Unity blooms in cultural diversity

Catholic farmer, others, assist refugees with gardens

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — There’s an old garden proverb that says it best, “More grows in the garden than the gardener sows.” This proverb was mentioned in the Summer 2011 Global Garden newsletter published by Holly Chaille, director of the Catherine Kasper Place. Chaille went on to detail numbers from the “big dig event” held in June at Autumn Woods Apartments.

“While there certainly are quantitative results — 78 kitchen gardens, 22 plant stands, 600 veggies and 120 volunteers assisting more than 400 people — it is the qualitative outcomes that I will remember. We weeded out some language barriers, cultivated the spirit of community, dug deep within our souls and harvested a new crop of friends,” said Chaille.

The Autumn Woods Apartment site is just one of the many garden sites in the Fort Wayne area along with one in New Haven, a large farm lab in southeast Fort Wayne and at Catherine Kasper Place on Calhoun Street.

Catherine Kasper Place, located on South Calhoun Street in Fort Wayne, is a ministry sponsored by the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ who are inspired by Mary, the Mother of Jesus and their foundress, Blessed Catherine Kasper to listen prayerfully, live simply and serve joyfully. The center serves as a resource for refugees by assisting them with successful integration into communities in northeast Indiana. It offers programs designed to help new arrivals live on their own by providing various services and educational programs.

BY MARY ANN HUGHES

EVANSVILLE (CNS) — In a June 29 ceremony filled with processions and pageantry — even a little humor — Bishop Charles C. Thompson was installed as the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Evansville.

His motto is “Christ the Cornerstone,” and he reminded the 7,000-plus in attendance at his episcopal ordination that “it must always be the voice of Jesus Christ who speaks through us. In His name, we speak and work on behalf of those in need.”

“The centrality of the Eucharist is of vital importance for us. To remain Christ-centered in every fabric of our lives, relationships and missions we must not lose sight of the very real presence of Jesus in our midst,” he said.

The new bishop, 50, succeeds Bishop Gerald A. Gettelfinger, 75, who served the diocese for 22 years. He comes to southwest Indiana after serving in the Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky., as a pastor, high school chaplain and, most recently, vicar general.

More than 200 of the new bishop’s family members, including his parents, Coleman and Joyce, traveled from central Kentucky to Evansville for the ceremony. It began with a procession of Knights of St. John and fourth-degree Knights of Columbus; seminarians and deacons; priests from both the Louisville archdiocese and the Evansville diocese; and abbots, bishops and archbishops, who concelebrated the ordination Mass.

Mgr. Jean-Francois Lantheaume represented Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the apostolic nuncio to the United States. The priest is charge d’affairs at the apostolic nunciature in Washington.

The bishop-designate was escorted by two priests, Father R. Dale Cieslik, a cousin and...
Emmitsburg and our diocese

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KENNETH C. RHAODES

I am looking forward to our diocesan pilgrimage to Washington, D.C., and Emmitsburg, Maryland, in September. I write this column about the connection between our diocese and Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, primarily through Archbishop Noll. In this column, I will reflect on the connection between our diocese and Emmitsburg.

I was a college student at Mount Saint Mary’s College in Emmitsburg in 1975 to 1977. There I discerned the call to the priesthood. I returned to Mount Saint Mary’s in 1995 for the ordination of the new bishop there. I was ordained to the priesthood, Father Phil DeVolder, Father Phil Widmann, and Father David Voors. Several of our seminarians are presently students at “the Mount.”

Father Phil DeVolder was ordained to the priesthood in 1808 by French-immigrant priest, Father John Dubois. Father Simon Bruté arrived there in 1812 and became a revered presence at the Mount. He was the spiritual director and confessor of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton (the first American-born saint), who had settled in Emmitsburg with her newly founded Sisters of Charity. He wrote in a previous column about the connection between our diocese and Emmitsburg, where Father Benoit was ordained as the first bishop. Father Bruté was ordained to the priesthood in 1834 until his death in 1839. He was the first bishop in Indiana and served as the first bishop in the Vincennes diocese. That bishop, a scholar who led the wilderness diocese in the 1830s, was the first American-born saint to be ordained to the priesthood in the United States.

Emmitsburg was founded in 1821 as a motherhouse for the Sisters of Charity, who were founded by Mother Seton. The sisters founded the first Catholic parochial school in the United States in 1821 and founded the first Catholic parish in Emmitsburg. I was a college student at Mount Saint Mary’s College in Emmitsburg in 1975 to 1977. There I discerned the call to the priesthood. I returned to Mount Saint Mary’s in 1995 for the ordination of the new bishop there. I was ordained to the priesthood, Father Phil DeVolder, Father Phil Widmann, and Father David Voors. Several of our seminarians are presently students at “the Mount.”

In the present territory of our diocese, Bishop Bruté visited the South Bend area in 1835. He celebrated Mass for the Potawatomi seminarian was Julian Benoit. He came back to America with Bishop Bruté, spent much of the time completing his seminary studies, and then was ordained to the priesthood and became the Vicar of Saint Mary’s at Emmitsburg in 1837 by Bishop Bruté. Bishop Bruté assigned Father Benoit to serve the Catholics of Fort Wayne and the surrounding region. Father Benoit served in Fort Wayne from 1839 until his death in 1885. He was not only the builder of our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, but also a revered presence at the Mount.

On our diocesan pilgrimage to Emmitsburg, we will visit Mount Saint Mary’s, where Father Benoit was ordained, and where he served as the first bishop. Father Simon Bruté, and where Father Benoit was ordained. We will visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, where our first American-born saint is entombed. Bishop Bruté had been her spiritual guide! We will visit the two houses where Mother Seton lived and worked, including the first parochial school classroom in the United States.

While at Mount Saint Mary’s, we will visit the first replica of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in America, on the mountain above the university. I like to tease my friends at Notre Dame that the famous grotto there is not the first in our country, that the first is in Emmitsburg! Actually, the grotto at Mount Saint Mary’s predates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Saint Bernadette at Lourdes. Father Dubois, the founder of Mount Saint Mary’s, had erected a cross at the site and Father Bruté developed the beautiful area by clearing paths, erecting signs, and placing a statue of Our Lady in the grotto (probably the statue of Our Lady, Help of Christians). It became one of Mother Seton’s favorite places to pray. Every Sunday, she would bring the sisters there and they would teach catechism classes to the children of the area. Decades later, in 1875, the grotto was transformed as a result of the apparitions at Lourdes (1858) and became our nation’s first shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Finally, as you may know, our metropolitan, Archbishop Buechlein of Indianapolis, has initiated the beginning stages of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of Bishop Bruté. Here is a prayer to obtain a favor through the intercession of the Servant of God, Bishop Simon Bruté:

Father in heaven, you give us every blessing and shower us with your grace through our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the working of the Holy Spirit. If it be according to your will, glorify your servant Simon Bruté by granting the favor I now request through your prayerful intercession (mention your request). I ask this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Woo set to shepherd continuing growth of CRS with business expertise

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Eight years ago Carolyn Woo was like many Catholics when it came to knowing about the work of Catholic Relief Services.

