MARY DIRECTS US TO JESUS IN THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

BISHOP RHOADES VISITS ST. ANTHONY DE PADUA SCHOOL

South Bend — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gave students of St. Anthony de Padua School a history lesson on a great naval battle during his homily at Mass while visiting the school on Oct. 7. During the Battle of Lepanto, the bishop noted, the greatest arsenal of Christian nations in Europe against the Ottoman Empire came from praying the rosary.

Bishop Rhoades explained that during the 16th century, the Ottoman Empire controlled the Mediterranean Sea and wanted to destroy European countries because of their strong Christian faith. Pope Pius V called on Christian nations to build ships so they could defend Europe and the Church.

Pope Pius V knew the Ottoman navy outnumbered the European navy so he called on every Christian to pray the rosary and ask for the intercession of the Blessed Mother. On Oct. 7, 1571, the Battle of Lepanto, which lasted five hours, resulted in victory for the Christian navy. The pope, in thanksgiving for this victory, declared a feast day that today is called Our Lady of the Rosary.

In addition to the rosary’s beautiful prayers, Bishop

ST. FELIX CELEBRATES RENOVATION, OPEN HOUSE

An open house was held for the public at the newly renovated St. Felix Monastery in Huntington on Sunday, Oct. 9. Many years ago, the Venerable Father Solanus Casey and Father Benedict Groeschel lived as Capuchin Franciscans at this location.

‘FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP’ REISSUED WITH NEW INTRODUCTION

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A new introduction to the U.S. bishops’ document on political responsibility reminds Catholics that some issues “involve the clear obligation to oppose intrinsic evils which can never be justified,” while others “require action to pursue justice and promote the common good.”

The brief Introductory Note to the 2011 reissue of “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship” was signed by the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the chairmen of nine USCCB committees. It was approved by the bishops’ Administrative Committee at its mid-September meeting and made public Oct. 4.

The introduction says that “Faithful Citizenship,” one in a series of documents that have been issued before every presidential election for nearly 35 years, “has at times been misused to present an incomplete or distorted view of the demands of faith in politics” but “remains a faithful and challenging call to discipleship in the world of politics.”

“It does not offer a voters guide, scorecard of issues or direction on how to vote,” the introduction adds. “It applies Catholic moral principles to a range of important issues and warns against misguided appeals to ‘con-science’ to ignore fundamental moral claims, to reduce Catholic moral concerns to one or two matters, or to justify choices simply to advance partisan, ideological or personal interests.”

The introduction lists six “current and funda-mental problems, some involving opposition to intrinsic evils and others raising serious moral questions:”

• Abortion “and other threats to the lives and dignity of others who are vulnerable, sick or unwanted.”

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Pope: Silence, solitude needed in ‘agitated, sometimes frantic’ world

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Endless news, noise and crowds have made people afraid of silence and solitude, which are essential for finding God’s love and love for others, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Progress in communications and transportation has made life more comfortable, as well as more “agitated, sometimes frantic,” he said, especially in cities, where there is a constant din, even all night.

Young people seem to want to fill every moment with music and video, and there is a growing risk that people are more immersed in a virtual world rather than in reality because of the constant stream of “audiovisual messages that accompany their lives from morning to night,” he said during a visit to an Italian monastery Oct. 9.

“Some people are no longer able to bear silence and solitude for very long,” he said during an analog of service at a Carthusian monastery in Serra San Bruno in Calabria.

Monasteries remind people of the need for silent reflection, which lets people delve into the apparent emptiness of solitude and experience real fullness, that is, God’s presence and true reality, he said.

By spending time alone in quiet prayer, people find life’s essentials and unity with others, he said.

The pope spent one day in the Diocese of Lamezia Terme in southwest Italy — a region still struggling with organized crime, corruption and high unemployment.

During an outdoor Mass, the pope called the region a “seismic territory, not just from an earth science perspective but also because they remind people of the need to put life’s essentials and unity with others into practice.”

Pope Benedict XVI leads a prayer at the Carthusian monastery in Serra San Bruno, Italy, Oct. 9. The pope spent one day in the region of southwestern Italy still struggling with organized crime, corruption and high unemployment.

Promoting Catholic identity key to school survival

BY CAROL ZIMMERMANN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Promoting Catholic identity in Catholic high schools and elementary schools is not just a good thing to do but a necessary action for survival, according to speakers at a conference in Washington for Catholic school leaders.

The speakers noted candidly that the participants in the Oct. 2-4 conference at The Catholic University of America knew full well the challenges currently facing Catholic schools such as dwindling enrollments, rising expenses, and closures or threats to close.

But speakers at the “Catholic Identity of Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools” conference also noted that these diocesan superintendents, college professors, high school principals and education researchers also are fully aware that Catholic schools have something special to offer students that extends far beyond quality academics or even a faith-based education.

Bishop David M. O’Connell of Trenton, N.J., and former president of Catholic University, stressed that the mission of Catholic schools is to “proclaim the good news” and provide a “place to encounter God.”

This has not changed, he said, “since Jesus told his disciples to go and teach all nations.”

The bishop stressed that the mission or Catholic identity aspect of Catholic schools is “not a mere add on” but something that is fundamental to their very existence and sets them apart from other schools.

If Catholic schools aren’t inspiring, engaging and changing lives, he said, they are “simply schools, that’s all.” Instead, they need to be places of learning that are “willing to educate and transmit faith in ways that are unambiguous.”

Bishop O’Connell noted that this kind of dedication isn’t just for religion classes either, but something that needs to take place throughout the curriculum, on the playground, and in faculty and parent meetings.

He said teachers and administrators set this tone and thus advised school administrators to hire teachers who believe in the school’s mission and to follow up with faith formation training programs and support to these teachers during the year.

He also said bishops should be visiting the schools in their dioceses to make sure the “faith-oriented needs are met” and should make the decision to close a school only as a last resort.

During a question-and-answer session, the bishop was asked what schools could do when the Catholic identity that they highlight doesn’t seem to be something parents necessarily want.

