By Tim Johnson and Kay Cozad

FORT WAYNE — Two brothers entered into the fraternity of the Holy Priesthood on Saturday, June 11. Father Matthew Coonan and Father Terrence “Tink” Coonan were ordained by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The day had historical significance as well. Not since May 1, 1953, when twin brothers Fathers Stephen and George Vrabley, who were ordained by Bishop John F. Noll, had brothers been ordained for this diocese on the same day. Two other famous priest brothers, Msgr. Georg Ratzinger and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — now Pope Benedict XVI — were ordained 60 years ago on June 29, 1951, in Germany.

By Lisa Kochanowski

SOUTH BEND — “This moment is triumphant and overwhelming. After so many years of having the vision and, now, seeing it become a reality, I am grateful and humbled,” said Saint Joseph’s High School Principal Susan Richter about the groundbreaking ceremony held on Friday, June 10, at the site of the new high school.

“Over 50 years ago, members of our community and our parishes funded the building of Saint Joseph’s High School; and, once again, over 1,300 people have generously made financial commitments for the new Saint Joseph’s High School. Moreover, a dedicated and hardworking group of people have ensured the tradition of excellence will continue to flourish well into the future,” Richter added.

Over 300 people attended the groundbreaking and blessing of the land officiated by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades. The current building was constructed and opened in September of 1953 and the new building is slated to open for the 2012-2013 school year at the new address of 453 Notre Dame Ave. in South Bend.

“It’s incredible that we are all here today for this
Trinity United Methodist Church’s Bloomingtondale Food Bank in Fort Wayne honored both Most Precious Blood School and Church for the generosity of parish. They were awarded the Helping Hand Feed the Needy Award at an assembly on June 10 that closed the school year. There to receive the recognition were Alexandra Bergman, principal of Most Precious Blood School, center, and Father Joseph Gaughan, pastor of Most Precious Blood, right. The awards were presented to the students and staff, and the parish, “for their hard work, dedication and outstanding donations to the Bloomingtondale Food Bank.”

More than 60 US bishops expected to join World Youth Day pilgrims

WASHINGTON (CNS) — More than 60 U.S. bishops plan to join the 25,000 U.S. World Youth Day pilgrims expected to be part of an estimated 1-million-plus young people who will attend at least one of the events in Madrid Aug. 16-21.

A morning Mass for the U.S. pilgrims, with the bishops celebrating, is slated for Aug. 20 at Palacio de Deportes, home to “Love and Life: A Home for English-Speaking Pilgrims,” which will provide English-language World Youth Day events. The air-conditioned center has seating for 15,000.

The Knights of Columbus and the Sisters of Life are lead sponsors of the Love and Life pilgrimage center; they had jointly sponsored a similar center for 2008’s World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia. Co-sponsors include Holy Cross Family Ministries, Canada’s Salt and Light Television Network, the Apostleship of Prayer, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, World Youth Alliance and the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family.

Activities at the center will include Masses, devotions, catechesis sessions, concerts, speakers, witness testimonies, prayer, movie screenings, a Eucharistic Procession, an outdoor Way of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration and sacramental Confession.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will provide the animating team for an Aug. 19 catechesis session at the center. It will also offer a “lectio divina” experience Aug. 19 following the Stations of the Cross. U.S. bishops will be present at the site to interact with the young pilgrims. Several U.S. bishops will provide catechesis at the site as well as at other locations.

“World Youth Day is not only an event, it’s an experience — an unforgettable week. We hope that our Love and Life site will serve as a grace-filled place for young pilgrims to join friends and to participate in a spectacular outpouring of faith,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said in a statement.

Pilgrims in Madrid or elsewhere can connect to the Love and Life site and its activities by means of a smartphone application, which will be available from the website www.wydenglish.org. For more information, e-mail wyd@kofc.org.
The installation of Felipe de Jesus Estévez
10th bishop of the Diocese of Saint Augustine, Fla., June 2, 2011

The Installation
The next day I concelebrated with about 25 bishops and 3,000 priests, religious and laity at a beautiful Mass of Installation. The Church in Florida is special because it is so multicultural — people from Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and native Floridians. I met Bishop Estévez’s mother and his sister. He has a brother who is a doctor. They lived over 20 years in Fort Wayne. A great Catholic story and a great American story. The homily of the new bishop of Saint Augustine filled with faith also showed his deep devotion to Our Lady. I believe in Cuba she is hailed as Our Lady of Charity. She had accompanied Felipe on his remarkable journey, as she accompanies us all. The charity extended by Msgr. Lester and the Poor Handmaid sisters and our diocese so many years ago has brought abundant fruit for the Church.

The Servant of God Felix Varela
Present in faith at the installation of Bishop Estévez, was the remarkable Cuban patriot, priest and servant of God, Father Felix Varela, 1788-1853. When Blessed Pope John Paul II came to Cuba and spoke at the University of Havana to the Cuban leadership with Fidel Castro seated in the front row, the pope’s focus was on this extraordinary priest, a Cuban native. Father Varela supported Cuban freedom from Spain, the dignity of the human person and above all the Catholic identity of Cuba. He was a distinguished professor of philosophy who opposed slavery, supported equal education for women and Cuban independence from Spain. Condemned to death by the Spanish Crown, he fled to New York where he served as a priest for 25 years. He was assigned to the Irish area and supported the Irish immigrants fleeing from the Great Famine. He was appointed vicar general of the Diocese of New York. He returned to Saint Augustine, where there is now a statue honoring him outside the Cathedral Basilica. At the request of the Cuban people, his body was later returned to Cuba.

Bishop Estévez, as Msgr. Lester reminded me, wrote his doctoral dissertation on the spiritual teaching of Father Varela. The cause for canonization of this remarkable priest is moving forward.

In the program for the Mass of Installation, under Father Varela’s picture, were the following words:

“I now wish to fulfill a promise which I made long ago, to make a profession of faith — at death as in life — in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Eucharist. I firmly believe that the Host which you hold in your hand is the Body of Jesus Christ under the appearance of bread. Lord come to me!”

— The last recorded words of Father Felix Varela as he was given Holy Communion as Viaticum before his death in February 1853.
LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, who was ordaining his first class of priests as the new archbishop of Los Angeles, told the six young men June 4 that “the priesthood is not about power or prestige.

“It is not an office or an occupation. It is a sacrament. It is a response to God’s call to serve souls. You are called to be other Christs,” he continued. “This is not a metaphor or a pretty idea. You are his voice and his hands.”

Quoting Pope Benedict XVI, the archbishop described the priesthood as “a fellowship of service for God and with God.”

Then citing the prophet Isaiah from the day’s readings, he told them that as priests they were anointed in the Spirit to “bring good tidings to the lowly; to heal the brokenhearted; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord; to release prisoners of war.”

“Heal the brokenhearted as priests,” he said. “If you aren’t healed, if you aren’t open to an inner transformation, you won’t be able to give direction to me — not because I didn’t want to go to the direction He had chosen — but because I thought I was driving,” he said.

The new priests represent a real cross section of the archdiocese — one was born in Mexico, there were two born in Korea and two were born in the United States of immigrant parents.

Their backgrounds also reflected a continued pattern of growing cultural diversity among the men being ordained for U.S. dioceses, especially those ordained for religious orders — according to an annual national survey conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University for the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat of Christian Consecrated Life and Vocations.

Survey results also showed that 34 percent of the class of 2011 were younger than nine in 10, or 94 percent, reported they had some type of full-time work experience prior to entering the seminary, most often in education.

