Pope tells young to build on their faith, share it with the world

BY CINDY WOODEN

MADRID (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI saw that 1.4 million young people could be buffeted by gusty winds and drenched by a driving rain and still fall silently to their knees to adore the Eucharist.

At the final Mass closing World Youth Day Aug. 21 in Madrid, the pope challenged the Catholic pilgrims to take that faith, make it grow and share it with the world.

Despite the hardships of getting to the Cuatro Vientos military air base in blistering heat Aug. 20 and the downpour during the nighttime vigil with the pope, hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world spent the night on the open field, praying, singing and perhaps trying to snatch a few hours’ sleep.

But they were up, ready and rowdy when the pope arrived for the morning Mass.

The pope noticed.

In his homily, he said, the vision of that sea of happy souls “fills my heart with joy.”

“I think of the special love with which Jesus is looking upon you. Yes, the Lord loves you and calls you his friends,” the pope told the young.

To the joy of the crowd, particularly the Brazilians present, at the end of the Mass, the pope announced that the next international gathering of World Youth Day would be held in Rio de Janeiro in 2013.

In his homily at the Mass, Pope Benedict said faith is not about understanding a bunch of facts, “it is an ability to grasp the mystery of Christ’s person in all its depth.”

Even if it feels like a struggle at times, faith is not primarily about people working out their thoughts about God; it starts with the gift of God’s love and God’s reaching out to each person, he said.

Faith entails “a personal relationship with Christ, a surrender of our whole person, with all our understanding, will and feelings,” he said.

But the pope went even further, telling the young that a personal relationship with Jesus always must be transformed into action, service and love for others. In addition, it must be lived within the Church, the community of believers to whom Jesus entrusted His message and His mission of salvation.

“We cannot follow Jesus on our own,” he said. Those who try “approach the life of faith with the kind of individualism so prevalent today” and risk not encountering the real Jesus or “following a counterfeit Jesus,” he said.

Christ asks each person, “Who do you say that...”
World Youth Day — a pilgrimage of faith

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

By Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

“Make us firm in the faith.” This was our prayer throughout our pilgrimage to World Youth Day. Our 120 diocesan pilgrims arrived in Lourdes on Thursday, August 11th, where we spent 2½ days in spiritual preparation for World Youth Day. For me, the highlight of our time at the Sanctuary of Lourdes was celebrating Mass at the Grotto where our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Bernadette. We bathed in the holy, healing waters of the miraculous spring. We participated with thousands of other pilgrims in both the Eucharistic procession and the candlelight nighttime rosary procession. It was a beautiful experience to visit Lourdes, asking the Blessed Virgin Mary to accompany us on our pilgrim journey to Madrid. We asked Mary, our great model of faith, to intercede for us, to make us “firm in the faith.”

From Lourdes, we travelled to Loyola, in the Basque region of northern Spain. There we celebrated Mass at the Shrine of Saint Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556). We visited his family home (the Tower House) and prayed in the room of his birth and in the room where, at age 30, during his recovery from serious wounds from a battle, he read a book on the life of Christ and a collection of lives of the saints. His life was changed forever. Ignatius then devoted the rest of his life to serving Christ. He founded the Society of Jesus (the Jesuit order) and led the Counter-Reformation. The Jesuits, under his leadership, undertook incredible missionary efforts throughout the world. We prayed at Loyola for the grace to follow the path of Saint Ignatius, one of the patron saints of World Youth Day, the path “to the greater glory of God.”

From Loyola, we travelled to Burgos. After dinner, we walked to the cathedral square where hundreds of youth were gathered in prayer, song, and dance, the night before departing for Madrid. The next day, August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption, we celebrated Mass in the magnificent 13th century Gothic cathedral dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This was our last Mass celebrated together with Bishop McFadden and the young pilgrims of the Diocese of Harrisburg. A group of Australian pilgrims with their bishop joined us for the liturgy of Mary’s Assumption.

We arrived in Madrid on the afternoon of August 15th. The capital city of Spain was already crowded with young pilgrims gathering from all over the world. Our own young pilgrims were excited to meet other Catholic youth from so many different countries. The joy and enthusiasm was evident on the streets and in the plazas throughout the city.

August 16th was a free day when many of us walked around the historic center of old Madrid, visiting churches and getting oriented to the layout of the beautiful city. I was happy to meet up with some of our youth in the church which houses the remains of the patron saints of Madrid, Saint Isidore the Farmer and his wife, Saint Maria de la Cabeza, also patron saints of World Youth Day. This holy married couple lived their Catholic faith with courage during the time of the Muslim rule of Spain (12th century), deeply devoted to prayer in the midst of their manual labor. They lived the Gospel teaching of love in an extraordinary way, sharing their goods with the poor and needy. Praying at their tombs, we asked the Lord to bless all married couples and families, called to holiness, to live the faith with charity in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life, like Saint Isidore and Maria.

World Youth Day officially began on the evening of August 16th with a Mass celebrated by the Cardinal Archbishop of Madrid in the historic Plaza de Cibeles. The immense crowd of young people extended well beyond the plaza into the streets leading into the plaza. The opening liturgy was the Mass of Blessed John Paul II, who initiated World Youth Day 26 years ago. A relic of his blood was brought from Krakow and venerated at the end of the Mass. We asked the Lord to “enkindle in us the fire of love that burned in the heart of Blessed John Paul II and impelled him to give himself without limits to serve the Church.”

Three daily sessions of catechesis began on the next day, August 17th. Our diocesan youth had the privilege of listening to Cardinal Francis George, the Archbishop of Chicago. The evening before, prior to the opening Mass, I was fortunate to spend a couple hours with Cardinal George as we waited for the Mass to begin.

On Wednesday afternoon, I spent a few hours at the famous El Prado art museum. A friend of mine from Madrid, whom I had not seen since 1989, accompanied me through the museum. We followed a special World Youth Day itinerary based on the image of Christ, including Caravaggio’s painting of the Descent from the Cross, brought to the Prado from the Vatican museum. The religious art in the Prado Museum is some of the best and most famous in the world, with paintings by Fra Angelico, Murillo, Velasquez, Goya, El Greco, Ribera, Rubens, and many other famous artists.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass at the Grotto where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette. The Lourdes visit was one of the stops on the World Youth Day 2011 pilgrimage with 120 diocesan pilgrims.
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On Wednesday evening, I was happy to join our diocesan youth at the Saint Francis Borgia parish hall for a vocations night. After music and talks, I led the pilgrims in Night Prayer and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

On Thursday, August 18th, Pope Benedict XVI arrived in Madrid, welcomed at the airport by the king and queen of Spain. Enthusiastic crowds welcomed the Holy Father in his motorcade across the city to the apostolic nunciature. In the early evening, the Holy Father was welcomed by youth representing the five continents as he walked through the Puerta de Alcalá and then rode in the pope-mobile through the streets filled with hundreds of thousands of youth to the Plaza de Cibeles. The young crowds erupted with applause and shouts of welcome as the Pope passed by. Many chanted “Benedicto” or “Viva el Papa,” and also what became the most popular chant the next few days: “Esta es la juventud del Papa” (“this is the youth of the Pope”). In the plaza, the Holy Father led a celebration of the Word, reflecting on the importance of listening to the Word of God and putting it into practice. It was a beautiful opening celebration with the Shepherd of the universal Church.

The highlight on Friday was the Via Crucis (the Way of the Cross), presided over by the Holy Father in the evening. I joined a group of our diocesan youth in the Plaza del Colón, in a dense crowd. The Holy Father entered the plaza in the pope-mobile on his way to Plaza de Cibeles for the Via Crucis. Fifteen stations were set up in the Paseo de Recoletos, 15 “pasos” (floats containing life-size wooden sculptures typical of Holy Week celebrations in Spain). The “pasos” are masterpieces of Spanish religious art, some dating back many centuries. Probably a million young people participated in the Via Crucis, watching on screens in plazas and streets surrounding the area where the Pope presided. It was quite moving to see the devotion and reverence of the young pilgrims as we prayed and meditated on the Passion and Death of our Lord.

On Saturday morning, the U.S. pilgrims gathered for Mass in the Palacio de Deportes, a large arena rented by the Knights of Columbus and the Sisters for Life for English events throughout the week. They called it the “Love and Life Center.” Archbishop Dolan of New York preached an inspiring homily at the Mass celebrated by Cardinal George and consecrated by dozens of U.S. bishops. It was wonderful to see our diocesan youth again to impart a blessing upon them as they departed on foot for the overnight Vigil with the Holy Father at the Cuatro Vientos airfield.

The Prayer Vigil with the Holy Father began at 8:30 PM, but was quickly interrupted by a downpour of rain. When the Vigil was able to continue, it was somewhat abbreviated from the original plan. We were all soaked wet! The Holy Father was able to lead us in a period of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and celebrated Benediction. He then consecrated the huge throng of youth to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It was quite remarkable that over a million people remained calmly in prayer, despite the downpour of rain and even some unexpected lightning. The Holy Father later mentioned the strong faith and devotion of the youth in persevering despite the heavy rain and the accompanying logistical problems.

Sunday, August 21st was the final day of the World Youth Day celebrations. After just four hours of sleep, we bishops headed back to the Cuatro Vientos airbase for the final Mass. The youth had spent the night sleeping outdoors at the site. Unfortunately due to overcrowding, not all the WYD participants were able to enter the site of the Mass. It was another very hot day. The Mass was beautiful and reverent. Clearly, the Holy Father connected with the young people with his warm and gentle personality.