The bishop responded by saying priests and other Catholic leaders need to “be shameless about promoting Catholic education.”

College leaders who spoke at the conference sponsored by Catholic University and St. John’s University in Queens, N.Y., said they saw the link between the work of Catholic higher education and Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

There is a “kinship between our enterprises,” said John Garvey, president of Catholic University, who noted that all Catholics schools not only share the same mission but face the same challenges including the decline in the number of religious and the rising influence of secular trends.

Vincenzo Father Donald Harrington, president of St. John’s University, noted that “for too long there has been a great divide between Catholic higher education and elementary and secondary schools.” He said “great things will happen” when these groups cooperate especially since they “share the sacred trust of educating young people.”

To this end, Catholic colleges are conducting studies on Catholic education, providing student mentors at Catholic schools and offering teacher training and leadership programs for Catholic school teachers. He said St. John’s also gives tuition discounts for applicants who are Catholic high school graduates.

Father Harrington noted that Catholic college leaders have thought long and hard about Catholic identity through their work in implementing “Ex Corde Ecclesiae,” an apostolic constitution issued by Pope John Paul II that identifies the mission of Catholic higher education.
Evidence ‘incontrovertible’ that priests are happy, research finds

BY NANCY FRAZIER O’BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Msgr. Stephen Rossetti is out to correct the myth that the typical seminarian is “a lonely, dispirited figure living an unhealthy life that breeds sexual deviation,” as a writer for the Hartford Courant once put it. And he’s got the data to prove it.

The research is “consistent, replicated many times,” he said. It is “incontrovertible” that priests as a group are happy, Msgr. Rossetti told a daylong symposium on the priesthood Oct. 5 at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

The symposium was built around “Why Priests Are Happy: A Study of the Psychological and Spiritual Health of Priests,” a new book by Msgr. Rossetti. A priest of the Diocese of Syracuse, N.Y., he is a clinical associate professor of pastoral studies at the university and former president and CEO of St. Luke Institute in Silver Spring, Md., a treatment facility for Catholic clergy and religious.

The book’s conclusions are based on a survey of 2,482 priests from 23 U.S. dioceses in 2009, supplemented by a 2004 survey of 1,242 priests from 16 dioceses and other studies.

The research found, among other things, that priests are “no more and no less depressed than anyone else in the world,” “a little bit better than the laity” in studies that measure human intimacy and “quite a bit lower than the general population” in the degree that they are experiencing emotional burnout, the priest said.

More than 90 percent of priests said they receive the emotional support they need, 83 percent said they are able to share problems and feelings and only 22 percent said they are lonely. The vast majority of priests cited lay friends as one of their major supports.

“That’s what priests do — make relationships,” Msgr. Rossetti said.

He expressed concern, however, that 42 percent of priests in the 2004 survey — “and probably more than 50 percent today” — said they “feel overwhelmed by the amount of work they have to do.”

“We need to do something about that,” he said. “We need to get together with the bishops and say, ‘Let’s talk about this.’”

“They believe the lie that the U.S. Catholic Church will not help them in a rapidly changing culture.”

When Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, recruited Peter, Andrew, James and John to become “fishers of men,” as recounted in the fourth chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, there was “no interview, no battery of testing, no psychological interview,” Msgr. Panke said.

“He can do that; we need to do a little more work,” he added.

But he said vocations directors and bishops also need to know when to turn down a candidate for the priesthood who is not ready.

“There is a lot of brokenness out there, and we have seen the world of harm that a lack of screening can do,” he said.

Msgr. Panke emphasized Msgr. Rossetti’s conclusions about the importance of personal prayer in the life of every priest.

“Prayer is key to happy and healthy priests,” he said. A priest who prays at least 30 minutes a day “is less likely to be emotionally exhausted because Christ is feeding him,” he added.

The Washington priest said he was personally buoyed by Msgr. Rossetti’s finding that retired priests are the happiest of all.

“That gives me great hope that it just gets better and better and better,” he said.

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WASHINGTON (CNS) — The best advertisement for vocations to the priesthood, it is often said, is a happy priest.

That’s why Msgr. Robert Panke, newly-elected president of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors, hopes research showing that priests are happy in their lives gets wide play.

“Vocations directors already know that, but it was great to get some ammunition,” Msgr. Panke said at an Oct. 5 symposium highlighting the conclusions in Msgr. Stephen Rossetti’s new book, “Why Priests Are Happy: A Study of the Psychological and Spiritual Health of Priests.”

“Now we have to get the news out,” he added. “Too many people think the priesthood is a sad, lonely life.”

Director of the Office of Priest Formation and Vocations in the Archdiocese of Washington for the past nine years, Msgr. Panke was named last year as rector of the archdiocese’s new Brother John Paul II College Seminary, which is to be formally dedicated Oct. 22.

He was the closing speaker at the daylong symposium, held on the campus of The Catholic University of America in Washington.

Msgr. Panke said one of the biggest obstacles to his vocation work is the opposition of parents.

“They believe the lie that priests are not happy, and they want their children to be happy,” he said.

Bishops “would be wise to encourage every one of their priests to look at himself as a recruiter,” he said, noting that although 80 percent of seminarians say a priest’s encouragement was a primary factor in their decision to become a priest, only 30 percent of priests say they have given such encouragement.

Msgr. Panke also discussed the state of screening and formation of seminarians, saying that the U.S. Catholic Church is “doing a much better job” in a rapidly changing culture.”