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For 21 years, Gallagher protected and served the citizens of Olympia, despite a bout with cancer.

In 2004, he received a call from a priest in Haines, Alaska, who was responding to his initial inquiry about becoming a priest. That led to him entering Sacred Heart Seminary in Hales Corner, Wis., in the Milwaukee Archdiocese. The seminary is known nationwide for accepting men seeking to be priests after a career in various fields, as well as older men who have been married and divorced or who are widowed.

Father Gallagher is also a rarity among U.S. Catholic priests for another reason — he has a daughter, Molly, age 22. His marriage ended with a civil divorce in 1994. He requested and received an annulment from the Catholic Church. The Church determined the Gallaghers’ marriage was not sacramental.

In Father Gallagher’s words, “nothing short of a miracle” took place April 30, when he was ordained a priest by Juneau Bishop Edward J. Burns. Now he is one of nine priests in the Juneau Diocese, ministering in a geographic area the size of Florida.

In the Diocese of Sacramento, Calif., a new priest also took an unusual route to the priesthood.

Now Father Jeff Henry, ordained June 4 by Bishop Jaime Soto, is a former Lutheran minister.

He and his wife of 26 years, Peg, have a daughter, Teresa, who is 21. He is the diocese’s first married priest under a special provision approved by the Vatican in 1980 that allows former Protestant clergy who have become Catholic to be ordained while he waited for his petition to be approved by the Vatican.

“In my new role as a priest, I want to serve the people of the diocese in whatever way Bishop Jaime Soto sees as necessary and beneficial,” said Father Henry, 51, dean of students since 2005 at St. Patrick-St. Vincent High School in Vallejo. He will continue in that role following his ordination, as well as assist in parish and pastoral ministry.
St. Anthony De Padua School to host open house, discuss school voucher program

SOUTH BEND — St. Anthony de Padua Catholic School will hold a summer open house on Sunday, June 26, from noon until 2 p.m. All guests are invited to worship with the St. Anthony community at the 11 a.m. Mass if they wish. In addition to tours and conversation about the school’s academics, athletics, extracurricular activities and learning environment, there will be a school representative available to speak with interested families about the new Indiana School Choice Voucher Program that could provide up to the full cost of tuition for new enrollees at St. Anthony School if income eligibility requirements are met. St. Anthony School is a nationally-accredited “Quality School” for pre-kindergarten, age 3 through grade 8. St. Anthony’s is a welcoming, inviting community to all denominations that offers deep spirituality, authentic fellowship and challenging academics. They have open registration and accept students throughout the year.

By Dr. Mark Myers

Principals available to assist parents with questions on vouchers

Families must meet income requirements (see chart) in order to be eligible for a voucher. Vouchers for high school students are not capped by law and in many cases, come close to covering the full cost of tuition and fees. Vouchers cover the majority of the cost of tuition and fees in most cases in grades 1-12. All children with vouchers are eligible each successive school year as long as parents meet income requirements. The chart above shows income levels required to qualify for a voucher.

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Each additional person: $7,067

* Free Reduced Lunch

All parents should contact their Catholic principal to acquire information on tuition, vouchers and funds available for awards that will be distributed this summer. Contact any Catholic school principal, or Connie Bruner, school choice specialist, at (260) 422-4611 for details.

All school phone numbers and principals are listed at www.diocesefwsb.org.

Dr. Mark Myers is the superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.
**Pope entrusts cause of peace to concentration camp martyrs**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI entrusts the cause of peace to the martyrs of World War II concentration camps, including a German priest executed for his hostility to the Nazi regime. Speaking at his general audience at noon June 12, the pope noted that the Church was about to beatify Father Alois Andritzkiz, who died at the Nazi death camp of Dachau. “Let us praise the Lord for this heroic witness of the faith, who joins the ranks of those who gave their lives in the name of Christ in the concentration camps. On this day of Pentecost, I would like to entrust to their intercession the cause of peace in the world,” the pope said.**

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**Horsemen in Bavarian attire ride in St. Peter’s Square in Rome as they leave after Pope Benedict XVI’s “Regina Coeli” prayer at the Vatican June 12. The parade, celebrating Pope Benedict XVI’s 60th anniversary of his June 29 priestly ordination, included 40 horses and six large models of German churches.**

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**Illinois dioceses file suit over risk of losing foster care services**

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CNS) — The Catholic Charities agencies in the Illinois dioceses of Peoria, Springfield and Joliet have filed suit seeking legal clarification of whether they can continue to place foster children with only married couples and single non-cohabiting individuals now that the state’s civil unions law has taken effect.**

**Court declines to hear appeal of law on in-state tuition for immigrants**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (CNS) — The powerful tornado that ripped through cities and towns in western Massachusetts “left debilitating aftereffects,” Springfield Bishop Timothy A. McDonnell said in a letter to all in the diocese. “We mourn those who were killed or injured even as we thank God that we all in human terms were not greater,” he said. “The images of homes damaged or destroyed, of businesses wiped out, of institutions crippled, of mighty trees reduced to kindling, will long be seared in our memories.” The death toll from the storm numbered at least four, and about 200 others suffered injuries. The bishop said the devastation to the diocesan buildings was “especially heart-breaking to the diocese.” Diocesan ministries were especially hard-hit in one section of Springfield. Cathedral High School, St. Michael’s Academy pre-school and middle school suspended classes, and St. Michael’s Residence for retired priests suffered significant damage. The tornado ripped apart homes, businesses, wooded areas and many, many lives. The chapel at St. Michael’s Residence is now a pile of rubble. Windows were blown out of the residence and Cathedral High School’s science wing. A large portion of the back wall of Cathedral’s gymnasium collapsed and a portion of the roof of the school was torn off. A wall also was blown away at the rear of the pre-school. Diocesan spokesperson Mark Dupont said, “These facilities were hit very hard, nonetheless we are grateful that the injuries were minimal.” Catholic school students began their academic year with a final day of classes June 7 at Our Lady of the Elms College. Students from St. Michael’s Academy Middle School division were to conclude their academic year at Western New England University in Springfield. St. Michael’s Academy Preschool students were to conclude their academic year at the elementary school campus.**

**Massachusetts diocese seeks prayers, assistance during tornado recovery**

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Friends For Life to host pro-life boot camp
FORT WAYNE — High school and college students are invited to attend Pro-Life Boot Camp, which will be held on the campus of Saint Francis College, July 15-16. The retreat, sponsored by Friends for Life, will equip those attending with scientific and philosophical tools to defend life and to plug attendees into the pro-life network.

Cost of the camp is $25 per person. The price includes overnight stay in campus dorm rooms and meals. Scholarships for the retreat are available.

Scott Klusendorf, founder of the Life Training Institute and an expert in bioethics, will lead the session on how to present the case for life plus teach an advanced session for returning students in advanced life issues and debating techniques.

President of the new media organization, Live Action, Lila Rose, will be featured at the retreat to challenge students to engage culture in creative ways. Rose is the UCLA student who conducted undercover investigations exposing illegal activity at Planned Parenthood facilities across the nation.

To request an application for the retreat, call (260) 471-1849, visit the website www.IChooseLife.org or e-mail judy.feichter@ichooselife.org. Friends for Life is a division of the Allen County Right to Life.

USF seeks to assist Indiana teachers affected by the state changes in salary compensation
FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis can assist Indiana teachers whose salary compensation will soon change through state legislation.

