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Teens' Faithfest affirms Jesus is the Way

BY DENISE FEDOROW

WARSAW — From the keynote speaker to the breakout sessions, high-school teens received affirmation time and again that Jesus Christ is the Way and God has abundant love for them.

Frankie and the Holy Rollers got the teens on their feet singing and clapping to high-energy worship music to kick off this year's Faithfest held at Lakeview Middle School in Warsaw on Oct. 23.

Dominican Father Anthony Giombrone gave the keynote speech.

He spoke on the theme and posed the questions many ask — is Jesus the way or a way? Is He the truth or an opinion? He spoke of the difference between dysfunctional diversity and healthy diversity.

"If there is nothing in common there can be no community, but the Catholic version of diversity is broad and universal as possible. To be Catholic is to be cosmic," he said.

Father Giombrone said Protestants have an invisible unity; the Orthodox Church is tribal because it is as much about the ethnicity as it is their Christianity, but to be Roman Catholic is to be universal.

"The whole world and all its diversity is brought together in a single communion," he said.

Jesus is the Way because Jesus is the bridge that carries all to God. He reminded the teens that before Christianity was named it was simply called The Way. People may say you can't impose your faith on me and while that's true, "It's faith in a fact — Jesus is not an imaginary friend, the Resurrection is not an idea, it's an event with witnesses," he said.

"Some truths demand a decision, Jesus refuses to be



JOE ROMIE

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass at the Faithfest at Lakeside Middle School in Warsaw on Oct. 23.

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Media campaign invites Catholics to come home

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has long served the spiritual needs of its people by offering a Church-home steeped in the rich sacramental tradition of the Catholic faith. It continues to strive to welcome and embrace all its members, even those who may have stepped away from community worship.

In an effort to invite inactive Catholics to rediscover the fullness of their faith, a new media campaign has been approved by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, and will be launched across the diocese this late fall and winter, running from Dec. 17 through Jan. 31. The campaign will include the use of television ads, yard signs, banners and other signage that will direct people to the national and local websites of Catholics Come Home.

According to its website, www.catholic-comehome.org, Catholics Come Home, Inc. is an independent, nonprofit Catholic apostolate that creates and broadcasts media messages to evangelize inactive Catholics and others. The organization was founded by Tom Peterson and presents an interactive, easy-to-navigate website



and a multitude of resources, including links to nearby parishes and ways to get involved.

The partnership between the diocese and Catholics Come Home organization is being coordinated by Natalie Kohrman, director of the Office of Spiritual Development and Evangelization, and Mary Glowaski, secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries.

Kohrman reports that the media campaign

has been very successful in other dioceses with statistics showing a 10 percent increase in Mass attendance overall and increased numbers in the confessionals. "The majority of folks just return to the sacraments," says Kohrman.

The initiative capitalizes on research statistics that show the average American watches more than 40 hours of television each week, and TV has more impact and reaches more people than any other single advertising medium.

The four stirring commercials, to be aired on all local affiliates, "offer an invitation in a way that people can't do one to one," says Kohrman. She adds that each commercial offers "traditional imagery meant to make people think back to youth and faith."

Each ad illustrates the universality of the Catholic Church and includes testimonies from real people who have rejoined the community of believers.

"It's not just Fort Wayne-South Bend or America. We're part of something bigger," says Kohrman.

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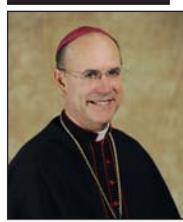
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Honoring saints and praying for the dead



IN TRUTH
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BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

All Saints Day

This coming Tuesday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. The origin of All Saints' Day can be traced back to the 4th century, though its observance on November 1st dates back to the 8th or 9th century. It is a beautiful feast in which we rejoice in the great multitude of holy men, women and children of every time and place who share in the glory and joy of heaven.

The saints we honor on November 1st were believers like us who experienced the everyday challenges and difficulties of this pilgrimage on earth. We look to them today as models for us of a life lived according to the Beatitudes of Jesus, a life of faith, hope and love. Opening themselves to God's love and grace, they listened to Jesus and sought to do God's will.

The saints were not perfect, which gives all of us hope. Being holy does not mean being perfect. Holiness does not mean that we never error sin. It involves continual conversion, beginning anew, and growing in the virtues through the grace and mercy of God. Pope Benedict has said that "holiness increases with the capacity for conversion, repentance, willingness to begin again, and above all with the capacity for reconciliation and forgiveness. ... Thus, what makes us holy is not never having erred, but the capacity for reconciliation and pardon. And all of us can learn this road to holiness" (General Audience, January 31, 2007).

Another aspect of growth in holiness that is important to remember is that it always involves self-denial and sacrifice. This is the reality of love. Pope Benedict reminds us that "every form of holiness, even if it follows different paths, always passes through the Way of the Cross, the way of self-denial" (Homily, November 1, 2006). The first canonized saint of America, Saint Rose of Lima, wrote that "apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven." The way of the cross, the way of Jesus, is the way of love. It is also the way to true happiness and peace in this life and in the next. True happiness is, in the end, holiness. The saints teach us this important lesson.

I have been struck by the frequency with which our Holy Father talks about the saints. In all his apostolic visits and particularly in his many addresses to young people, he speaks about the call to holiness and refers us to the saints. One of my favorite descriptions of a saint comes from Pope Benedict: "The saint is the person who is so fascinated by the beauty of God and by his perfect truth as to be progressively transformed by it." Notice that the Holy Father uses the word "progressively." A life of holiness is not achieved immediately — it is a progressive transformation by the grace and mercy of God, a path of continual conversion. Christ asks us to make the Gospel our rule of life — this is a day-to-day adventure in which we strive to resist temptations to sin and to live in God's grace. The saints are our models, our examples, in this beautiful adventure.

Blessed John Paul II beatified and canon-



MARK WEBER

Resting in peace, silence and serenity in consecrated ground are thousands of the departed in the Catholic Cemetery of Fort Wayne, established and dedicated 139 years ago by Bishop Joseph Dwenger.

ized a great many people, some who lived centuries ago, and others, like Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, who lived in recent years. He did so to show us how to be disciples of Jesus, "how to live life as it should be lived." At World Youth Day in Cologne in 2005, his first as pope, Benedict XVI said to the young people: "The saints show us the way to attain happiness; they show us how to be truly human. ... They are the true reformers ... only from the saints, only from God does true revolution come, the definitive way to change the world."

On his visit to the United States in 2008, our Holy Father spoke to young people and seminarians at a meeting in New York. Again, he talked about the saints. He invited them to fix their gaze on the saints as models of Christian discipleship who teach us the importance of developing a personal relationship with God through prayer and silence as well as through our participation in the Church's liturgy. This prayer then becomes charity in action. The saints teach us the primacy of prayer and how this then bears fruit in lives of hope and charity. "The saints show us the selfless love of the way of Jesus."

We all have our favorite saints and our patron saints. These are our intercessors in heaven and our models here on earth. We honor all the saints on November 1st. They are stars of hope for us along the road of life. They are, as it were, like living pages of the Gospel of Jesus. I hope that everyone will make the time to attend Holy Mass on November 1st, to worship God and to celebrate the memory of all the saints!

All Souls Day

On November 2nd (All Souls Day) and throughout the month of November, the Church prayerfully remembers our brothers and sisters "who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again" (Eucharistic Prayer II). Though we are not obliged to attend Mass on November 2nd, it is a special day to attend Mass for the faithful departed and also to pray at the graves of our deceased loved ones. I am looking forward to offering Holy Mass at the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne at noon on All Souls Day and welcome all who are able to participate, especially those who have loved ones buried in the Catholic Cemetery. I also invite you to attend the 12:05 p.m. Mass for the deceased clergy of our diocese which I will celebrate in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, November 7th.

It is appropriate that on the day after we celebrate the glory of the saints in heaven we remember in prayer the souls in purgatory. As the Catechism teaches, these are our brothers and sisters who have died "in God's grace and friendship," but are still "imperfectly purified." They undergo purification after death "so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (CCC 1030). This important doctrine of our faith is based on the practice of prayer for the dead that is mentioned in Sacred Scripture. "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC 1032).

If you are looking for good spiritual reading during November, the month of the Holy Souls, I recommend the encyclical letter *On Christian Hope* (in Latin, *Spe Salvi*) in which Pope Benedict XVI writes about purgatory. "For the great majority of people — we may suppose — there remains in the depths of their being openness to truth, to love, to God. In the concrete choices of life, however, it is covered over by ever new compromises with evil — much filth covers purity, but the thirst for purity remains and it still constantly re-emerges from all that is base and remains present in the soul. What happens to such individuals when they appear before the Judge?" At this point, the Holy Father reflects on Saint Paul's words in his first letter to the Corinthians (3:12-15) and about our personally having to "pass through fire so as to become fully open to receiving God and able to take our place at the table of the eternal marriage-feast."

In reflecting on purgatory, the Holy Father speaks of "a blessed pain, in which the holy power of God's love sears us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally of God. ... At the moment of judgment we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of His love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy."

In November, we pray for all those who are being purified "as through fire," the holy power of Christ's love. Even after the death of our loved ones, we can play a part in their purification by our prayers. As Pope Benedict says, "it is never too late to touch the heart of another, nor is it ever in vain."

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace!

Pope names Archbishop Vigano new nuncio to the US

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, 70, to be the new nuncio to the United States.

In his most recent position, the Italian archbishop had served for two years as secretary-general of the commission governing Vatican City. He succeeds the late Archbishop Pietro Sambi in Washington.

Just minutes after his assignment was announced Oct. 19, Archbishop Vigano told Catholic News Service he hoped to get to the United States in time for the U.S. bishops' general assembly Nov. 14-16.

The archbishop said being nuncio in the United States is an "important, vast and delicate" task; he said he was grateful to Pope Benedict for entrusting him with the mission and he felt called to renew his "trust in the Lord, who asks me to set out again" to a new country.

Being a nuncio, he said, is "a call to know this people, this country and come to love them."

"For me to take the place of someone who was so loved, so committed, makes it an even greater challenge," he said.

Archbishop Vigano said he knew a U.S. presidential election is coming up, but before he can say anything "I need to hear from the bishops and learn from them. The election is important for the country and for the whole world."

New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, sent a message of welcome to the new nuncio and said the bishops looked forward to meeting him at their November assembly in Baltimore.

