lafayette at the invitation of Bishop Joseph Dwenger, who was the bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne.

60-year Jubilarians
Sister M. Aloysius Albert
was born in Chicago and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1951. Sister served as an x-ray technician in various hospitals served by the sisters for 33 years. Sister Luke has been at the motherhouse serving in different capacities since 1992, in particular with serving the needs of the senior sisters. Presently she helps with Adoration and various duties at Our Lady of the Angels Convent.

Sister M. Rose Ellen Kluemper
was born in Rock Rapids, Iowa, and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1951. For 34 years, Sister Rose Ellen taught in various schools served by the sisters. Sister served at the motherhouse for 17 years working in the provincial and sister’s dining room among other responsibilities and helping with Adoration. Presently sister is residing at Our Lady of the Angels Convent, assisting with Adoration and serving wherever needed.

50-year Jubilarians
Sister M. Agnes Marie Regan
was born in Berwyn, Ill., and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1961. Sister Agnes Marie was a teacher and organist in various schools including St. Andrew School in Fort Wayne, Queen of Peace in Mishawaka, St. Therese School in Fort Wayne, and Marian High School in Mishawaka. She served as principal for several years including 11 years at St. John the Baptist in South Bend. Sister Agnes Marie also served as liturgist and choir director for the Sisters at St. Francis Convent. She was the director of the diocesan Office of Worship in Fort Wayne and also worked in the diocesan Office of Tribunal. She was a pastoral associate at St. Matthew Cathedral for five years. Presently sister is the spiritual assistant for the Immaculate Conception Secular Franciscan Fraternity in Mishawaka and is a member of the governing board for Hannah’s House, a residential maternity home. She also serves as the hostess for the diocesan weekly TV Mass. She resides at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka.

Sister M. Helene Secloff
was born in Fort Wayne and entered the novitiate of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on Aug. 12, 1961. Sister Helene served in education as a teacher, organist and an administrator in various schools nearly 30 years, including St. John the Baptist School in South Bend. Presently sister is the sacristan at St. Francis Convent and assists at the reception desk, as an organist, and with adoration.

50-year Jubilarians
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Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart celebrate jubilees

FRANKFORT, Ill. — Five members of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart will celebrate jubilees with a special Mass on June 11 at Queen of Angels Chapel at St. Francis Woods, Frankfort, Ill. Founded in Germany in 1868 and immigrating to America in 1876, the Sisters’ first motherhouse was established in Avilla.

70-year Jubilarians
Sister Agnes Kulas
spent several years at St. Mary Convent, Avilla. Presently she is retired and resides at St. Francis Woods in Frankfort, Ill.

Sister Marcellita Weller
was born in Indianapolis, Ind., was of service at St. Joseph Convent, Garrett. Presently she is retired and resides at St. Francis Woods in Frankfort, Ill.

50-year Jubilarians
Sister Elaine Tedes
was principal of St. Joseph School, Garrett, for two years and St. Charles School, Fort Wayne, for four years. Currently Sister Elaine ministers part-time in the congregation’s finance office and part-time as a school secretary.

40-year Jubilarians
Sister Kathleen Anne Gopp
was born in Fort Wayne, for seven years and at Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne, for three years. Presently she is the director of the Franciscan International Study Center, Canterbury Kent, England.

Sister Genevieve Raupp
was born in Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, for seven years. Sister Genevieve now ministers in her 21st year at St. Charles School as assistant principal.

Four Sisters of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ celebrate jubilees

DONALDSON — Four Sisters of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC) will celebrate their jubilees on June 19. Each has taught or ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

80-year Jubilarian
Sister Carmelina Parisi
of Chicago, made her first profession on June 12, 1931. In the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend she worked at PHJC ministries and as a childcare provider beginning with St. Vincent Villa, Fort Wayne, in 1931. She then moved to Catherine Kasper Home in Donaldson to be an aide to the elderly. Sister Parisi is retired at Catherine Kasper Home.

75-year Jubilarian
Sister Johnilda Mannhard
of Highland, professed first vows on June 25, 1946. She taught in St. Monica School in Mishawaka and St. Paul in Fort Wayne in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Sister Mannhard is currently in community service.

60-year Jubilarian
Sister Joan Fisher
of Chicago, made her first profession on June 25, 1951. She was a teacher at St. Joseph School in Mishawaka and St. Mary Parish in Fort Wayne. In 1986, Sister Fisher directed the associate program at Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson. She served Earthworks and the PHJC Ministry in Donaldson as well. Sister Fisher is currently in community service.