She dutifully contributed to the agency’s Lenten Rice Bowl collection, but had only a vague notion of the reach the U.S. bishops’ overseas relief and development agency had among the world’s poor and marginalized people.

Today, Woo, 57, dean of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame, is poised to become the new president and CEO of the $919 million organization.

On Jan. 1 she will take over for retiring Ken Hackett, president and CEO since 1993.

Woo brings 35 years of experience in the academic and business worlds to the position. Her background includes a six-year term on the CRS board of directors that ended in 2010.

Her expertise in strategic planning, entrepreneurship and organizational structure will be vital in managing the rapid growth CRS is experiencing.

The global agency has seen its revenues quadruple in a little more than a decade; more emphasis is being placed on development and reconstruction alongside the traditional work of providing basic services and responding to natural disasters.

Woo told Catholic News Service she sees her new role as emanating from the heart.

“Leadership is first and foremost a love story,” Woo explained in a July 5 telephone interview. “It’s a love story in the sense that you have to love and care for and love the mission that you’re given. Almost as you raise your children, your life is devoted to this. It’s a love for what the organization stands for. It’s a love for the people who work side-by-side with you. You understand the sacrifices they make and the extraordinary generosity and faith. And a love for the people who are affected by what you do.”

Woo’s official history with CRS is relatively short, beginning in 2004 when she was recruited to join its board as one of the first lay members. Until then only bishops served as directors.

While on the board Woo had the opportunity to see the work of CRS firsthand with trips to Banda Aceh, Indonesia, soon after the 2004 earthquake and tsunami, and later to East Africa and Afghanistan. She said she came away impressed with the way CRS staff worked with local partners.

“I enjoyed my six-year term and it changed my life,” she said.

Despite her time on the board and the strong affinity she developed for the organization’s work, becoming CEO of CRS was nothing Woo considered — at least not until Bishop George Leo Thomas of Helena, Mont., came calling.

After Hackett announced he wanted to retire some time during 2011, Woo was asked to serve on a search committee to find a successor. She agreed and began helping set the criteria for the new CEO. Committee members, Bishop Thomas among them, identified 250 possible candidates and began contacting them.

After Woo missed one meeting because of other engagements, Bishop Thomas called her in Helena. She thought he was simply keeping her in the loop.

“He said, ‘We are glad you were not at the meeting because there are people who think you should be a candidate.’ I told him, ‘I have as much relief experience as you do,’” Woo said.

The conversation turned serious. Woo asked Bishop Thomas what he would do if he were asked to apply for a major new position. “A decision like that needs to be made on one’s knees,” Bishop Thomas told her, recalling the conversation in a July 6 telephone interview with CNS.

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Permanence important for our Iglesia proteger a los niños y jóvenes adultos de los actos maléficos del abuso. Absurar a un niño es pecado. La Diócesis de Fort Wayne-South Bend permanece comprometida en mantener y seguir sus directrices, pólizas y procedimientos que fueron implementados para la Protección de Niños/as y Personas Jóvenes. Estos se pueden observar en la página web diocesefwb.org bajo la sección de Ambiente Seguro “Safe Environment.”

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

THOMPSON

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Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Ky., ordinates his former vicar general, Bishop Charles C. Thompson, as the fifth bishop of Evansville, at Roberts Municipal Stadium in Evansville June 29.

Father J. Mark Spalding, vicar general of the Louisville Archdiocese.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville was the principal ordaining bishop, and retired Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly of Louisville and Bishop Gettellinger were ordaining bishops.

Before the ordination rite, Indianapolis Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein delivered the homily. The archbishop, a native of Jasper, and a monk of St. Meinrad Archabbey, is the metropolitan bishop of the Indianapolis province covering the state. He began his homily by thanking the bishop-designate for saying “yes to the Holy Father.”

In an interview with the Louisville Courier-Journal, he noted that as a child the young Chuck Thompson said he “might go to St. Meinrad and give the seminary a try.”

Bishop Buechlein, who served as the president-rector at St. Meinrad, said, “He embraced priesthood formation with an open and full heart, and he completed the program with flying colors.”

“He added, “I am sure he will make Louisivle and Evansville proud.”

He told the bishop-designate he would be a “servant of unity. By God’s grace, we build unity and communion in two ways, unity in the faith of the Church and unity in the charity of Christ. A bishop is a humble servant of unity in the Church.”

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At the end of his homily, the archbishop offered a suggestion regarding the bishop-designate’s title. “If anyone slips and says Bishop Chuck, I suggest they make a charitable contribution to the Little Sisters of the Poor.”

He then held up the bishop-designate’s ordination card. “I think you have a first Communion picture on the front,” he said. The congregation — and the bishop-designate — answered with sustained laughter and applause.

Archbishop Buechlein concluded his homily by telling those in attendance that “what our Church needs more than anything from us bishops and priests is integrity and holiness. The Church needs us to be no-nonsense, down to earth, holy, spiritual moral leaders who are who we claim to be.”

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• Friday, July 22, 5:30 p.m — Mass for World Youth Day Pilgrims, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Warsaw

• Saturday, July 23, 9 a.m — Mass at Diocesan Convocation for Hispanic Ministry, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Warsaw

• Sunday, July 24, 11 a.m — Mass at Saint Monica Church, Mishawaka

• Monday, July 25, 10 a.m — Meeting of Bishop’s Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne

• Monday, July 25, 5:30 p.m — Mass at Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

• Tuesday, July 26, 10:30 a.m — Mass at Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community, Fort Wayne

• Thursday, July 28, 8:30 a.m — Meeting of Board of Directors of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington

• Saturday, July 30, 5 p.m — Mass for ECHO Program, Institute for Church Life, Keenan-Stanford Hall Chapel of the Holy Cross, University of Notre Dame
World Youth Day registration high; many want to volunteer

BY SARAH DELANEY

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Organizers of this year’s World Youth Day say that the figures for registration and requests to volunteer are higher than ever and auger well for a successful and joyful gathering in Madrid in August.

Pope Benedict XVI is scheduled to attend the event and organizers said they expect more than 1 million young pilgrims to join him.

Cardinal Stanislaw Rylko, who leads the Vatican agency organizing the huge event, had already signed up, a record number for registrations with the event still six weeks away. More than 35,000 young Catholics have applied for one of 22,500 places in the vast volunteer corps, he said.