Truth about happy priests will aid vocations promotion, priest says

By Nancy Frazier O'Brien

TODAY'S CATHOLIC 3

Public Schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

• Sunday, Oct. 16, 10:30 a.m — Televised Mass, University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne
• Sunday, Oct. 16, 2 p.m. — Wedding Anniversary Mass, Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
• Monday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. — Meeting of Bishop’s Cabinet, Archbishop Noll Center
• Monday, Oct. 17, 5:30 p.m. — Meeting of Board of Catholic Cemeteries, Fort Wayne
• Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1:30 p.m. — Mass at Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne
• Thursday, Oct. 20, 12 p.m. — Meeting of Advisory Board of Today’s Catholic, Archbishop Noll Center
• Friday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. — Pastoral Visit to Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame

This is the cover of Why Priests Are Happy: A Study of the Psychological and Spiritual Health of Priests by Msgr. Stephen Rossetti. The book’s conclusions are based on a survey of 2,482 priests from 23 U.S. dioceses in 2009, supplemented by a 2004 survey of 1,242 priests from 16 dioceses and other studies.

Father James Stachacz smiles as he exchanges the sign of peace with fellow clergy at St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Hicksville, N.Y., Oct. 2.
EMMITSBURG, Md. (CNS) — In the final days of June 1863, the Civil War came perilously close to home for the Daughters of Charity in Emmitsburg.

Days before the Battle of Gettysburg, the acres of their farm-land property at the foothills of the Catoctin Mountains were used as a camp for tens of thousands of Union soldiers while their generals stayed in the former home of the order’s founder, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and planned battle strategies.

The troops moved on to fight one of the bloodiest Civil War battles just 15 miles away from the sisters, and when the fighting ended, leaving tens of thousands dead and wounded, the Daughters of Charity were among the first civil-ians to arrive and care for Union and Confederate soldiers.

The sisters provided food, water, bandages and basic medical care. They also gave spiritual solace to soldiers who requested it: praying with them, distributing religious medals, baptizing the dying and writing letters home to soldiers’ families.

At Gettysburg and other Civil War battles, at least 300 Daughters of Charity ministered to soldiers on both sides of the war. In all, more than 600 sisters from 12 religious orders responded to this national crisis by doing everything from bandaging soldiers in the battlefields to coordinating makeshift hospitals.

The church’s vestibule became an operating room, its sanctuary was a recovery room, and the pews functioned as cots for more than 200 wounded soldiers.

The church, which is still a parish today, pays tribute to the nuns’ ministry with a stained-glass window depicting the dying and writing letters home to soldiers’ families.

In the former home of the order’s founder, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, is a monument dedicated to the women religious who ministered to wounded and dying soldiers from the North and South during the American Civil War. It is seen Oct. 4 across the street from the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington.

The monument, erected by the Daughters of Charity immediately after the war, at the time, the sisters had promised that if their land was protected from war, they would put up a statue on the property in thanksgiving. The statue, worn from more than 100 years outdoors, will be part of the sisters’ Civil War exhibit once it is restored.

This year the shrine also opened a permanent exhibit in its visitor center showcasing the nuns’ role in the war and is in the process of restoring Our Lady of Victory statue erected by the Daughters of Charity in 1865. After Mass, a Rosary Rally will be held at the abortion clinic at 2210 Inwood Drive, Fort Wayne.

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Walkers support Bishop Luers High School

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — They laced up their best walking shoes and walked through Fort Wayne, all for a cause of Luers Spirit. Some ran the six-mile course, others walked with their friends for a pleasant stroll.

Bishop Luers High School hosted its 31st annual Walkathon on Friday, Oct. 7, with a goal of raising $45,000.

“The funds for Walkathon are part of the general operating budget,” said Jenny Andorfer, the Bishop Luers High School Walkathon coordinator.

“Having this additional money in our general operating fund is similar to our other major fundraisers — it helps us across the board so that we can keep our tuition rate at a reasonable level,” Andorfer added.

All Bishop Luers’ students participate in the Walkathon. Each student is required to raise $75. “They all either walk or they work,” Andorfer said. Some students who are unable to walk because of injuries or other reasons, are still required to participate by getting sponsorship or participating in the cafeteria.

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Lunch was provided and then the students were free to go home for the rest of the day.

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Morken was pleased the weather cooperated this year with warmth and sunshine. Having walked in four Walkathons, “the weather has been kind of nasty the last couple years,” Morken said.

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Late Apple co-founder knew the value of communication, Jesuit says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Like Pope Pius XI, who founded Vatican Radio and built the Vatican train station, Apple co-founder Steve Jobs recognized the importance of expanding communication, a Jesuit told Vatican Radio. Jobs, 56, died Oct. 5 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Father Antonio Spadaro, a Jesuit told Vatican Radio. Jobs, 56, died Oct. 5 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. Father Antonio Spadaro said Steve Jobs had a "great ability to believe in dreams, to see life not only in terms of little daily things, but to have a vision in front of him. Basically, Steve Jobs' most important message was this, "Stay hungry, stay foolish." In other words, maintain the ability to see life in new ways." The "stay hungry" quote was from a commencement address Jobs gave at California's Stanford University in 2005.

Pope Shenouda declares days of mourning after protest turns violent

CAIRO (CNS) — Orthodox Pope Shenouda III declared three days of mourning, fasting and prayer for victims of peaceful protests that turned violent, and Church and government leaders called for Egypt to reaffirm its commitment to religious freedom. At least 26 Christians but many Muslims, too — are frightened for the future of our country. "We are accusing the army and the police who used vajabongs, a rubble force of street fighters, to attack the demonstrators," the priest said. "They were armed with swords, sticks and stones — some of them had rifles, it seems," he said. "They did not have to use force. It was a peaceful demonstration."

Traditional leaders meet, say they will study Vatican offer

ROME (CNS) — Leaders of the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X met to review the Vatican's conditions for full reintegration into the Catholic Church, and said afterward that a response would be given after further study. The meeting Oct. 7 in Albano, a hill town outside of Rome, brought together 28 of the society's officials, including seminary rectors and regional superiors from around the world. The traditionalist society said particular instructions would be made for the group of protesters, killing a number of them. Witnesses said headless bodies lay in the worst sectarian violence since the ousting of President Hosni Mubarak in the "Arab Spring" revolt earlier this year. But several Catholic leaders said the problem had moved beyond sectarianism. "The army and the police are confronting the Copts. This is the problem," Father Rafic Greiche, official spokesman for the Catholic Church in Egypt, said in a statement to the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need. "It is not a Christian-Muslim problem anymore. ... People — not just Christians but many Muslims, too — are frightened for the future of our country. "We are accusing the army and the police who used vajabongs, a rubble force of street fighters, to attack the demonstrators," the priest said. "They were armed with swords, sticks and stones — some of them had rifles, it seems," he said. "They did not have to use force. It was a peaceful demonstration."