According to the Indiana Department of Education, the state’s newly-approved Indiana Senate Enrolled Act 1, teachers earning advanced degrees will no longer receive the “automatic” pay increase associated with the traditional salary schedule system. The act states that teachers completing a master’s degree will receive consideration for a wage adjustment as one part of the criteria, but the specifics of the raise will depend upon local school district bargaining.

However, House Enrolled Act 1001 includes a provision allowing teachers now enrolled in a master’s program to receive an increase under their district’s current salary schedule, once the degree is completed.

Master’s degree courses must begin before July 1, 2011, and be completed by Sept. 2, 2014.

The University of Saint Francis’ Master’s Degree in Special Education can help teachers who seek a master’s degree within this timeframe.

Uniquely tailored for working teachers, the degree is customizable, and includes only the courses graduate students will need. Applying now will enable them to complete the degree prior to the September 2014 deadline.

The program offers two areas of concentration, mild and intense intervention, plus preschool through grade 12 options. Working adults can choose flexible programs in two formats—a hybrid option of online and onsite courses, or fully online.

To enroll, contact James Cashdollar at (260) 399-7700, ext. 6302 or jcashdollar@sf.edu. Online application is at www.sf.edu/sf/graduate-studies/applications/apply-online. Program information is available at www.sf.edu/sf/education/graduate.

Erlanson elected president of Catholic Press Association
CHICAGO (CNS) — Veteran journalist Greg Erlanson, president and publisher of Our Sunday Visitor, has been elected president of the Catholic Press Association. In ballot results announced June 2, Robert DeFrancisco, associate publisher of The Catholic Sun in Phoenix, was elected vice president; Mark Zimmermann, editor of the Catholic Standard in Washington, also was nominated for the position.

Franciscan Father Pat McCluskey, an editor at St. Anthony Messenger and a longtime educator, also was nominated for the president’s post.

Matthew Schiller, business/advertising manager at Catholic New York, is the association’s new treasurer and Malea Harrett, editor of the Arkansas Catholic, was elected secretary.

Erlanson has held editor positions with Our Sunday Visitor and its publishing division and worked for Catholic News Service in its Rome bureau from 1986 to 1989. Previously, he was news editor of the National Catholic Register when it was based in Los Angeles.

Officers are elected by members to two-year terms. Their terms begin at the close of the Catholic Media Convention, which is being held June 22-24 in Pittsburgh.

The annual convention brings together members of the CPA, the Catholic Academy for Communication Arts Professionals and the Association of Roman Catholic Communicators of Canada.

St. Jude School honors distinguished alumni
SOUTH BEND — Nancy Zielinski was honored as the 2011 recipient of the NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award at St. Jude’s eighth-grade graduation on Tuesday, May 31.

The Board of St. Jude Catholic School has named Nancy Zielinski as its third annual recipient of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) Distinguished Graduate Award. According to the NCEA’s website, this distinction honors “graduates of Catholic elementary or middle schools who have made a contribution to American life and/or the Catholic Church. The recipient must have graduated from the Catholic school at least 10 years prior to presenting the award.”

Nominations were solicited from parishioners and school families. The board was unanimous in its recommendation of Zielinski.

She attended St. Jude as a child, graduating and moving on to Marian High School in 1978. She graduated from the Michigan College of Commerce and later studied at Bethel College. Zielinski worked as a medical secretary for 18 years at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and also at a physical therapy clinic. Her work at St. Jude began as an elementary aide.

Through training in various reading and comprehension programs, she found her passion for education and was eventually hired as the resource teacher.

That’s not to say that the teaching is any easier. Zielinski always is looking for new ways to explain ideas to students. She knows what it can be like to struggle with a concept. “When I was in school I sometimes felt like, if I don’t understand it, I would never get it. Now I try to help students learn in many different ways.”

if we were her own kids. She made us feel comfortable and important,” an attitude which inspired Zielinski to rediscover teaching, even if her career first took her in another direction.

Leaving an established career was one of the most challenging things Zielinski has had to do. It required putting her faith in God, believing that God had other plans for her and that it would work out for the best. That’s not to say that the teaching is any easier. Zielinski always is looking for new ways to explain ideas to students. She knows what it can be like to struggle with a concept. “When I was in school I sometimes felt like, if I don’t understand it, I would never get it. Now I try to help students learn in many different ways.”

Goshen parishioner releases children’s book
GOSHEN — St. John the Evangelist, Goshen, parishioner and artist-illustrator Nancy Glon has announced the release of the third in a series of children’s books about the Mouse Family. “The Land of Crows” is book three in a four-book series about the Mouse Family who have adventures and risks after a flood destroys their home. The author, Adam Zepeida, is a former St. John the Evangelist parishioner who recently moved to Texas.

Glon and Zepeida have worked together to publish several books including: “Apples for Life” and the Spanish title, “Manzanas por Vida,” “The Mouse Ark” and “The Land of Cheese,” the first two books in the series. The Mouse Family books are bilingual and are also used as a teaching tool in English as a Second Language classes.

“The Land of Crows” is available at www.amazon.com and at Better World Books in Goshen. Glon will have the title as well as others at an art show scheduled on June 18. Contact the illustrator at glons@brin.net to find out more about where to purchase the books. — Denise Federowicz

SJRCM Foundation receives donation from ND women’s basketball
MISHAWAKA — Notre Dame Women’s Basketball Coach Muffet McGraw presented a check for $100,722.39 to The Foundation of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center on June 1. The team raised the money during its annual Pink Zone game, an NCAA initiative, which helps fight cancer.

The money will be used for SJRCM’s, Women’s Task Force, Secret Sisters Society and the Young Survivors — cancer awareness and fighting initiatives offered by the hospital. Funds will enable women to receive mammograms and other cancer screenings.

“This is extremely important and we are so grateful for the efforts of Coach McGraw and her Fighting Irish,” said Ann Rathburn-Lacopo, SJRCM’s chief development officer.

“There’s a gap in healthcare coverage, especially from the ages of 40-49. Women need these screening tests to see if they have cancer so these issues can be addressed.”
ManAlive reaches out to men of the diocese

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Fort Wayne dermatologist Dr. Tom McGovern loves being a doctor, but he also loves and is excited about his Catholic faith.

The program that he has created, ManAlive, which has an imprimatur from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, is catching on at parishes throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as men are being transformed into wise, loving husbands, fathers, friends and workers through knowledge and application of the truths of the Catholic faith.

McGovern says the best thing about ManAlive is “getting men excited about their faith and applying it to their lives — to their wives and families.” He describes ManAlive as “discussion-based catechesis programs for men.”

“It’s so fun seeing men discover things they didn’t know existed,” he says, “and being excited about it. I just love that.”

Some have heard McGovern’s “ManAlive Minutes” radio spots on Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM. Other men at St. Patrick, Arcola, Sacred Heart, Warsaw, or St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne, may have participated in the series offered at their parishes.

The program sessions, which are designed to run 90 minutes each, gather men at the parish level in groups of eight to 12. Each unit consists of opening prayers and a Gospel reflection, lesson objectives and catechesis, a lesson summary and discussion questions, a “take it home” project for the week and closing prayers.

The mission of ManAlive is to provide men with a structured, yet flexible format, in a friendly environment where they can discuss and apply the truths of the faith.

McGovern, who is married and the father of seven children, tells Today’s Catholic, “I always liked getting together to just ‘talk.’”

“Discussion is an important element of the program, because, he says, “Men like to talk. They don’t just want to sit there and listen.”

“Few men have the opportunity to talk to other men about what’s important in life. They might talk about sports. They might talk about the weather. They might talk about politics. Sometimes men aren’t getting together to just ‘talk.’