At a news conference at the Vatican June 28, Cardinal Rylko said that every World Youth Day is “an extraordinary experience for a Church that is a friend of young people, close to them with their problems” and is able to transmit “enthusiasm and missionary zeal.” Young people, especially in increasingly secular Europe, “have a particular need for all of this,” he said.

In fact, he said, Pope Benedict chose the Spanish capital for the Aug. 16-21 event because of the specific need of Europe to rediscover its Christian roots and because of his conviction that young people are the most effective evangelizers.

The pope will spend Aug. 18-21 in Madrid, meeting with the young people several times and even hearing the confessions of some of them. The sight of young people going to confession in fields and tents has been a standard part of World Youth Day gatherings, but the Madrid celebration will mark the first time the pope himself will administer the sacrament at the event.

Yago de la Cierva, executive director of World Youth Day, said that the organization was proceeding on time and that an efficient and widespread network among parishes and other Church institutions in Madrid was contributing to the good pace of preparation.

The work of volunteers, he said, was the key ingredient in making the whole event successful.

De la Cierva said the Spanish government and local authorities were providing logistical help, certain venues and some tax breaks to companies working on the organization, but that no direct financial contribution had come from the public sector. While the total cost is expected to reach up to 62 million euros ($89 million), de la Cierva said it was expected to generate 100 million euros for Madrid and Spain.

Organizers also are asking the youthful participants to contribute, if they can, to help out their peers who otherwise would not be able to attend for financial reasons, de la Cierva said.

Cardinal Rylko said that one of the “strong points” of the gathering was the opportunity for youth to hear catechesis, and that some 260 bishops would be offering sessions in several different areas of the city in 30 languages. He said he hoped the nearly 14,000 priests expected would take advantage of the opportunity to learn and absorb some of the various lessons for use back in their home parishes.
FARMING
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Just before Memorial Day, Chaille sent out an urgent mes-
se to area farmers begging for help with a critical piece of her
Fresh Food Initiative. Burmese refugees, who are resettled in
the Fort Wayne area by Catholic Charities, were under the gun
to get their vegetable plants in the
ground for the 2011 growing sea-
son but Mother Nature was not
cooperating.

“We were in the middle of
horrendous showers and more
rain was predicted for the next
several days,” Chaille recalled.
St. Louis Besancon parishioner
and lifetime farmer Mick Lomont
responded by offering a one-acre
parcel of land on a farm just west
of the church to the refugees.

“Without Lomont’s participa-
tion we would be struggling to
meet our goals of helping the ref-
ugees farm at such a large scale,”
said Chaille.

Bernadette and Elie Laurent
are farmers from Haiti grow-
ing their crops on the plot.
The Laurens were victims of the
recent earthquake, which
destroyed all of their farm land
in their native country and took
the lives of their two children. Ngar
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The Purdue Extension agent
also taught the farmers about
market pricing and selling at the
grocery stores to make a profit.
The lecture described the main
goal as bringing home money,
not produce and how to sell in
discount when necessary.

Garden coordinator, Taing
Taw, also reported in the news-
letter that seven CKP clients
who are growing food for their
family and market have received
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Scholarship Granting Organization offers $300,000
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By Dr. Mark Myers

The parent application process
for acquiring school choice
awards has been announced
by the Indiana Department
of Education. Parents seeking
information on enrollment of a child in
Catholic schools should contact the
school principal.

The Scholarship Granting
Organization of Northeast
Indiana, (SGO) located at the
Catholic Schools Office, will
award $300,000 to 1,000 eligible
kindergarten students of parents
who meet income guidelines
higher than those listed at right.
Any parent of a child entering
kindergarten should contact the
principal to complete a FACTS
Grant in Aid Assessment form.

Parents can complete a paper
application form acquired from
the principal or go online to
of kindergarten children should
complete the application as accu-
rately as possible. Each applica-
tion will have to be accompanied
by the parent’s federal income tax
return, W-2 forms and supporting
documentation for non-taxable
income. Parents should allow 2-4
weeks for the processing. Faxed
copies of all documents submit-
ted will not be accepted. Parents
should keep copies of all documents
submitted.

There is no SGO application
deadline; however, most awards
are expected to be prior to the
first day of school.

SGO awards will be provided
to eligible first grade students who
have attended a public-school
kindergarten last year as well. All
students receiving SGO awards in
kindergarten and those who attend-
ed a public-school kindergarten
the year who plan to attend Catholic
schools first grade in 2011-2012 will
qualify for a school choice scholar-
ship (voucher) from grades 1-12 and
2-12. Elementary vouchers can equal
up to as much as $4,500 per child
applied to tuition and fees; high
school vouchers could be awarded
as much as $6,800 depending on
family income, household size
and the location of the residence
of the child. Vouchers may be awarded
to each eligible child in the family
who attended a public school in 2010-
2011. Additional private foundation
awards may provide additional
tuition assistance to kindergarten
students with SGO scholarships.

The Catholic Schools Office has
set a target to admit 25 new eligible
students in each building for the
2011-2012 academic year. Parents
should enroll children as early as
possible due to some space limita-
tions in crowded schools.

Questions should be directed
to the principal or Connie Bruner
at the Catholic Schools Office,
(260) 422-4611 ext. 3351 or e-mail
cbruner@diocesefwsb.org. Principals
have information about foundation
awards that can supplement SGO
awards in many schools.

KNIGHTS AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Plymouth Knights of Columbus Council 1975 hon-
ored its scholarship winners during a recent meeting. The
seven students each received a $500 scholarship to the
college of their choice. The Knights fund scholarships
through fundraising efforts throughout the year including
bingo, fish fries and spaghetti dinners as well as private
donations. Scholarship recipients include: front row, from
left, Lindsay Renz, Alyssa Schafer, Hannah Eads, all of
Plymouth High School, and Amanda Master of Culver,
Ga.; and back row, Brad Serf, scholarship chairman, Tyler
Chippas and Zachary Bridgman, both of Marian High
School, Mishawaka, Eric Blake of Plymouth High School
and Grand Knight Robert Pickel.
Pope marks 60 years as a priest, bestows palliums on archbishops

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Celebrating Mass with archbishops from 25 countries, Pope Benedict XVI reflected on his 60 years as a priest, calling it a demanding and “awe-inspiring” ministry that brought him closer to God. The pope’s unusually personal recollection came June 29, the anniversary of his priestly ordination in Bavaria in 1951 and the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, the patron saints of Rome.