Peoria Catholic Charities withdraws from state social service contracts

PEORIA, III. (CNS) — Citing increasing clashes between Illinois law and Church teaching, Bishop Daniel R. Jenky of Peoria announced Oct. 6 that Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Peoria is withdrawing from all state-funded social service contracts. The statement said the policy was responding to a 1.3 percent increase from 2009. — are poor. The figure represents the growing number of Hispanics living in poverty. U.S. Census Bureau statistics for 2010 show that 26.6 percent of Hispanics — 13.2 million people — are poor. The figure represents a 1.3 percent increase from 2009.

For US Hispanics, poverty is growing faster with little relief in sight
The Knights of Columbus held their Third Annual Living Rosary on Sunday, Oct. 2, behind St. Mary Catholic Church, in Huntington, at the Huntington County Right to Life Memorial Monument, with 75 people in attendance. Prayers were offered in honor of all babies who died in abortions, for those waiting to be born and for an end to abortion. Pictured, in the front row, are Wilson Lopshire, Capuchin Father Ron Rieder, Sam Mickley and Luke Christman; and back row, Fourth Degree Knights David Rethlake, David Mettler, Grand Knight Jeff Young, Eric Lopshire and Phil Karst.

HUNTINGTON KNIGHTS SPONSOR LIVING ROSARY

SOUTH BEND — Sanctuary at Holy Cross, a nonprofit rehabilitation and nursing care community, is celebrating the addition of an attached Rehabilitation and Wellness Center expansion. The dedication of the construction grounds took place Oct. 4.

Sanctuary at Holy Cross Administrator Linda Lewis said, “We are proud to be able to see the vision of the Sisters of the Holy Cross come to fruition with our new, premier Rehab and Wellness Center in South Bend. Our goal is to create a place where seniors get well and return home.”

The $12.5 million expansion will include 48 private guest suites, therapy pool, state-of-the-art fitness center and therapy gym, café, salon, spa, wellness activities and much more. The Rehab and Wellness Center will be connected to the existing nursing care community, and is slated to open in July 2012. The Sanctuary at Holy Cross building is nearly two decades old, and is licensed for 120 beds. The community currently serves between 107 and 111 seniors each day.

Father Tony Steinacker, parochial minister. Visit the Office of Youth Ministry website for more information: www.dioceseofsb.org/YM.

Sanctuary at Holy Cross expands in South Bend

Activities announced for 40 Days for Life

SOUTH BEND — Activities associated with the South Bend 40 Days for Life include the following:

- Friday’s rosary on Oct. 14 will be held at 5:30 p.m. with Sister Dorothy of the Sisters of St. Francis Convent on Dragon Way along with other members of the convent.
- The midway event for 40 Days for Life will be Friday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, Granger, with author, philosopher, convert to Catholicism Peter Kreeft. He will speak on “How to Change People’s Minds about Abortion.”
- The Oct. 15 Mass at 8 a.m. will be celebrated by Father Jose Martinez, Father Dave Ruppert of St. Anthony Church is planning to keep vigil with his parishioners from 7 a.m. that Saturday morning.
- The America Needs Fatima rosary gathering will be held at noon on Oct. 15 at the corner of State Route 933 and Darden Road. Parking is available at Christ the King Church.
- Deacon Robert Byrne of St. Joseph Church, Mishawaka, will lead the rosary on Friday, Nov. 4, at the Prayer Peninsula.
- The regular rosary gatherings continue at the Prayer Peninsula on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Correction

In the listing of Franciscan-related organizations serving the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the Felician Franciscan Sisters should have been included in the Sept. 25 issue of Today’s Catholic. The Felician Franciscan Sisters have served at St. Adalbert Parish, South Bend, for 100 years and at Holy Family Parish, South Bend, for almost 60 years. The North American Province is headquartered in Beaver Falls, Pa., and their website is http://felician-sisters.org.
Rhoades stressed that Mary directs us to Jesus in the 20 mysteries that are mediated on while reciting the rosary. “We call upon Mary to favor us just like the Christians facing battle. By meditating on the mysteries, Mary always points to Jesus,” said Bishop Rhoades.

Praying and meditating on the rosary is a distinct instruction of Catholic education. Father David Ruppert, pastor of St. Anthony de Padua Parish, stressed that Catholic identity taught in school is an opportunity to encounter the sacred. “When young minds learn about the created world it leads them closer to the Creator. When young people learn about visible realities, which can be seen, it leads them to deeper questions about invisible realities, which cannot be seen,” Father Ruppert emphasized.

“Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me’ and that’s what we do in this school. St. Anthony School is a family of families and so each student is an important part of that bigger family. We enlighten them body, mind and spirit with the One who is the Light of the World, Jesus,” he added.

Approximately 130 new students are being added to the bigger family of St. Anthony School this year, according to school Principal Chad Barwick. Along with this addition of students comes the need for added space on the St. Anthony campus.

“We have expanded our pre-K to have two full classes for four and five year olds, and have renovated our former multipurpose room to house the additional 20 students. In addition, our parish has graciously let us use the church meeting room to house our prekindergarten 3 during the week,” said Barwick.

“Our new lunchroom is in our parish hall, which means our entire school is experiencing growing pains looking for space to stretch out. This move was essential, as we have started a five-day a week hot lunch program,” said Barwick.

“Their studies are critical to our mission to welcome all students to our Catholic school, no matter what their background,” said Barwick. “These teachers are working to assist our faculty in discovering new techniques in teaching students from homes where English is not the primary language.”