Sister Magdalene Hellmann
of Aviston, Ill., made her first profession on June 25, 1951. She served in management at the Convent Ancilla Domini in Donaldson and as a part of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at the University of Notre Dame. Sister Magdalene Hellmann is currently serving in crisis child care.
Sisters of Providence to celebrate 50, 60, 70 and 75 jubilees

SAINT-MARY-OF-THE-WOODS — Seven Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will celebrate their 75th jubilee this year including Sisters Beth Kelso, Mary Michael Lager, Maureen Clare Lehmann, Dorothy McAuliff, Edwadine McNulty, Ann Denise Reger and Charles Ellen Turk.

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Three Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods will celebrate their 70th anniversary this year. They are Sisters Agnes Eugene Cordak, Eileen Clare Goerten and Marie David Schroeder.

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Sister Kathleen Kelly, of Chicago, professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1958. Indiana ministries including serving as teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, (1955-1957). She currently ministers as spiritual director and on the Ministry of Care staff at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish in Palatine, Ill., and as a prison retreat minister at Dwight Correctional Institute in Dwight, Ill.

Sister Margaret Kern, native of Blooming, professed perpetual vows Jan. 23, 1959. Indiana ministries include serving as teacher at Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, (1954). She currently ministers as a spiritual director at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Lucille Lehner, of Jasper, professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1957. Indiana ministries include serving as teacher at St. Patrick School, Fort Wayne, (1967-

Sister Marie Grace Molloy, of Indianapolis, professed perpetual vows Aug. 15, 1958. Indiana ministries include serving as teacher and principal at Cathedral School, Fort Wayne, (1964-1967). She currently ministers as an assistant in Archives at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, and as coordinator of St. John Academy and St. Agnes Academy of Indianapolis.

Sister Rosemary Rafter, of Bloomington, Ill., entered the congregation Feb. 2, 1951, from St. Patrick Parish in Terre Haute. Indiana ministries include serving as assistant to the administrator of Providence Hall at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Sister Marie Grace Molloy
Sister Marie David Schroeder
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60-year Jubilarians

Other sisters celebrating 60 years include Sisters Barbara Doherty, Michael Ellen Green, Noralee Keefe, Joseph Ellen Keitzer, Jean Ann Maher, Patricia McIntyre, Cordelia Moran, Carol Nolan, Rosemary Rafter and Mary Lou Ruck.

50-year Jubilarians
Sister Betty Hopf, native of Jasper, formerly ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Sister Betty, the former Sister Barbara Francis, professed perpetual vows May 24, 1970. Her Indiana ministries include serving as teacher at St. John the Baptist School, Fort Wayne, (1967-1971), clinical pastoral education intern, Memorial Hospital, South Bend (1985-1986); chaplain, St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend, (1986-2001). She currently ministers as chaplain at Hix Cancer Center in Terre Haute.

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Calming the waters: New Vatican officials try different approach

**VATICAN CITY (CNS) —** He has only been at the Vatican for four months, but Brazilian Archbishop Joao Braz de Aviz is already getting good reviews.

As the head of the Vatican office that oversees the world’s religious orders, the 64-year-old archbishop inherited an inbox full of tensions and an assignment that in some ways resembled a battleground.

In addition to wrapping up a contentious apostolic visitation that in some ways resembled a contentious apostolic visitation of women’s religious orders in the United States, he faced the challenge of rebuilding trust and channels of communication with the heads of religious orders worldwide.

Archbishop Aviz replaced Slovenian Cardinal Franc Rodé, who believed that modern religious orders were in a crisis caused in part by the adoption of a secularist mentality and the abandonment of traditional practices. Cardinal Rodé said many religious had misunderstood the Second Vatican Council, and he faulted women’s orders for adopting a “feminist” spirit.

When Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Aviz as the new prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, the choice surprised many religious superiors. Surprise has now turned to optimism about the future.

“The windows have been opened to fresh approaches. I definitely feel there’s a new hope for building deeper and better relationships between (the Vatican congregation) and men and women religious,” said U.S. Sister Mary Lou Wirtz, president of the International Union of Superiors General.