During the three-hour-long Mass, he gave 41 archbishops the woolen pallium as a sign of their communion with the pope and their pastoral responsibility as shepherds. Among them were four prelates from the United States, including Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, and one from Canada. The liturgy in St. Peter’s Basilica began with a fanfare of trumpets. The pope smiled as he processed toward an altar reigned with flowers, pausing to greet a delegation sent by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople.

The pope devoted most of his homily to his 60 years of priestly ministry, and twice he excused himself for perhaps speaking too long about his recollections. He said he felt he had to look back on “the things that have left their mark.”

Bishop Brown asks diocesan advisers to look into Crystal Cathedral

ORANGE, Calif. (CNS) — Bishop Tod D. Brown of Orange asked a group of diocesan advisers July 6 to “explore possibilities” regarding the Crystal Cathedral, once the home church of the Rev. Robert Schuller, a national television preacher.

The cathedral complex in Garden Grove was put up for auction earlier this year as part of the cathedral ministries bankruptcy proceedings. The organization founded by Rev. Schuller, who is now retired, filed for bankruptcy last October. It was facing debt amounting to more than $50 million. Opening in 1970, the 3,000-seat Crystal Cathedral was one of the nation’s first megachurches. According to the diocese, Bishop Brown “is concerned for the future of the landmark church remaining a functional part of the liturgical landscape for the region.”

The Orange Diocese does not currently have a cathedral to serve its 1.2 million Catholics. Based on the size of its Catholic population, Orange is the 11th largest diocese in the nation. The diocese covers Orange County, which has a total population of 3 million people. “While it continues to develop plans for a cathedral in Santa Ana, it is prudent to evaluate the opportunity to engage in the pending auction of this property and to mitigate the chance that it cease to function as a place of worship, if acquired by others,” Bishop Brown said in a statement.

Father Corapi says he won’t leave Montana to live with order in Texas

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Father John Corapi said he will not follow the order of his religious superior to leave his home in Montana to live in community with his fellow priests. In a posting on his website July 7, Father Corapi also said he was told to support himself and his ministry financially by Father James Flanagan, the founder of his congregation, the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. Father Corapi, who lives near Kalispell, Mont., also denied committing sexual improprieties with a female former employee whose allegations in letters to Church leaders nationwide prompted officials of his religious community to place him on administrative leave in March. The statement from the widely popular speaker on Catholic catechetical and contemporary issues came in response to a July 5 press release from the society, outlining transgressions related to Father Corapi’s lifestyle that it said were uncovered during an investigation by a three-member fact-finding panel appointed by the religious order. Information about Father Corapi learned during the inquiry, the release said, included “years of cohabitation” with a woman, repeated abuse of alcohol and drugs and “serious violation” of his promise of poverty based on his ownership of more than $1 million in real estate, numerous luxury vehicles, motorcycles, an ATV, a boat dock and several motor boats.

Being ‘a father to people’ has been priest’s aim since 1936 ordination

HARRISBURG, Pa. (CNS) — On the day of his birth, July 28, 1912, Vincent Topper was expected to die. The newborn, suffering from tuberculosis, was baptized by a parish priest as his parents prepared to lose yet another child to the dread disease. But God had plans for the priestly ministry, he said. As long as the priest’s role risks being reduced to that of a celebrant of the sacrament of Reconciliation. “People ask me what’s my secret. My secret is to a long life is to get baptized on the day you’re born because you’re supposed to die, and you’ll live to be 100,” the priest quipped in an interview with The Catholic Witness.

Vatican says ordinations of 20 new priests for traditionalist Society of St. Pius X ‘illegitimate’

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The ordinations of 20 new priests for the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X are “illegitimate, period,” said the Vatican spokesman Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi. Although Pope Benedict XVI lifted the excommunication of the society’s four bishops in 2009, Father Lombardi said, he made it clear that until the society had reconciled fully with the Vatican — particularly regarding its position on doctrinal questions — its members have no official standing in the Church. The group ordained four priests in mid-June in Winona, Minn., 12 new priests in late June at its headquarters in Eccone, Switzerland, and 4 new priests July 3 at its seminary in Zaitzkofen, Germany. Responding to reporters’ questions July 5, Father Lombardi quoted from the letter Pope Benedict wrote in 2009 explaining the status of the society: “As long as the society does not have a canonical status in the Church, its ministers do not exercise legitimate ministries in the Church. ... in order to make this clear once again: Until the doctrinal ques-
**Historic union in Congregation of Holy Cross**

NOTRE DAME — A historic union took effect when the former Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers merged into the Indiana Province to form the new United States Province of Priests and Brothers on July 1, the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The merger was approved at the Congregation of Holy Cross’ general chapter meeting in Rome in the summer of 2010.

The ministries of the new U.S. Province consists of four colleges and universities, including the University of Notre Dame.

Other ministries include 13 parishes in the U.S., including Sacred Heart Parish, Notre Dame; Christ the King Catholic Church, South Bend; Holy Cross/ St. Stanislaus Parish, South Bend; St. Adalbert/ St. Casimir Parish, South Bend, St. Joseph Parish, South Bend, and two in Mexico.

The United States Province’s religious members number more than 410 priests and brothers, plus 102 seminarians currently in formation. The administrative offices of the new province will be located at Notre Dame.

The Congregation of Holy Cross is a Catholic religious order formed in 1837 in Sainte-Croix, France, by founder Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C.

To learn more about the mission of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers visit www.holycrossusa.org.

**Jerry Suelzer makes simple vows with Society of St. John**

FORT WAYNE — Our Lady of Good Hope parishioner Jerry Suelzer made his simple vows with the Society of St. John on Sunday, June 26. Suelzer, now known as Brother Philip, will spend the next four years in France in study and prayer as he discerns his call to the priesthood.

Others discerning vocations to the priesthood from Our Lady of Good Hope include Zachary Barry, Jonathon Norton and Thomas Zehr.

**Brodmerkel honored as ‘excellence in education’ recipient**

FORT WAYNE — Each year the downtown Rotary Club in Fort Wayne honors teachers from each of the main districts in the city. This year’s honorees from our diocese is Eileen Brodmerkel. In the fall, Brodmerkel will begin her 26th year teaching for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Prior to teaching at Bishop Luers High School, Brodmerkel taught at St. Aloysius in Yoder for two years.

She also taught in Brownsville, Texas, for 10 years. Brodmerkel teaches English and journalism at Bishop Luers. Her students are responsible for the school newspaper as well as the yearbook.

Brodmerkel earned her degree from Indiana University. She is married to Myron Brodmerkel. They are the parents of twins Colin Brodmerkel and Caitlin Krouse, 2005 graduates of Bishop Luers. Being a Knight runs in the family, as Brodmerkel herself is a 1967 graduate of Bishop Luers. Colin serves with the United States Army in Afghanistan, and Caitlin is studying to become a physician assistant.