Foust observed that the ENL program taught various techniques and strategies to help all students and teachers become accepting of various nationalities and cultures from around the world and within their own homes.

“We are also developing plans to test incoming students for language proficiency and begin home visits so that teachers can gain critical background information about ENL students and their families, especially those that are new to our school,” Slavik explained.

Father Ruppert summed up the philosophy of administrators, teachers and students of St. Anthony School: “Our motto here is ‘Words teach, actions speak.’ I want our school to not just whisper, ‘We are Catholic,’ but to scream ‘We are Catholic!’”

At St. Anthony de Padua School, ‘Words Teach, Actions Speak’

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades speaks to St. Anthony students about Our Lady of the Rosary during his homily.

St. Anthony de Padua School statistics
- Pastor — Father David Ruppert
- Principal — Chad Barwick
- Faculty members — 25
- Teacher aides — 7
- Preschool enrollment for 2011-2012 — 50
- K through eighth grade enrollment for 2011-2012 — 339
- Web address: www.stanthonysb.org

St. Anthony School broke ground in 1949 and today has an enrollment of 390 students.

Prekindergarten-3 instructor Graceann Taylor helps Ariana Short, Owen Biggs and Addyson Carpenter to craft clown puppets with a happy and sad side to use in telling stories.
TEACH, ACTIONS SPEAK’

Principal Chad Barwick asks questions to seventh-grader Myron Henderson about his research on the National History Day project he is working on in the computer lab.

Second graders from St. Anthony de Padua School pray before Mass.

Prekindergarten Panther Kyree Goudy heads out to recess as conductor of her class line for the week. Another student acts as caboose and sounds a train whistle when everyone is ready to roll out.

Second graders, led by Sister M. Lissetta Gettinger, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, identify different trees on St. Anthony’s campus by their leaf shapes.

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It’s not just all in your head

A young widow and I were discussing the trials of grief the other day and settled on the topic of health. She herself had been experiencing frequent headaches and persistent low-grade fatigue since the death of her husband several months ago, both for- eign and disconcerting to this once-energetic wife and mother of three.

“I don’t know what’s wrong with me. Do you think it’s just all in my head?” she asked sheepishly.

Of course, I believe that each path of grief is as unique as the person who navigates it. But, I told her, I suspected these ailments were not just in her head, but real symptoms of her loss — physical manifesta-tions of the internal thoughts and feelings she had about her hus-band’s death. These maladies were her body’s way of protesting the idea that she would have to make a life without her spouse in it.

And she is not alone. Maintaining physical health during the grief process is not only a common topic in grief literature and among individuals who have experienced loss, but I have personal memories of unfamiliar aches and pains that I hoped were not just in my head.

Within two weeks of Trent’s funeral my two young daughters and I came down with colds and shortly after we survived that respi-ratory madness, I suffered a flu that I had never before experienced in such severity. It turns out immune suppression is common among those who grieve.

Fatigue was an everyday occur-rency. I was otherwise an energetic wife and mother of three. But I as I began to investigate grief, by shared experience and reading grief literature, I became aware that we each feel grief in every part of us — body, mind, heart, and spirit, with each manifest-ing its own distinct symptoms. The physical expression of grief can come in many ways and it’s important that we educate ourselves on the possible health issues so we are not taken by surprise. Our bod-ies have been as traumatized as our hearts by the loss and we must lis-ten to them during this trying time. Taking gentle care of our very real physical symptoms honors our bod-ies and helps us heal.

Many bereaved find they experi-

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

KAY COZAD

picturing an empty soft chair.

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Choose life in light of the Gospel

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mt 22:15-21

The second part of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend’s first reading. Much happened after the first section of Isaiah was written.

The mighty Babylonian Empire had overwhelmed God’s people, literally destroying the two Hebrew kingdoms, the kingdom of Israel and the kingdom of Judah. The reigning dynasties were extin-guished. Many were killed. The Babylonians took a number to Babylon, the imperial capital. There these exiles, or their descen-dants, were to languish for four reigns, the last and always, to God’s law.

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Puppy love, whale watching and St. Francis

A cross the country, young married couples have set-tled on the perfect prepa-ration for parenthood: a puppy. It is a trial run that delivers many of the same tussles and delights — a tiny, big-eyed crea-ture who is named and nurtured and potty trained, who interrupts Netflix and upends the budget, protruding Saturday mornings, and contracting Saturday nights. Someone to worry about and brag about, to squeal and scold. Someone to put in the Christmas card.

It may seem silly, but the mult-tivitamin dog treats and rhi-nestone-encrusted collars come with the immediate miracle of getting outside yourself — committing to that pup and protecting your heart rise and fall with its every whim.

Puppy training is, indeed, par-tent training.

Three in four Catholic house-holds report having a pet, accordin-g to the American Catholic Election Studies. This month we salute their patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi, and all the mot-ley pets we’ve loved. We gather under the slanted sun for ani-mal blessings, a reminder of the catholicity of Catholicism, that the stuff of life has remained the same throughout Asia Minor, the Greek city of Saloniki, the Greek mainland of the Balkans. It exists today as a living commu-nity, the Greek city of Saloniki, the Greek mainland of the Balkans.

Here was a 40-ton beast in an endless ocean choosing that very moment to rise above the water. Witnessing that spontaneous act of God used Cyrus to accomplish the divine will. The divine will was to effect the survival, and the return to peace and security, of the children of Abraham.

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On Blessed Pope John Paul II ...

Thank you for the visit.

It was the last of the five “ad limina” visits I was privileged to have with that great athlete of Christ, Pope John Paul II. I knew he spoke with great difficulty, so I deliberately did most of the talking — thanking him for what his pontificate had meant to the Church and how inspiring it was to me. He looked at me with those deep eyes and at the end simply said to me in a clear voice, “Thank you for the visit.”

I recall with joy my time with Pope John Paul during the “ad limina” visits and also when I concelebrated with him and other bishops during his pastoral trips. They were moments filled with grace.