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For the second reading, the Church presents a passage from First Corinthians. Absolute faith in Christ, as God, and as Savior, is key. It is vital. Without grace that accompanies, and enables faith, humans are confused and liable to even fatal misstep.

St. John’s Gospel is the source of the last reading, a Resurrection Narrative. The risen Lord appears before the Apostles. As God, possessing the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives the Apostles the power to forgive sins, extraordinary because only God can forgive sins.

**Reflection**

For weeks, the Church has rejoiced in the Resurrection, exulting proclaiming that Jesus is Lord, and that Jesus lives! As this season has progressed, the Church, through the readings at Mass, also has called us to realize what effect the Resurrection has had and remains upon us and upon human history. The salvation achieved by Christ on Calvary never will end. It is for all time and for all people.

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‘Unexpected harmonies’ in Mother’s Day requiem

**Christina Cappeci**

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There Russ sat, son at his side, head in his hand, eyes on his wife. She raised her baton and ushered in a low tremble from the cello. Soon the requiem was performed, “ordained by Christ, and now to you,” she said.

When those bows flew, you could feel an ascent. Russ lifted his head and Patty leaned forward, unfazed.

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READINGS


**Saint of the Week**

Juliana Falconieri

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Juliana was the only child of a wealthy couple in Florence, Italy, who had built the church of the Annunciation there. She refused to marry and was enrolled as a tertiary with the Servite order; her uncle, St. Alexis Falconieri, was one of the seven founders of the Servites. For nearly 20 years, Juliana lived a devout and useful life at home. In 1304 she formed a community of tertiary sisters who devoted themselves to prayer and good works in Florence. She is considered the foundress of the Servite community of nuns, and was canonized in 1373.
Breaking free of guilt

Grief over the death of a loved one can cause a myriad of different emotions to flare. I found one of the most mysterious of the emotions that drive our grief journey is guilt. Many bereaved have wrestled with a sense of guilt over the circumstances surrounding the death of their loved one, especially those who experience a sudden death. For several months after the accidental death of my husband Trent I found myself searching in vain for the right word to quantify my “what if” questions. “What if I had talked with him longer before he left for work. Then his car wouldn’t have been in the truck’s path.” “What if I had demanded he wear his seat belt at all times?” “What if he would have taken a different route to work that morning?”

I, too, wrestled with the guilt that I felt over being unable to change the outcome of a fateful morning. But it was important for my healing to be able to voice my questions, no matter their futility. I found that several of my supporters were uncomfortable with my seemingly random questions and one friend even told me that I must stop asking because it didn’t change anything. Fortunately, I intuitively knew to follow my own course of grief and continued to question my husband’s death with those who would listen. Eventually, I realized that I was not in control of others’ lives and that I needed to take ownership of what I had perceived as wrongdoing on my part.

Many feel guilt over not being present at the time of death. Others regret not doing more or behaving unkindly toward their loved one, even in the throes of debilitating fatigue during a long illness. These are all legitimate feelings that must be addressed for healthy mourning. And self-forgiveness is key.

Talking through these feelings with a trusted listener or journaling about them can help us process the “what if” questions that feed our guilt. One question I learned to ask myself is “Would doing ___ change anything now?” I may never learn the answer, but I do know that Trent died knowing I loved him. And for me, now, that is enough.

Then there is what I call “moving on guilt” that can occur while we are discovering how to live after our loved one is gone. I recall experiencing this new kind of guilt different guilt months after my husband’s death as I attended a family gathering. As I began to enjoy the day, the ache of my beloved husband took the wind out of my sails and I retreated from the gathering quietly to face this new demon.

As I spoke to others about my experience, I was reassured that life would continue to move on, (whether I wanted it to or not!) but I would never forget my beloved husband. And I did learn, with time, experience and a little gentle self care, that rejoining life and all it has to offer, however slowly, was a good sign that my broken heart was healing and the memory of Trent was finding its rightful place in my life.

Now 20 years later, I understand that the specter of my grief remains, sleeping deep within my heart. The fog seems always at the ready to rearappear at a moment’s notice. But it doesn’t come nearly as often or as intensely now. And I have learned that when I face the ghosts as they come and mourn what is mine, I can let even guilt go once again, forgiving myself for what is passed.

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Holy Family junior varsity speeds to ICCL track title

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — There’s a saying that “speed kills.” Combine it with depth, and you have a truly lethal combination — one that lifted Holy Family to the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) track title in May at Clay High School.