Brodmerkel earned a Bishop Luers’ Light of Learning Award in 1998 and 2010.

**Hand-crafted crucifix donated to St. Jude Parish as tribute to Deacon Fred Larson**

**HAND-CRAFTED CRUCIFIX DONATED TO ST. JUDE PARISH AS TRIBUTE TO DEACON FRED LARSON**

**Father Tom Shoemaker, left, pastor of St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, accepts a hand-crafted crucifix from Don Chislaghi, son-in-law of the late Deacon Fred Larson, who ministered to the parishioners of the parish for 20 years. A year and a half of loving labor went into to the crucifix that is constructed of western red cedar, bass wood and blood wood using the intarsia technique, an Italian art form dating back to the 14th and 15th centuries. Chislaghi hopes that this memorial to his faith-filled father-in-law, which will hang in the reconciliation room at St. Jude, will inspire others to serve in any way they can. The Larson family also donated Deacon Larson’s grade school diploma dated 1930, the first graduating class of the newly opened school, which will hang in the alumni hall.**

**OHIO SHINE TO OFFER FATIMA TRIBUTE**

MARIA STEIN, Ohio — Devotions will be conducted in honor of the Mother of God on Friday, Aug. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Center. Mass with Father Barry Stechschulte, parochial vicar of Holy Trinity Parish Cluster, will be followed by the rosary during a candle light procession.

Participants may want to bring a lawn chair (no seating is provided) and a flashlight.

For information visit www.spiritualcenter.net or call (419) 925-7625.

**Catholic students contribute to state win**

PHOTO PROVIDED BY JORDAN DAVIS

Philip Wedly, left, a member of Queen of Peace Parish in Mishawaka, and Ajith John, right, a member of St. Pius X Parish, Granger, were recent contributors who helped lead Penn High School, Mishawaka, to a state championship of the Academic Super Bowl social studies team. The team coach, Pete DeKever, is a member of St. Bavo Parish, Mishawaka.
Deacon Jim and Karen Fitzpatrick serve home, Church and community

FORT WAYNE — Catholics of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend who have attended diocesan liturgical events in the last 25 years recognize and admire respect Jim Fitzpatrick and his loving sidekick and wife, Karen. Jim Fitzpatrick, named diocesan master of ceremonies by Bishop John M. D’Arcy, Bishop emeritus, in 1989, has assisted bishops and parish priests across the diocese at numerous confirmations, special liturgical celebrations and ordinations. Fitzpatrick, through study of the rites and ceremonies of the Catholic faith, along with a deep love for liturgy and a natural sense of organization, has assisted in making the diocesan liturgies a special time of prayer, praise and inspiration for thousands of worshippers.

Fitzpatrick came highly recommended to the diocesan by Bishop D’Arcy for many reasons. He received the special graces of ordination, along with 10 other deacons, through the “laying on of hands” by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades on May 21 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, where he has served many times as master of ceremonies.

On that day, Bishop Rhoades reminded the newly-ordained Deacon Jim that his service of the Word and of charity would now, in a new and sacramental way, be directly linked to his service at the altar.

Deacon Jim reflects on that day and his newly accepted vocation by quoting Gal. 2:20: “I have been crucified with Christ: and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”

Deacon Jim continues to serve as the master of ceremonies for Bishop Rhoades and has been assigned as a deacon at his home parish, St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne. Deacon Jim’s faith in Jesus Christ and his love for serving at the altar began at age five, when the sacrament, who happened to be his grandmother, encouraged him to serve for a Sorrowful Mother Novena prayer service at their parish, St. Vincent de Paul in Toledo, Ohio. Eileen, his grandmother, continued to teach Fitzpatrick the Latin prayers needed for serving at that time. With great enthusiasm he looked forward to serving daily Mass at his home parish.

As the years progressed, his love for being close to Christ at the altar led him to discern a possible call to priesthood. When entering high school, he enrolled at Holy Spirit Seminary in Toledo where he spent four years. Fitzpatrick would continue to live at the seminary, completing courses at the University of Toledo, but his father’s unforeseen illness and the smile of the parish secretary’s daughter would eventually lead him down other paths of service.

Fitzpatrick’s father, who had provided for his family of seven children by unloading ships on the Great Lakes, fell ill, leading to a precarious family financial situation. Fitzpatrick’s innate leadership skills, along with those of his brothers, led him into restaurant work, where they learned to help support their family and run a restaurant business. These early experiences of hard work and on-the-job training would eventually lead him and his brothers to start Quality Dining, a multi-concept restaurant company.

In 1983, Fitzpatrick’s business ventures would eventually result in a move to Fort Wayne. Today, Fitzpatrick and his brothers own and operate Papa Vino’s Italian Kitchen in Mishawaka, Blue 20-Seafood Bar and Grill in New Jersey, and several Chilli’s and Burger King franchises.

Fitzpatrick’s vocational call was solidly revealed once he met and married Karen. As he was building the restaurant business, Karen completed her degree in pharmacy at Ohio Northern University, subsequently operating her own pharmacy in Ohio. Eventually Karen accepted a position in the diocesan Office of Worship in 1998, working with her husband and fellow staff members to plan and execute diocesan liturgical events. She continues her work as an administrative assistant in this office, while supporting her husband in his business and ministerial responsibilities.

Karen, their daughter, a graduate of Bishop Dwenger, the University of Notre Dame and the Arcadia Medical School in Philadelphia, now works as a physician’s assistant in the area of dermatology in Philadelphia.

Deacon Jim’s deep love of Christ and his continuous service at the altar is paralleled by his generous gifts of personal time, talent and treasure. He serves on the diocesan Finance Committee, the Bishop Luers High School Finance Committee and the diocesan Liturgical Commission. He supports diocesan Catholic schools through the annual “You Can LeaD a Hand” fundraising effort. He is a Knight/Grand Cross in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. At St. Vincent Parish in Fort Wayne, Fitzpatrick assists with marriage and baptismal preparations, cantors, assists at the altar and preaches as Deacon Jim at weekday and Sunday liturgies. He volunteers to bring Holy Communion to residents at Saint Anne’s Retirement Home and fulfills his responsibilities tirelessly as master of ceremonies.

All of this Deacon Jim accomplishes while running his business, attending to his wife and family and opening his heart and home to brother deacons, their wives and other friends. Looking beyond the outward demeanor of this talented, hard working business man, it is easy to see the true heart of a servant ... an ordained deacon ... one through whom Christ lives.
Decatur parish blesses new hall

DECATUR — St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church of Decatur recently held a Blessing of the Grounds ceremony for the new parish hall that is currently under construction. Father David Voors offered the blessing that was attended by members of the parish following the Saturday, July 9, evening Mass. The general contractor for the project is Darling Construction, owned by parishioners Ron and Tom Darling, and Moake Park Group of Fort Wayne is the design architect.