The last few days of the pilgrimage were the most difficult and arduous for us and many other pilgrims. I was quite inspired by the perseverance, patience, and great spirit of our young people. Through all 12 days of the pilgrimage, I witnessed their joyful faith. I am very proud of the wonderful young people of our diocese who participated with such fervor and devotion in World Youth Day. I am also deeply grateful to our friends in World Youth Day. We go forward in Christ, Firmes en la fe, firmes en la fe!

We go forward in Christ, He’s our companion and He is Lord!

Glory be to Him! Glory be to Him!

We go forward in Christ, Made stronger in our faith.

Franciscan Sisters Minor from Fort Wayne pray their office at the Basilica of Burgos, France, while on pilgrimage to World Youth Day.

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Monstrance blessed by Pope John Paul II scheduled to visit diocese

A monstrance blessed by the late Pope John Paul II to encourage prayers for vocations to the priesthood and religious life will be making a stop in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on its tour through the United States and Canada.

The monstrance, which is an exposition case and stand used to display the Eucharist for adoration, will arrive at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Additional visits include:
- Saturday, Sept. 10, 8:30-9:30 p.m. — Antioch Youth Group, Mishawaka
- Sunday, Sept. 11, noon to 8 p.m. — St. Mary, Bristol
- Monday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Marian High School, Mishawaka
- Monday, Sept. 12, 3-9 p.m. — St. Vincent, Elkhart
- Tuesday, Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Holy Family, South Bend
- Wednesday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — St. Michael, Plymouth
- Thursday, Sept. 15, 9 a.m. to noon — St. Joseph Church, South Bend
- Thursday, Sept. 15, 3-9 p.m. — St. Thomas, Elkhart
- Friday, Sept. 16, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Saint Joseph’s High School, South Bend
- Saturday, Sept. 17, 6-7 p.m. — St. Patrick, Walkerton
- Sunday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to evening — Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Shrine and Church, Warsaw
- Monday, Sept. 19, 8 a.m. to noon — Sacred Heart Parish, Warsaw
- Monday, Sept. 19, 1-3 p.m. — Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Sept. 20, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Our Lady of Good Hope, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. — Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. — St. Vincent de Paul, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Sept. 22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — St. John the Baptist, New Haven
- Thursday, Sept. 22, 6-8 p.m. — St. Therese, Fort Wayne
- Friday, Sept. 23, 8-11 a.m. — St. Martin de Porres, Syracuse
- Friday, Sept. 23, noon to 5 p.m. — St. Mary, Huntington
- Saturday, Sept. 24, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. — St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Sept. 24, 3-5 p.m. — St. Rose of Lima, Monroeville
- Sunday, Sept. 25, 5 p.m. to closing — St. Peter, Fort Wayne

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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will be the celebrant of a Holy Hour at St. Peter Church in Fort Wayne on Sept. 25 at 5 p.m., which will close the Eucharist Monstrance tour in the diocese.

“The goal is to send the monstrance to different dioceses to promote prayer services centered around Adoration of the Consecrated Host,” said Father Edward J. Burns, executive director of the Secretariat for Vocations and Priestly Formation for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Given by the Vatican to the USCCB, the monstrance is traveling across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

“The monstrance is one of six blessed by the late Pope John Paul II to promote Eucharistic adoration during the 2004-2005 Year of the Eucharist, will be visiting parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. The visit is part of a worldwide initiative to increase prayer services for vocations.

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Teens likely to adapt quickly to new missal, say catechists

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although the phrase “consustantial with the Father” might not roll off the tongues of Catholic youth, Church officials and catechists hope its meaning will sink in when it is said in the Nicene Creed later this year.

Consustantial, which means of the same essence, is one of several changes in Mass responses that are part of the revised edition of the Roman Missal to be implemented in Catholic churches Nov. 27.

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That sense of mystery and transcendence of God — or recognizing that God is beyond human perception — is something children in kindergarten last year is eligible for a seat each year in Catholic schools. Teachers and principals have worked with ACE of the University of Notre Dame this summer to plan, implement and evaluate curriculum. The Catholic school principals have been extremely busy providing information to interested parents throughout the summer regarding vouchers. We are grateful to the staff of our schools for their patience and consistent efforts to introduce the Catholic school advantage to our new families.

Dr. Mark D. Myers is the superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Deadline approaches for vouchers

BY DR. MARK MYERS

Indiana School Choice Legislation allows for parents who enroll their children in Catholic schools until Sept. 16; however, due to the state approval process, parents should enroll their children prior to the deadline to ensure eligibility.

Any parent of a child in grade kindergarten through grade 12 should call a Catholic school principal to acquire information about vouchers and special scholarship awards. Contact information for all Catholic schools is listed under “Catholic Schools” on the web at www.diocesefwsb.org.

The advisory committee of the Scholarship Granting Organization of Northeast Indiana met Thursday, Aug. 4, to recommend allocation of SGO funds to children attending diocesan schools. The members voted to recommend distribution of SGO awards to all eligible kindergarten children, first-grade students and a limited amount of funding for other students at risk of future lottery and are guaranteed funding for the rest of the Catholic population.

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Libya’s rebel leader denies claims of Islamic extremists in group

TRIPOLI, Libya (CNS) — The head of Libya’s rebel forces, claiming the capital, said dictator Moammar Gadhafi had tried to scare people by saying that Islamic extremists were part of the rebel movement. Mustafa Abdel-Jalil called on all Libyans to respect the lives of others and urged the rebels to show the world that Libya is a country of “religiously moderate” people. Moammar Gadhafi will be remembered and his period of rule through the acts that he committed against the rebels and the world,” he said Aug. 22. “But God has chosen that Gadhafi’s end should be at the hands of these youths, so that they can join the Arab Spring that is going around the Arab nations. And now I say with all transparency that the era of Gadhafi is over,” he said. Earlier this year, a Franciscan priest who has worked in Libya for seven years told Catholic News Service that Christians were afraid Islamic fundamentalists would take over the country if Gadhafi fell. He said that, under Gadhafi, Christians had been protected. Libya is a Muslim country, with Christianity restricted mostly to enclaves of foreign workers, many of whom were evacuated earlier this year. As of early afternoon Aug. 22, gunfire in the streets of Tripoli continued. “It is a disaster,” a local source in the capital told Fides, the news agency of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

Renewed interest in Mary’s role in faith life, depiction in art

DULUTH, Minn. (CNS) — There is renewed interest in Mary — her role in lives of faith, how to interpret references to her in Scripture, how she is depicted in art and literature — enough to spark a second “Mary in Our Day” conference, this one in Duluth and held on the feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15. “Her call to holiness still echoes,” explained Christian Brother Mark McVann. “Mary continues today to be a major spiritual force and resource in the modern world.” The College of St. Scholastica hosted this second exploration of the enduring significance of the Blessed Mother. The first was organized by St. Mary’s College of California last year. Brother Mark, a professor of theology and religious studies at St. Mary’s, said the revival of interest in Mary and Marian devotion is evident in the volume of recent books on Mary, in the University of Dayton’s “Mary Page” on the Internet, as a product of encyclical and liturgical norms is evident in the extensive book in Mary, commissioned by the Cardinal’s History Channel has done a series (and now a book) — “Visions of Mary” — which he called excellent. The fact that there are so many references in the New Testament makes discussions of Mary complex and open to interpretation, he said. In St. Luke’s Gospel, the Mary is “open, intelligent, independent and faithful,” Brother Mark said. “Mary is more than an Old Testament saint,” he added. “She is the first one to hear the Gospel. Mary is the first Christian disciple. ... When she appears at the foot of the cross, she becomes the model for believers.”

Advice to homilists: Please get to the point in six or eight minutes

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — For eight days at Loyola University New Orleans, three priests and five deacons absorbed the cool mathematics and internal symmetry of good preaching. Just as Moses descended from Mount Sinai with Ten Commandments chiseled on two stone tablets, the rules laid out by Father Roy Shelly and Deborah Wilhelm of the Diocese of Monterey, Calif., while not etched in permanent marker, are boundaries worthy of respect: six to eight minutes for a Sunday homily, three to five minutes for a weekday sermon. “The idea is not so much ‘brevity’ as it is not taking longer than you need,” said Wilhelm, a doctoral student with a focus on preaching at the Aquinas Institute of Theology. Improving the quality and spiritual depth of preaching has been a passion for Father Shelly, who is director of vocations and oversees homiletics training for the permanent diaconate in his diocese. If priests and deacons do not take seriously their vocational call and the preparation needed to preach the Gospel, Father Shelly said, the resulting communication will be flat and possibly even an obstacle to worship. “The Pew Foundation looked at why young adults are leaving the Church, and the first reason the study gave was poor preaching,” Father Shelly said. “In the Diocese of Monterey, we only recently renewed the diaconate. The mandate that came from the papal council was that deacons should be effective preachers — and we should also hold the presbyterate to the same standards. This post-Vatican II generation expects more from us.”

Celebrations mark 500th anniversary of first dioceses in the Americas

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (CNS) — Hundreds of Catholics gathered at the oldest cathedral in the Americas Aug. 8 to mark the 500th anniversary of the first Catholic dioceses in the Western Hemisphere. Before a large crowd in Columbus Plaza, in Santo Domingo’s colonial zone, Cardinal Carlos Amigo Vallejo, retired archbishop of Seville, Spain, celebrated Mass, highlighting Catholicism’s unwavering presence in the region. “The Church does not exist to give up, or to be changed, but to enforce the will of God. We are the voice; Jesus Christ is the Word,” he said during the late-afternoon liturgy that followed a procession. Cardinal Amigo attended the event as Pope Benedict XVI’s envoy. Earlier in the day, Catholic leaders and Dominican politicians, including President Leonel Fernandez, attended the opening of the Santo Domingo Catholic Museum, which displays works of art and religious pieces dat- ing to the colonial era. Work on the museum began in 1993. The celebrations marked the anniversary of the establishment of the first three dioceses in the Americas on Aug. 8, 1511, by Pope Julius II. The other two dioceses are located in La Vega, Dominican Republic, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Five centuries later, Catholic faith in the region remains strong, said Cardinal Nicolas de Jesus Lopez Rodriguez of Santo Domingo. The holy year marking the anniversary saw some 200,000 Dominicans journey to the St. Mary of the Incarnation Cathedral in the colonial zone, he said.