While Linda Lentych’s Trojans didn’t win any events at the varsity level, a dominating performance by Holy Family’s junior varsity provided a total of 163 points, good for a 34-point triumph over runner-up St. Joseph. St. Thomas the Apostle finished third with 120.

“We’re all pleasantly surprised for the overall team win,” stated Lentych afterwards. “There was a lot of talent in this varsity field this year, with points being spread out all over the place, so we knew it could be anyone’s game. We are very proud and excited to take the winning plaque back to Holy Family.”

St. Joseph won the varsity part of the competition, led by speedster Michelle Weaver. The tall, fleet-footed eighth grader captured titles in the 50- and 100-meter dashes, and set a new meet record in the long jump with a leap of 15-feet, 4-1/2 inches. Weaver also led two relay teams to victory. The sprint medley squad of Weaver, Catherine Mittiga, Theresa Carpenter and Norah Sullivan shattered the meet record by nearly five seconds, finishing in a blistering 1:59.99.

Another varsity meet record fell in the 200-meter dash, as St. Thomas’ Annie Jondle nipped Corpus Christi’s Sam Kambol at the wire in 27.4 seconds. That broke a mark that had stood for nine years.

Holy Family’s sprinting combo of Sarah Zielinski and Meg Riba ruled in the junior varsity meet. Riba won the 50- and 200-meter dashes. Zielinski captured crowns in the 100- and 400-meter dashes. The Trojans’ Kassady Chudzicki finished second in both the 50 and 200 and ran with Riba, Zielinski and M. Costello on a record-setting 4x100 relay squad.

That wasn’t the only Holy Family relay squad to set a record. The sprint medley squad of Costello, Riba, Zielinski and Fewell clipped nearly five seconds off the old standard with a time of 2:15.6. Zielinski and Riba were on the squad that set the record back in 2010.

“We did expect our JV to be very dominating at city,” explained Lentych, who also guided Holy Family to track titles nine years ago.

“We were undefeated all season, with not too many coming close to our girls. They just did a fantastic job. What stood out to us about our team was the effort given by all the girls.”

Diocesan high schools rally for claim to state championships

BY CHUCK FREEBY

Diocesan high schools have already wrapped up a solid academic year. The athletic seasons are ending just as strong.

At the state girls’ tennis championships, defending state champion Saint Joseph’s fell short in its bid for back-to-back crowns, losing to No. 2 Evansville Memorial in the semifinals by a 3-2 count. After the doubles teams of Elle Harding-Bridget Veldman and Kayle Sexton-Abby Watkins posted victories, the Indians were hoping to garner a singles point to clinch the match.

Saint Joseph’s lost at No. 1 and No. 3 singles, leaving junior Alaina Roberts at No. 2. Roberts, who missed most of the season with an ankle injury, won the first set against Memorial’s Jasmine Lee, 6-2, but Lee rallied to win the next two sets, 6-3, 6-2 to end the Tribe’s season.

It also ends the prep careers of six Saint Joseph’s seniors.

“What these seniors have done for Saint Joe tennis in their four years is remarkable,” Coach Mountford said. “I told them I was proud they left it all on the court. We played like champions and acted like champions.”

Evansville Memorial also ended Bishop Dwenger’s run in the quarterfinals with a 4-1 triumph. It was the Saints’ first trip down to state since 1984.

The Stetzel sisters, Jill and Leah, combined to score Bishop Dwenger’s only point with a win at No. 2 doubles.

Bishop Dwenger also enjoyed individual success at the state boys’

grade leaders who played key positions, they return a strong core and several talented sixth graders who stepped up and filled in when needed this season. “We hope to repeat next year,” said a confident Wilder. Monica Miller played a crucial role behind the plate, while Janaya Wilder was the teams’ ace pitcher and held the highest batting average. Megan O’Campo was also key at second base.

In their tournament run, Decatur got by St. Charles, track meet. Dave Schipper finished as state runner-up in the pole vault, soaring 16 feet. Schipper finished second to Bloomington South’s Drew Volz, as Volz needed fewer attempts to clear the bar.

On the girls’ side, Saint Joseph’s was the only diocesan school to score in the state meet. The Indians’ Mikaila Chambless finished third in the 300-meter hurdles, finishing in 44.03 seconds. The winner, Westview’s Skyler Carpenter, set a state record with her time of 42.03.