The project is the culmination of the St. Mary’s Building On Our Heritage capital campaign, which began in the fall of 2004. The campaign raised funds for the Legacy of Faith Endowment established by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the new St. Joseph Catholic School gymnasium that was completed in the summer of 2009, and the parish hall that is planned for completion in the spring of 2012. The hall will include a central gathering space, two large meeting rooms with an adjacent kitchen area, bookstore, SCRIP office, adoration chapel, men’s and women’s restrooms and storage space.

Standing left to right in the photo are St. Mary of the Assumption, Decatur, building committee members Bill Fullenkamp and Tim Barkey, pastor Father David Voors, committee member Tony Isch, and the owners of Darling Construction, Ron and Tom Darling.

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- Skilled nursing
- Rehabilitation services
Dear Friends in Christ:

Once again, we are publishing an accounting of the financial operations of our diocese for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2010. As we have done in past years, we have also included a consolidated financial report of our high schools and parishes. This is done in the spirit of accountability and transparency.

2010 was an exciting year for the diocese. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was welcomed to the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend — he was installed and has settled in. Bishop Emeritus John M. D’Arcy seems to be cutting down on his workload a bit — although still staying busy and enjoying his retirement. The year saw significant improvements from 2009 financially — we went from a $5.9 million loss to a $1.7 million loss, which is still a concern.

Of our 52 departments, five were over budget operationally. Some reasons are installation costs and higher retirement costs during 2010. The Archbishop Noll Center had significant structural work done. Seminarian education was higher — we had more seminarians than budgeted — which is a good thing, and paper costs for Today’s Catholic were significantly higher than budgeted. Those five departments were $400,000 over budget. In addition to that, the loss includes $300,000 in depreciation and our health and accident insurance fund had a $700,000 loss, which was a precursor of things that have happened in fiscal year 2011. On the bright side, in 2011, the departments are coming in under budget and investment income is up over 12 percent year-to-date.

DIOCESAN AUDIT The diocese is audited every year by Leonhard J. Andorfer & Company, a certified public accounting firm, and, as in the past, no exceptions were noted. This means that the diocesan books, records and accounting principles are conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This audit, along with the management letter, is presented not only to the Audit Committee, but to the entire Diocesan Finance Council; and the council is given time alone with the auditor, without the presence of diocesan officials, to be sure that they were given full access to all appropriate financial records.

For the past several years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has required that the Diocesan Finance Council sign a report indicating the following: 1) that the council has met quarterly; 2) that the audit and the management letter have been read; 3) that the budget has been reviewed. This report and certification must then be sent to the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Province, which, in this case, is the Archbishop of Indianapolis. We require similar reporting from our parishes to the diocese.

PARISHES It is also important that there be accountability and transparency in parishes. According to canon law, every parish must have a parish finance council. We have two retired accountants who do a financial review of every parish every two years; in addition, every parish is audited at the time of a pastoral change. During the past five years, we have sent this financial report, done by our two auditors, to each member of the parish finance council. This enables the review to be discussed at a regular meeting. As indicated above, controls have now been established similar to the accountability of each diocese.

The diocese is audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. Three high schools have debts to the diocese and all are paying them.

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal gives $1.7 million to the high schools every year, which has created a sense of stability. Next year, tuition will increase by $150 in our high schools. This will help us to pay for the fund drive’s desire to pay for high schools to be audited every year by an independent CPA firm. Each high school has presented a balanced budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011. Three high schools have debts to the diocese and all are paying them.

Saint Joseph’s High School has received final approval to begin construction on a new high school starting June 1, 2011.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTH EAST INDIANA Both the Development Office and the Business Office have helped us to put in place the Catholic Community Foundation of Northeast Indiana, which will enable parishes, high schools and other diocesan institutions to raise funds for an ongoing endowment. It is my hope that many of these parishes, especially those with schools, will initiate an endowment. It takes just $5,000 to start an endowment for a parish or diocesan institution. Currently, there are 106 endowments in the Catholic Community Foundation.

Talk to your pastor or school board about establishing an endowment for your parish and/or parish school. To establish an endowment and experience endowment growth involves placing giving vehicles, restricted trusts, as well as gifts and other creative ways by which you can make contributions. Funds placed in this trust will remain there and grow, and the interest realized will continue to fund the designated purpose for years to come. These are gifts that keep on giving. Those who contribute will determine the area where these funds are to be restricted. Regular annual reports and quarterly newsletters are sent to the donors. The Catholic Community Foundation now contains $15,108,504.

INVESTMENTS Our investments are overseen by Slocum & Associates of St. Paul, Minn. Investments are placed carefully so as to avoid excessive risk. We have a very diversified portfolio, fully in keeping with Catholic moral teaching. Slocum & Associates meets with our Investment Committee on a quarterly basis. In the fiscal year in question, investments gained 14 percent. Through the first nine months of 2011, the gain is over 12 percent. The current asset allocation is detailed in the pie chart below.

The past fiscal year was a time of change for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The parishes, schools and institutions of the diocese continue to build a sound financial footing. Expenses are being watched very carefully. Bishop Rhoades put in place a new Diocesan Curia, which should reduce expenses somewhat; the investment markets appear to be strong. The people of the diocese are very generous as the 24th Annual Bishop’s Appeal realized the highest ever in pledges. Some challenges are our health and accident insurance fund which continues to deteriorate during 2011, premium costs. Starting July 1, we raised those significantly. The 24th Annual Bishop’s Appeal offset that increase.

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DIOCESAN FINANCE COUNCIL Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades Msgr. Robert Schulte Deacon Robert Patrick Ms. Alice Kopler Mr. Arthur Decio Mr. Thomas Skiba Mr. Jerry Kearns Mr. Albert Gutierrez Sister Jane Marie Klein, OSF Mr. Jerry Hammes Mr. George Wittwer Mr. Joe Dahn Mr. Michael Hammes Mr. Thomas Blee Mr. Christopher Murphy Mr. Vincent Tippmann Mr. Scott Malpass Mr. Joseph Ryan

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
**82 DIOCESAN PARISHES**

Consolidated Financial Report Fiscal Year 2009/10

### Income

- **Church Income**: $57,854,955
- **School Income**: $30,022,056

**Total Income**: $87,877,011

### Expenses

- **Church Expense**: $34,672,612
- **School Expense**: $45,727,358

**Total Expenses**: $80,399,970

**Surplus/(Deficit)**: ($3,501,541)

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**Central Departments**

Revenues, Expenses and Budgets for the Fiscal Year ended 6/30/10

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**DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOLS**

Consolidated Financial Report Fiscal Year 2009/10

**Support and Revenue**

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**TODAY’S CATHOLIC 11**
The courage to bear witness

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s the anniversary of my nephew’s death approaches, I am immersed in vivid memories of not only the poignancy of his life, but also the tragic gift of his death. Sitting with a dying loved one is not an easy task, but we need God. Simply being present for the long term to those left to mourn their loss can be even more difficult.