Policy on deportation reviews could allow some to stay in US

WASHINGTON (CNS) — An Obama administration announcement that new discretion will be exercised in whether to deport immigrants who do not have criminal records was hailed by advocates for immigrants as an important step toward comprehensive reform. The new policy announced in letters to senators Aug. 18 could mean some people facing deportation will be allowed to remain in the United States and get work permits, a development praised by Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Migration. “This could help keep families together and give hope to young people who know only America as their home,” he said in a statement. Others also expressed support for the policy, but like Bishop Wester warned quickly to add that comprehensive immigration reform would be the best approach to fixing the nation’s broken immigration policy. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., one of the most visible congressional advocates for comprehensive immigration reform, noted that he has been a vocal critic of President Barack Obama over increased deportations during his administration. “This is the Barack Obama I have been wait- ing for,” he added, “and that Latino and immigrant voters helped put in office to fight for sensible immi- gration policies. Focusing scarce resources on deporting serious crim- inals, gang bangers and drug dealers and setting aside noncriminals with deep roots in the U.S. until Congress fixes our laws is the right thing to do and I am proud of the president and (Homeland Security Secretary Janet) Napolitano for standing up for a more rational approach to enforcing our current immigration laws.”

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ORANGE, Calif. (CNS) — The Diocese of Orange has upped its bid to buy the Crystal Cathedral complex in Orange from $50 million to $53.6 million. Once the home church of the Rev. Robert Schuller, a noted television preacher, the cathed- ral is part of any bankruptcy proceed- ing earlier this year as part of the Crystal Cathedral Ministries bank- ruptcy proceedings. News media in a new court report said that a bidding war had begun, prompting the Orange Diocese to increase its offer. Other bids in the $50-million range have come from David Green, a prominent evangelical who heads the nation- wide arts and crafts retailer Hobby Lobby, and Chapman University, a private liberal arts university in Orange. Meanwhile, the board of Crystal Cathedral Ministries, or CCM, announced it has no plans to sell the property and has launched a fundraising drive to try to save it. But the creditors committee, which is part of any bankruptcy proceed- ing, and the bankruptcy court have not been moved to the bankruptcy court. According to its Aug. 9 announce- ment about increasing its bid, the Orange Diocese said its goals remain the same: find a buyer, exercise in whether to deport immi- grants who do not have criminal records was hailed by advocates for immigrants as an important step toward comprehensive reform. The new policy announced in letters to senators Aug. 18 could mean some people fac- ing deportation will be allowed to remain in the United States and get work permits, a development praised by Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Migration. “This could help keep families together and give hope to young people who know only America as their home,” he said in a statement. Others also expressed support for the policy, but like Bishop Wester warned quickly to add that comprehensive immigration reform would be the best approach to fixing the nation’s broken immigration policy. Rep. Luis Gutierrez, D-Ill., one of the most visible congressional advoca- cies for comprehensive immigration reform, noted that he has been a vocal critic of President Barack Obama over increased deportations during his administration. “This is the Barack Obama I have been wait- ing for,” he added, “and that Latino and immigrant voters helped put in office to fight for sensible immi- gration policies. Focusing scarce resources on deporting serious crim- inals, gang bangers and drug dealers and setting aside noncriminals with deep roots in the U.S. until Congress fixes our laws is the right thing to do and I am proud of the president and (Homeland Security Secretary Janet) Napolitano for standing up for a more rational approach to enforcing our current immigration laws.”

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Vincentfest slated Sept. 18

FORT WAYNE — St. Vincent de Paul Church’s 16th annual parish picnic, Vincentfest 2011, is set for Sunday, Sept. 18, from noon until 6 p.m. It will be located at the St. Vincent de Paul School, 1720 E. Wallen Rd., Fort Wayne.

This year’s community building event will once again include lots of fun and family entertainment for all ages: 10-plus small kids games, cake walk, youth games, bungee run, two moon walks, gladiator joust, the TurboRush, free balloons and lemonade plus the very popular dunk tank.

A chicken strip dinner will be available all afternoon in the parish hall (carry-outs will be available). Hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwurst with chips, popcorn, ice cream, lemonade, coffee and soft drinks will be served.

Entertainment scheduled for this year’s Vincentfest always includes the well-known Life Teen Band plus much more.

Redeemer Radio launches Friday night high school football show

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450, has launched its new Friday night high school football preview show, “Tailgate Talk,” which debuted Aug. 19 from 6-6:55 p.m.

Local football experts Casey O’Boyle (Northeast Indiana Game Night), Sean McBride (play-by-play host), Joe Wharton (former coach and commentator), and Mark Watts (former coach and commentator) give listeners an in-depth look at each SAC and NHC game, as well as offer predictions for the night’s matchups. As high school football fans drive to see their favorite team play, AM 1450’s “Tailgate Talk” will offer listeners all they need to know to prepare for the game.

“We’re really very excited to have this opportunity. I think we’ve assembled a great team who individually understands high school football and are passionate about the game and Redeemer Radio,” said Sean McBride. “Tailgate Talk” should be a very entertaining and insightful, and we expect more and more listeners to tune in every Friday night as the word spreads about this program — there’s nothing like it in the area!”

“Tailgate Talk” includes exclusive interviews with players and coaches from area teams as well as a closer look at the Redeemer Radio “Game of the Week,” featuring either Bishop Dwenger or Bishop Luers that airs each week at 6:55 p.m. immediately following “Tailgate Talk.”

“The best-selling author Mary Gordon to give 2011 Christian Culture Lecture

NOTRE DAME — The Department of Humanistic Studies at Saint Mary’s College announced that nationally acclaimed writer Mary Gordon will deliver the annual Christian Culture Lecture on Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 4 p.m. in O’Laughlin Auditorium.

The best-selling author is known for her books “Final Payments,” “Pearl,” “The Shadow Man,” “Circling My Mother,” “Reading Jesus,” and most recently, “The Love of My Youth.”

In her lecture, “The Uses and Limits of Outrage: A Meditation on the Work of Francisco Goya, Czeslaw Milosz and Denise Levertov,” Gordon will explore how artists and poets respond to the political catastrophes of tyranny and war.

Gordon’s lecture is free, though tickets are required. Go to www.moresaucer.com or call (574) 284-4626 to reserve tickets. The Department of Humanistic Studies sponsors the lecture through the generosity of Susan Fitzgerald Rice ’61 and Donald Rice.

The annual Christian Culture Lecture asks a preeminent figure in the humanities to explore some aspect of the Christian dimension of Western culture. Gordon is widely regarded as one of the leading chroniclers of contemporary Catholic life in America. Her literary works paint a rich picture of Western culture.

The lecture is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be available all afternoon in the parish hall (carry-outs will be available). Hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwurst with chips, popcorn, ice cream, lemonade, coffee and soft drinks will be served.

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Sisters of St. Francis celebrate feast of St. Clare
Several women taking next step in religious life

MISHAWAKA — The Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration celebrated the days surrounding the feast of St. Clare with great solemnity, as they witnessed several young women taking their next step in religious life.

Renewal of vows

During Mass on Aug. 9, Sister M. Veronica Lopez and Sister M. Lissetta Gettinger renewed their temporary vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience for two years. This fall, Sister M. Veronica will begin working at the Franciscan St. Francis Health Neighborhood Health Center, part of the sisters’ healthcare apostolate located in Indianapolis. She is a former parishioner of St. Joseph Parish, Hammond.

Sister M. Lissetta resides at the motherhouse in Mishawaka, where she continues to participate in the apostolate of Perpetual Adoration and teaches second grade at St. Anthony School, South Bend.

New novices

Four young women were admitted to the novitiate on Aug. 10 after completing a year of postulancy. During the investiture ceremony, new brown habits were blessed by the chaplain and presented to the postulants by the Provincial Superior Sister M. Angela. While the community sought the intercession of the Blessed Mother through the rosary, the new sisters dressed in habits and white veils before returning to chapel to pray Midday Prayer.

The provincial presented each new sister with a crucifix, a copy of the Rule and Constitution of the community, Liturgy of the Hours book and her new religious name. Heidi Herber received the name Sister Maria Faustina of St. Joseph. She entered the community from St. Boniface Parish in Lafayette.

Alexa Richy was given the name Sister Mary Grace of St. Joseph. She comes from St Patrick Parish in Kokomo.

Jordan Henneberry will now be known as Sister M. Ignatia of St. Joseph. Hailing from St Anne, Mother of Mary Parish in Mexico, N.Y., she met the sisters while studying at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Jessica Richardson received the name Sister M. Lucia of St. Joseph. Her family belongs to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, where she met the Sisters at the University of Saint Francis.

These sisters will spend the next two years growing in their relationship with Christ through prayer, studying about religious life, and experiencing this through community life and the apostolate.

First vows

Later this day, three novices professed temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for a period of three years. Sister M. Angela accepted their vows in the name of the Church. During the liturgy, the white veils, which they wore as novices, were exchanged for black veils as an outward sign of their profession.