Chambless was also joined by Rachel Staud, Katie Campbell and Morgan Carroll as part of Saint Joseph’s 4 x 100-meter relay team, which finished eighth. The quartet circled the Indiana University track in 48.79 seconds, less than two seconds behind state champion Lawrence North.

Marian’s baseball team has advanced to the final four of the Class 3-A tournament. Coach Tim Prister’s Knights punched their ticket to the semistate with a 5-2 win over perennial power Andrean. Senior pitcher Taylor Krugh fanned 10 batters to lead the Knights to their first regional crown since 2008.

Chase Parker and Vince Ravotto each drove in a pair of runs for Marian.

“I’m just so proud of our kids,” said Prister afterwards. “They don’t flinch at anything. We don’t even celebrate, because we want to win the next game.”

Marian will face the winner of the Bellmont Regional in Saturday’s semistate to be played at either Kokomo or South Bend’s Covleesky Stadium.
Twice as nice: USF’s Marqueling repeats as NAIA champ
National Outdoor Track and Field champion in hammer

MARION — Steak and potatoes. Eggs and bacon. Baseball and hot dogs.

Some things just fit together well, and now, like Kareem and the Skyhook, add University of Saint Francis (USF) senior Jean Marqueling and the Hammer to the list.

Marqueling cemented her name with the hammer throw by winning her second consecutive NAIA Outdoor National Track and Field Championship title on May 26 at the Indiana Wesleyan University Track and Field Stadium.

Marqueling (Fort Wayne, Bishop Dwenger High School) secured her second consecutive national hammer hammer throw title with a field-leading release of 190 feet, 5 inches. She becomes just the third repeat winner in this event in 16 seasons and the second Indiana repeat winner.

Marqueling defended her national title with a winning toss that was two meters farther than the title toss last year. Her throw of 58.03-meters (191-1) was 1.38-meters (14 feet, 5 inches) better than the field of 23 entries.

Her victory also makes her a three-time NAIA Outdoor All-American, a six-time NAIA All-American in track and field competition, both record-setting marks for USF.

“I felt like there was more pressure this year because I won last year, everybody knew who I was and you just never know what will happen at nationals, especially today with all the different weather elements,” Marqueling said later after spending Thursday in Bloomington at the Indiana University Track and Field Complex on May 6 and improved to 196-3 (59.83 meters) at the Cardinal Twilight Invitational at the University of Louisville on May 14, so the meet mark of 58.03 meters set by Aubrey Baxter (Black Hills State, N.D.) in 2009 wasn’t out of the reach under better conditions on Thursday.

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“It feels great (to win a second time),” Marqueling said. “The other throwers weren’t giving me much of a push, so I decided ‘last throw, best throw.'”

Marqueling won the 2010 hammer title with a throw of 193-6 and was second in 2009 with a best of 179-10.

Maybe that’s what has taken this Bishop Dwenger High School grad to the best hammer thrower in NAIA, that push or drive to be the best in an event she knew little about entering her freshman year at the University of Saint Francis.

“I’ve gotten great coaching from Adam,” Marqueling says, attempting to explain her success in the hammer. “It’s hard to explain since I’ve been competing in the shot put and discuss so much longer. I really enjoy it and throwing the hammer just feels pretty natural to me.”
Remain humble in life’s victories, defeats while running the good race

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — After many rainouts during the 2011 spring season, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth-St. Therese was finally crowned champions of the boys’ soccer tournament for the Catholic Youth League (CYO). With over 20 years experience coaching the sport, Matt Schenkel joined Frank Rotundo at the CYO level a year ago after coaching various CYO teams for 11 years and many of this group indoors during the winter for several years. This group did not lose a match during the regular season and tied just one against St. Vincent 7.

On their post season run, the 13 young men from St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth-St. Therese, got by St. Vincent 8 with a score of 5-0, St. John the Baptist, New Haven, 4-2, and finally a tie-up group from St. Charles 7, 2-0. In the championship game, Schenkel felt it was very close until the final minutes when Kelson Reiss scored two goals. The first was on a cross over from Andrew Schenkel and the second was an assist from Sam Lovejoy.

“We were going at it and they were fighting back. We couldn’t finish anything until the end,” explained Schenkel.

He added, “All season long, we had a ball well and our kids played unselfish always sending it to the wings and crossing the middle even when they had an open shot. Our entire team effort is what made the difference.”