Archbishop Dolan said that, as the pope's representative in the U.S., Archbishop Vigano would "serve as a continuing sign to us of that source of renewal and hope that Pope Benedict brought to our



Pope Benedict XVI has named Italian Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, 70, as the new nuncio to the United States. He succeeds the late Archbishop Pietro Sambi at the apostolic nunciature in Washington. Archbishop Vigano is pictured in a 2009 photo at the Vatican.

country" during his April 2008 visit. Archbishop Dolan said the new nuncio's variety of experiences would enable him "to see the intricacies involved in representing the Holy Father in both the Church and diplomatic worlds, especially now as they are lived out in America's democratic society."

A nuncio is a Vatican diplomat with the rank of ambassador. He is responsible for diplomatic relations with the government, but also serves as the pope's representative to the Church in a given country, which includes responsibility for coordinating the search for and vetting of candidates to become bishops.

While at the commission governing Vatican City, Archbishop Vigano earned a reputation as a careful administrator, skilled at cutting costs and improving the

efficiency of an office that oversees the care of Vatican buildings, as well as the Vatican post office, police force and the Vatican Museums.

Born in Varese, in Italy's far north, he was ordained a priest in 1968 for the Diocese of Pavia. He entered the Vatican's diplomatic service in 1973 and served at Vatican embassies in Iraq and in Great Britain before working in the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1978-89.

He was the Vatican's permanent observer at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France, from 1989 to 1992, when Pope John Paul II named him an archbishop and nuncio to Nigeria. Pope John Paul personally ordained him a bishop.

Archbishop Vigano — who speaks Italian, French, Spanish and English — was still serving as nuncio to Nigeria in 1997 when Pope John Paul visited the country.

Returning to the Vatican Secretariat of State in 1998, Archbishop Vigano coordinated the appointments of nuncios and papal representatives around the world.

In 1999, he led a five-man Vatican delegation to Iraq to try — unsuccessfully, it turned out — to make arrangements for Pope John Paul to visit. The pope had wanted to go to Ur, the city thought to be the birthplace of Abraham, as part of a biblical pilgrimage for the year 2000. At the time, Iraq was under an economic embargo by the West and Ur was under a no-fly zone being enforced by U.S. and British military.

In November 2010 the archbishop was called upon to represent the Vatican at the general assembly of Interpol, the international cooperative organization for police agencies. In his speech to the assembly, he highlighted the ongoing violence against Christians in Iraq, but also spoke more generally about the Vatican's conviction that the promotion of human rights is the best strategy for combating inequalities that lead to crime and terrorism.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m. — Mass at Saint Robert Bellarmine Church, North Manchester
- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. — Mass and Pastoral Visit at Saint Vincent de Paul School, Fort Wayne
- Wednesday, Nov. 2, noon — Mass at Resurrection Mausoleum, Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Nov. 3, noon — Meeting of Council of Teachers, Ramada Plaza, Warsaw
- Thursday, Nov. 3, 6 p.m. — Meeting of Diocesan School Board, Ramada Plaza, Warsaw
- Friday, Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m. — Mass for Serra Club, Saint Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Nov. 5, 9:15 a.m. — Mass at Catechetical Institute Day, Wawasee Middle School, Warsaw
- Saturday, Nov. 5, 6 p.m. — Confirmation Mass at Saint Michael Church, Waterloo

World Priest Day to be celebrated in October

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring World Priest Day on the last Sunday in October, which coincides with the Serra Club's Priesthood Sunday. World Priest Day focuses on celebrating the ongoing affirmation of priests and building of relationships between couples and priests.

The mission and purpose of World Priest Day is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church through the sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for priests.

It is designed to be a day or

several days to rejoice in the sacrament of Holy Orders. On this day, or during the week preceding or following it, Catholics across the country are encouraged to develop one or several activities to affirm priests. This will

be a unique occasion for reaching out to priests.

Go to www.wwme.org for ideas that you can use. The World Priest Day National Coordinating Team encourages you to celebrate the priests you know and love.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or World Priest Day call (800) 795-5683 or visit their website at www.wwme.org.



Pope proclaims three saints, calls them models of Christian charity

BY JOHN THAVIS

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed three saints and said their lives demonstrated that true faith is charity in action.

"These three new saints allowed themselves to be transformed by divine charity," the pope said at a canonization Mass in St. Peter's Square Oct. 23.

"In different situations and with different gifts, they loved the Lord with all their heart and they loved their neighbor as themselves, in such a way as to become models for all believers," he said.

All three founded religious orders in the 19th century, working in missionary areas and on behalf of society's disadvantaged in Europe. The canonizations took place on World Mission Sunday, and the pope said their witness showed that love is at the center of the missionary task.

Tens of thousands of pilgrims filled the square on a splendid fall morning, many carrying holy cards, banners and images of the saints. Tapestries with portraits of the newly canonized hung from the facade of the basilica.

The new saints were:

• St. Guido Maria Conforti, an Italian who founded the Xaverian

Foreign Missionary Society, dedicated to the sole purpose of evangelizing non-Christians. He sent missionaries to China in 1899 and personally traveled to China in 1928 to visit the order's communities.

Plagued by ill health, he also served as a diocesan bishop in Italy for many years, making religious instruction the priority of his pastoral ministry and establishing schools of Christian doctrine in all parishes.

• St. Louis Guanella, the Italian founder the Servants of Charity, the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, and the Confraternity of St. Joseph, whose members pledge to pray for the sick and dying. Having worked with young women

in northern Italy, he came to Rome and founded an association of prayer for the dying.

"It is impossible to stop as long as there are poor people to be helped," he would tell his colleagues. In 1912, at the age of 70, he traveled to the United States to work among Italian immigrants in North America.

Pope Benedict, in his homily, called him a "prophet and apostle of charity."

• St. Bonifacia Rodriguez Castro, a Spanish cordmaker in Salamanca who gathered working women for spiritual encounters in her house-shop. The group became the Servants of St. Joseph, a con-

gregation dedicated to providing a religious and technical education to poor women, and protecting them in the workplace.

Her religious did not wear habits and they worked side by side with laywomen in the shop, practices that aroused the resentment of the local clergy. Opposed by the bishop, she was removed as superior of the community and left Salamanca in humiliation; she opened a new foundation in the city of Zamora, where she was welcomed by the bishop. Only in 1941 was she recognized as the foundress of her congregation.

A sung prayer during the Mass

Rome celebrates Blessed John Paul feast day; sainthood cause proceeds

BY CINDY WOODEN

ROME (CNS) — Thousands of Catholics in Rome celebrated the first feast of Blessed John Paul II Oct. 22 and the promoter of his sainthood cause said he has received several reports of healings that could be the miracle needed for the late pope's canonization.

Msrgr. Slawomir Oder, the postulator of Pope John Paul's sainthood cause, told Vatican Radio, "I have received several very significant testimonies and am waiting for the complete documentation" that would allow him to judge which would be the most appropriate to submit to the Vatican.

"I was particularly struck by the healing of a little girl who was in an almost desperate situation and another very touching testimony regarding the healing of a priest," he told the radio Oct. 22.

The Polish priest also noted

that for the first time many little boys and girls named Karol or Carolina or John Paul, Jean Pierre or Giovanni Paolo were able to celebrate their name day, an important day in many countries and cultures.

He said that after Pope John Paul died in April 2005, "many people asked his intercession to obtain the grace of paternity and maternity, and having received that grace, they honored him by naming their children after him."

In Rome, Blessed John Paul's feast was marked with two particularly large celebrations: the Diocese of Rome held a prayer vigil and Mass at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the diocesan cathedral.

The Church of the Holy Spirit near the Vatican, known for its dedication to the Divine Mercy devotion promoted by Pope John Paul, hosted a special Mass and a concert featuring important texts written by the late pope set to music.



CNS PHOTO/PAUL HARING

People gather for a vigil marking the feast day of Blessed John Paul II outside the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome Oct. 22, the first observance of the Polish pope's feast. The date marks the anniversary of the inauguration of his pontificate in 1978.

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The local website launching soon, will work in conjunction with the media ads and signs, and will feature a welcome video from Bishop Rhoades, answers to frequently asked questions about the Church, and groups and activities occurring across the diocese.

Glowaski says the campaign will have an impact not only on inactive Catholics but practicing Catholics as well.

"The campaign stirs the desire for faith. And it encourages Catholics to extend themselves to others in the family," Glowaski says.

Kohrman and Glowaski agree that Catholics leave the Church for a myriad reasons including life changes such as job shift changes, divorce, moves, misinformation and even woundedness. Glowaski stresses, "There are people who are deeply wounded and they are

important to us. We want them to know we are here."

She adds, thoughtfully, "The Church is impoverished without the members of its body. If they are missing, we are not whole!"

Promotion has already begun with in-house presentations to diocesan and parish staff and clergy.

Mass attendance numbers will be counted in October and then in February for statistical results.

The campaign offers many simple ways to invite inactive Catholics back.

"It takes a welcoming spirit," says Kohrman, who adds that basic acts, like an invitation, a ready smile in church, holding the door or making room in the pew if someone new arrives, will help in this effort.

Glowaski adds, "As many Catholics as there are, there are that many ways to come back. People invite me all the time to be a better me ... That's what this is — inviting each other to be more Christlike. ... It's about changing hearts — changing our hearts."

Peter Kreeft addresses 'hard question'

BY ANN CAREY

GRANGER — Philosophy Professor Peter Kreeft has given many pro-life talks, but the topic he addressed on Oct. 14 at St. Pius X Parish — how to change people's minds about abortion — was a first for him. The Boston College and Kings College professor nevertheless embraced the topic because, he said, "I like hard questions."

That "hard question" was put to him by the local organizers of the 40 Days for Life fall campaign. The 40 Days for Life is a national movement to pray, fast and witness for an end to abortion. Its fall campaign started Sept. 28 and runs through Nov. 6, and Kreeft's talk at St. Pius X Parish Center marked the half-way point of this fall's campaign.

Kreeft said that his topic was a "hard question" because people aren't simple, and life itself is spiritual warfare involving a conflict of ideas, spirits, souls, persons and supernatural persons. Yet, Kreeft observed, if even one person got one idea from him to put into practice, the lifesaving potential would be enormous.

"If one person on one occasion will change one person's mind about getting an abortion, and therefore that one baby will be saved, will grow up and get married and have kids, and they'll have kids ... and who knows ... you might save millions of lives tonight if I happen to mention one practical thing."

Rather than deal with abstract ideas, pro-life supporters have to ask the question "What is abortion?" Kreeft said. This question is especially difficult and threatening for pro-choice people, for it forces them to look at the reality of what it is they are aborting, he explained.

In addition to this "practical logic," Kreeft said pro-life people must also realize that physical and mental wounds are present in the minds of pro-choice people.

"We want to heal wounds," Kreeft said. "We want to heal not only the wound of death inflicted on unborn children, and the wound of abortion inflicted on society, and the wound of approval of abortion inflicted on human consciences, but we also want to heal the mental wound that is present in the minds of pro-choicers."