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Fees for the MenAlive program at Sacred Heart, Warsaw, program participants showed that the men liked the topics because they could discuss them.

“When the discussion topics that follow the reading and reflection of the Gospel allow the men to express ‘what struck them personally about it...in a way we are trying to get them in the first steps of lectio divina,’ that the pope talks about. It’s to give them the experience of reflecting on the Gospel, and getting to know Christ that way.”

The papal document’s programs offer a catechesis section with two discussion questions.

McGovern asks men to bring their catechisms to the sessions.

“It is amazing how many men didn’t even know that (the catechism) existed and how easily they have found it to understand,” he says.

The discussion questions are designed to help the men see, “how can this make a difference in the way they are living? What can I do to apply this and have it make a difference?”

At the end of each lesson there is a “take it home” section that lists the options for how to live out what they have learned in the following week. At the next session meeting, men have the opportunity to talk about their attempts to live out that research that week.

The program requires a leader who is committed to being faithful to Church teaching, McGovern says, and if the leader doesn’t know an answer he will be willing to say, “You know what, I don’t know the answer, but I’ll find out from father or someone I can trust.”

McGovern has created courses for marriage and family life for men based on Blessed Pope John Paul II’s document Familiaris Consortio,” courses based on Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical, “God is Love,” “sessions based on the ‘Catechesis of the Good Shepherd’,” and courses based on Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical, “Caritas in Veritate.”

And Bishop Rhoades has recently asked McGovern to do a five-course program based on the two-volume “Jesus of Nazareth” series by Pope Benedict.

Mishawaka Catholic School for the Poor and Neediest through the collaboration and planning of the late St. Mary’s pastor, Father Tom O’Connor, and parishioners using money received from fire insurance on the historic church. Since its inception, the St. Mary’s Heritage Fund has awarded annual grants totaling $3,392,427.88 from interest gained on the fund’s principal.

TODAY’S CATHOLIC
Family, friends celebrate from ‘far and wide’

BY KAY COZAD

Following the Mass of Ordination, the faithful gathered with the two new priests to offer best wishes and receive blessings from the newly ordained, first outside the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and then at the Grand Wayne Center for a reception.

Terry and Terri Coonan were jubilant following the Mass of Ordination. Mom Terri said quietly, “I feel so very blessed. I’m just in awe of the whole thing.”

Terry agreed, said, “The ordination was beyond my expectations. I am filled with gratitude.” He added that he had a direct line of sight to his son Father Terrence and realized as he observed his son reciting the Eucharistic Prayer that he was saying his first Mass. The Coonans were so grateful for the support of family who came to join in this solemn celebration from far and wide.

Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration receive a blessing from Father Terrence.

William (Coach) Coonan, Father Matt and Father Terrence’s grandfather, found it difficult to express in words how much he felt about the ordination. “I’m so excited and exhilarated. It’s hard to express what it’s like to have two grandsons become priests. I’m so proud.”

His wife Loretta said, “I’m thankful the Lord let us live long enough to see it. Our prayers have been answered.”

Betsy and Caroline Manley came to support their cousins Father Matt and Father Terrence and were thrilled that so many of the Coonans’ extended family could come to celebrate the ordination. “This has brought family from all over the place,” said Caroline. Of her cousins she said, “They’ll do a lot of great things for the Catholic community.”

Betsy added, “They have a passion for what they do and they’ll bring that to everything.”

Kate Lynch and her friend Kathy Schenkel, parishioners at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne, have known the Coonans since their involvement in the Life Teens youth program at St. Vincent. They agreed, “They (the Coonan brothers) are a wonderful example. This is a beautiful occasion, something to celebrate.”

Father Gary Sigler, pastor of Queen of Angels Parish in Fort Wayne, said it was a special day for him as he had the honor of baptizing Father Terrence while a parochial vicar at St. Vincent de Paul Parish years ago.

Bishop Rhodes thanked Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at the beginning of the Mass of Ordination for accepting the two young men into the seminary six years ago and guiding them through their formation.

Following the Mass Bishop D’Arcy commented on the strong support of the priests and laity of St. Vincent de Paul youth ministry who nurtured the seeds of vocations for the Coonan brothers, as well as Msgr. Bernard Galic and Mary Szymczak of the Office of Vocations.

He added, “This day symbolizes not only the numbers of seminarians have increased, but the quality gets stronger and stronger. ... Good priests are instruments for more good priests.” Bishop D’Arcy noted, “This is an extraordinary day for the diocese.”

St. Vincent de Paul Parish prays

At St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, where the Coonans were lifelong members, Dorothy Schuerman, pastoral associate, told Today’s Catholic the ordination involved a total parish effort, especially with prayer.

The parish passed out a prayer card for the St. Vincent Parish community to pray 40 days prior to the ordination. In preparation of the ordination, the parish also began a Forty Hours Devotion in the Spiritual Center from 4 p.m. Thursday through 8 a.m. Saturday, the day of the ordination. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed and people signed in to pray through the 40 hours.

Schuerman added that many people just stopped in to pray.

The parish offered scrap books for both priests where parishioners could offer congratulatory notes. The parish also hosted two first Masses. On Saturday, Father Matt Coonan celebrated his first Mass. At a reception that followed, St. Vincent de Paul School head cook Rosie Munson coordinated the reception with St. Vincent choir members helping with serving the meal. The new priests’ parents, Terry and Terri, are active members of the choir.

On Sunday, the Knights of Columbus hosted the reception following Father Terrence Coonan’s first Mass.
Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, receives the paten and chalice, the gifts of the people, from William “Coach Coonan” and his wife Loretta “Dolly,” grandparents, and Terry and Terri Coonan, parents, during the Rite of Ordination of Father Matthew and Father Terrence Coonan on June 11 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Bishop Rhoades then hands the paten and chalice to the new priests while reciting these words: “Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord’s cross.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades imposes his hands on the head of Matthew Coonan during the Rite of Ordination.

Terrence Coonan promises obedience and respect to Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and his successors.

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Brother Laborers enter God’s Vineyard

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Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop-emeritus, who accepted the Coonan brothers into the seminary, poses with Father Matthew Coonan, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and Father Terrence Coonan on the plaza of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on June 11.

Shown here at the investiture, from left to right, is Father Joseph Gaughan, pastor of Most Precious Blood Parish, Fort Wayne, and Father Mark Gurtner, pastor of St. Anthony Parish, South Bend, who are vesting Father Terrence Coonan, and Msgr. William Schooler of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, shown vesting Father Matthew Coonan with Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Fort Wayne.

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Holy Cross priests celebrate jubilees

NOTRE DAME — The following priests and brothers from the Congregation of Holy Cross are celebrating jubilees:

65-year Jubilarians

Holy Cross Brother Edward C. Luther, who entered the novitiate in Watertown, Wis., in 1945, celebrates 65 years as a religious brother. He received the habit of the Brothers of Holy Cross on Aug. 15, 1946. He took his final vows on Oct. 21, 1949.

Brother Luther has served much of his ministry as a cook at Moreau Seminary and later at the seminary in Jordan, Minn. He spent eight years at Morrissey Hall and then Fisher Hall as rector. In 1999, he began assisting in Old College.

“Being involved in the formation of young men who are the future of Holy Cross gives me hope for its many ministries,” Brother Luther said.

Holy Cross Father Howard A. Kuhns, a native of Canton, Ohio, celebrates 65 years of priesthood. He was ordained a priest June 24, 1946, at Notre Dame.

After ordination, Father Kuhns worked in residence halls and studied history at the University of Notre Dame, where he earned a master’s degree in 1948.