Schenkel concluded, “Brenden Spangler did an excellent job in goal. We were solved with great defense all the way up the offense.”

In the junior varsity boys’ tournament, St. Vincent 6 came out on top downing St. Charles 6 in the championship, 3-0. The Panthers received a first-round bye, then beat St. John, New Haven, 4-0, in the semifinals.

Guest Commentary

By Sean Gallagher

Whatever goal we might have in life, we should never presume that it is either entirely within or outside of our grasp. Circumstances — some within our control, others that are not — can change our outlook for victory or defeat in a moment, just as it happened with both Hildebrand and Wheldon in the final seconds of the Indy 500.

Concluding that we have everything sewn up or that defeat is assured can be expressions of pride, if perhaps unconscious ones.

With the former, we think that victory is within our grasp. With the latter, we think that there is nothing that we can do to change our fate. In both cases, we put the emphasis on ourselves.

Yes, God has blessed us with gifts and talents unique to each one of us to further our own salvation. His glory and the good of others. But if we forget that we are to do all of this with the help of His grace, we will end up either in pride or despair.

Such hopelessness could have easily gone through Wheldon’s mind moments before Hildebrand’s crash. He had not only finished second in the previous two Indy 500s, but he had done so as a member of the same team that Hildebrand was racing for — and with the rookie’s sponsor.

In the previous offseason, the once golden boy of IndyCar racing had falen out of the limelight, failing to secure a full-time car for the 2011 series. With a quarter of a lap to go, Wheldon faced the prospect of a third straight runner-up finish and witnessing his replacement at Panther racing taking the checkered flag.

But in interviews after his victory in which he discussed the latter portion of the race, including the final lap, Wheldon said he was only focused on passing as many cars as he could to put himself in a position to win at the end. He had never given up hope.

Yet no matter how much hard work that he put into the factor that directly led to his victory was still out of his control. He did nothing to cause Hildebrand’s crash.

The same is true in our own lives. Triumphs should never be occasions of prideful complacency for ourselves. They instead should lead us to gratitude for the help we received from others and from God.

And if defeat comes our way, which it inevitably will, we should look to Hildebrand’s noble response to his downfall as a model for ourselves.

He never bemoaned his fate or sought to blame others. In interview after interview, Hildebrand simply explained his crash for what it was, said he would learn from it and improve in future races.

If we take a humble attitude toward life, defeats will never weigh us down and victories will never puff us up. God’s grace, in either case, will keep us on level ground, running the good race.

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth-St. Therese takes top honors in CYO soccer

New York (CNS) — Following is a capsule review of a theatrical movie recently reviewed by the Office for Film & Broadcasting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“Cave of Forgotten Dreams” (IFC)

Spellbinding 3-D documentary on the 32,000-year-old paintings in the Chauvet cave of southern France. Director Werner Herzog includes frank discussions of paintings and sculptures of made women, making this better appreciated by mature adolescents, just as with any other visit to an art museum. Herzog uses the 3-D technology to expertly capture the paintings in the depth they were meant to convey when they were created in the Paleolithic Era. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences. All ages admitted.

“Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides” (Disney)

In the adequate fourth movie inspired by the amusement park ride, Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) leads various seafarers — his nemesis Captain Barbosa (Geoffrey Rush), an old flame (Penelope Cruz) and the evil pirate Blackbeard (Ian McShane) — to the Fountain of Youth. Applying a Broadway musical sensibility, director Rob Marshall (“Chicago”) cannot dispel the feeling that the franchise has grown long in the tooth. Although admirably straightforward, the picture lacks visual grandeur and the jolly, swashbuckling energy that has made the series so popular. Recurring action-adventure violence and peril, including nongraphic knife play and swordplay; some lightly suggestive humor and innuendo; several scary sequences; one nude expression; and frequent alcohol consumption. The Catholic News Service classification is O — morally offensive. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG-13.
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Elkhart — St. Vincent de Paul Parish will present a question-and-answer session with Father Glenn Kohrman each Wednesday in June. The topic for June 15 will be: Marriage Restored in Christ. 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.