ANN CAREY

Shawn Sullivan, left, local director of 40 Days for Life, introduced Peter Kreeft, right, at the Oct. 14 program at St. Pius X Parish Center in Granger.

Women are instinctively geared toward having babies, he continued, and those who choose abortion do so out of fear. Unwanted pregnancy almost inevitably causes confusion and uncertainty, and most women later regret their abortion, he said, but the pro-choice side doesn't tell women that fact.

Pro-life people can try to lessen women's existing fear of giving birth by showing the women alternatives, as crisis pregnancy centers do, Kreeft continued. These centers show love, and "Perfect love casts out fear," he explained.

Kreeft added that, while one must acknowledge the fear of women considering abortion and listen to the person, one must also be honest and maintain two essential premises: It is always morally wrong to deliberately kill a human being, and abortion is wrong because it kills a human being.

Philosophers try to deny the premise that abortion kills innocent humans, Kreeft said, so they try to redefine who a human is in the same way that Hitler dehumanized Jews. One has to dehumanize the person before killing him — mental murder — before performing the physical murder, he explained.

"What terrifies me is the change in the thinking of the pro-choice community since Roe v Wade," Kreeft said. "Almost all pro-choicers at first denied the second premise, that the fetus is a human being. Now, increasingly they're denying the first premise — because the scientific data is very clear that the fetus is human ... so they have to deny the first premise. So they say 'It's not always wrong to kill human beings, even though they're innocent.' In order to say that, you have to twist your basic moral intuitions into pretzels."

If people think logically about

abortion, they won't remain pro-choice for long, Kreeft said, but getting people to think is the most difficult task. He then presented several strategies for changing people's minds about abortion:

- When talking to pro-choice people, talk with absolute seriousness and show that abortion is a central issue of life and death, but don't compromise the Christian absolutes of truth and love.

- Don't focus on the legalities or politics. You can't do everything at once, so focus on the concrete person in that concrete situation, for the person has a soul who will live forever.

- Take truth and love with seriousness, but respect and affirm the other person's feelings, or you won't get them to listen.

- Pray before and after you talk to people, realizing you are praying to our Father, who we can totally trust.

- Have patience, which leads to persistence. Patience is not weakness: "Never, never, give up."

- Don't require that person to change his mind, convert and admit it to you. Just hope that you plant doubts in the person's mind so maybe he will admit to himself he has been wrong.

- Ask questions, which are less threatening than giving a lot of answers.

- Be creative and improvise, for most of life is unpredictable.

- Appeal to feminine principles: Listen to the inner woman and her intuition, and get her to realize that an unborn baby isn't a problem to fix, but a tiny person in her care.

- Be there personally for them; make friends; sacrifice your time, your life. Actions make friends.

- Show them your kids, your babies. Every baby born into the world is made in heaven.

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Rural life conference calls for 'new food system' to guide agriculture

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — “No one should go hungry, wherever they live in the world,” said the National Catholic Rural Life Conference in the first of a six-part essay series in which it issued “a Catholic call for a new agriculture.”

But “by the end of this year, weather disruptions and rising food prices may drive” the number of hungry people in the world “back to 1 billion, where it last peaked in 2008 due to a spike in food prices,” the conference said. “That’s one in every seven people.”

The rural life conference, based in Des Moines, Iowa, issued the first five essays on “Food Security & Economic Justice: Catholic Call for a New Food System” this fall.

“It is not good for America to plow under the natural affinity of people to the land. It does not serve our nation as a beacon to other nations to do the same to their people and lands,” it said. “Let us right ourselves and begin again to work with nature’s God to secure bread and dignity for all.”

In calling for “a new agricultural ethic,” it said that one linchpin of such an ethic would be the concept of “food sovereignty,” where “stakeholders strive to participate in policy decisions concerning their food and how it is managed. Their focus is on social justice and improving the opportunities for everyone to produce and consume the type of food commensurate with their local culture. They see agribusiness corporations as interfering in their nation’s food system, not enhancing it.”

Coupled with food sovereignty is food security, “a basic calculation of how much food needs to be produced by farmers in order to meet the caloric needs of a population,” the rural life conference said.

“The bottom line is sustainability — for the environment, for local farmers, for the diverse cultures of eaters,” it added. “The teachings of the Church call for a fair distribution of the goods of the earth; the next step is how to put this into action.”

One essay invoked words spoken by Pope Benedict XVI in an Angelus message from last November: “Everyone should be taught to consume in a wiser and more responsible way. We should promote personal responsibility along with a social dimension of rural activities based on the undying values of hospitality, solidarity and sharing the toil of labor.”

The rural life conference said another aspect of a new food system includes “sustain-

able and diversified agriculture that directly fits local needs. This means focused attention on small-scale farmers — both women and men — in order to achieve food security and poverty reduction in the world.”

It added that Pope Benedict XVI had spoken of his own worries about the lack of diversity in food production. “His fear,” it said, “was that this would create situations of ‘extreme poverty among the masses, and the depletion of the natural resources of the earth.’”

“We believe the global food system as dominated by transnational corporations and industrial interests is leading the world away from food security,” the rural life conference said. “A new balance is needed in farming, industry and services so that no one will lack in bread or work.”

“Our demands keep rising — more people eating meat, growing demand for biofuels — and thus pushing production of the land to its limits,” the rural life conference said. “If we want any hope of keeping up with these demands, the world will need to double, perhaps triple, agricultural production in the next 30 to 40 years.”

However, the rural life conference argued, “by our choices and understandings about food, we can begin to influence others. We can teach our children to know where their food comes from and why it is important to be thankful for farmers and food workers. We also begin to see the need to support a world agricultural system of small farmers, because viable livelihoods are the only way to end poverty and hunger at the local level.”

The rural life conference said it would issue a sixth essay on the topic of using food as biofuels.

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proclaimed: “The mission of Bonifacia is not finished: In God she looks after the dignity of the women workers of the world.”

In his sermon, the pope said the lives of the new saints underscored that love is the essence of the Christian message.

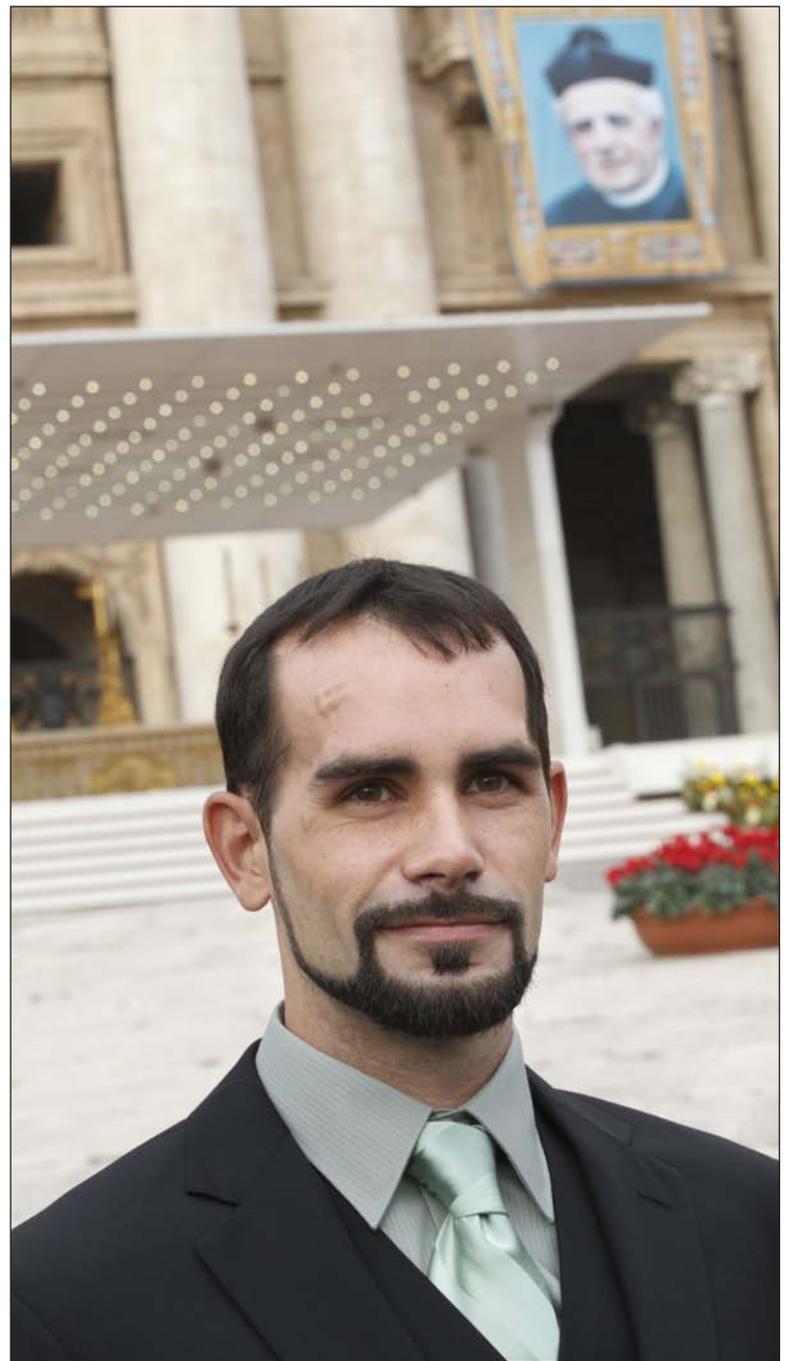
“The visible sign that Christians can show the world to witness Christ’s love is love for one’s brothers and sisters,” he said. These saints, he said, demonstrated that when faith is strong, there is a sense of urgency in announcing this love to all.

The liturgy had a U.S. connection: Carrying relics of St. Guanella to the altar was William Glisson, a 30-year-old Pennsylvania man, whose healing after a rollerblading accident nine years ago was accepted by the Vatican as the miracle needed for the saint’s canonization.

Glisson, who had been skating backward without a helmet, hit his head and was in a coma for nine days. Doctors gave him little hope for recovery. A family friend, meanwhile, gave Glisson’s mother two relics of Blessed Guanella, and the prayers began. Glisson recovered unexpectedly and was released from the hospital less than a month after the accident.

Toward the end of the Mass, a man stood on the upper ledge of the colonnade above the square and burned pages of a Bible before tossing it down among the faithful. After nearly a half hour, Vatican security agents, assisted by a bishop, were able to convince the man to step inside the railing of the colonnade and he was led away.