He taught history in the 1960s at Notre Dame and served in residence halls and administrative posts. He was chaplain for the Holy Cross brothers at James Hall and Holy Cross Brothers Center at Notre Dame from 1969-1974. In 1974 he was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Casimir Parish in South Bend. In 1978, he was made pastor and remained there until September 1987. He resides in Arizona.

Holy Cross Father William Brinker, a native of Covington, Ky., celebrates 65 years of priesthood. He enrolled at the University of Notre Dame as a freshman in 1937, and was ordained a priest on June 24, 1946, at Sacred Heart at Notre Dame. After ordination he was assigned to teach at Holy Cross Seminary on the campus of Notre Dame from 1946-1955. From 1955 to 1964 he was assigned to teach and perform other duties at Notre Dame High School in Niles, Ill. In 1964 he returned to Holy Cross Seminary, and, in 1967, he was assigned to be the college and career counselor at Notre Dame High School until he retired in 1992. After 1992, he stayed on there as counselor-emeritus until 2007. He lived at Fatima House for one year in 2007 and then he moved to Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, in 2008. Father Brinker assists at parishes for weekends in the South Bend area.

60-year Jubilarians

Holy Cross Father John VandenBosche, a South Bend native, celebrates 60 years as a priest. As a boy, he attended St. Matthew Church and School, was an altar boy and Boy Scout. He attended Central Catholic High School.

Father VandenBosche was ordained in 1951 and attended the University of Notre Dame to work on a master’s degree in physics. He ministered at Notre Dame College in Druca, East Pakistan, where he taught physics, mathematics and lectured in electronics. In 1967, he was appointed president of Notre Dame College. He returned home two years later.

After earning another degree in guidance and counseling, Father VandenBosche went into campus ministry and parish work in South Bend, Michigan and California.

In 2007, Father VandenBosche returned to Notre Dame to live at Fatima House. In 2010, he transferred to Holy Cross House. He works in the community archives and celebrates Mass when called.

Brother Edward C. Luther

Archbishop Charles A. Schleck, a native of Milwaukee, Wis., celebrates 60 years as a priest. Blessed Pope John Paul II named Father Schleck a bishop. He was consecrated in the Collegio Urbano, Rome, on April 1, 1995. As Titular Archbishop of Africa, he served as adjunct secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and president of the Pontifical Mission Societies from 1995 until his retirement six years later.

Holy Cross Father Thomas C. Tallarida, a Rochester, N.Y., native whose parents emigrated to the U.S. from Calabria, Italy, celebrates 60 years of priesthood. Ordained in 1951, Father Tallarida lived at Holy Cross Seminary and assisted at Holy Cross Parish in South Bend while taking classes in American history. He was a teacher at Niles, Ill., for 13 years. Returning to South Bend, he was the rector of Zahm Hall for 10 years and the director of off-campus housing. He became the director of international students. In 1980, he left Zahm Hall to become assistant superior at Moreau Seminary and then the superior at Notre Dame High School.

In 1993, he returned to Corby Hall at Notre Dame.

50-year Jubilarians

Holy Cross Father Thomas E. Chambers, a native of Cleveland, celebrates 50 years as a priest. Father Chambers wrote, “All of my assignments were special: being part of a vocation team; serving as a spiritual director to those considering the priesthood in Moreau Seminary; being a rector of a residence hall; and being the director of student residents at Notre Dame. This latter post presented the challenge of ministering not only to a university of men-only, but later also to a co-educational institution — which was a time of growth for the University of Notre Dame.” His present ministry is at Wilwoods Community which is rebuilding affordable housing for seniors and promoting senior retreat programs for married couples in New Orleans.

Holy Cross Father Thomas E. Blantz, a native of Massillon, Ohio, celebrates 50 years as a priest. He has an older brother, Jim, who is a Holy Cross priest.

Father Blantz attended high school at Holy Cross Seminary, entering in 1948. He took final vows in 1956 and was sent to Rome in 1957 to study theology at Gregorian University. He was ordained to the priesthood on Oct. 30, 1960. Father Blantz worked on his master’s degree in history and attended Columbia University in New York before returning to Notre Dame in 1966.

“I have enjoyed the friendship and sacramental ministry with the students immensely,” Father Blantz wrote.

He continues to teach pre-Civil War History and U.S. labor history, and more recently, 20th century U.S. political history and the history of Notre Dame.

Holy Cross Father Ernest Bartell, of Chicago, Ill., celebrates 50 years as a priest. During the administration of President Jimmy Carter, Father Bartell served as director of a small, but highly regarded federal agency that offered competitive startup grants to many institutions. He led a broad spectrum of innovative improvements in both access and quality of post-secondary education, Father Bartell wrote. After resigning from that post, Father Bartell visited Holy Cross international mission projects in some of the poorest locations of South Asia, East and West Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Bartell wrote: “One outcome of my visits was the establishment of an international Holy Cross Mission Center at Notre Dame, which I was privileged to direct for a while as I reactivated my faculty position in economics at the university. Later, Father Hesburgh asked me to establish the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at Notre Dame, which I served as executive director until my retirement from the university and in which I still hold an emeritus faculty appointment.”

Father Bartell added “Sacramental ministry, including celebrating Mass, administering the sacraments of Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, presiding and officiating at Marriages, Baptisms and funerals is an essential privilege and duty of the priesthood. Certainly, the Mass has always been central to my priestly life.”

Holy Cross Father Maurice E. Amen, a native of Scottsbluff, Neb., celebrates 50 years as a priest. At age 13, Father Amen, along with his mother, converted to Catholicism. By senior year of high school, he was thinking of becoming a priest. A family from his parish provided his tuition, room and board, textbooks and other expenses to attend seminary at Notre Dame. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 3, 1961, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver, Colo.

Father Amen has served as a rector of Keenan Hall and Flanner Hall. He also taught theology. He spent 25 years in Japan.

At the University of Notre Dame, Father Amen has served as resident chaplain at Columbia Hall and as an associate professor at Holy Cross College teaching philosophy, world religion and global issues courses. Since 2007, he has lived at Holy Cross House.

Holy Cross

Father Donald Guerin celebrates 50 years of priesthood. He has served at Little Flower Parish in South Bend and Christ the King Parish, South Bend. He was pastor of St. Joseph Parish in South Bend. Father Guerin was featured in the May 29, issue of Today’s Catholic.

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Thirteen Holy Cross Brothers celebrate jubilees as vowed religious

NOTRE DAME — The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross will honor 13 brothers who are celebrating their 75th, 60th or 50th jubilee of religious vows on Saturday, June 18. The Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Basilica on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial of the Indiana Province, will be the celebrant and homilist. Holy Cross Brother Chester Freeman, provincial of the Midwest Province, will accept the brothers’ renewal of vows. Music for the celebration will be arranged and directed by Holy Cross Brother Daniel Kane, of Gilmore Academy, Gates Mills, Ohio. Holy Cross Brother Joseph Fox, of Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, is coordinating the event.

The brother jubilarians have ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend in the following ministries.

75-year Jubilarians
Brother of Holy Cross Camillus Kirsch, 95, is the oldest brother in the Midwest Province. Most of his religious life was spent in social work. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Notre Dame. From 2000-2005, he was a resident of Columbia Hall, Notre Dame. In 2006, he moved to Schubert Villa/Dujarie House at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

50-year Jubilarians
Brother of Holy Cross Edward Foken earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1964. He served as a missionary in Monrovia, Liberia, for nine years. From 1973-1978, he was principal of St. Patrick High School in Monrovia. In 1984, Brother Edward began a 22-year assignment as teacher at Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend. He, along with Brother Robert Dierker, were the last Holy Cross Brothers to serve at Saint Joseph’s up until 2006. Brother Edward lives at Riverside Place in Holy Cross Village.