Miracle Miles 5K run/walk planned
Fort Wayne — St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 10700 Aboite Center Rd., will have a Miracle Miles 5K run/walk in conjunction with Seton Fest, the parish’s summer festival, on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 8 a.m. to benefit the St. Mary’s Soup Kitchen and the Franciscan Center. Pre-registration due by Aug. 6 will present one and two-bedroom assisted living apartments; independent living patio homes; and secured neighborhoods for Alzheimer care. Our experienced and professional staff is dedicated to providing the highest quality of nursing care.

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Bernice Clara Conn, 80, St. Joseph Hessen-Cassel
Russell T. Brumibur, 46, St. Charles Borromeo
Clarence G. Kinder, 78, St. Vincent de Paul
Brother Richard W. Shea, CSC, 82, St. Joseph’s Chapel
South Bend
Domenic Staltari, 78, Our Lady of Hungary
William R. Heiden Sr., 89, Little Flower

Wabash
Theodore M. Krizman, 79, St. Bernard
Sister Anne Marita Wynne, 95, Church of the Immaculate Conception, St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. Sister served at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Class reunion announced
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An Evening with an exorcist, Father José Antonio Fortea
Fort Wayne — Priest, theologian, exorcist and author, Father José Antonio Fortea, of the Diocese of Madrid, Spain, will give an academic presentation on exorcism and spiritual healing Thursday, June 9, at St. Patrick Parish and Friday, June 10, at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish from 7-8:30 p.m. each night. Father Fortea will help separate reality from myth about spiritual warfare, possession and exorcism. The St. Patrick presentation will be in Spanish. Both presentations will include a question-and-answer session ending with a blessing.

Deacon ‘Ted’ Krizman dies
WABASH — Theodore M. “Ted” Krizman, a deacon of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, died June 2 after residing for the past couple of years at Peabody Home, North Manchester. Ordained in 1973, Krizman served for many years as a deacon at St. Bernard Church, Wabash. He had also served at St. Martin de Porres Church, Syracuse.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, June 6, at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Wabash. Burial was at the Chapel Hill Cemetery in Oceola.
Vatican promotes more use of 1962 Roman Missal

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new Vatican instruction on the extraordinary form of the Mass intends to make it easier for Catholics who want to worship this way to do so.

In lay terms, it has eliminated some of the red tape.

For example, in years past, Catholics who wanted to attend the Latin-language liturgy celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal, had to request this from their parish priest, who then had to receive permission from the bishop to offer these Masses.

Now, according to a Vatican instruction released May 13, pastors do not have to get the local bishop’s permission to approve these Masses for Catholic groups even when these groups are small or formed of people from different parishes or dioceses.

The instruction calls on bishops and pastors to respond generously to Catholics who seek to attend this Mass, commonly known as the Tridentine Mass.

The Vatican instruction, issued by the Ecclesia Dei commission and approved by Pope Benedict XVI, is a follow-up to a 2007 apostolic letter “Summorum Pontificum,” which relaxed restrictions on its use, saying this Mass should be made available in every parish where groups of the faithful want it.

U.S. Church officials say these relaxed restrictions do not necessarily mean there will be a significant increase in the number of Masses offered in the extraordinary form, primarily because there are just not enough priests trained to celebrate these Masses and those who can are aging.

To celebrate this liturgy, priests not only need to speak Latin but also must know and understand a number of specific movements and gestures that are part of the Mass.

Father Charles Herman, executive director of the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said that overall he has not heard many requests for more opportunities to attend Mass in the extraordinary form.

He also noted that U.S. bishops are finding it more difficult to find priests to celebrate the extraordinary form for communities that already offer these Masses since the older generation of priests trained before the Second Vatican Council are retiring.

For the 1962 rite to be more available, he said, younger priests are going to have to be trained in it.

He told Catholic News Service that most seminaries already provide exposure to Masses in the extraordinary form but that more specific training “would be limited to the occasions when a bishop specifically requests it.”

“There has not been a great outcry, therefore there is no need for blanket training,” he said.

Technically, the Mass celebrated according to the rite of the 1962 Roman Missal is not the “Tridentine rite,” a term derived from the 16th-century Council of Trent, but it has become the commonplace way to refer to it.

Franciscan Brothers Adrian and Julian Riester are pictured in 2010 at St. Anthony Friary in St. Petersburg, Fla. The religious brothers, who also were twin biological brothers, died together June 1 at age 92 at St. Anthony’s Hospital in St. Petersburg. The funeral was scheduled for June 6 in St. Petersburg, where they had lived for three years, serving with or near each other for most of their religious lives.

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