Adam was only 22 years old when he drew his final breath on earth after battling leukemia for over two years. When it became clear that his prognosis was bleak, he shared his greatest fear — that he would die alone. His exhausted, but ever courageous mother assured him that he would die surrounded by his loved ones when the time came.

As Adam’s life force began to dim, his heartbroken parents put a call out to his family and friends with a solemn invitation to say goodbye. One by one these caring and courageous folks stood at his bedside to speak sentiments of the heart to him as he lay dying.

Surrounding him with the very presence of love, young and old shared witness to this young man’s last moments on earth. It wasn’t easy, as the stark reality of the situation blended into a surreal blur of exhaustion and grief — a number of us stood vigil with his parents and brother. Others could not bring themselves to stay long in the heartbeat. Nonetheless, Adam knew he was not alone.

Following his death, those of us who remained began slowly to speak of our relationships with Adam and how he had touched our lives. We listened while his parents spoke of their beloved son through tears and laughter. Supporting Adam’s family and bearing witness to their grief, while facing our own sense of loss, was yet another difficult task.

I believe it takes courage to stay with those who face the agonizing pain of loss. It calls for the desire to be present to the ones in need and the stamina to face the discomfort of experiencing the expression of another’s pain.

In our mourning-avoculative culture, where death is many times quietly ignored and mourning is hastened to an unresolved end, those who mourn sometimes feel pressured to hurry through their grief. Sage advice is often offered on how to forget or move on. Bearing witness calls us to hold up each story with honor and bear to present it to the pain. Supporting the bereaved means allowing them space to grieve as they must. They will direct us on what they need.

Many of us have the mistaken impression that to be of any help we must have all the right answers.

Is the pope Catholic? Ask the National Labor Relations Board

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ich schools are Catholic and which are not? And who decides?

Even the Church’s modern-day efforts to assert itself as the arbiter — beginning with the 1990 apostolic constitution “Ex Corde Ecclesiae” — have proven somewhat controversial, despite the clear reading of canon law: “No university may bear the title or name Catholic university without the consent of the competent ecclesiastical authority.

But if it is controversial even for the Church to decide this question, how much more controversial is it for the government to interfere?

The National Labor Relations Board, a federal panel that arbitrates disputes between workers, unions and businesses, has lately put itself in the business of deciding which schools are really Catholic.

Traditionally, Catholic schools have been exempted from the National Labor Relations Act, and therefore from the NLRB’s control. Because mandatory collective bargaining on work rules could compromise an institution’s religious freedom, courts have held that their workforces cannot unilaterally enter into an act’s provisions.

In two recent cases, the NLRB’s regional directors have circumvented this obstacle by holding that Catholic schools — namely, Manhattan College in New York and St. Xavier University in Chicago — are not, in fact, Catholic.

The decisions are still subject to appeal, but for now the Church says these schools are Catholic and the government says they’re not.

The Supreme Court has held that the National Labor Relations Act does not apply to lay teachers in Catholic high schools, but the NLRB believes that colleges should live by a different standard.

The basic rationale is that, unlike the primary and secondary school environment in which students are instructed in the faith, college students and teachers live in an environment of academic freedom. At most Catholic colleges, teachers are not charged with “indoctrinating and proselytizing,” and neither the Church itself nor any doctrinal institution has direct control or a major financial stake.

Most Catholic colleges do require loyalty oaths or compel religious observance among students. They hire non-Catholics and have lay boards of trustees. On those grounds, and especially if they have ever published material

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Nourish seeds of faith

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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he Book of Wisdom provides this weekend’s first reading. Wisdom is the name not only of this book of the Old Testament, but of an entire set of writings. Collectively, the purpose is to convey in human language, and for human situations of life, the wisdom that can come only from God.

Always important as backdrop in reading the Wisdom Literature, or in reading any Scripture for that matter, is the admission that humans necessarily are limited. We cannot understand everything, we cannot see everything. Even what we see at times, and perhaps more often than not, is distorted and colored.

We need God. We simply cannot survive without divine Wisdom. God offers this in the revealed Scriptures.

This weekend’s reading salutes God, the Almighty, the Perfect, and the perfectly just and all knowing. The reading is highly poetic and lyric, almost as if it were a hymn. Marvelous for us, this theme, perfect God fulfills us despite our limitations. We have nothing to want or to fear if we listen to God, the source of all Wisdom.

John Garvey
Roger Maris and the summer of 1961

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ve years ago, I made the argument for “Hoosiers” as the greatest sports movie ever and lamented the absence of great baseball films. “Hoosiers” is still the gold standard but a confession is in order: there is a great baseball movie; it ranks right up there in the cinematic sports pantheon; and on this golden anniversary of the Mantle-Maris chase for Babe Ruth’s single-season home run record, attention must be paid.

I speak of “61,”* a movie by Mickey Crystal, Roger, Yogi, Whitey, Ellie, Moose, Ralph, and the rest of one of the greatest Yankee teams, blazing their way toward the World Series a year after they lost the October Classic to Bill Mazeroski and the Pittsburgh Pirates (as astonishing as that feat, and the fact that it occurred in early October, might seem to younger readers).

“61” is not flawless. It’s a crude at one or two points (but so was the Commerce Comet, Mantle). The computer imaging of old Yankee Stadium (not the re-creation one just torn down but the original House That Ruth Built) is a little shaky, as is the re-creation of Memorial Stadium in Baltimore, site of most of my sacred baseball memories. A few bits of casting are off: neither Whitey Ford nor Ralph Houk looks quite right. Nonetheless, it’s a terrific film.

Thomas Jane and Barry Pepper (Mantle and Maris) look their parts, not only physically but because both men seem to have played some ball somewhere along the line. The script catches the sheer physical endurance required by major league baseball’s daily grind, and the life-on-the-edge, post-game extracurricular activities of that pre-iPhone era. New York’s sportswriters are skewered as the assassins that they largely were. Above all — and here is where Crystal’s film and “Hoosiers’” share a common moral quality — “61” is a great story of male friendship without a hint of homoeroticism.