Sister M. Petra Nielson has been assigned to the motherhouse, where she will begin to work for the corporate office of the Franciscan Alliance healthcare system as she pursues a master’s degree at the University of Notre Dame. A former member of St. Matthew Cathedral in Washington, D.C., Sister M. Petra became acquainted with the sisters as a child at Our Lady of Grace in Highland.

Sister M. Benedicta Duna has been admitted to St. John Convent, St. John, where she will teach junior high religion at St. John School. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Sister M. Benedicta’s family are members of St. Raphael Parish in Bay Village, Ohio.

Sister M. Cecelia Clare Stoffel will reside at the motherhouse, teaching music at St. Anthony School in South Bend and serving the community as choir director. She will join in the community’s apostolate of Perpetual Adoration and assist with vocational activities. Her parents reside in Summerset, S.D., where Sister Cecelia Clare was a member of Our Lady of the Black Hills Parish in Piedmont, S.D.

On the feast of St. Clare, Aug. 1, Sister Mary Vianney Grau vowed to God to live until death in poverty, obedience and chastity as a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. During the Mass, Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, asked the congregation to join him in praying the Litany of the Saints before Sister Mary Vianney professed her vows to Sister M. Angela. Bishop D’Arcy blessed the ring, which Sister Mary Vianney now wears as a sign of her consecration as a spouse of Jesus Christ and member of her religious community.

Originally from the Dominican Republic, Sister Mary Vianney became acquainted with the Sisters at St. Boniface Parish, Lafayette. She resides at the motherhouse, where she assists in Perpetual Adoration and serves as a sixth-grade teacher at St. Anthony School, South Bend.

Each of these sisters appreciates the continued prayers of the local Church as she strives to make of herself a total gift to Jesus Christ.
To help cover expenses for summer camp, the Knights of Columbus Council 6323 of Syracuse donated $750 to the Syracuse Boy Scout Troop. The Knights support and contribute to many youth activities. Dr. Richard Brungardt presented the check, on behalf of the Knights, to troop members and their scoutmaster. Pictured left to right are (back) Scoutmaster Don Curry, Dylan Dunithan, Mitchel Runyon, Dr. Brungardt, (front) George Minnix and Derek Dunithan.

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Sacred Heart Parish hosts pastor from twin parish in Kenscoff, Haiti

BY ANN MARIE QUEENNEY

WARSAW — Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw hosted a visit from Father Joseph Francois, the pastor of its “twin” parish, St. Nicolas in Kenscoff, Haiti, the weekend of Aug. 6. Kenscoff is located approximately 10 miles southeast of Port-au-Prince.

Also visiting that weekend was Father Edwige Carre, former pastor of St. Nicolas. Father Carre established the parish partnership with Sacred Heart 24 years ago and is currently pastor of Holy Name Parish in Nashville, Tenn.

The term “twin parish” not only describes the close bond developed over the years between the two parishes, but their participation in the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas, a nonprofit organization that links Catholic parishes in the U.S. or Canada with parishes in Haiti, the Caribbean and Latin America. The program’s goal is to provide resources for educational, medical, financial and spiritual enrichments, while building a mutual loving and respectful relationship between “twins.”

Father Francois, and Father Carre’s busy weekend schedules included advising the Sacred Heart Twinning Program Committee on future projects, celebrating weekend Masses and meeting parishioners. Prior to Mass, Father Phil DeVolder, pastor of Sacred Heart, introduced and welcomed Fathers Francois and Carre to the parish, mentioning that “the people have been looking forward to the priests’ visit.”

During the homilies, Father Francois and Father Carre spoke movingly of their gratitude to Sacred Heart parishioners for their longtime spiritual and financial support of St. Nicolas congregation. “The people at Sacred Heart are extremely generous, and have been for 24 years,” Father DeVolder said. “This is quite a commitment.”

This support has included helping with the educational needs of the 759 students who attend John Paul II School and providing meals to the children enrolled in the parish’s pre-kindergarten through 12th grade classes.

Oftentimes, the school lunch is the only meal many children receive that day.

Sacred Heart Parish continues assisting St. Nicolas Church and School with the installation of sanitary water and waste systems as well as repairs needed after the 2010 earthquake. The priests mentioned that while past contributions have been essential to St. Nicolas Parish, Sacred Heart’s continued support is vital as Kenscoff is still experiencing difficulties, such as a renewed cholera outbreak.

Father Francois and Father Carre also expressed their joy for having the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist with Sacred Heart parishioners. The priests concluded the homily by thanking the parish once again for their support and saying that, “We love you and pray all the time for you, and will continue to do so.”

Following each Mass, parishioners had the opportunity to meet and talk with the priests over coffee and doughnuts in the school gym. An online slide show and photo albums of previous mission visits to St. Nicolas were available for viewing.

As part of the twinning program, Sacred Heart has sent shipments of medical supplies, food and clothes to St. Nicolas. Sacred Heart has also provided financial support by purchasing seeds for crops and farm animals after the 2010 earthquake.

Upcoming projects include another shipment of supplies to St. Nicolas later this year, a mission visit this fall and hopefully a medical mission next year.

Debbie Reith, Sacred Heart chair of the Twinning Parish Committee, said, “Our work for our sister parish is only possible through the giving of the time, talent and treasure of our parishioners here at Sacred Heart.”

For more information regarding Sacred Heart’s twinning program with St. Nicolas and opportunities to participate in future projects, call the parish office at (574) 267-5842. The office’s mailing address is 124 N. Lindberg, Warsaw, IN, 46580.

Are you celebrating your 25th or 50th Wedding Jubilee in 2011?

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate two Wedding Jubilee Masses

In South Bend, the Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Matthew, Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following at St. Matthew’s School.

In Fort Wayne, the Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sunday, October 16, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following at the Grand Wayne Center.

YES...We are celebrating our (please check one) (___) 25th Jubilee (___) 50th Jubilee

We will attend Mass in (___) South Bend (___) Fort Wayne Attend Reception (___) YES (___) NO

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Brother Thomas Moulder makes first vows

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Brother Thomas R. Moulder made his first vows as a Brother of Holy Cross on Aug. 20 in a ceremony held at St. Joseph Chapel in Holy Cross Village.

Holy Cross Brother Chester Freel, provincial of the Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross witnessed the profession of vows by Brother Thomas. The principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass was Father Andre Léveillé, a chaplain at Holy Cross Village.

A reception followed at Brother William Geenen Hall at Andre Place, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

Moulder, a native of South Bend, is the son of the late John and Katharine Moulder and is the youngest of five children. He was the only boy. He attended St. Joseph and Holy Cross grade schools along with LaSalle High School. The seeds of his vocation were planted by the Sisters of the Holy Cross and Holy Cross priests in the area.

Prior to his deciding on becoming a Brother of Holy Cross, Moulder graduated from Pepperdine University while in the Marines, joined the Navy and served aboard the USS Coral Sea, worked for the United States Attorney’s Office, was a Jesuit novice for nearly two years, worked at a women’s homeless shelter, volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend and was a graduate student at IUSB South Bend.

Columba Hall, on the University of Notre Dame campus, was the site of Moulder’s Novitiate Year which began Aug. 17, 2010. Holy Cross Brother Thomas Moser, former assistant novice master at Holy Cross Novitiate in Cascade, Colo., for 17 years, was Moulder’s novice master for the year.

Brother Thomas Moulder will continue as a student in the Master of Social Work program at IUSB for the next few years.

Holy Cross Brother Thomas Moulder, left, makes his first vows as a Brother of Holy Cross at a ceremony held Saturday, Aug. 20, in St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. Holy Cross Brother Chester Freel, provincial superior, right, receives his vows. Moulder, a resident of South Bend, will continue his graduate studies at Indiana University at South Bend. A reception was held in Brother Geenen Hall following the ceremony.
The World Youth Day Pilgrims from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend had the opportunity to participate in Mass at several historic locations. Father Terry Coonan shows his happy jump on one of the tours of Madrid. Above, the group poses in front of the Basilica of Loiola.

Pilgrims take a moment for some fun activities at World Youth Day in Madrid.
Green shirted pilgrims are gathered in a spot outside the airfield in anticipation of the pope’s arrival for the vigil and consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Many had the opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration in a nearby tent before an electrical storm doused the participants.
pray the rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy together and enjoy the beautiful countryside dotted with corn fields, cows and orange-tiled roof topped villas. It had been reported that at WYD pilgrims from across the globe met and trade cultural items. So many pilgrims crafted rope rosaries as they traveled the highways to share their Catholic friends from abroad.

After checking in at their hotel, the Arcade, which was located a stone’s throw from the Lourdes complex, the enthusiastic pilgrims descended on the area to investigate the site. The activities were vast and varied.

The large group broke into smaller travel groups and took advantage of every opportunity to witness God’s glory there, including praying at the grotto, bathing in the healing baths, participating in the torch light ceremony, daily Mass in one of the beautiful chapels or the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, diocesan penance service, following in the footsteps of St. Bernadette, a powerful trip up the hill to pray the Way of the Cross High Stations led by Bishop Rhodes, Eucharistic Procession with Adoration and Mass in the grotto with Bishop Rhodes and the diocesan priests on tour with the group. And, of course, there were many shopping trips and late night gelato runs as well.

The camaraderie within the group was only heightened by the jovial presence of the young priests, deacons and seminarians. Though the solemn events were many, there was also time for fun.

Fort Wayne-South Bend pilgrims shared many of the events at Lourdes with a group from the Diocese of Harrisburg led by Bishop Joseph McFadden, all of whom were destined for WYD in Madrid as well.

Franciscan Father David Mary Enns, who along with his fellow Franciscan brothers traveled with the group, gave a pep talk to the youth of Fort Wayne-South Bend one evening and said, “This is one time you can be as loud and rowdy as you want.”