The pope did not react to the incident. The man was later identified as Iulian Jugarean, a Romanian, who was taken into Vatican custody. Vatican officials described him as unbalanced, and said he claimed to have an important message about international terrorism to announce.



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William Glisson of Pennsylvania, whose recovery from a rollerblading accident was accepted as the miracle needed for St. Louis Guanella’s canonization, is pictured in front of an image of St. Guanella hanging from St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 23. The pope proclaimed three new saints during a special Mass that day. They are St. Guido Maria Conforti, an Italian who founded the Xaverian Foreign Missionary Society; St. Louis Guanella, the Italian founder of the Servants of Charity, the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence and the Confraternity of St. Joseph; and St. Bonifacia Rodriguez Castro, a Spanish cord maker in Salamanca who gathered working women for spiritual encounters in her house-shop.

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New Mass translation can help Catholics pray better, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The new English translation of the Mass is the result of a long process of international cooperation and is meant to help Catholics pray better, Pope Benedict XVI told Australia's bishops. The new translation, which most Australian dioceses began introducing in parishes on Pentecost in June, "is intended to enrich and deepen the sacrifice of praise offered to God by his people," the pope said Oct. 20. The morning after joining the bishops for the inauguration of the Domus Australia, a pilgrim center in Rome, the pope welcomed the bishops to the apostolic palace for the main talk of the "ad limina" visits, which bishops make to report on the Church in their dioceses. Pope Benedict said the new liturgical translation was "the fruit of a remarkable cooperation of the Holy See, the bishops and experts from all over the world." He asked the bishops to help their priests appreciate the new text and help catechists and musicians do their part to make the Mass "a moment of greater grace and beauty, worthy of the Lord and spiritually enriching for everyone." Australian Cardinal George Pell of Sydney is the chairman of the Vox Clara Commission, an international body established by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, to assist in the evaluation of English liturgical translations. The cardinal told Catholic News Service Oct. 19, "I think a goodly percentage of the people didn't notice the difference" when he began using the new text at the Sydney cathedral. "There are pockets of dissatisfaction, but overwhelmingly the priests and people are happy and they will get used to it. The prayers are immensely richer and there's much less banality."

Father Pavone seeks mediation with bishop of Amarillo, Texas

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Saying that communication has broken down between Bishop Patrick J. Zurek of Amarillo, Texas, and himself, pro-life activist Father Frank Pavone is seeking mediation to resolve differences stemming from questions over the financial operations of Priests for Life. "The communication and the trust has deteriorated so much," Father Pavone told Catholic News Service Oct. 18. "Obviously, the first normal response that anyone should and would have is let's talk. ... The power of dialogue is very strong in the Church and in the Gospel. "But this is the case where there has been a very consistent and persistent pattern of distorted and selective communication," said Father Pavone, national director of Priests for Life. "After a while one has to say this just isn't working. That's why the natural conclusion is we need a mediator." Father Pavone's comments came five days after he decided not to attend an Oct. 13 meeting called by Bishop Zurek. The priest said he declined to meet with the bishop on advice of his canon

NEWS BRIEFS

EARTHQUAKE SURVIVORS GATHER AROUND COLLAPSED BUILDING



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Survivors gather around a collapsed building in Ercis, near the eastern city of Van, Turkey, Oct. 24. A magnitude 7.2 quake and multiple aftershocks in Turkey have left more than 360 people dead.

lawyer, Father David L. Deibel. The bishop told the Amarillo *Globe-News* daily newspaper Oct. 13 that he welcomed a face-to-face meeting with the priest. "I am still waiting for a favorable response to that," he said. Several phone calls from CNS to the Amarillo Diocese seeking comment were not returned. Although Father Pavone remains in good standing in the Amarillo Diocese, Bishop Zurek suspended him in September from ministry outside the diocese, saying he was needed for work in Texas. In a statement posted on the Priests for Life website, Father Pavone's canon lawyer said: "The details and history of the present situation are such that moving forward to a resolution is no longer simply a matter of getting together and talking." Several Church officials have made it clear that they believe mediation is necessary, and that they are willing to undertake a role as mediators," Father Deibel wrote. "Unfortunately, Bishop Zurek has not responded to or even acknowledged any of these requests."

Vatican: Gadhafi's death marks end of 'harsh and oppressive regime'

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican said the death of Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi marked the end of a "harsh and oppressive regime" that was based

on power instead of human dignity. It expressed hope that the bloodshed would end in the North African country, and that the new Libyan government would open a rebuilding phase based on "a spirit of inclusion" and social justice. The statement was issued by the Vatican press office late Oct. 20, several hours after Gadhafi was reported killed in his coastal hometown of Sirte, where he had been barricaded with loyalist troops. His death came after months of bloody civil strife and NATO airstrikes in support of Libyan rebels. The Vatican said the Libyan conflict had been "too long and tragic" and should prompt reflection on the "cost of immense human suffering" that accompanies the collapse of systems not founded on respect for human rights. It encouraged the new Libyan government to try to prevent further violence caused by a spirit of revenge and to begin a program of pacification. The international community, it said, should provide generous aid toward the reconstruction of the country. For its part, the minority Catholic community in Libya will continue to offer "its witness and its unselfish service, especially in the areas of charity and health care," it said. The Vatican said it would work in favor of the Libyan people in the international diplomatic arena. The statement said the Vatican considers the transitional government as the legitimate representative of the Libyan people.

Vatican document calls for global authority to regulate markets

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A Vatican document called for the gradual creation of a world political authority with broad powers to regulate financial markets and rein in the "inequalities and distortions of capitalist development." The document said the current global financial crisis has revealed "selfishness, collective greed and the hoarding of goods on a great scale." A supranational authority, it said, is needed to place the common good at the center of international economic activity. The 41-page text was titled, "Toward Reforming the International Financial and Monetary Systems in the Context of Global Public Authority." Prepared by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, it was released Oct. 24 in several languages, including a provisional translation in English. The document cited the teachings of popes over the last 40 years on the need for a universal public authority that would transcend national interests. The current economic crisis, which has seen growing inequality between the rich and poor of the world, underlines the necessity to take concrete steps toward creating such an authority, it said. One major step, it said, should be reform of the international monetary system in a way that involves developing coun-

tries. The document foresaw creation of a "central world bank" that would regulate the flow of monetary exchanges; it said the International Monetary Fund had lost the ability to control the amount of credit risk taken on by the system.

Rev. King's life and faith inspires people at memorial's dedication

WASHINGTON (CNS) — This past January, Nova Nelson sang as a soloist with the Archdiocese of Washington Mass Choir at Holy Redeemer Church in Washington at the annual archdiocesan Mass honoring the life and legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. On Oct. 16, Nelson stood before tens of thousands of people from across the country who gathered at the National Mall's West Potomac Park, and the Catholic young adult sang the national anthem for the dedication of the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. The five-hour ceremony culminated with a speech by President Barack Obama. "It was definitely an honor, something I'll never forget," said Nelson, now director of the Archdiocese's Mass Choir who also directs the gospel ensemble and children's choir at her parish, St. Martin of Tours in Washington. Nelson said that "what he was talking and preaching about to us ... is so relevant now. It's what we as a people are fighting for now, as far as justice, peace and equality." The singer said she was especially moved by seeing the faces of the people, who came from near and far to remember Rev. King's legacy. As the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Dedication Choir sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," she said, she also was struck by seeing Obama and his family on the giant screens erected on either side of the stage as the first family toured the memorial, accompanied by members of Rev. King's family. "That spoke a lot — his truth is marching on," said Nelson.

Illinois bill seeks to allow Catholic Charities to continue adoptions

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CNS) — A bill introduced in mid-October by an Illinois state senator seeks to allow state Catholic Charities agencies to continue their foster care and adoption services only to married couples and single individuals who are not living together. The bill, introduced by a Republican state senator, would prevent the state from discriminating against religious organizations that handle state contracts for foster care. It would also amend the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act to allow religious-based child-welfare agencies to refer same-sex couples wishing to adopt to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Peter Breen, an attorney for the Thomas More Society representing Catholic Charities agencies, praised the bill. "The people of Illinois do not want to see Catholic Charities and other religious-based foster care agencies driven out of business, period," Breen said in a statement.

Dwenger student earns status as member of Army marching band

WHARTON, N.J. — Lauren Blakey of Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, has been selected to be a member of the 2012 U.S. Army All-American Marching Band.



LAUREN BLAKEY

Blakey will join an elite group of musicians who will perform during halftime of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas, and will be presented by American Family Insurance.

"The U.S. Army has a distinguished musical history with numerous bands and musical acts still performing around the world today," said John Myers, director of strategic communications, marketing and outreach, U.S. Army Accessions Command. "The skills and strengths necessary to be a successful band member are mirrored in Army Strong Soldiers. Only the strongest wear the Army colors, which is why we are proud to honor all of our 2012 U.S. Army All-American Band members and congratulate each of them on their selection."

The U.S. Army All-American Marching Band recognizes the top 125 high school senior marching musicians and color guard members from across the country, showcasing their talents during the largest celebration of high school football in America, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, on NBC at 1 p.m. EST on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012.

Bishop Luers to update technology with grant

FORT WAYNE — The M.E. Raker Foundation has awarded Bishop Luers High School with a grant for a new server and computer lab, which will provide the school with the resources it needs to continue offering cutting-edge technology to students.

A new lab will accommodate larger class sizes. Computer application courses benefit from the new computer lab along with world languages, English, math and science classes. New equipment demands less maintenance, providing cost savings and less downtime. More efficient use of time will better prepare students for the future.

With the addition of Indiana online testing, the new lab will enable Bishop Luers to accommodate a larger number of concurrent testers. This will allow for more flexibility in the scheduling of mandated tests. The new computers and flat monitors use less energy, which will provide a savings to energy costs.

A total of \$20,000 was granted to the school over a two-year period. The school will receive the initial \$10,000 this year with the remainder received next fall. Work will begin immediately to update the computer lab and a new server will be purchased.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

THREE MARIAN STUDENTS COMMENDED FOR TOP SCORES



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Mishawaka Marian High School Principal Carl Loesch, left, poses with Angela Kirori, Jesse Gettinger and Christopher Sokolowski, three commended students in Marian's Class of 2012. The students' scores on PSAT/NMSQT place them in the top 5 percent of the nation. Kirori is a graduate of St. Anthony de Padua School in South Bend. Gettinger is a graduate of Bremen Middle School and a member of St. Dominic Parish, Bremen, and Sokolowski is a graduate and parishioner of St. Anthony de Padua School, South Bend.

USF lecture examining subject of friendship

FORT WAYNE — Christian friendship will be the subject of a free public lecture at the University of Saint Francis on Thursday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Brookside Ballroom.