Maris, the North Dakota hometown boy who has just won the 1960 Most Valuable Player award, feels that Mantle, the Oklahoma hellion who might have been the greatest player ever had he not blown out his knee in the 1951 Series, is riding both his own and the team’s success by his compulsive booing and wenching. So Maris and his apartment-mate, outfielder Bob Cerv, invite Mantle to move in with them, cut out the nocturnal craziness, and get himself back together. That act of solidarity, matched by the way manager Houk and Maris’ teammates rally around him when both fans and sportswriters choose Mickey over Roger in the Great Bambino Record Chase, exemplifies the distinctive way men can be friends. One hopes that such fraternity is possible in professional sports these days, although it’s hard to imagine LeBron, D-Wade, and Chris Bosh as this century’s Mantle, Maris, and Cerv.

I remember the summer of 1961 very well: my crush on my second-grade teacher, Miss Donohoe, was unabated; I had my tonsils out; Robert Vwynnah, my great chortling, came to Baltimore; and the Orioles, as usual, finished behind the Yankees, whom I hated with a biblical passion. My brother and I even put Mantle and Maris baseball cards into the spokes of our bikes, an imprudent gesture of boyish contempt that has likely cost both of us considerable retirement income from vintage card sales. My anti-Yankee passions remain, but thanks to Billy Crystal’s film-making, I have now placed brackets around — or perhaps an asterisk after — the 1961 Yankees.

Mickey Mantle, a tortured spirit, died in 1995 after telling a press conference, “This is a role model: don’t be like me.” Maris died in 1985 of Hodgkin’s lymphoma and is buried in his hometown, Fargo. This unassuming family man, who never took advantage of the lifestyle libertinism that Gotham (and the journalistic conventions of the era) made possible, was a good husband and father who endured hate mail and death threats, fan idiocies and press barbs. Roger Maris, a Catholic whom some would argue is the real single-season home run king, is one of the quiet heroes of the American Catholic experience.

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* Though this tall, young Italian was restricted by an ulcerated leg, he worked as a hospital servant and Venetian soldier. After gambling away all his property, he became a laborer at the Manfredonia Capuchin monastery and in 1575 tried to join the Capuchins. But his leg wound returned, and he was in and out of the hospital, eventually deciding to devote his life to caring for the sick. Camillus was ordained in 1584 and founded the Order of the Servants of the Sick, more generally known as the Camillians. He is a patron of the sick, of hospitals and of nurses.
Sports

Coach Bob Houser leaves legacy

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

In the spring of 2011, the Catholic Youth League (CYO) lost a longtime friend and well-respected football coach, Robert Joseph Houser. Coach Houser died at the age of 80.

The coach donated over 35 of his years on the sidelines at St. Peter and Most Precious Blood parishes, with the bulk of his years at Queen of Angels, and touched countless young men’s lives while winning ballgames.

Houser attended Most Precious Blood School and St. Charles Seminary, then played football for the St. Joseph Athletic Club. He was employed by Schenkel and Sons before starting his own company, Robert J. Houser and Son Contractors, which he owned for 50 years.

Houser was a member of Queen of Angels Parish where his family made their home in the shadows of the church property.

He was active in the Queen of Angels Choir and both the Bishop Dwenger and Central Catholic Booster Clubs. Houser also spent countless hours volunteering at St. Joseph Hospital and with the Knights of Columbus.

Most recently, he and his wife Mary, had made St. Michael’s in Waterloo their home parish after retiring to the lake in 1997. In addition to his wife of 60 years, Houser is survived by his six children 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Son, Joe, recalls being the water boy for his father’s teams long before being old enough to play the game. When it was his time, the linebacker/fullback chuckled remembering, “Dad was always a little tougher on us boys, careful not to show any favoritism. “Dad was very passionate about the game of football. After our games on Sundays we would come home and watch more games on the black and white,” he continued.

Joe and his brother John, both went on after their Queen of Angels days to play for Bishop Dwenger High School and John continued his sports career at Wabash College.

Tom Topp, who played quarterback for Houser from 1968-1971 at Queen of Angels described his former mentor as a good motivator and well-respect ed coach.

"Mr. Houser always had a sense of humor in his message. I thought the world of him and can not say enough about him," Topp said.

As an adult, Topp kept in touch with Houser and spread the word of his death to fellow teammates across the country. “We all agreed what an influential role model Coach Houser was growing up and what a privilege it was to play for him,” Topp summarized.

Also on Topp’s team that lost to St. Andrew/St. Peter in the city championship game their seventh-grade year was halfback/linebacker, Tim Murphy. Like Topp, Murphy agreed that Coach Houser was a fun-loving guy.

“He liked to joke around. We had a lot of fun, but always worked hard,” said Murphy. In 1969, Murphy’s family moved just a couple of blocks from the Housers. Shortly after, Murphy’s father passed away. Murphy recalled, “Mr. Houser took me under his wing and has always been like a father-figure to me.”

Houser and Murphy stayed in contact long after grade school football.

“When my wife and I got married and lived in our first home we had him do work in our driveway,” Murphy added.

Over the years, special people have made the CYO what it is today, Bob Houser was certainly one who shaped and molded youth sports with his time and dedication to athletics and young people.

USF SOFTBALL ACQUIRING OUTFIELDER FROM MOREHEAD STATE

University of Saint Francis softball coach Ryan Bolyn has announced that Taylor Sherritt will transfer to USF and be eligible to play for the Lady Cougars this season. Sherritt will have two years of eligibility remaining after playing two seasons at Morehead State University in Kentucky. A 5-foot-7 outfielder, Sherritt played in 49 games as a sophomore and started 15. A native of Miamisburg, Ohio, and Miamisburg High School graduate, Sherritt was 7-for-8 in stolen base attempts in 2011, 12-for-16 and scored 19 runs in two seasons. She batted .232 in 2011.
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Theology on Tap announces series
South Bend — The Backstage Grill, 222 S. Michigan St., will host Theology on Tap gatherings Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. on Catholicism in a Global Society. On July 19: The Hispanic Presence in the U.S. Catholic Church with Holy Cross Father Joe Corpora. On July 26: Jesus in Islam and Christianity with Dr. Michael Desch. For information contact Sean Allen, sallen@diocesefwsb.org.

Theology on Tap plans gathering
Fort Wayne — Theology on Tap will meet Thursday, July 21, at 7 p.m. at Calhoun Street Soups, Salads, and Spirits, 1915 S. Calhoun St., on the topic of Art and Catholicism with Art Cislo, adjunct professor of art at the University of Saint Francis. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/CYAM or call (260) 422-4611.

What’s Happening

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Sister Mary Jo is a member of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters and has a long history of assisting individuals and groups in discernment and decision making. She has accompanied women in vocation discernment, served on the leadership team for her community, and is currently serving as a consultant and facilitator for religious communities and leadership teams throughout the United States.

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