He went on to remind the pilgrims that a pilgrimage may be filled with hardships that they might offer up for their loved ones who are suffering. The peace at the grotto allowed for reflection and prayer in preparation for the upcoming five-day WYD event in Madrid Aug. 16-21 where the pilgrims would join an estimated 2.5 million other Catholic youth in welcoming Pope Benedict XVI.

Each evening the pilgrims gathered at the hotel for dinner, but roadside crepe stands, outdoor cafes, pizza parlors and gelato shops enticed them with the local cuisine.

Loyola
Sunday, Aug. 14, the group rose early to board buses that took them through the rolling French countryside to Loyola to walk the very ground St. Ignatius inhabited. Loyola is a beautiful complex where the original childhood home of St. Ignatius stands, castle-like, in its splendor. It was in this “Holy House” that the saint had a mighty conversion while he recuperated from a battle wound.

Burgos
The diocesan group lunched and celebrated the Eucharist in the ornate cathedral there with the group from Harrisburg then boarded busses once again — this time for Burgos, the home of one of the oldest intact cathedrals in France. The pilgrims found this ancient city stunning in its majestic beauty and found time after check in and a delightful five-course French dinner to tour the nearby neighborhood.

Nested back in the cathedral square groups had come together to celebrate their passion for Jesus with colorful lights, musical bands and singers, and much enthusiastic cheering from the crowd. One small group left the merriment in search of a place for quiet reflection and stumbled upon a chapel holding Eucharistic Adoration where the priest was blessing each individual all the way out into the streets. These were the moments of grace that planted the seeds that would spring forth in Madrid at WYD.

Morning rose on the feast of the Assumption when the pilgrims gathered for Mass at the ancient Cathedral of Burgos.

Destination Madrid
Another bus ride took the pilgrims on a three-hour ride through mountain tunnels and over passes to their final destination — Madrid. The sprawling city, preparing to accommodate the 2.5 million young Catholics over the next week welcomed the Fort wayne-South Bend pilgrims with charity and Spanish hospitality.

Once all were checked into the Tryp Ambassador Hotel the pilgrims explored the area to find wonderful shops, plazas and restaurants serving local foods such as Paella. Many of the restaurants in Madrid offered a special menu for pilgrims who presented their official WYD food vouchers.

Meeting back at the hotel the group linked to a restaurant where they dined on local cuisine and then off to collect their backpacks containing all they would need during their stay in Madrid. The yellow Fort Wayne-South Bend baseball caps made the group easy to spot. Along the way there was much to see, including groups of youth dancing and singing in anticipation of the arrival of Pope Benedict.

August 16 was a free day when the pilgrims toured the city and enjoyed culture events. They eventually joined the masses of youth who arrived on the Plaza de Cibeles for the official WYD opening Mass celebrated by the archbishop of Madrid, Antonio Maria Rouco Varela. The enthusiasm was palpable as the youth worshiped together. As groups from various countries passed by members would stop to exchange names and trinkets. The rope rosaries, which were a big hit, were traded for pins, flags, hats and more.

The next three days began with morning catechises sesions and Mass, which for the group were held at the beautiful Sts. Thérèse and Joseph Church. The pilgrims were thrilled to find that the relic of St. Thérèse of Lisieux visiting there, and they were eager to venerate such a great and inspiring saint. Other catechises sesions offered by bishops from around the world and in various languages were held around the area in churches, schools, auditoriums and sports centers. Sessions held at the the Knights of Columbus sponsored Life and Love Center with the ever joyful Archbishop Timothy Dolan from New York were favorites among the group. They learned that they were called to love Jesus and then share that love with others.

Other activities included a rousing vocation fair with speaker Father Robert Barron, eXalt sessions, Eucharistic Adoration and so much more. The pilgrims wasted no time as they walked or rode the intricately connected metro with seven-day passes to their chosen events.

Pope Benedict XVI arrives
The streets of Madrid were packed with Catholic youth in anticipation of the arrival of Pope Benedict XVI on Thursday, Aug. 18. Many of the youth from this diocese were able to see the pope in his popemobile as he was escorted to the central altar located at Plaza deCibeles before the seat of Madrid’s Town Hall, where he would receive the keys to the city and gifts from youth who represented several countries present there. The pope offered a celebration of the Word with a blessing for the youth that was received with great ardor.

Stations of the Cross
The following day the streets were lined again with excited youth to participate in the WYD Stations of the Cross at which the pope was present. The WYD cross made its way to each station where special intentions for those suffering were offered.

Saturday, Aug. 20, began with the pilgrims attending a special Mass for American pilgrims back at the Love and Life Center where joyful worship music abounded. The pilgrims enjoyed being shown on the big screen there as cameras captured their antics.

The liturgy was celebrated by Cardinal George of Chicago, with the homily by Archbishop Dolan.

Trek to the airfield
They then made an incredible journey on foot to the airfield where the pope would arrive for the vigil and the Sunday Mass. Unfortunately their assigned spot was taken and the gates closed by the time they arrived about 6 p.m. They encountered a lightning storm through which they prayed together fervently and slept in a field outside the grounds on air mattresses. The group pooled money to buy sandwiches as the officials would not take their vouchers for packaged food. During the evening Pope Benedict held a special service within the gates and consecrated the very spot of the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sunday
Sunday morning the weary group headed to the gate to locate their spot, which they were told was open normally turned away again. With much dismay and discouragement the group chose to return to the hotel and attend Mass together at St. Thérèse where they had attended catechesis sessions earlier in the week. Priests from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend concelebrated Mass in English for the pilgrims, consecrating them to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as well.

The safe, but weary pilgrims, were strongly not discouraged by this misadventure. Moreover they all agreed that even though they were not able to attend the papal Mass, this has been an exciting and fulfilling experience.

Back at the hotel the exhausted pilgrims loaded their luggage and luggage with new found French and Spanish treasures on busses that took them to the airport for departure to Paris. One of the flights was delayed due to electrical storms but all arrived safely.

Paris, homeward bound
A few determined pilgrims even rose very early on Aug. 22 and took the train into the city to see Notre Dame and the Eiffel Tower. Then back to the airport for the long flight back home where they gathered to offer their thanks and say a final Mass in the Spiritual Center of St. Vincent in Fort Wayne.

The spiritual pilgrimage was challenging and emotionally momentous, however the consensus was positive. The Spirit-fed group conceded that the miraculous moments of grace experienced by many were well worth the effort.
Pope says he’ll proclaim new doctor of Church

BY CINDY WOODEN

MADRID (CNS) — Telling seminarians they must prepare seriously for the priesthood by devoting themselves to becoming saints, Pope Benedict XVI gave them a role model: St. John of Avila, who will become the Catholic Church’s 34th doctor of the Church.

At the end of a Mass Aug. 20 with some 6,000 seminarians from around the world, the pope announced he soon would add the 16th-century Spanish saint to the short list of saints formally recognized for making a big mark on Catholic theology through their teaching and writing. His remarks were greeted with sustained applause in Madrid’s Almudena Cathedral.

Pope Benedict entrusted all the seminarians, as well as priests and bishops, to the intercession of St. John, a master of spirituality and a renowned preacher.

“As they persevere in the same faith which he taught, may they model their hearts on that of Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd,” the pope prayed.

Pope Benedict did not say when he would make the formal proclamation, and while the announcement was a bit of a surprise, it was almost a replay of how the news came out the last time a pope declared a doctor of the Church. The 33rd saint honored with the title was St. Therese of Lisieux. It was during World Youth Day in Paris in 1997 that Blessed John Paul II made the announcement; the formal ceremony was held at the Vatican two months later.

The doctors of the Church are all saints and come from both the Eastern and Western church traditions. They include early Church fathers like Sts. Jerome, John Chrysostom and Augustine, as well as major theologians like Sts. Thomas Aquinas, Bonaventure and John of the Cross. In addition to St. Therese of Lisieux, the women doctors of the Church are Sts. Catherine of Siena and Teresa of Avila.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, told reporters Aug. 20 that a date for the ceremony has not been set.

He described St. John of Avila, who lived 1500-1569, as “a great master of priestly spirituality,” and an important influence on Spanish Catholic luminaries like St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross.

“He was one of the important figures of the golden age of Spanish spirituality,” Father Lombardi said.

During the Mass for seminarians attending World Youth Day, Pope Benedict said the young men preparing for priesthood are “proof of how Christ continues to call young disciples and to make them His apostles.”

Pope Benedict told the students their time in the seminary “should be years of interior silence, of unceasing prayer, of constant study and gradual introduction into pastoral activities. But prayer, study and pastoral activity are not enough, he said: The seminarians must strive for holiness.

“The holiness of the Church is, above all, the objective holiness of the very person of Christ and “we have to be saints so as not to create a contradiction between the sign that we are and the reality that we wish to signify.”

Seminarians must be open to the grace of the Holy Spirit that will help them decide to live a life of celibacy, simplicity and obedience,” he said.

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Bringing Christ to the clinic

A Catholic physician once related to me a powerful story about one of his patients, who had just received a diagnosis of advanced, metastatic cancer and had a relatively short time left to live. The patient mentioned to the doctor that he was a Catholic, but had drifted away from the Church and no longer practiced. A short time after sharing the diagnosis, the doctor returned to the man’s hospital room together with a priest, asking whether he would like to talk with him. The man became upset and threw them both out of the room, saying to his doctor, “Don’t ever do that again.”

Over the next few weeks as his condition worsened, the doctor worked tirelessly with the patient, addressing his medical and pain management needs. He became closer to him each day, and spoke with him about a range of topics. A relationship of trust began to grow and develop.