The lecture will examine the idea of friendship as inherited from ancient thinkers such as Aristotle and Cicero, and how it was transformed by Christianity as seen in the Gospels and the writings of Augustine, Aelred of Rievaulx and Thomas Aquinas. It will also reflect upon contemporary problems and their impact upon friendship.

The lecture is sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Theology and the School of Arts and Sciences.

Composer of 'Cross of Our Hope' speaks at Saint Mary's College

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary's College hosted a lecture by Steven Warner, the composer of "Cross of Our Hope," a song that celebrates the tradition of the Congregations of Holy Cross and its founder Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau.

Warner spoke Oct. 26 in

Regina Chapel of Regina Hall on the Saint Mary's College campus on "Crafting 'Cross of Our Hope': The Story of a Song and Saint Mary's College."

Warner is the founder and director of the Notre Dame Folk Choir and director of liturgy resources for residence halls at the University of Notre Dame. He has also been a member of the university's campus ministry staff since 1979.

He began writing "Cross of Our Hope" in anticipation of the beatification of Moreau on Sept. 15, 2007.

"When I wrote the song, I wanted to achieve several things," Warner said. "First, write a piece that would work for both guitar and organ, so that it could be done simply (for instance, in our residence halls). But it also had to be a piece that would shine in a larger and more formal venue like the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. I also held before me the prospect of writing the piece in several languages because the Holy Cross family embraces several continents and many cultures. In its full form, 'Cross of Our Hope' exists in English, French and Spanish.

"Finally, I wanted to base the song directly on missionary exhortations of Father Moreau. Reading his letters, there is an unabashed zeal that he constantly shared with his community. It was my goal to create a piece that reflected that zeal."

Saint Mary's College was founded and is sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Cross. "Cross of Our Hope" comes from the motto of the Congregations of Holy Cross, which in Latin is "Ave Crux Spes Unica" or "Hail to the Cross, Our Only Hope." The refrain of the piece is:

"Cross of our hope, and tree of our salvation,

Sown in our land, and spread near and far,

Life-giving fruit, our portion and our promise,

Ave Crux! Spes Unica!"

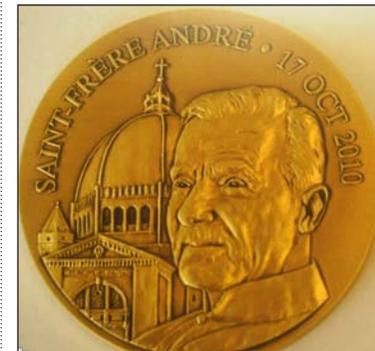
USF tour of Italy open to students, community

FORT WAYNE — The School of Creative Arts (SOCA) at the University of Saint Francis will offer an escorted trip, the Grand Tour of Italy, to students and the community on May 7-17, 2012.

The tour will provide travelers an opportunity to experience Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome under the leadership of a professional tour guide and direction by SOCA Dean Rick Cartwright. Flights, transportation, hotels, most meals and museum admissions are included in the trip package. A number of people from the local community have participated in SOCA trips in the past and have enjoyed the experience, said department coordinator Molly

McGowan.

The trip will satisfy course credit for art appreciation and art history courses for USF students. Students and community members interested in the tour can contact McGowan at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001 or mallen@sf.edu.



ST. BROTHER ANDRÉ

Congregation of Holy Cross celebrates 'The Year of the Brother'

NOTRE DAME — October 17 marked the first-year anniversary of the canonization of St. Brother André Bessette in Rome by Pope Benedict XVI. Members of the Congregation of Holy Cross will celebrate with prayerful thanksgiving Brother André's canonization and the vocation of the brother, in a special way the coming year, until Oct. 17, 2012.

Many know of Brother André already by having been drawn to him in the past and by having familiarized themselves with his remarkable story. And yet, there still remains great opportunity for the wider Church and people of God to hear about and familiarize themselves with Brother André's story.

To this end, the entire Congregation of Holy Cross is celebrating internally and throughout their varied apostolates, along with colleagues in those ministries, The Year of the Brother.

This year will be an opportunity for all to celebrate St. Brother André, and the vocation of Brothers in the Church by making use of the materials offered on Brother André and on the brother's vocation. The Congregation of Holy Cross is providing prayer cards, prayer services, histories, prepared texts, worship aids, banners, videos and films to focus on the brother's vocation in the Church and society.

The Midwest Province of the Brothers of Holy Cross, are planning a Mass honoring The Year of the Brother in St. Joseph Chapel, Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, the evening of Nov. 20. The celebration will be sponsored by the Midwest Province of Brothers, Holy Cross College and Holy Cross Village. Preliminary plans are also being made by the Midwest Province to celebrate The Year of the Brother on the feast of St. Joseph, March 19, 2012.

For more information contact Holy Cross Brother Carlos Parrilla, vocation director, Midwest Province, Brothers of Holy Cross, at P.O. Box 460, Notre Dame, IN, 46556; cparilla@brothersofholycross.com or (574) 631-2703.

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Hispanic conference strengthens Catholic family values

BY TOM UEUBING

SOUTH BEND — South Bend area Hispanic women and families had an opportunity to benefit from the multi-level ministry of Lupita Venegas and Mercedes Covarrubias. St. Adalbert Parish, St. Stephen's Prayer Group and La Tienda Lupita sponsored the Hispanic women's conference that was held Oct. 15-16 at the former St. Casimir School. The key purpose of the conference, which drew 280 participants, was to strengthen family values in a Catholic context.

Venegas and Covarrubias co-founded Grupo Valora whose slogan is "Conscience in the Media." Its aim is to spread the Gospel through radio, TV, the press and movies. Venegas is a licensed psychologist with expertise in family therapy. She holds a degree in family studies with official recognition from the Pontifical University of Rome.

Venegas produces and hosts three programs carried by many Latino radio and TV stations, and has authored two books. In addition,

she has recorded CDs with meditations and motivational talks on effective personal growth. Covarrubias holds a bachelor's degree in pedagogy and early childhood development. She hosts three programs on the Mexican TV network María Visión, and is on Radio María in Los Angeles.

José Cortés, one of the conference's organizing team members, owns Tienda Lupita, a local store selling religious books and articles. He was familiar with Grupo Valora's materials and saw a need for her type of ministry which deals with psychological and relationship issues from a Catholic perspective.

Covarrubias spoke on "Depression, the Epidemic of the Century" and "Your Past Does Not Determine Who You Are." These talks dealt with how to rise above of your life's circumstances by the grace of God and how to break free from negative influences from the past to become a new person and forge a new future.

"Jesus heals, saves and frees," Covarrubias said. She encouraged her listeners to stop focusing on themselves and to focus on Christ

and to serve others as a way out of depression.

In her talk "The World Today," Covarrubias observed how as a nation Americans have expelled God from public life.

"And God, who is a gentleman, has just quietly backed out of our national and political life, our public life, removing His hand of blessing and protection," Covarrubias said. "We need to repent of that and bring God back into our national life. We have our trust in God on our coins; we need to practice it."

Venegas' talk, "Wake up, Sleeping Woman," covered the many roles women play in the family, society and the Church, and their fundamental mission and vocation.

In a session on self-esteem, Venegas focused on discovering one's true identity and worth as a daughter of God.

"Never give up," she said, "there is no saint without a past, nor sinner without a future."

Venegas compared one's innate personal worth to a \$100 bill. Whether it is dirty, clean, crumpled or even spat upon it is still worth \$100.

Sunday's conference was on the family. On the topic of "Affective Families, Effective Families," Venegas counseled, "Love is not a feeling nor desire, love is action."

She told her audience, "Nothing is worth more than your family."

She encouraged everyone to live marriage and family life as God intended.

Finally, Venegas dealt with the issues of contraception, abortion and the Culture of Life as the anecdote.

"Contraception does not restore life's order, it destroys life," she said, "You cannot be Catholic, and pro-abortion or pro-choice."

She urged the conference participants to get involved in the pro-life movement and "raise your voice ... for the children who can not speak."

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Effective soldiers needed in battle

BY TOM UEBBING

SOUTH BEND — As a young boy of six, Joe Scheidler was deeply impressed with an image of an angel with a spear he saw at Sacred Heart Church at Notre Dame and a picture of St. George slaying the dragon he saw at his uncle's house.

He asked his aunt what these figures were doing, and she replied that they were fighting Satan.

"Wow!" the youth exclaimed, "This is the Church to belong to!" Scheidler commented, "That's exactly what we are. We are the Church militant, not the Church milling around worrying about what's happening."

Scheidler was the keynote speaker at the 20th annual Saint Joseph County Right to Life dinner Oct. 6, in South Bend. He would grow up to be one of the most effective soldiers in the battle against abortion.

Scheidler founded the Pro-Life Action League in 1980. His pro-life activities were so effective that the National Organization of Women and two abortion clinics sued him in 1986, using anti-racketeering RICO law against him. Originally found not guilty, he was subsequently found guilty in the ensuing legal battles until he was finally found innocent by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2006.

Scheidler joked that he is a "racketeer emeritus" and proud of it. Quoting Hamlet, he said "time is out of joint," and that society is sick.

Scheidler's perspective is that we are fortunate to be born in a time of crisis because we know exactly what we have to do.

The veteran pro-lifer encouraged his listeners to continue to persevere and to strengthen their faith. He encouraged the attendees to do something every day for the pro-life cause, not just show up for a yearly march.

Scheidler said there is a price to pay for pro-life activism.

"If they persecuted me, they will persecute you," he reminded everyone, Jesus told his followers. "If they hated me, they will hate you."

Pro-life activism also brings wonderful results.

"We've saved thousands of lives," he continued. Abortionists and clinic workers have been converted.

Scheidler said that showing the public pictures of aborted babies plays an important role in ending abortion. He pointed out that it was only after actual photos of child labor were published that child labor laws were passed. The slave trade was ended in Great Britain when people saw pictures of slaves in chains packed into galleys.

Honorary dinner chairman Mark Jamrog put the abortion crisis in focus with some statistics. Since

1973, approximately 58,600,000 American babies have been killed. Notre Dame stadium holds 80,795 people. The stadium would have to be filled and emptied every day for almost two years before the number of abortion victims would be equaled. The figure for Saint Joseph County is between 35,000 and 41,000 deaths, about 40 percent of the population of South Bend, or one-half of Notre Dame stadium.

Jamrog appealed for prayer, financial support and volunteer work to support Saint Joseph County Right to Life. A major goal of the fund-raiser dinner is to pay for two pro-life billboards on either side of the approach to the South Bend abortion business that cost \$30,000 annually.