I always thought of him as a saint and found it a joy to be in his presence. So manly. So warm. So intelligent. Filled with love for God. So devoted to Mary. So even in the rain!” But I didn’t fully understand that late October night until I led a retreat about five months later in a small house near the Atlantic Ocean. Harvard undergraduates were there and they were still talking about him and how they went back to their dorms and analyzed his homilies on the rich young man in the Gospel.

That story of the rich young man (Mt 19:16-26), he used throughout his pontificate and made it central to his historic encyclical on the great moral issues of our time — “veritatis splendor.” “The Splendor of Truth.” There were two things evident that night on the historic Boston Common. One was his love for young people, while the other was the fact that he challenged them, asking them for spiritual greatness and not to be satisfied with mediocrity. It was the key to so much that followed in his historic pontificate.

I still hear the strong voice echoing out over the old city of Boston, “Youth of America, do not go away sad. Do not go away sad on drugs. Do not go away sad on sex. Do not go away sad on money.” There was an evangelizer in our midst, and the rain became secondary. We knew we were blessed to be there. A night never to be forgotten.

An old Spanish mission

We were up early on a lovely spring morning in 1987, the bishops of this country going south by bus to one of the old Spanish missions in California, where we had Morning Prayer with John Paul II. Shortly he joined us in what looked like a school cafeteria. There were four talks, to which he responded. I remember it like it was yesterday.

One archbishop spoke in a way that seemed touched by a certain hubris and told the Holy Father that we had the best educated laity in the world. Professionals. Lawyers. Physicians. Scientists. The pope said this was true, but then taking a clear theme from the Second Vatican Council about the vocation of the laity in transforming the world, he said, “Have you transformed the culture, have you transformed the culture of the film, of the media and journalism?”

Again, a challenge for us.

Another archbishop spoke about the difficult moral issues of the time. In his reply, the pope reminded us of our teaching responsibility. He told us that we should teach on these difficult moral issues in a way that would attract people, so they could be attracted to the beauty of the truth contained in the teaching. He used the word “attract” or “attraction” twice. I verified it recently.

A few months later, at the “ad limina” visit, I was with about 14 bishops from our Midwest region at lunch with the Holy Father. I have often heard that the office of the papacy was a very lonely life. It was not lonely for Karol Wojtyla because he loved to be with bishops. The four times I had lunch with him, were unforgettable moments of grace. Being with him helped you to understand more deeply the vocation of the bishop.

I said to him, “Holy Father you told us in 1978 in your response to one of the bishops that we should teach on these difficult moral issues so that people are attracted to them, and see the beauty of the teaching. But how do we do this?”

He became quiet. The philosopher came out, and so did the priest. Here is his response. I remember it exactly. When he finished, we all were quiet.

“It is necessary,” he said, “to understand the soul of the woman. All these things which were meant to liberate her: premarital sex, contraception, abortion; have they liberated her or have they enslaved her?”

He was a pastor who lived close to Jesus Christ. His life was strengthened by prayer and study. He understood the crisis of our times and he knew how to respond to it.

I shall try to add a few thoughts to these next week as we continue to mark, under the guidance of our bishop, the liturgical observance of John Paul II now declared “Blessed.”

Bishop John M. D’Arcy is the bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

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ence appetite changes. Some lose interest in foods and eat less, while others eat more. It’s important to eat small portions of nutritious foods throughout the day to maintain energy levels. Fluid intake is critical during the early months of the grief process. Dehydration can cause a variety of symptoms including mental confusion, so we must drink generous amounts of healthy beverages and water.

Sleep disturbances and deprivations make for long and tiring days. If you have trouble falling asleep or getting back to sleep after waking in the night try changing your bed time routine or changing the side of the bed you sleep on.

Lethargy is a another common physical manifestation of grief and poses a real issue in the process of healing. This physical feeling of just not caring about what used to bring you joy can only be faced over time and in one’s own unique way. Investigating new interests sometimes assists in joining life’s flow again. But there is no time frame for regaining that joy.

There are heart palpitations, shortness of breath, aches and pains to contend with. There are all natural responses to losing a loved one and I assure you, not just all in your head.

If we focus on doing the hard work of grief, these symptoms will abate over time. Be patient and give yourself permission to take gentle care of yourself as you grieve. If you are uncomfortable with an ailment or it persists over time, consult a doctor.

As we discussed the physical aspects of grief my young friend and I agreed that it takes an immense amount of energy to mourn the loss of someone you love. And that is energy that must sometimes be drawn from other areas of our lives. It’s important to understand that these physical ailments have a natural place on our journey of grief and that we must attend to them. My friend spoke of her understanding of her physical grief so beautifully when she said, “It’s when your body finally catches up with your mind.”

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Sports

Unblemished Crusaders keep winning streak over Saints

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWKA — The last day for the Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) regular season pitted two rivals — the one-loss Mishawaka Catholic Saints versus the unbeaten Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders, who coveted a league championship and an unblemished record.

The Saints started the game by giving the Crusader defense a major dose of smash-mouth football as quarterback Joe Ravotto nestled the ball in the belly of tailback Jacob Mannell diligently worked their way down field fighting for every yard against the stingy Saint defense.

On the last play of the drive — with the ball on the seven — Mannell rolled out and unable to find a covered receiver scammed into the corner of the end zone breaking the deadlock, Cameron Gallagher’s kick was true, 8-0, with 5:50 left before intermission.

Mishawaka Catholic started the next series with a big return from Bruno Cartaldo added to by a horse collar infraction put the Saints deep into Crusader territory.

A tailback pass from Whitfield to Gavin Verslype made first and goal, and the Saints were knocking on the door. But on 4th-and-a-half yard, Ravotto’s quarterback sneak was extinguished by the determined Crusader line.

The Saints would get the ball back with 34 seconds to go in the half at the 20-yard line, the driving purple-and-gold-clad squad needed a score before half. But when Ravotto took a shallow drop, Connor Gentry of the Crusaders stepped across the line of scrimmage and, almost in stride, picked off the errant pass and ran 83 yards untouched for a score. Again Gallagher’s kick was good, 16-0, to end the half.