Brother of Holy Cross James Koakz is another brother who served five years in Monrovia, Liberia, and 18 years in Ghana, West Africa. Brother James ministered eight months in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as a resident of Columbia Hall, Notre Dame, from February until October of 1965. He has been a member of the faculty of Archbishop Hoban High School, Akron, Ohio, since 2005.

60-year Jubilarians
Brother of Holy Cross Donald Allen spent many of his 60 years of religious life in the missions of Ghana and Liberia. He was one of the original group of brothers who founded the Holy Cross mission in Ghana over 50 years ago. His degrees are from the University of Notre Dame. From 1997-2000, he was religious superior at Columbia Hall, Notre Dame. Since September of 2007, he has been a resident of Columbia Hall.

Brother of Holy Cross Robert Ludwig served Holy Cross in farming, in maintenance as a landscaper for seven years in Rome City, and another 26 years in Campanas and Santarem, Brazil. Close to home, his assignments included St. Joseph’s Farm, Granger; Holy Cross Brothers’ Center and Junior College at Notre Dame; Columbia Hall, Notre Dame and St. Joseph’s Novitiate, Rolling Prairie. He has resided at Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village since 2006.

Brother of Holy Cross Albert Rimlinger worked at the Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, for 15 years from 1952-1967. He was on the staff of Columbia Hall until 1982. Brother Albert has been a resident of Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village since 2002.

50-year Jubilarians
Brother of Holy Cross Joseph Lebon has taught all but one year at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. Brother Joseph studied at the University of Notre Dame where he earned his degree in the classics. He has continued his studies many summers at Notre Dame. Over his teaching career, Brother Joseph has taught a variety of subjects, from religion to mathematics, from French to Latin.

Brother of Holy Cross Edward Libern attended Purdue University for one year, majoring in chemical engineering, before entering Holy Cross. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Notre Dame in chemistry and mathematics in 1963, and taught for a year at Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend, while living at Columbia Hall, Notre Dame. Brother Edward did advanced study at Notre Dame in 1990. He is currently on the staff at Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, Ohio. He has taught at Archbishop Hoban High School for 38 years during three assignments there.

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The Catholic Church has long acknowledged the role of the medical professional in declaring death. It is the proper competence of medicine, not theology, to identify reliable signs that death has occurred. The hardening of the body known as rigor mortis, for example, is a reliable medical indicator that death has occurred. When the heart permanently stops beating and the lungs permanently stop functioning (cessation of cardiovascular function), medical professionals recognize these signs as another reliable way to assess that death has occurred.

Love is the essence of the Trinity

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity Jn 3:16-18

This weekend the Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. “The Trinity” is the scholarly, theological term to describe the most intimate detail of the reality of God.

First, the term tells us of God’s immeasurability. For us, the Holy Trinity, while not unreasonable in the philosophical sense, never would have been known by mere humans as the result of their deductions alone. It had to be revealed. The Lord revealed the Trinity to us, so that we might understand in human terms the most intimate aspect of the life of the divinity.

Secondly, so much of Catholic teaching rests on the belief that God has created every human, and all humans, in God’s image and likeness. This is more than the matter of nice words. We indeed are in the image of God and likeness. For each of us is a little child of God, but each ounce of virtue in me has been purified by fire. I’m a bit charred, but I’m real now. (No doubt, my celibate friends have experienced similar purification through their vocation.)

And as cute as they look from outside, the precious cargo into the car seat. The world looks different. All that is precious and valuable is now in that car. Hands on the wheel at 10:00 and 2:00. I don’t want even that casual, that carefree, that driver’s ed class! But alongside the terror of driving in L.A. traffic with an infant and post-op wife I am the mighty protector, man of steel ... overwhelmed, a bit broken ... overwhelmed with love, luckiest man alive, my new son, a man of God ... that is fatherhood.

Twelve years after the first birth I’m still not quite ready for all this. How does a 35 year old let go of the preteen girl know how much he loves her? How does he talk to her about her crush, or bond over how awesome Taylor Swift is? How does he ride the waves of puberty hitting his home like a tsunami? I’ll let you know when I have figured it out.

I’m blessed to stand here, in over my head since day one, between her and the world. Here I’ll always stand, as my father always will for me.
A 40-something cardinal?

In recent centuries, the College of Cardinals has not been noted for its boyishness. Indeed, one of the human fascinations of a conclusion is that it’s a rare opportunity to see a deliberation-with-consequences conducted by elderly men. This can have its down-side: according to one story, perhaps apocryphal, a very old cardinal kept writing “Achille Ratti” on his ballot throughout the conclaves of 1958; Ratti had died in 1939 as Pius XI. Whether that fragment of conclave lore is true or not, Paul VI’s restriction of the papal electoral franchise to cardinals who were not yet 80 was presumably intended to forestall any such difficulty in the future.

There have been modern exceptions to the general rule of cardinals being typically created in their 60s or 70s. Rafael Merry del Val, Secretary of State to Pius X, became a cardinal at 38 in 1903. Achille Lienart, bishop of Lille and a leader of the reformist party at Vatican II, was named a cardinal at 46 in 1930. Giuseppe Siri, archbishop of Genoa and, by some accounts, Pius XII’s preferred successor, was made a cardinal at 38 in 1935. Paloma Picasso, sister of Pablo Picasso, was named a cardinal at 47 in 1983. John Paul II named a cardinal at 49, but this exclusive club of modern, 40-something cardinals is likely to remain a small one.

Achille Ratti was presumably intended to be a bit frayed at the edges. He was elected a cardinal at 38 in 1903. Achille Ratti, Secretary of State to Pius X, became the 136th pope and to undertake a whirlwind tour of the world. He was enthroned in Kyiv; then he called Ukraine’s “European vocation.” Major-Archbishop Shevchuk will play a considerable role in addressing that challenge. He and his Church deserve the unwavering support of Catholics around the world.

BIOETHICS

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could continue to oxygenate their bodies and preserve organs for a limited period of time. Following the publication of a pivotal 1968 report detailing this kind of situation by a committee at Harvard Medical School, the notion of brain death gained consensus and became widely accepted within both the medical and legal communities. The Catholic Church likewise acknowledged these medical developments and has never expressed any serious exceptions reservations about brain death in the years following the Harvard report. Today, medical professionals remain in broad agreement that the complete and irreversible cessation of all brain activity serves as a reliable indicator for determining death. Such specifications can “cause confusion in the minds of the faithful and unsettle consciences.” If consciences become unsettled on this matter, the practical ramifications can be far-reaching: consent to harvest organs is not given, transplants of such organs do not occur, and lives that could validly be saved by such transplants are instead lost.

The fact remains that the Catholic Church to date has expressed no official doubts about brain death, emphasizing instead that a healthcare worker can use neurological criteria as the basis for arriving at “moral certainty” that death has occurred. Meanwhile, the Church continues to recognize the generous nature of freely-chosen organ donation, an act Pope John Paul II once called “particularly praiseworthy” and one that can offer “a chance of health and even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope.”