When the patient’s condition took a sharp turn for the worse, the physician knew the end was approaching. Once again he came to the door of the patient’s room accompanied by a priest and stood there for a moment. The patient caught the doctor’s eye, and with a glimmer in it, said rather cryptically, “Oh, what the heck, he probably knows better than you do, so send him in here.”

The doctor didn’t come out of the room for over an hour. The man ended up going to Confession and receiving the last sacraments. Ninety minutes after the priest departed, the man died in the arms of the Lord.

It might seem bold that the physician brought the priest to the room initially without first inquiring whether the patient had wanted a visit from the priest. Yet, it was clearly out of concern for the patient’s spiritual needs that he “erred” on the side of taking that risk. The patient had some personal concern, bolstered by a stronger relationship with the patient, led him to try a second time, and it causes even believers to pause in their witness and question their faith. Christians must live amid this distortion and chronic sin.

Doom and gloom are not the final points in these readings. Rather, the lesson is that God does not make us. He offers us the way to salvation. Jesus is the Savior. In the marvel of God’s vocation and grace, Christians are privileged to bring divine hope and peace into the world. How should we respond?

In the Gospel passage, as was the case last week, Peter is central. Last week, Peter professed great faith. This week, he fails to grasp what Jesus is saying and reverts to human conclusions. Jesus strongly corrects him. As history unfolded, Peter assumed the role given by Jesus, leading the Apostles and the Church. In Him, in them and in the Church, we have the words of everlasting life. But, we can never forget what we are, limited humans, reduced by sin. We must give ourselves totally to God, trusting only in God.

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mt 16:21-27

The Book of Jeremiah provides this weekend’s first reading. Jeremiah was blunt and controversial, and angry listeners at times went so far as to threaten his life. He withstood criticisms, but he did not abide the outrages without protest. He devoutly believed that his role as a prophet resulted from the decree of God. Jeremiah, like many before and after him, lived amid the suffering of being a “man of sorrow and acquainted with grief.”

The Apostles still are with the Lord at Caesarea Philippi, at the beginning of the Jordan River north of the Sea of Galilee. This scene is yet another in the chain of events in which the Apostles’ unique roles as students and commissioned representatives can be inferred.

Jesus continues to instruct. Now it is a solemn mission, foreboding message. He warned that true followers of the Gospel must themselves endure much. They would have to carry their crosses in the footsteps of Christ the crucified.

Peter again prominently appears, here protesting the Lord’s prediction of the crucifixion. Jesus sternly rebukes Peter, to the point of calling Peter “Satan,” and saying that the rock upon which the Church would be built in fact could be a stumbling block.

Reflection

The world, deformed by sin, cling to itself in a fundamentally misguided wish to maintain security. No one ever truly erases the effects of original sin that scarred and crippled human nature. This fact leads to further sin. It creates a distorted and twisted world, and it causes even believers to pause in their witness and question their faith.

Christ the crucified.

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETICS

FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

making it possible for the man to receive the sacraments and make his peace with God.

The physician’s boldness and unflagging concern for his patient played an important role in bringing Christ into a situation where His healing graces were needed, where even the priest alone probably could not have succeeded.

A few months ago, a physician in Florida told me a similar story from his own experience. A young man who had been found unconscious from a suspected drug overdose was in a relatively short time left to live.

True followers carry their crosses

BY JOHN GAVRE

We need Catholic teachers

Ph.D. while serving as our RA in Keenan Hall during my freshman year at Notre Dame.

Today, there are far fewer religious in academia, and at many Catholic universities their influence has waned or vanished. This is precisely the reason that Catholic teachers are needed in our faculties, to pick up the slack.

At my university, The Catholic University of America, which was founded not by a religious order but by this nation’s Catholic bishops, we have an even greater obligation to see that laypeople fulfill this formative role.

In this light it is much easier to see why at Catholic University we stress the Catholicism of mechanical engineers no less than we do that of philosophers. As college students strive to find their roles in life — their professional callings as well as their marital and religious vocations — the upright lives and piety of their learned professors can have a profound and positive effect on them.

When I think of my own calling to teach, I think not only of Father Claude, but also of “Mr. Chips,” that long-lord cultural icon of novel and screen. This fictional and socially awkward protagonist doubted the value of his own teaching career when he realized that, at best, he was merely producing young Latin experts. Later in life, he found deeper meaning by befriending his students, reaching into their lives and offering them something far more profound.

Likewise, at Catholic universities, we are not just in the business of filling students’ brains with facts, or even with useful concepts that will serve them in their careers and in life. If we fail to reach students as human beings, and to help them see that all knowledge serves the glory of God, then we fail in our mission.
Don’t hate me because I’m right

R elativism is the philosophy that there is no objective reality, but that truth is relative to what each person thinks. We’ve all encountered relativism in statements like, “Jesus is God for me, while Vishnu is God for someone else.” “You have your truth, and I have mine,” or, in regard to issues like the abortion debate, “You can’t impose your morality on another person.”

This “agree never to disagree” philosophy is considered necessary to guarantee peace, tolerance and equality in a pluralistic world. Conversely, people who think we can know the truth in moral or religious issues are considered intolerant, bigoted and maybe even downright dangerous.

In defense of those who have the audacity to claim to know the truth about who God is or how we’re supposed to live, myself included, I have to point out that nothing could be further from the truth. Some of the most intolerant people in history were not believers, but relativists!

Benito Mussolini, the fascist dictator of Italy, is one clear-cut example. Early in his political career, he wrote: “Everything I have said and done in these last years is relativism, by intuition. From the fact that all ideologies are of equal value, that all ideologies are mere fictions, the modern relativist infers that everybody has the right to create for himself his own ideology, and to attempt to enforce it with all the energy of which he is capable. If relativism signifies contempt for fixed categories and men who claim to be the bearers of an objective immortal truth, then there is nothing more relativistic than fascism.” — Diuturna

Since Mussolini didn’t recognize any objective reality — moral or religious — to which he should conform, he invented his own moral code and enforces it on everyone he could. It truth is really relative, why not?

And while it might seem that if we could just “imagine there’s no heaven ... no hell below us ... no religion, too,” then we could “live in peace.”

The 20th century proved John Lennon’s dream wrong time and again. People in the 20th century who imagined that there was no “objective immoral truth” — no heaven, hell and no religion — made many of the crimes committed in the name of faith look like child’s play.

Take communism, for instance, with its strong commitment to atheism. In one small communist country alone, Cambodia, 1.7 million people died at the hands of the government from 1975 to 1979, with entire families, including infants, being put to death by the tens of thousands if they were a perceived threat to the Communist Party.

To be fair, the average relativist wouldn’t go as far as Mussolini or the communists of Cambodia, but the modern world is increasingly full of examples of relativist intolerance toward those who believe in objective truth. Take, for example:

• Regular lawsuits backed by the ACLU to forcibly squash any mention of God out of the public square to cater to a few intolerant atheists
• The college student in California who was threatened with expulsion after she said a prayer for a sick teacher on campus with his consent
• A civil rights organization that protested a statue of Jesus found on the floor of the ocean
• The Christian print-shop owner in Toronto who was fined for choosing not to print promotional materials for a gay and lesbian group
• The attacks on conscientious objection rights that currently allow Catholic doctors and hospitals to refuse to participate in providing abortions

It seems that a new relativist

inquisition is picking up steam. And, of course, it is being carried out in the name of “tolerance”!

Contrast these examples of intolerance with a “religious absolutist” whom most people remember: Mother Teresa. She believed beyond the shadow of a doubt that she was right and all other faiths were wrong when it came to the divinity of Jesus Christ. But could you imagine new videos being found and released on YouTube of her kneeling a poor Indian in the face because he didn’t accept the message of Christianity? The idea is ridiculous.

Her faith motivated her to a life of service to everyone regardless of creed or lifestyle — from feeding Hindus living in the slums of Kolkata to starting New York City’s first AIDS hospice and much more. I’m not trying to rewrite history with this brief article. Atrocities have been committed by people of faith too. But an honest look at history shows that religious and moral absolutism doesn’t necessarily make a person intolerant, nor does a lack thereof. It depends on what a person believes, not if he believes. So to all who would use the rod of “tolerance” to beat the faithful into submission for claiming truth, I make this humble request: please tolerate me.

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BIOETHICS

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admitted to the ICU. He was not brain dead, but his neurological exam was poor, and death was imminent.

His parents and sister were at the hospital that Sunday morning when it looked like it might die in the next hour or so. The physician explained the situation and then asked if they had any spiritual needs they could help with.

The father and mother indicated they were both Catholic, but they had never had the children baptized, saying, “I thought they should make their own decision.”

The doctor inquired if they would like their son to be baptized. They nodded yes, even though their daughter didn’t agree.

The doctor placed a call to the hospital’s Spiritual Services, but couldn’t reach anyone. He tried calling local parishes, but the priests were saying Mass. Finally, he called a retired housebound priest he knew and asked him how to proceed. The priest instructed the physician to baptize the patient conditionally.

When the physician returned, the father spontaneously restated that he would like his son baptized.

With the nurse and the parents at bedside, the physician took some tap water into his hand and poured it over the patient’s forehead while saying, “I baptize you conditionally in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

The patient died within the hour. The physician later commented, “Hopefully the patient was disposed to receive the sacrament. I believe his parents were comforted by their decision, and rightfully so. They had probably just requested the most important event in their son’s existence.”

Some Catholic healthcare workers may take a largely hands-off approach when it comes to addressing the spiritual needs of their patients. The physician or nurse may feel such spiritual concerns are not really their purview or concern. Yet, close collaboration between Catholic medical professionals and clergy is critical to effectively addressing the needs of patients approaching death.