The defenses were the story of the second half as both teams seemed like they were running into brick walls until in the fourth quarter. The Saints’ Patrick Coulter jumped on a lose ball at the 37-yard line giving Mishawaka Catholic a procedure penalty halted the drive 34-yard line.

A punt from Holy Cross downed St. John the Baptist, New Haven, while the regular season champions, the St. Charles Cardinals rolled to a win in their initial round of post season action defeating Queen of Angels/Most Precious Blood, 43-0. The Cardinals will face St. Vincent, who got by JAT, in their next outing.

By blowing a 16-point lead, the Crusaders were unable to seal the victory.

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BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Youth League (CYO) football play-offs got underway on Sunday, Oct. 9, at Bishop Luers High School, narrowing the field for second-round action on Oct. 16.

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“Highlights reported by Casey O’Boyle detailed that St. Vincent jumped on top of JAT early, racing out to a 30-0 half-time advantage behind a relentless rushing game, a timely aerial attack and a ball-hawking defense, as the Panthers conveyed a 36-16 win over the Knights.”

Running back Austin Burns led the Panthers in rushing, scoring from 54 yards out on the second play from scrimmage, as the St. Vincent offensive line had its best play from scrimmage, as the St. Vincent offense embarked on its best game of the year. Quarterback Dalton O’Boyle passed for 101 yards, spreading the ball around to four different receivers, while Burns and the St. Vincent big men did the rest.

Offensive line coach Steve Fiacable praised the effort of his offensive line during the Panthers’ post game talk. The starting five are strong-side tackle Jeremy Herber, strong-side guard Jake Tomlinson, center Landon Campbell, backside guard Frankie Yanko and backside tackle Dominic Lancia. Tight end Noah Freimuth and backup lineman Bryce Kunster also blocked well as did the Panthers’ receivers.

On defense, the Panthers limited Knights running back Isaac Morken and kept the talented athlete out of the end zone. Furthermore, St. Vincent’s starting defense gave up just four completions on 17 passing attempts by the JAT field general.

Bruns, Herber, Yanko and Freimuth each had quarterback sacks, while Blake Pocholine recorded a pair of quarterback sacks for St. Vincent. Tomlinson had a forced fumble, which was recovered by O’Boyle. Jared Roy, Nick Fiacable and Mitch Effinger each had multiple open-field tackles for the Panthers’ defense.

After finishing the regular season with a 2-5 record, the sixth-place seed, St. Jude, lost a tough one to St. John, Fort Wayne/St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel.

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Volleyball

At the net, St. Mary/St. Joseph turned in a great effort taking the conference champs — St. Therese — to three games in a “no count” volleyball matchup.

Coach Nancy Ehrike explains, “It was a nail biter. We lost the first game, 23-25, won overwhelmingly, 25-17, in the second game then ran out of energy in the third game, 15-4.”

She added, “It was a testimony that our girls never give up no matter who their opponent is.”

The CYO regular season is winding down with tournament play starting the week of Oct. 17.

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PRAYING FOR AN END TO ABORTION

LED BY COACH JASON GARRETT, STANDING, SECOND FROM RIGHT, THE ST. CHARLES CARDINAL FOOTBALL PLAYERS PRAYED THE ROSARY FOR AN END TO ABORTION ON SATURDAY, OCT. 8, OUTSIDE FORT WAYNE’S ABORTION CLINIC ON INWOOD DRIVE. THEY JOINED OTHERS PRAYING AT THE SITE, AS PART OF THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN HUNDREDS OF U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL CITIES FROM SEPT. 28 TO NOV. 6. GENE BENDER (NOT PICTURED), A LONG-TIME ADVOCATE OF PRO-LIFE PRAYER IN FORT WAYNE, BRIEFLY ADDRESSED THE YOUTHFUL, INFORMING THEM ABOUT THE ABORTION INDUSTRY AND URGING THEM TO PRAY.
Sheen, Estevez talk about ‘The Way,’ their own faith journey

BY NANCY ERIKSON

CLEVELAND (CNS) — Perhaps one day, with a film crew in tow, he’ll make a movie script or an air-conditioned trailer full of bottled water and pre-packaged snacks, Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez will find themselves walking along Spain’s El Camino de Santiago — the way of St. James.

The 800-kilometer historic pilgrimage trail — treads upon by popes, saints and seekers from all faith traditions for centuries — will take father and son from the quaint French village of St. Jean Pied de Port through the grandiose Pyrenees Mountains across the sun-drenched northern Spanish region of Galicia to the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela.

They will perhaps carry back-packs and scalp-loops — the sign of St. James and a pilgrim on El Camino — and follow the warm Galician sun by day and brilliant Milky Way by night.

“They’ll sleep at the “posadas” — hostels — and film the “endorcimientos del peregrino” — Camino passports — stamped at the spiritual stops along the way. And just maybe, as Sheen explained, they’ll “go inside and hear the heartbeat and awaken the voice.”

“The Way,” quipped Estevez to his father, “is anybody’s ballgame.”

Sheen said. “That I have to enjoy the win, put it behind us and prepare for a playoff run that is anybody’s ballgame.”

“After the big play by Gentry, I challenged our kids to win the second half and they stepped up, and we saw positive things,” Violi said. “Turnovers and penalties hurt us; but to their credit, the Crusaders capitalized on them.”

In other action, the St. Anthony Panthers ended the season with one loss by defeating the West Side Catholic Cardinals, 28-8.

The Panthers spread the ball around and scored on runs from Blake Benfield and David Phillips, a punt return by Carlos Matovina and a pass and catch from Tony Carmola to Patrick Sundor.

The West Side touchdown came on a 20-yard run by Alex Mroz. They would start at their own 47 with just over a minute left. When the ball squirted lose, Crusader Paul Revak picked it up and ran 20 yards and then with a race for the paydirt. Alexander Horvath’s kick made it 7-0.