The organization's president, Tom Gill, said that "since you got up this morning," 58,000 babies have been killed by abortion worldwide, 115,000 every full day and 42,000,000 every year. "There is a real danger that we become desensitized. We need to get people to come back to this issue," Gill said.

He lamented that attendance at pro-life demonstrations has fallen off considerably in recent years. He asked everyone there to commit to come to the October Life Chain event and the South Bend federal courthouse march in January. He underscored that numbers are important and that people need to stay



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Joe Scheidler, national director of the Pro-Life Action League, inspires his listeners to faith, hope and action.

engaged in the battle.

Virginia Black was posthumously honored with the Annette M. Macknick Courage Award. Ray and Anne Black were presented with the Pillar of Life Award. The Brother John Lavelle, CSC, Scholarship was awarded to Corrie Ann Belobraydich, president of Bethel College Students for Life.

Scheidler concluded his talk with a quote from Shakespeare's Henry V. The scene is the morning of the Battle of Agincourt in 1415. The king addresses his relatively small force of warriors about to face off with a better equipped French army about

five times their size. Speaking of the battle soon to take place he said:

But we in it shall be remembered —
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;

For he today that sheds his blood with me

Shall be my brother ... And gentlemen in England now-a-bed

Shall think themselves accur'd they were not here,

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Honoring the dead awakens new

BY KAY COZAD

HUNTINGTON — Honoring the dead in the current fast-paced American culture is a far cry from what once was an enduring community affair, says Michael McElhaney, funeral director of McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home in Huntington. McElhaney says he has seen “great changes” in the two decades he has served in the funeral business.

“It used to be the whole community was behind the funeral. They used to close stores down for the funerals. Depending on who it was they’d shut the whole town down,” recalls McElhaney.

Historically, the funeral wake, also currently referred to as the showing, viewing, visitation or calling hours, consisted of two days of viewing, that were held in the private home of the deceased, with the deceased’s body present. It not only had a social objective — for family, friends and community members to gather to honor the deceased with personal eulogies and stories, and offer support — but a practical one as well.

Tradition holds that these days prior to the burial were a time for vigilant “watching or guarding” of the loved one’s body to assure that he or she stayed safe and was indeed dead. Embalming in the U.S. was only made popular during the Civil War when servicemen who died far from home had families who wanted them to

have local burials.

Currently, says McElhaney, as the need for expediency and convenience has begun to take precedence over tradition and religious ritual, he has seen the length of the wake decreased to one day or an hour prior to the church service.

“It (the wake) used to be two days. Now it’s one day, at most, for a couple of hours,” he says, adding that in this mobile society with families “spread out” across the country, many are choosing to limit the funeral ceremony or eliminate it all together.

Cost is not a primary factor in this trend, says McElhaney, who notes that many families “just want to get it over with” or are ecologically concerned with the funeral and burial ritual.

“This generation is uncomfortable with death,” he says.

McElhaney, a convert to the Catholic faith and member of St. Mary Parish in Huntington, also notes that an increase in the number of families with no church affiliation is causing a decrease in traditional church services.

And he adds that he has seen an increase in cremation. “They don’t want to drag it on, so they have no services. Some people don’t want to deal with it. ... Now that the Catholic Church has (allowed cremation), it’s become more popular,” he says.

However, the recent shift to shortened wake hours has led to a surprising movement toward personalization of the

vigil service. Modern technology has lent itself to more creative and expressive ways to honor the dead. Currently the trend in personalizing the wake includes use of videos and picture boards that depict the course of the deceased’s life. Unique and personalized blankets, candles and statuary enhance the experience of the visitation. And personal memorabilia and music also highlight the gathering that precedes the funeral Mass.

Unlike its historical predecessor, where the community gathered at length under one roof to eulogize the dead with food, yarns, tears and laughter, the typical wake today is a solemn affair held in a funeral home or church where family and friends visit the bereaved family and view the body before burial. Some have even chosen to forgo the wake and funeral ceremony altogether and opt for a “celebration of life” following cremation or private burial.

Historically, the wake has been an important part of honoring the dead, with its tender stories and memories, and allows those in mourning to begin to accept the reality of the death. It also provides a venue for community members to mourn as well as offer support to the family of the deceased.

Questions answered con

Are there diocesan rules about funerals?

Yes, please consult the web site of the Office of Worship (www.diocesefwsb.org/diocesan-offices/worship-office/diocesan-guidelines-norms) for our diocesan guidelines on funerals and liturgies with cremated remains, including a section of questions and answers.

What is the proper way to refer to the funeral liturgy?

The “Mass of Christian Burial” is probably the most elegant title, but “funeral Mass” is certainly acceptable. “Funeral service” would only be appropriate if a Mass does not occur, while “funeral liturgy” is somewhat ambiguous, since it could refer to either a Mass or a liturgical service outside Mass. “Mass for the Dead” technically includes funeral Masses, but it is a broader term that would include Requiem Masses on All Souls Day, for example.

Where may a Christian funeral be celebrated?

Funeral Masses must be celebrated in a parish church or — if approved by the pastor and the diocese — in a consecrated chapel where Mass is regularly celebrated. Funeral services that are not Masses may take place in the parish church, a consecrated chapel, the funeral home, the graveside or even another appropriate place.

What kind of contact should there be between the family and the church when planning a funeral?

A significant amount of communication is necessary, since the parish typically arranges the liturgy with the family (music, readings/readers, etc.), if it hasn’t been preplanned already. Circumstances may dictate that the funeral home sometimes be involved in this as well, but contact with the proper people at the parish is essential.

What is Catholic protocol when an unregistered Catholic dies (for example,

in a nursing facility) wishes for the deceased of Christian Burial?

Consultation between the pastor or chaplain is necessary to proceed.

What is Catholic protocol for someone who had not practiced the faith but the family wishes for a Catholic burial?

Our diocesan guidelines may take place “if it can be done without being contrary to the wishes of the deceased.”

What are the options for a vigil, and is there a

The normative practice is a vigil (consisting of a Liturgy of the Hours and prayers) to be prayed. If the deceased specifically requests the rosary during the time typically reserved for the vigil prayers and stories, accommodate this, as providing for the deceased themselves. The praying of the rosary is not refused during the visitation if the deceased specifically requests it.

May there be flowers at a funeral? How about

The Order of Christian Funerals, used in moderation, can be used for funeral rites.” But flowers do not have to be used, as stated in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal No. 305: “During the Liturgy of the Hours, the altar to be decorated with flowers (Fourth Sunday of Lent), so long as there are no exceptions. Floral decorations should be used with moderation and placed on its mensa (the top of the table).”

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its sacred and solemn nature. Secular or non-liturgical music does not belong before, during or after the rite within the sacred place of the church. Any such favorite songs should be done apart from the funeral rites, such as at the accompanying communal meal.

Is a priest still allowed to wear black vestments at a funeral Mass?

The wearing of black vestments at a funeral, which was the norm before Vatican II, actually is still permitted as an option, along with the colors violet and white. The Church is sensitive to the natural desire to commemorate the deceased in ways that recall happy times in their lives. However, the integrity and clear purpose of the funeral liturgy — to pray for the soul of the departed — is also to be respected. Black, as a symbol of mourning, is therefore an appropriate color for a funeral Mass, if both the family and the priest agree to it. Actually, a good catechetical opportunity to use black vestments is All Souls Day (Nov. 2), when we recall the effects of sin and that the deceased may be in purgatory and in need of our prayers.

What does the Catholic Church say about cremation? How should the remains be interred? Must they be buried? Could they be scattered at the loved one's request?

Although it can be allowed, the funeral rites state that cremation "does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body." The decision to cremate should be carefully considered in consultation with the pastor, and is only permitted when it is chosen for reasons that do not contradict our strong Catholic belief in the sanctity and resurrection of the body. Whenever possible, cremation should then be done after the funeral. The rites also state that cremated remains should be treated as a body and "buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium." It is not acceptable or dignified to scatter the ashes or keep them in one's home.

What about people wanting to put the ashes of a pet in with them? Is it acceptable?

This is absolutely unacceptable. Cremation is already a sensitive allowance in the life of the Church, and we must carefully safeguard the dignity of Christian, human burial, as well as the theological reality of the resurrection of the body. We would not permit the bodies of pets to be placed in a casket with a human body — all the more would we not permit the indiscernible mixing of ashes.

Can a Catholic be buried at sea?

Although not envisioned as a norm, sometimes, burial at sea is a necessity. The United States Bishops'

Committee on Divine Worship has said, "The cremated remains of the body may be properly buried at sea in the urn, coffin or other container in which they have been carried to the place of committal."

Can a Catholic donate his body to science?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the following (Nos. 2300 and 2301): "The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit. ...

Autopsies can be morally permitted for legal inquests or scientific research. The free gift of organs after death is legitimate and can be meritorious."

What are the rules about eulogies?

The Order of Christian Funerals allows for a family member or friend to "speak in remembrance of the deceased." This must be a reflection on the life of the deceased in the context of his or her faith — it should never be a eulogy in the secular sense of a reminiscing about or toasting of the person. "Speaking in remembrance" is

best done apart from the Funeral Mass, such as at the funeral home, at the vigil, or even before the Funeral Mass begins. A specific diocesan policy on "speaking in remembrance" at funerals was issued last year, and can be read online at www.diocesefwsb.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/Policy-for-Speaking-in-Remembrance-FW-SB-Nov.-2010.pdf

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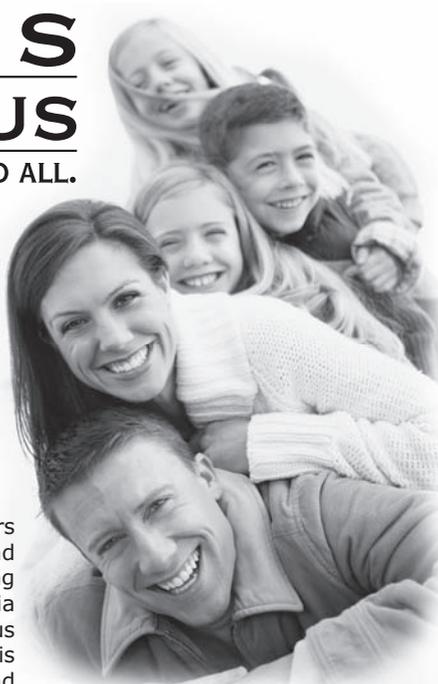
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Document preferences for funeral services

Indiana lawmakers have established a way to remove some of the uncertainty, and perhaps some disagreements, regarding the funeral arrangement process with the passage of Indiana's Funeral Planning Declaration statutes. Effective July 1, 2009, this law provides a vehicle for any competent person 18 years of age or older to designate a family member, friend or other trusted individual as the person who is authorized to carry out funeral wishes specified in the declarant's Funeral Planning Declaration.