Even when a patient may not be available, physicians and nurses often will have opportunities to introduce the unique unicity of God’s grace, if they are willing to be courageous, take some risks, and bring Christ into the clinic.

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CHRISTOPHER STEFANICK

THE GOOD NEWS ON YOUTH

SCRIPTHET SEARCH

Gospel for August 28, 2011
Matthew 16:21-27

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: Peter presents the easy way out. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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FORT WAYNE — As if the temperatures were not hot enough outside, Fort Wayne area high schools turned up the heat a few extra degrees, as the calendar turned August and official practices began for the 2011 fall sports season. With the drills and conditioning well underway, both Bishop Dwenger and Bishop Luers High School teams across the board seek to take top honors in the Summit Athletic Conference and make strong post-season runs for trips to the Indiana High School Athletic Association state finals on the field, court and courses.

BISHOP DWENGER

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Golf

Coach Tom O’Brien expects 2011 to be a rebuilding year. However, he admitted, “These neat kids could surprise me! Either way it will be a fun season with these great young ladies.”

Though seniors Libby Devlin and Michaela O’Shaughnesssey are the only varsity veterans, many other upperclassmen participated in golf tournaments throughout the summer and are vying for varsity spots early in the season.

Boys’ tennis

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O’BRIEN PLACES IN GOLF TOURNAMENT Fort Wayne native and Bishop Luers graduate Kristi O’Brien won the Women’s State Amateur on Wednesday, July 27, at The Fort Golf Course in Indianapolis. The 21-year old shot a 69 to finish 8-under-par — totaling 211 for the three-round tournament. As a student at Bishop Luers, O’Brien was a four-time all-conference selection and led her team to the 2007 Summit Athletic Conference title her senior season.
and Connor Friesner and junior Connor McCann to carry out the split veer offense and anchor the 4-3 defensive scheme.

Svarczkopf listed both the offensive and defensive lines as relatively inexperienced, as well as the punter position.

“Our team strengths are at the receiver, running back and quarterback spots,” Svarczkopf said.

Volleyball

Also in his 10th season this fall is volleyball coach John Minnick. He and the Saints hope to build on a very successful 2010 season, finishing 25-8 after losing to Concordia in the sectional finals.

Dwenger is expected to be a very offensive group led by their experienced seniors Maddie Mayers and Katie Rosswurm.

Mayers, a talented middle hitter is committed to Illinois for her collegiate career.

Juniors Brie Rahrig, middle hitter, and Leah Stezell, defensive specialist, are key players in the Dwenger starting offense. Sophomore outside/middle hitter Olivia Current also is one to watch this season.

Girls’ soccer

With a number of starting spots being filled by freshman for 2011, Coach Jason Wisnienski explained, “The Bishop Dwenger girls’ soccer team will be in a rebuilding stage this season.”

“We have some great leadership from senior captains Adrienne Korson, Mary Beier and Aubrey Schrader,” he added. “Seniors Melinda Earnest, Sarah Kleber and Melanie Heiny have also been helpful in preparing the freshmen for the high school season.”

The Saints continue to play a tough schedule with opponents that include South Bend Saint Joseph’s, Evansville Memorial, Penn, Carmel and Cathedral.

“Our focus is to mature and grow throughout the season in order to make it as far as possible in the post-season,” said Wisnienski.

Boys’ cross-country

Bishop Dwenger graduated five seniors from their 2010 semi-state cross country championship team, but seniors Andrew Eckrich and James Myers and junior Luke Miller return to lead a very young Saints group on and off the course under the direction of Coach Eric Aide.

Aide has led four teams to the state finals in his six years coaching at Dwenger and hopes to improve on team finishes week by week during the regular season and advance to the state finals once again this fall.

“Our strengths are solid leadership up front and a youthful group,” Aide said.

Senior Luke Offerle and junior Mark Berghoff are other returning varsity runners, while Jack Oberfell, Kevin Wuest, Tyler Adganalis, Scotty Jauch, Tyler Johnson, Derek Gloudemans and Zach McIntyre are among the newcomers expected to contribute this fall.

Girls’ cross-country

Just prior to their official start, Coach Jessica Hayes listed five returning senior Saints to lead the girls’ cross country team for the 2011 season: Amelia Erlandson, Emily Heintz, Sarah Collignon, Michelle Marqueling and Meghan Gloudemans. Also returning are juniors LeeAnn Moeller, Sarah Coffee and Merierz Didier and sophomore Rachel Hentz and Shannon Kochanski.

The Saints welcome newcomers Gretchen Childers, Karen Eckrich, Erin Kilbane and Mary Momper who have been with the group since mid-June.

Early outings for Bishop Dwenger include a camping trip to Pokagon for good trail running and team bonding, the Hokern-Karem relay and Bishop Luers invitational.

They will join 21 other Catholic high schools for the Guern Invitational in mid-September where runners enjoy a race, lunch and Mass together.

The Saints finished sixth, by one point, at the 2010 sectionals. This season, the team’s goals include placing in the top five at sectionals and advancing to regionals.

Golf

Bishop Dwenger returns four solid starters from a year ago to the golf course this fall. Sophomore Nellie Lee, junior Julie Mueller and incoming freshman Katie Giant finished 1-2-3 for the Saints in an early invitational at Northrop where the Coach Kurt Leffers’ team finished third out of nine schools.

“We are off to a strong start and these girls are willing to work very hard,” Leffers said.

The Saints hope to win the conference and break 350 as a team for 2011.

Tennis

In a preseason interview, Coach Tim Koehl is pleased with what he has seen over the summer months in open tennis sessions.

The talented, Bertram Najev returns for his sophomore season after a state appearance as a freshman singles player, along with senior varsity letter winners Michael Sordelet and Keenan Fuller and juniors Dillon Oswald, Matt Woodrum and Jacob Elfrid. Bishop Dwenger also looks for good things from sophomore transfer Charlie Scott and seniors Chris McGraw and Tyler Landers.

The Saints finished second in the SAC in 2010, losing their first four matches before winning nine straight. In his second season with the Saints and 19th season as a head coach, Koehl feels one of the keys to success for 2011 will be how well the Saints’ doubles teams stack up.

Boys’ soccer

The boys’ soccer team at Bishop Dwenger hope to build on last season’s 14-3 record. Leading the Saints are varsity veterans seniors Cameron Schenkel, Casey Zimmerman, Dalton Shutt and Michael Nix, and junior Ian Deiser.

Schenkel, a strong versatile player, is a Division I prospect and was a major component of the Saints’ defense, which allowed only seven goals scored and contributed to 11 shutouts in 2010. Zimmerman’s urgency to attack the goal still is a key component to the Saints’ midfield, which yielded 60 goals last season.

Nix, a 2010 All-SAC first-team selection, is expected to lead the Saints’ defense.

With his superb technical skills and vision, combined with a very good shot, Shutt will be expected to do big things for the Saints along with Deiser who earned a starting position late in the 2010 season.

Clifford Steiglitz is expected to fill forward duties while the other upperclassmen gel with a strong sophomore group.

In his second season as head coach, Carlos Cruz explained the team’s strengths, “We have experience on defense and an ability to possess.”

Cruz hopes the Saints “play beautiful soccer,” win the SAC and advance out of a very tough sectional this season.

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Marian, Saint Joseph’s launch fall sports season with great expectations

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL
MISHAWAKA — The fall staff at Marian High School is all back and carryover from a triumphant spring campaign looks to catapult the Knights into a season of great expectations.

“Our spring season boasted a runner in the state finals, our softball team was ranked No. 1 and the baseball team was runner-up in the tournament,” said Reggie Glon, athletic director. “Our fall athlets and coaches have all worked hard in the off-season; we are looking to make some runs at more state titles.”

“Some other big news is that Marian will be hosting the sectional and regional rounds of the State Girls Soccer tournament,” said Reggie Glon, athletic director. “This is another great opportunity for our athletes to compete at a high level and develop an identity,” said Father Runyon.

“Marian boys’ soccer is trying to qualify for a third consecutive sectional and regional rounds of the State tournament,” said coach,Djamel Charrat. “We have two goal keepers that are expected to be ready for the upcoming season” Grey said. “I’m excited as are the kids to see what strides they have made when we start racing.”

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SAINT JOSEPH’S HIGH SCHOOL

SOUTH BEND — The Saint Joseph’s High School athletic teams had a banner fall campaign in 2010 with boys’ soccer and tennis teams each winning sectionals; the boys’ cross-country squad being a state finalist, the Indian Football team reaching the state title game and the girls’ soccer being crowned state champions. Expectations are again high.

“Look to have another good fall season, we had more than 180
students come out for athletics,” said Eric Gohlke, athletic director. “We have some exceptional veteran coaches that have bought in and taken ownership of the Saint Joseph’s traditions and student athlete focus.”

“We have a couple of new faces with Kathy Mossey heading up volleyball and Ron Wilcoxson taking over the reins of the girls’ golf program,” Gohlke added. “Both coaches have roots in the sports as well as a commitment to Saint Joseph’s High School.

“One may think that our facilities are on hold during the construction of the new high school, but we are actively working on the north fields,” Gohlke added. “Along with minor projects we are in the process of funding and building two new softball fields at the Laurel Road site.”

Football

Making it to the state title game last season was a tremendous accomplishment for the Indians, but this year’s squad wants to continue growing and improving. “Well, we are not going to learn the same lessons we painfully endured during our wins and losses last season,” Head Coach Ben Downey said. “We would like our squad to continue to excel at the good habits we developed last year and put our talent on display.”