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**What’s Happening?**

What’s Happening carries announcements about upcoming events in the diocese. Send in your announcement at least two weeks prior to the event. Mail to: Today’s Catholic, P.O. Box 11169, Fort Wayne 46856; or email: fhogan@diocesefwsb.org. Events that require an admission charge or payment to participate will receive one free listing. For additional listings of that event, please call our advertising sales staff at (260) 456-2824 to purchase space.

**MISC. Happenings**

St. Vincent de Paul Society retreat at South Bend — A retreat on “Vincentian Spirituality” will be sponsored by the St. Joseph County St. Vincent de Paul Society Sunday, Oct. 16, from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center. Anyone interested in learning more about the spirituality of the St. Vincent de Paul Society are invited. For information contact Denise Blanche at (574) 234-6000 ext. 12105.

Special Mass for couples trying to conceive planned

Granger — Mgr. Bill Schooler will celebrate a special Mass for couples who are experiencing infertility or subfertility on Friday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel at St. Pius X. A potluck dinner and fellowship will follow. Contact Suzy Younger at syounger@hannahstars.org to RSVP or for information. This evening is sponsored by the Elizabeth Ministry at St. Pius X Parish.

Lisa Everett to speak

Fort Wayne-South Bend — Lisa Everett, co-director of the diocesan Office of Family Life, will speak on “Project Rachel: Aesan Office of Family Life, will co-director of the diocesan Office of Family Life, will speak on “Project Rachel: Aesan Office of Family Life, will co-director of the diocesan Office of Family Life, will speak on “Project Rachel: Aesan Office of Family Life, will speak on “Project Rachel: Aesan Office of Family Life, will speak on “Project Rachel.” Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers Performing Arts Department will present, “The Butler Did It,” written by Tim Kelly, at Bishop Luers High School. Performances are Oct. 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m.

**Rummage and bake sale**

South Bend — Fresh bread baked on site, cakes, pies and cookies will be offered at the bake and rummage sale at St. John Parish, 3616 St. John Way, Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon. On Sunday a $1 bag sale will be offered.

**Knights plan spaghetti dinner**

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is “The Beauty of the Word.” Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is $15 and includes lunch. Register by Oct. 21 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

**FUNDRAISERS**

Fish fry planned

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will host a fish fry Friday, Oct. 14, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the council hall. Price is $5.80 for adults and $4 for children ages 6-12.

Shopping extravaganza

Monroeville — St. Joseph School HASA will have a shopping extravaganza Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Monroeville Fire Station. Over 15 vendors will be featured including Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Tastefully Simple and more. Lunch will be served.

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**Christmas craft bazaar**

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**St. Aloysius offers paper recycling**

New Haven — The St. Aloysius Rosary Sodality will offer paper recycling. The Paper Gator is located on the north side of the school to collect newspaper, catalogs/magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper, hard and soft cover books. The ABC will receive $20 per ton of paper. The school is located south of I-469, exit 6, on State Road 1. Visit www.papergatorrecycling.com for information.

**Holy Name Society fish fry**

New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, Oct. 14, from 4-7 p.m. Adults $7.50, children 5-12 $4 and children under 5 free.

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Bishop Dwenger students take the rosary to new heights

FORT WAYNE — Each year, during the month of October, the students of Bishop Dwenger High School pray the rosary in more than 10 different languages, with the beginning of each prayer started in a different language and completed in English. The rosary prayed in multiple languages reminds the students about all who share their faith around the globe.

This year, they took their prayer to new heights. The students heavily involved in Dwenger’s Campus Ministry constructed a rosary out of balloons and the student body gathered around the track on Oct. 7 to pray together. Once the students completed the prayers, the balloons were released into the sky.

“We saw in the news that a camp in Chicago did this balloon rosary this past summer and we thought it was a beautiful way to share our faith with the community,” noted Barb Ruden, campus minister.

She said, “October is the month of the rosary and also in the midst of the 40 Days for Life campaign. Our balloons are marked with “Life” as another reminder that we believe in life from conception to natural death.”

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in health care, education and social services.
• “Intensifying efforts to redefine marriage” or to undermine it as “the permanent, faithful and fruitful union of one man and one woman.”
• An economic crisis that has increased national and global unemployment, poverty and hunger, requiring efforts to “protect those who are poor and vulnerable as well as future generations.”
• “The failure to repair a broken immigration system.”
• “Serious moral questions” raised by wars, terror and violence, “particularly the absence of justice, security and peace in the Holy Land and throughout the Middle East.”

The introduction calls the U.S. Catholic Church “a community of faith with a long tradition of teaching and action on human life and dignity, marriage and family, justice and peace, care for creation and the common good.”

American Catholics “are also blessed with religious liberty which safeguards our right to bring our principles and moral convictions into the public arena,” it adds.

“These constitutional freedoms need to be both exercised and protected, as some seek to mute the voices or limit the freedoms of religious believers and religious institutions,” it says.

A woman casts her ballot in Glendale, Wis., during a recall election in early August. A new introduction to the U.S. bishops’ document on political responsibility reminds Catholics that some issues “involve the clear obligation to oppose intrinsic evils which can never be justified,” while others “require action to pursue justice and promote the common good.”

Urging Catholics to “share the message of faithful citizenship and to use this document in forming their own consciences, the Introductory Note adds that “this kind of political responsibility is a requirement of our faith and our duty as citizens.”

It is signed by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, USCCB president, and the chairmen of nine committees — pro-life, migration, education, communications, doctrine, domestic justice, international justice and peace, cultural diversity, and laity, marriage, family life and youth.


The document it introduces remains unchanged since its approval by the full body of bishops at their November 2007 meeting in Baltimore. It “represents the continuing teaching of our bishops’ conference and our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy,” the introduction says.

The USCCB is launching a new website for “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship” at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/. It will offer a wide range of web-based and written materials and tools to assist pastors, parishes, Catholic organizations and individuals.