One moral theologian, for example, recently expressed doubts “that ventilator-sustained brain dead bodies are corpses.” Several Catholic physicians have raised similar concerns. As long as thorough and accurate medical testing is performed, however, the Church continues to support the determination of death based on neurological criteria. In addition to Pope John Paul II’s address mentioned earlier, a number of other Church documents and declarations affirm this. These include statements from the Pontifical Academy of Life, the Pontifical Council for Healthcare Workers, and the Pontifical Academy for Sciences, among others. In a recent article on the Catholic News Agency website, Dr. John Haas argues that the number and common thread of these ecclesiastical statements in recent years indicates that the teaching authority of the Church has “generally resolved” the question of the acceptability of relying on neurological criteria as a means for ascertaining death.

In the face of clear Church teaching on this issue, Dr. Haas further observes how it is not responsible for Catholics to generate uncertainty by openly and publicly disputing the suitability of neurological criteria for determining death. Such speculations can “cause confusion in the minds of the faithful and unsettle consciences.” If consciences become unsettled on this matter, the practical ramifications can be far-reaching: consent to harvest organs is not given, transplants of such organs do not occur, and lives that could validly be saved by such transplants are instead lost.

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Strong faith, prayer credited in 9-year-old’s recovery from cancer

BY RICK SNIZEK

GREENVILLE, R.I. (CNS) — With quiet confidence, Sydney Khoury climbed each step of a metal ladder as she positioned herself to place a crown of flowers atop a statue of Mary at St. Philip Church.

It was a bit of a reach for Sydney, but with determination, the 9-year-old extended her arms, carefully placing her tribute atop the head of the Mother of Jesus for the church’s May crowning this year.

“A short distance away, Providence Bishop Thomas J. Tobin watched admiringly as the St. Philip School second-grader successfully met yet another challenge in her young life.

Three years ago, Bishop Tobin also witnessed Sydney overcome one of her greatest challenges. At that time, as she lay in the intensive care unit of Hasbro Children’s Hospital with her life hanging in the balance, the bishop prayed over her with a relic of Blessed Teresa of Kolkata.

Sydney’s parents say the prayerful intervention yielded results nothing short of miraculous, because very quickly after the blessing she began the road to recovery.

While he is cautious about attributing Sydney’s recovery solely to divine intervention, Bishop Tobin said the day he visited her in the hospital was a powerful day indeed.

“I always tend to be skeptical of these divine interventions, but it is very clear to me that something very special happened that day,” Bishop Tobin told the Rhode Island Catholic, newspaper of the Providence Diocese.

In November 2007, Sydney was diagnosed with a stage-three malignant tumor on her kidney. Two days later, doctors removed her kidney and started her on a treatment regimen of chemotherapy and radiation. The overall success rate of the treatment was only 42 percent they were told.

For nearly three months, her condition was stable. Then, a robust round of chemotherapy quickly took its toll on her.

“She started five days of chemo. It hit her so hard,” her mother, Michele, recalled.

Sydney went into what is known as a neutropenic state, as her white-blood cell count dropped to zero, severely limiting her body’s ability to fight off infections.

“She was home for three days; on the fourth, she caught a fever,” Michele said.

Sydney was immediately brought into the hospital where she spent nearly all of February 2008 in the intensive care unit. She was intubated twice to maintain an open airway, and also became paralyzed for 12 hours during that time.

On Feb. 20, Michele and Ken Khoury received news that no parent ever wants to hear.

“They couldn’t tell me if she’d make it,” Michele said. “The doctor said, ‘I can’t guarantee anything over the next 48 hours.’”

Two days later, Sydney received the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

As he prayed over her, he held in his hand a relic of Mother Teresa. Known as a “first-class relic,” sealed inside a reliquary, it is a lock of hair from the foundress of the Missionaries of Charity. It was a gift from a priest-friend back in Bishop Tobin’s native Pittsburgh who had obtained it in Rome where he worked with the religious order.

What happened next was remarkable.

Both of Sydney’s parents and Bishop Tobin witnessed the young girl’s body convulse during the prayers for her recovery.

“Very quickly after that, she got well,” Michele said of her daughter’s health. “He did the blessing and she didn’t need the trachotomy.”

“When she was blessed with the relic, her body reacted and she opened her eyes,” the bishop recalled.

To ensure any possible recurrence of cancer is treated immediately, Sydney must undergo an MRI every three months. Her most recent test showed that she is still in remission.

“Her spirits are great,” Sydney’s dad, Ken, said of his daughter.

In addition to the unwavering support of family and friends throughout, the Khourys say they cannot thank the St. Philip School and Parish community enough for helping the family navigate through their crisis, as well as the continual support they give.

“Our family and friends had one of Sydney’s hands, and the school and the church had the other,” Michele said.

“The way they got involved, it was like they were doing it for their own families,” Ken said of the St. Philip community.

For the Khoury family, there is no underestimating the impact that prayer can have on a life.

“My amount of prayers got God’s attention,” Michele said. “I really feel that through the power of prayer she has been healed,” Michele said. “It’s amazing. It’s a miracle.”

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NBC family film explores issue of bullying, ways to respond

BY MADELINE WATKINS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Kit Johansen has been working on anti-bullying initiatives in the Diocese of Palm Beach, Fla., since 2006 to raise schools’ and parishes’ awareness about the problem, and to let children know they are not powerless in the face of bullying.

Now the coordinator of the diocesan Office of Serving Children hopes a new made-for-TV movie on the issue will make a positive contribution to bullying prevention.

Johansen attended a screening of the film “Field of Vision” in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with children ranging from “Peewee football ages” to those in the first years of high school.

In a telephone interview with Catholic News Service June 7, she said she could “feel the energy” throughout the theater and that the youths were overall “very engaged” with the film and responsive to its underlying message.

“Field of Vision,” aired on June 11 on NBC and explored the theme of bullying in schools and explored the theme of bullying in schools and how standing up for what’s right pays off, despite the difficulties of doing so.

The movie, available on DVD in months to come, is part of an initiative called “Family Movie Night,” backed by Procter & Gamble and Walmart. According to a news release, the companies launched the initiative in April 2010 to produce family-friendly entertainment in response to research showing there is a demand among parents in the United States for such programming.

“Field of Vision” tells the story of how high school quarterback Tyler McFarland learns through some footage captured on an old video camera that his teammates have been bullying a new transfer student Cory Walker, who has a troubled past. Tyler is faced with a decision: Should he stand up to his teammates to help Cory or not? If he tells the football coach, his teammates could be kicked off the team, which could cost the school the state championship.

The cast includes Faith Ford, best known for her role as Corky in the hit TV series “Murphy Brown.” Ford stars as the school’s guidance counselor and mother of the star quarterback and shows the challenges and rewards of doing what’s right, even when it’s tough to do ... it’s a great life lesson for kids of all ages, and I hope it spurs good conversation between parents and children on this important topic.”
NOTRE DAME — Thirty-five Sisters of the Holy Cross will celebrate their jubilee years in Holy Cross on July 17, in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto at Saint Mary’s. Seventeen of these 35 sisters have taught or ministered in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend at various times during the sisters’ collective 1,975 years of vowed life in the congregation.

75-year Jubilarians

Sister M. Carmelita Morales and Sister Mary Romanus Smith are celebrating 75 years in Holy Cross. Sister Mary Romanus served in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend as a teacher at Saint Mary’s School, Notre Dame, from 1961-1965. She is now sacristan for Augusta Hall Adoration Chapel at Saint Mary’s Convent, Notre Dame.

60-year Jubilarians

Sister M. Helen Anthony Kieszkowski taught at St. Joseph School, South Bend, from 1964-1966 and from 1967 to 1968; St. Thomas the Apostle School, Elkhart, from 1966 to 1967; and Holy Cross School, South Bend, from 1968-1970. She served as librarian at St. Vincent de Paul School, Elkhart, from 1970-1971 and worked in the office of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend from 1971-2000. She now lives at Saint Mary’s, Notre Dame, and is active in the ministry of prayer.