The full text of the law, which includes a Funeral Planning Declaration form, can be viewed at www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title29/ar2/ch19.html.

A Funeral Planning Declaration could be invaluable as a means of assuring a declarant that his/her desired funeral ceremony and burial preferences will be carried out after the declarant's death. After all, a Catholic's end-of-life worship preferences are no less important or meaningful than those undertaken during life.

The law provides that a Funeral Planning Declaration must be separate from a will, power of attorney or similar document. It is a stand alone document and takes precedence over certain other documents concerning decision making on the disposition of the declarant's body after death; the disposition of the declarant's remains; the provision of funeral services for the declarant; religious ceremonies to be performed after the declarant's death; the casket, urn or other merchandise necessary for the disposition of the declarant's body after death; direction of funeral arrangements; and,

grave memorials. The declarant designates the individual who is authorized to carry out the declarant's preferences on such items, or who is entrusted to make those decisions on behalf of the declarant after the declarant's death if no preference is provided. Either way, the law presents a means to take guesswork out of who is authorized to direct the funeral planning process and gives a declarant some level of assurance that his/her religious preferences will be honored after death. If the declarant has a change of heart after making a valid Funeral Planning Declaration, the document can be destroyed, rendering it invalid, and another can be executed.

A declarant's ability to have preferences that are designated in a Funeral Planning Declaration carried out as requested could be limited by such things as the declarant's financial resources at the time of death or contractual agreements, such as a prepaid plan with a funeral home.

You should consult a priest to determine the suitability of liturgy preferences. If you are interested in a Funeral Planning Declaration, coordinate it with your other estate plans and talk with a priest to avoid roadblocks to having your preferences carried out after your death.

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A November reflection

BY SISTER JANE CAREW

"I am not dying. I am entering eternal life."

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Although somewhat somber and clothed in mystery, the Church has provided us with a profound period prior to the starting of a new liturgical year which begins with Advent.

November 1 celebrates the feast of All Saints followed by a second day devoted to All Souls. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the unity we have in Christ, the unity of all the redeemed, those on earth and those who have died. The communion of saints is professed in the Apostles' Creed where the unity of "holy things," especially the unity of faith and charity, is achieved through participation in the Eucharist. We are so blessed with the profound beauty of belief as Catholics. Do we really realize all the Church, as Bride of Christ, has to offer us, its children?

As a family, do you think of your deceased relatives and share stories with your children? There are deceased family with whom they can still communicate even though they will never see them in this life. As catechists can you speak convincingly of the lives of saints, helping the youth to have, perhaps, favorite models, encouraging them with stories of love and conversion in a world that does not always inspire them in such ways?

Many years ago, a great theologian, Von Balthazar, predicted

that in the future we would lose the depth of beauty of our faith because the true meaning of language would be altered. An example pertinent to November is the reality of death. I personally am taken aback by how people today speak only of people "passing" rather than people "dying." Passing can be as easy as you pass a building or a tree. There is not a lot to think about in the activity of passing.

However, to say a person dies, will experience death, leads to pondering our most beautiful reality of the future. As St. Teresa of Avila stated, "I want to see God, and in order to see Him, I must die." St. Teresa would never say, "I must pass!" Pass? What does that mean? Why have we replaced the meaning of death?

At our Baptism, we died with Christ, being united with Him for life and eternity. This foundation of all sacramental life transforms us into the likeness of Christ. What does passing do? Why do so many Catholics now speak about passing instead of dying? I believe they just pick it up without thinking because they hear it so often. Christian death has a positive and profound meaning because in death God calls each one of us to Himself. With St. Paul, we can say, "My desire is to depart and be with Christ." — Phil 1:23.

The loss of a loved one causes so much emotional pain. With help from family and friends time heals these emotions into a new expectation that someday we will be reunited with our loved ones.

I had the privilege of being with my mother constantly the last 10

days of her life. We were present to each other in loving silence. Occasionally my eyes would well up with tears. Her weak voice would say to me, "Why are you crying? I will be with you."

Her deep faith reflected the words of one great early Church father, St. John Chrysostom, who said, "They whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are."

Over the years with both my parents, I have experienced their continued care for me. This is a true experience of the communion of saints and the love that brings us unity in Christ.

As November calls you to reflect on life and death, listen to yourself and see if you only refer to death as passing. In a weak sense it is a passing. But the rich treasury of the Catholic Church has so much more meaning.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church has an index on death. Go to it this month and reflect on the profound meaning, because you will not know the day nor how you will die.

God has created you for love. Bask in the beauty of this. Maybe you need to have a conversion to think more of the last things — death, purgatory, heaven or hell. Not too many years ago this part of the creed, considered "eschatology," was the weakest in faith formation. People teaching the faith

did not want to teach about these realities because they feared it. This has greatly improved.

You can't escape death, and you must be responsible as to how you live your life. Do you choose the good or that which is evil and displeasing to God? God is merciful, but you must be responsible for your choices. The sacrament of Reconciliation is available to you. Strengthen your union with God by reviewing this sacrament often.

Also in November, visit the graveyard or attend a funeral Mass in your parish. Ponder the reality of death.

Reflect on the 10 Commandments and the eight beatitudes. See them as leading you to eternal life with Christ.

For the Christian, the meaning of death is revealed in light of Christ's dying and rising for us. As Corinthians 5:8 states: "The Christian who dies in Christ is away from the body and with the Lord."



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The penitential act

The part of the Mass previously known as the “penitential rite” will now be called the “penitential act,” a reminder that we are not mere passive observers of the Eucharist but active participants.

Following the greeting dialogue between priest and assembly, the penitential act begins the Mass with an expression of sorrow for sins and a desire to repent.

The new translations of the penitential act in the Roman Missal constitute both a more direct translation from the Latin and a recovery of scriptural references and deeper meanings that may have been obscured by the present translation.

As with the previous edition of the missal, the new translation offers the priest three forms of the penitential act from which to choose: Forms A, B and C. Although Form A may be particularly appropriate during Lent and on other penitential occasions, the priest may choose the form that he prefers for any liturgy.

Form A of the Penitential Act consists of a recitation of the Confiteor: “I confess to almighty God ...” This

THE ROMAN MISSAL

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prayer remains the same, except for two significant changes.

First, the phrase “I have sinned through my own fault” is replaced with a direct translation of the Latin text: “I have greatly sinned.” Also, the word “greatly” echoes King David, when he said to God, “I have sinned greatly in doing this thing” (1 Chr 21:8).

The second change to the Confiteor is more significant. It replaces the phrase “through my own fault” with “through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault” — a more direct translation of the Latin: “*mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.*”

The commentary on the new

translation at the U.S. bishops’ website recommends that, while reciting these words of repentance, “the faithful should ‘strike their breast’ ... with a clenched fist over (the) heart.”

This recalls the tax collector in Luke 18:13, who “beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.’”

The old version of Form B begins with the priest saying, “Lord, we have sinned against you: Lord, have mercy.”

The assembly responds with: “Lord, have mercy,” and the priest replies, “Lord show us your mercy and love.”

The assembly concludes with: “And grant us your salvation.”

Here is the new version of Form B: Priest: “Have mercy on us, O Lord.”

Assembly: “For we have sinned against you.”

Priest: “Show us, O Lord, your mercy.”

Assembly: “And grant us your salvation.”

The first part of Form B echoes Baruch 3:2: “Hear, O Lord, for you

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THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mt 23:1-12

The Book of Malachi provides this weekend’s first reading. The prophet’s name, Malachi, reveals his role. In Hebrew it means “messenger of God.” As a prophet, he brought God’s message to the people.

Often in prophetic writings, as in this weekend’s reading, the prophets wrote in a way in which God spoke in the first person. The prophets presented themselves merely as earthly instruments through whom God spoke. The actual communicator was God.

Malachi did not write at a time of extraordinary crisis for God’s people, as was the case of the author of the first section of Isaiah, or for that the bad circumstances that surrounded many other prophets. Malachi, nevertheless, shared with all the prophets the opinion that the people were sluggish in their religious observance, or that they altogether had rejected God.

Such lack of fervor, in the estimates of the prophets, was inexcusable. By contrast, God always was merciful, always faithful to the Covenant.

This weekend’s reading, again with God’s words given in the

first person, accuses the people of sin. As God is the perfect and all-knowing judge, it is an accusation of complete fact. God warns. Such sin will lead only to doom for the people.

In St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Thessalonians, Paul reassures them that he cares deeply for them. He says that he abundantly and constantly has shown this care.

Essential to these feelings of care and love has been Paul’s proclamation of the Gospel. He could do nothing greater for the Thessalonians than to share with them the saving story of Jesus.

For its third reading, the Church presents St. Matthew’s Gospel. This passage is the last in a series of stories in which Jesus discusses, or argues, with the Pharisees or with others. As often elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus denounces the Pharisees’ hypocrisy.

Pharisees were learned in Jewish law and tradition. They probably often occupied a central seat in synagogues, reserved for a person very knowledgeable in religious matters, hence the Lord’s reference to the “chair of Moses.”

The story goes to the root of human fault and human nature. Insecure and confused in their inadequacies, humans so often seek places of privilege, indeed even control over others. Hypocrisy and pomposity mask this insecurity.

Jesus tells the disciples that they must serve others. Nothing else is more important. He calls them to be bold. It is no summons to doom. With God’s grace, nothing needs to be feared.

Reflection

For weeks, in these biblical readings from St. Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus has assumed the role of the

final authority, of the ultimate judge. Jesus pronounces on the most supreme of all laws, the law of Moses.

For Matthew, Jesus judges as the Son of God, able as such to pronounce on anything and everything.

Matthew also depicts Jesus as always responding with the wisest and most reasonable of judgments on matters that usually perplex others.

In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus pierces through the folly of inadequate human understanding and human fear. Be strong, the Lord admonishes, there is nothing to fear.

Supporting this view are the readings from First Thessalonians and from Malachi. First of all, God has not left us adrift on a stormy sea. He always has entered our lives with mercy, love, guidance and protection, in the prophets, the Apostles, and, of course, in Jesus.

God is with us, but God does not overwhelm us. We voluntarily must turn to God. We must hear God. We must love God. It will be difficult, as we must forsake many deeply embedded fears and defenses. But, even in this conquest of self, God will strengthen us.

READINGS

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 Ps 131:1-3 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 Mt 23:1-12

Monday: Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-6 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15

‘To give or not to give’ — That’s the marital question

In a recent column, David O’Brien, the associate director of Religious Education for Lay Ministry in the Archdiocese of Mobile, Ala., recounts the story of Agnes and Jake, devout Catholics who conceived and delivered four children during the first five years of their marriage.