“I think that over the course of the last year we have gotten bigger, stronger and faster more importantly, we have become leaders and teachers for our younger kids,” Downey said. “I think that the team unity and leadership are our strengths and that is important for this football team to succeed.”

“We have three offensive line-men that are the panicle of that leadership group — Jason Mulligan, Matt Klekla and John Godfrey,” continued Downey. “We have a new quarterback in Nick Carmola, and he has already shown the physical attributes as well as the leadership skills to be an effective leader right away.”

“We are striving for a balance of offense, defense and special teams, no one unit has stood out so far,” Downey added. “I believe that if one of the units falters during a game that the other two can step up and carry us to victory.”

Boys’ soccer

After winning the sectional last season the Indians have experience returning and are set to make another run deep into the tournament.

“We were young last season and we return 16 with some varsity experience and they have been working hard,” said Coach Alberto Vertaromo. “There are no pre-season expectations or pressure on this team, but I believe we will end up doing very well.”

“We lost our starter to graduation and his shoes will be hard to fill,” commented Vertaromo. “Like every year we will take it one day, one game at a time and see who’s going to step up and fill in holes.”

“I think that our biggest strength will be our balance and depth,” Vertaromo said. “Pulling the team together will fall on senior captains Connor Vertaromo and Evan Witsken, and they both have that internal passion to win.”

Girls’ soccer

The defending state champion Indians seem to be poised and ready to make another run at the title with a combination of talent, hard work and experience.

“We lost just four to graduation and one to a transfer from last season’s championship team,” said Coach Johan Kuitse, who has been at the helm for 25 years. “I think we have the potential for a fine season.”

“Our strength is our balance,” said Kuitse. “Our four senior captains have led by example — Melissa Kuitse, Maggie Doslak, Ryan Durham and Lindsey Koe-Daughtly.”

“We need to get a little stronger on defense, but the girls definitely have the ability to be competitive,” added Kuitse. “This is a nice group to manage with a chance to go deep into the tournament.”

Volleyball

The first year at the helm of the Saint Joseph’s Indians, Coach Kathy Mossey and her squad will face traditionally some of the best volleyball teams in the state. “I am pretty excited about this team and their potential,” Mossey said. “I think that offensively we will be pretty good and our leadership has been great.”

“Seniors Michelle Potter and Sarah Neesen have been providing fantastic leadership as well as Katie Hecklinski, our No. 1 go-to girl as an outside hitter,” explained Mossey. “Junior Lauren Gillis is expected to help our defense as a middle blocker.”

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Boys’ cross-country

Last season the boys’ cross-country team placed eighth in the state meet taking on all of schools, sometimes four times the size of Saint Joseph’s, and this year’s squad has five of their top seven back.

“Our returning runners have lead by example year round,” said Jerry Hoffman, longtime skipper. “The kids got hooked on the competition and are extremely dedicated.”

“Five of the very talented returning runners are Joey Zielinski, Josh Obrien, Connor Method, Jordan Hollomma and Dylan Domincello,” Hoffman noted. “It will be our job to find replacements for the other two slots.”

“Our expectations are high, we have continued to improve on last years times,” Hoffman said. “Barring injuries, we should be pretty good.”

Girls’ cross-country

The girls’ cross-country team looks to be the best in several years as they try to measure up with the boys’ squad. “We are expecting to perform and achieve our goals to compete at the City Meet and sectionals.”

“We had good attendance in the off-season and we have an influx of young talent,” added Mossey. “There are many possibilities of girls running together will fall on senior captains Connor Verteramo and Evan Witsken, and they both have that internal passion to win.”

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Girls golf

With the help of parents and an ‘espee de corps,” the Indian golf team has gotten off to a blistering start, 7-0 and 4-0 in the Northern Indiana Conference.

“We have some freshman prospects that will be challenging for spots.”

“Four seasoned runners that we are relying on are seniors Darby Mountford (all-state), Elisa Revak, Elizabeth Anthony and junior Elizabeth Taylor to be our base,” Hoffman said. “We have some other talent and competition seems to be driving us to do well,” added Wilcoxson. “Our captains, Anna Wilcoxson and Skylar Stasney, are very strong competitors and that attitude seems to carry over.”

Right now, Allison Miller, Lydia Lorenc and Aimee Peickert are filling out the team and making fantastic contributions,” Wilcoxson added. “I can’t tell you how much appreciated help we have received from local golfers in regards to instruction of this team.”

COY St. John teams battle in first week action

FORT WAYNE — The 2011 Catholic Youth League (CYO) football season kicked off on Sunday, Aug. 21. In the “Battle of the Saint’s,” the Fort Wayne Eagles defeated the New Haven Hounds. Quarterback Jack Johnston threw two touchdown passes and ran for another for St. John, Fort Wayne. The signal caller first hooked up with Nick Carroll for a 75-yard score then Noah Hoefel for 50-yards. In addition, JaQuvious Williams, Seth Wyss and Camry Greer each rushed for impressive scores. Coach Jim Carroll said, “It was a good, fast start.” The Eagles will face three-time defending CYO champs, Holy Cross, in “Week 2” action.

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Rosina Harber was born with music in her soul

BY BONNIE EIBERSON

ARCOLA — Rosina Harber has been an organist at St. Patrick Church, Arcola, for more than 60 years and has played for the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass as long as anyone can remember. It’s no wonder, then, that she is finally planning to take it a little easier and retire from active duty in the choir loft.

Rosina was very likely born with music in her soul.

“It’s a family thing,” which has been handed down through the years, said her daughter Annette Lamle, also a parishioner.

Annette says the family’s musical talent first took root in her grandmother, Luella Hinen, who was an organist at St. Patrick’s in the mid-1900s and taught her young daughter Rosina those skills as well.

By the time Rosina was a sixth-grader at St. Patrick Catholic School, one of the teaching nuns there, Sister Dolorita, recognized her musical abilities and decided she should play the organ on Children’s Sunday, the third Sunday of each month when the organist was off. Rosina learned that she was a parishioner, he told her, “Be here tomorrow morning. You’ll be playing for early Mass from now on.”

She clearly enjoyed the challenge because she has shared her considerable musical talent with the parish ever since.

“I’ve enjoyed every minute of it,” she said.

Rosina is a lifelong St. Patrick’s parishioner, having received all her sacraments from Baptism to Matrimony at the small rural church. Appropriately, she even chose Cecilia, the patron saint of musicians, as her Confirmation name.

Besides music, she has been active in other parish ministries as well. She recalls cleaning the church and caring for altar linens. She served ten years as president of the Rosary Society and for altar linens. She served ten years as president of the Rosary Society and recalls with laughter the last parish chicken dinner she oversaw.

She taught religious education to kindergarteners through fourth graders and CCD classes for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist for several years. And, when Annette was a high school freshman and no Saturday religious education classes were offered, Rosina took on those education responsibilities for her daughter and her Catholic friends.

Though Rosina has suffered progressive hearing loss and is a cancer survivor, she has put aside those personal difficulties and continued to share her time and her love of music with St. Patrick parishioners, said her daughter.

These days Annette always sings for the Masses when her mom plays and helps out at the organ as well.

“I love music so much,” Annette said. “It’s a gift from God that we share.”

She says that when she plays, she feels two hands on her, her mother’s and her grandmother’s. “There’s a very strong tie,” she said.

In honor of Rosina’s years of religious and musical dedication to St. Patrick Church, a reception for parishioners, friends and family is being planned in the parish hall after her 7:30 a.m. retirement Mass on Sunday, Aug. 28. It will be an opportunity to recognize her decades of service to the church she loves.

Rosina says that she looks forward to reminiscing with many of her friends and former students at the event. Annette stresses that everyone is welcome to share that wonderful day with her mom.

“What better way for people to say thank you?” she asks.
South Bend – St. Augustine golf outing planned

St. Augustine on his feast day. Aug. 28, at 1 p.m. Celebrate parish picnic at St. Augustine at Juday Creek Golf Course in Granger, Saturday, Aug. 27. Tee off at 9 a.m. followed by lunch. Cost is $70. To register contact Steve/Mary Filbert at (574) 254-7992.

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“Let me urge you to strengthen this life of faith which has been handed down from the time of the apostles,” he said. “Make Christ, the Son of God, the center of your life.”

Pope Benedict told the young people, who had been texting, tweeting and posting Facebook updates about their adventures, that whenever we really “like” anything, we share it, and that must hold true for faith as well.

“You, too, have been given the extraordinary task of being disciples and missionaries of Christ in other lands and countries filled with young people who are looking for something greater,” the pope said.

Share the faith, he said, and help them see they are right when “their heart tells them that more authentic values do exist” and they resist being “seduced by the empty promises of a lifestyle, which has no room for God.”

Even before Mass began, officials of World Youth Day broadcast another challenging message to the crowd, telling them that most pilgrims would not be able to receive Communion during Mass and asking them to offer it up as a sacrifice for the pope.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said the plan was to distribute Communion from 17 Eucharistic chapels set up on the perimeter of the airfield. The storm Aug. 20 destroyed several of the chapel-tents, and police asked organizers to dismantle most of the others because they posed a danger in the wind.

Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend seminarian Jonathan Norton, who was on the pilgrimage, received Communion from Pope Benedict XVI. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades’ niece, Molly McCracken, also received Communion from the pope at the Mass.

Yago de la Cierva, director of World Youth Day Madrid, told CNS the event was planned to be “more religious and less entertaining” than some previous youth gatherings.

“We are proud of our Catholic identity. This is who we are. It is what we wanted people to know and what we shared,” he said. “It was really moving how people participated.”

Pope Benedict XVI arrives to celebrate the final Mass of World Youth Day at Cuatro Vientos airfield in Madrid Aug. 21.