Sister M. Jane Frances Reus taught at St. Mary’s School, Notre Dame, from 1951 to 1952. She now lives at St. Angela Hall, Kankakee, Ill., and is active in the ministry of prayer.

60-year Jubilarians

Sister M. Blanche) was director of the Holy Cross School of Nursing, South Bend, from 1969-1973, and director of nursing staff at Saint Joseph’s Medical Center, South Bend, from 1977-1979 and 1980-1981. She currently serves as assistant archivist for the congregation in Notre Dame.

Sister M. Emily Demuth was a nursing instructor at the Holy Cross Community School of Nursing, South Bend, from 1953-1956, and held the same position at Saint Joseph’s Hospital, South Bend, from 1959-1961. Currently, she serves as chaplain at Saint Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Calif.

Sister M. Edward Ann Wetzel taught at St. Mary’s School, Notre Dame, from 1951-1952. She now lives at St. Angela Hall, Kankakee, Ill., and is active in the ministry of prayer.

Sister M. Albertine Kramer taught at Holy Cross School, South Bend, from 1950-1951 and served as chaplain at Saint Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, South Bend, from 1991 to 2008. She currently volunteers with the sisters at Saint John’s, Notre Dame, and is active in the ministry of prayer.

Sister Patricia Mulvaney (Sister M. Peter James) was president and CEO of Holy Cross Health System, South Bend, from 1987 to 1989.

Currently, she serves as mission specialist at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, Idaho.

Sister Mary Jean Klene (Sister Zita Marie) taught at Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend, from 1954-1958 and 1960-1961. Sister Mary’s Academy, South Bend, from 1958-1959; and served as the academy’s dean of students and teachers from 1964-1965. She was a professor at Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, from 1965-1966, and professor/English chair from 1970-1977 and 1978-1985. In 1986 she returned to Saint Mary’s College as a professor of English and continues to give lectures and write for scholarly journals.

Sister M. Cecilia Ann Kelly was an associate professor at Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, from 1970-1971; served with the college’s overseas program in Rome from 1971-1976; and as professor of art from 1981-1991. In 1992 she returned and was professor emerita of art from 1994-1997. She served as associate professor of art at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, from 1997 to 2008. She now lives at Saint Mary’s, Notre Dame, and is active in the ministry of prayer.

50-year Jubilarians

Sister Nora Gurnett (Sister M. Vincenta), a nurse, began serving in 2007 as a sister presence at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend. She continues in that role at the medical center’s Family Medicine Center, Medical Pavilion III, South Bend.

Sister Mary Jean Klene (Sister Zita Marie) taught at Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend, from 1964-1968 and served at St. Mary’s Academy, South Bend, from 1970-1976. Currently, she is the congregation’s director of archives and records in Notre Dame.

Sister Bernadette Mulick (Sister M. Francetta) was a nurse at Saint Joseph’s Hospital, South Bend, from 1968-1971. She presently serves as a case manager for Rocky Mountain Care and Hospice in Murray, Utah.

Sister Judith Ann Murphy (Sister Miriam Elaine) taught at Sacred Heart School, Fort Wayne, from 1963-1966 and at Christ the King School, South Bend, from 1966-1970. She was an academic advisor and counselor at Holy Cross College, Notre Dame, from 1994-1996 and from 1998 to 2004. In 2007 she began teaching English as a second language to employees of Saint Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, South Bend, and continues in that role today at the medical center’s Mishawaka location.

Other sisters celebrating 50 years in Holy Cross are Sister Michael Marie Williamson, Sister Marilyn Reiser (Sister M. Demetria), Sister M. Timothea Kingston, Sister Virginia Marie MacNeil (Sister M. Jean Pierre), Sister Anna Louise Neuland (Sister Richard Marie), Sister Vivian Mary Mastromatteo (Sister Michael Anthony), Sister Joseph Mary Hoess, Sister Loretta Marie Valdes, Sister Amailia Marie Rios, Sister Colette Marie Lang and Sister Martha Ann Norwood.

25-year Jubilarian

Sister Dipali Helena D’Costa is a silver jubilarian celebrating 25 years since her first profession.

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GROUND

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groundbreaking,” said Bishop Rhoades to the assembled crowd. “I just want to say that you’re a testament to the Gospel.”

For the past 14 months, the steering committee has worked nonstop to raise $33 million dollars, leaving only $2.5 million to secure a $35.5 million dollar high school for the students of the Michiana area.

The committee is comprised of Honorary Chair; Campaign Steering Committee; Holy Cross Father Timothy Scully, who is the Founder of the Alliance for Catholic Education, and the director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives at the University of Notre Dame; Campaign Steering Committee Co-Chairs Al and Mary Harding, Saint Joseph’s High School current and alumni parents; Kevin and Marjorie Kelly, alumni parents; Campaign Steering Committee members; John and Katie Anthony, parents; Matt and Sharon Edmonds, school board president; and class of 77 and current parents; Tim and Katy Demerais, class of ’70 and parents; Dan and Jean James, alumni parents; Mike and Karen Leep, friends of Saint Joseph’s High School; and Pat and Sue Ruszkowski, class of ’70 and alumni parents.

Called “Forward in Faith,” this aggressive project started with the donation of land from the Saint Joseph’s Regional Medical Center located in downtown South Bend. The hospital was demolished and the land was cleared allowing the school’s immediate construction once the funds were raised.

“From the beginning we received support from people outside of the traditional Saint Joseph’s High School donor base. People and organizations have made significant contributions to our project based on the community development aspect of our new campus. This has resulted in the project evolving into more than just a new high school. It has become an investment in the Near Northeast Neighborhood, the East Bank and downtown South Bend,” said Jeff Boetticher, chief advancement officer for the high school.

As Bishop Rhoades looked out on the site during the blessing, he noted that a cross stood on a hill on the property. He was told that would be the site of the new chapel.

“As we look at the building site our eyes are lifted up to the Lord,” said Bishop Rhoades. “We thank Him for all of the many blessings upon us now and in the future.”

Recent heavy rains made the ground at the construction site soft so Bishop Rhoades did not have the chance to bless every area of the lot, but is planning to do so at a later date. After the official blessing, everyone gathered to throw out a few symbolic shovels of dirt.

During the next couple of weeks, construction crews will begin working at the site. Fundraising will continue through the high school and donations are still being accepted.

“Our hope for future Saint Joseph students is to provide a state-of-the-art facility, which will enhance the 21st century learning. It is essential to our students’ success as we continue to transform them in heart and mind, ensuring that they will serve God, the Church and the world,” said Principal Richter.

Boetticher is elated with the groundbreaking and as the head of the fundraising effort recognizes the work yet to be done.

“It is my hope that this new campus serves the Saint Joseph’s High School students of tomorrow as well if not better than our current campus has for the past 58 years,” said Boetticher. “We hope this project adds to the existing sprouts of neighborhood revitalization that is currently taking place in the Near Northeast Neighborhood, the East Bank and downtown South Bend. We also hope that our new location strengthens our bonds with the entire city reinforcing the thought that we are a school that is a part of South Bend not just a school located in South Bend.”

Pictured are members of the Saint Joseph’s High School administrative team and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades shoveling a spot of dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new high school in South Bend.

An artist’s rendering of the completed chapel at the new Saint Joseph’s High School is shown above.

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