Agnes described how Jake, “wanted to be a good father and husband, and he couldn’t see how that could happen if we continued to have more children. In short, he was getting a vasectomy.”

Agnes had a strong Catholic formation, and understood that married couples should not engage in sexual acts that have been intentionally blocked or “rendered infertile.” She struggled with Jake’s new stance, and dug her heels in.

She wondered how she could possibly be an authentic witness to the Gospel “if within my marriage, I was no longer open to life? How could I minister to other women and encourage them to be bold in their faith if I wasn’t living it myself? And what do I teach my children about marriage and sex when their father and I weren’t aligned?”

She went through an emotional roller-coaster: “At first, I cried. Then I yelled. Then I argued, calmly and intelligently. Then I cried some more. I shared with my husband excerpts from Kippley’s *Sex and the Marriage Covenant* and the encyclical, “*Humanae Vitae*.” We listened to Christopher West and Scott Hahn in the car.” Nonetheless, her husband was unchanging.

As it became clear that Jake would go ahead with the vasectomy notwithstanding her protests, Agnes confronted a question that many serious Catholics have had to contend with in their marriages. She wondered whether it would still be allowable for her to engage in marital relations with her husband after the vasectomy. When one spouse is involved in this so-called “abuse of matrimony,” the other is placed in an awkward situation. A husband can struggle with a similar problem when his wife refuses to get off the pill and stop contracepting. While the contracepting spouse is clearly doing something morally wrong, doesn’t the non-contracepting spouse also sin by cooperating in an act that the other spouse has made infertile?

Pope Pius XI addressed this issue as far back as 1930, but the clearest teaching of the Church came in a 1997 Vatican document called the “*Vademecum for Confessors*.” It notes that cooperation in the sin of one’s spouse, by continuing to engage in the marital act when the spouse has taken recourse to contraception, can be permissible when “proportionally grave reasons” exist for doing so, and when one is earnestly “seeking to help the other spouse to desist from such sinful conduct (patiently, with prayer, charity and dialogue; although not necessarily in that



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moment, nor on every single occasion).” The *Vademecum* and sound counselors say that participation in such an act would not be in and of itself immoral on the part of the non-contracepting spouse, but these counselors would also say that the one trying to lead the Christian life ought not to initiate sexual relations with the contracepting spouse.

Thus, while Agnes would not be obliged to facilitate her husband’s sin, she could herself, without sin, engage in marital relations with him if she thought refusal to do so might lead to other sins, such as temptations to infidelity or divorce, as long as she continued to seek and encourage a change of heart and a change of perspective in him.

While Agnes came to understand this point in her head, she hesitated in her heart. After battling with Jake for over a year, she found herself burned out and exhausted. One night, after crying through the night, a sudden and unexpected thunderstorm came through. As she heard the intense raindrops falling, she reflected on how the raindrops were like God’s tears. She realized that God, too, is in a kind of broken marriage, a difficult marriage with the humanity He loves. She considered how the Church, while being His spotless mystical bride, has members who are often unfaithful, hurting the Lord and blocking His life-giving love. “And yet,” she reflected, “He never holds back. He comes to us, over and over again.” Indeed, God continues to give His body to the Church on her altars, ever beckoning us to conversion and perfection.

Agnes decided that for the time being, if her husband sought marital relations, she would consent, while patiently seeking to convince him that his unilateral decision about the vasectomy was a mistake. She hoped to bring him to consider a reversal of the vasectomy. She sought to keep communication on the matter open and active, entrusting this painful trial in their marriage to God: “I lift up our marriage, our intimacy and our continued conversion to God who knows our hearts.”

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Heroic holiness

In this second reflection on the beatification of Pope John Paul II, written and submitted in connection with the observance of his beatification, which Bishop Kevin Rhoades had selected to be observed in all Masses in our parishes the weekend of Oct. 15-16, we are confronted with the reasons for his beatification. First of all, what are not the reasons. It is not because so many considered him instrumental in the freedom that came to Eastern Europe. It is not because of the great success of the World Youth Days founded during his pontificate. Nor is it the fact that he visited so many countries. If he is canonized; that is, declared a saint, as so many hope, it is because of evidence of an extraordinary, indeed heroic, holiness.

'I must'

That is what Pope John Paul II said to Bishop John Roach, the president of our conference, when the pope said he intended to visit every bishop in the world during their "ad limina" visit. He took literally the words of Christ to Peter that "you must strengthen your brothers" — "confirma fratres." It was an admonition for Peter to confirm and strengthen the other apostles, and was the theological basis for the Holy Father's intention to spend time with every bishop in the world.

He did four things during our week in Rome. First, we would concelebrate with him early one morning, finding him always kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament when we entered his chapel. In the early days, he gave us a talk on various pastoral questions. Then each diocesan bishop would have about 10 minutes with him, archbishops and cardinals a bit longer.

Finally, our delegation would be divided into two groups for a delightful lunch. It was amazing at these meetings how much he knew about each diocese and about our country. I recall him telling us about his visit to Columbia, S.C. "Eighty thousand people praying with the pope," he said, "in a place only five percent Catholic. You would not have that in Europe. It is because you do not have the virulent atheism in the United States that is common in Europe."

His devotion to priests

Always evident at these lunches and in the letter he wrote every Holy Thursday to the priests of the world was his devotion to priests, and this love for priests and for the priesthood was a sign of his own holiness. His biographer said of him, "He has once again made the priesthood a great adventure." I asked him once at one of these lunches if he had

a message for our priests. His reply: "Tell your priests the greatest day for the pope was not the day he was made bishop or pope. Rather, it was the day he was ordained a priest and was able to say Mass for the people." I often thought of that: "... was able to say Mass for the people." I think of it often now, as a retired bishop. The beauty of the priesthood. Going into my neighboring St. John's Parish and saying Mass for the people, saying Mass at the Mother Theodore Chapel at noontime for large crowds and also hearing confessions. It is reaffirmation of what the pope said. Indeed I remember asking my father as he was getting closer to death: which was the more important day to him — the day I was made a priest or a bishop? He did not hesitate to reply, "The day you were made a priest." Also, John Paul II was not clerical. From his earliest days, lay people were close to him and influenced his spirituality and prayer. In his teaching, he always linked the ministerial priesthood to the priesthood of Christ and the priesthood of the baptized. The ordained priest is at the service of the priesthood of the baptized (Vatican II).

Always a place for prayer and also a sense of humor

As we would leave the luncheons, we would all go into the chapel to pray briefly before the Blessed Sacrament. I had the good fortune to walk out with him once; and I said to him simply, "You have helped all of us to be better priests and bishops." He replied, "Well, the pope should be good for something!" At another time I happened to have been standing with him and I said to him in my best Latin, "Tu es bonus pastor." (You are a good shepherd). "No," he said, "Ego sum inutilis servus." (I am a useless servant.) A citation from the Gospel.

The Pope's Prayer

We celebrated his beatification and look forward to his canonization because he was holy. Holiness grows through prayer, and it never grows without it.

This was grasped most beautifully by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, preaching at a Mass celebrated on the fifth anniversary on the death of Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict made clear where he believed Pope John Paul II found the source of that strength which enabled him to do hard things, things which often brought him suffering.

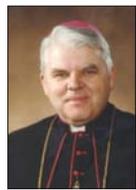
"In his homily for the 25th anniversary of his pontificate, he confided that he had felt echoing in his soul, at the moment of his election, Jesus' question to

are a God of mercy; and have mercy on us, who have sinned against you."

The second half of Form B is adapted from Psalm 85:8: "Show us, O Lord, your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Form C of the penitential act is the familiar "Kyrie eleison" and a series

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Peter: "Do you love me? Do you love me more than these? (Jn 21: 15-16); and he added: "Every day that same dialogue between Jesus and Peter takes place in my heart. In spirit, I focus on the benevolent gaze of the Risen Christ. Although He knows of my human frailty, He encourages me to answer confidently, like Peter: "Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You." (Jn 21: 17). And then He invites me to take on the responsibilities that He Himself has entrusted to me" (Homily, 16 October 2003; *L'Osservatore Romano* English edition, 22, page 3). Pope Benedict adds: "These words are laden with faith and love, the love of God, that conquers everything!" (*L'Osservatore Romano* English edition 13, March 31, 2010, page 3).

Today we would call this according to the Benedictine formula, "lectio divina," a method of biblical prayer in which we grasp that in the Scriptures we are speaking not only of a past event, but a present event in which Jesus Christ is speaking to us and we are speaking to Him. It is the Holy Spirit within us that prompts us to accept much of the New Testament as a conversation with Christ. Followers of St. Ignatius have a similar basis often referred to as a *composition of place*, placing oneself in this case, beside the lake with Christ and the Apostles, and hearing Him speaking to us.

Could Pope John Paul II some day be a Doctor of the Church? It is certainly possible; for so many people, and I certainly include myself, he has been a teacher of spiritual theology and his writing continues to guide us.

It was a joy following Bishop Rhoades' decision, to offer Mass and confer the sacrament of Confirmation recently at St. Anthony Parish, South Bend, and to hear addressed to myself and to all present the words addressed to Peter, "Do you love me more than these do?"

Let us pray to Blessed John Paul II for our parish, our diocese and our Church.

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of invocations that remain the same: "Lord, have mercy." "Christ, have mercy." "Lord, have mercy."

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for October 23, 2011

Matthew 22:34-40

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: another trap, this time about the Law. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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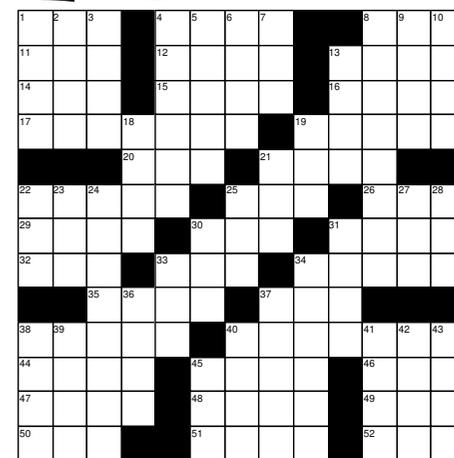
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The CrossWord

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Ex 22:20-26, 1Thes 1:5c-10 and Mt 22:34-40 and Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-20; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 and Mt 23:1-12

ACROSS

- 1 Nickname for Henry
- 4 Walking stick
- 8 Little devil
- 11 "Hail"
- 12 Owl sound
- 13 Vexation
- 14 Pastor (abbr.)
- 15 Domain
- 16 Bunsen burner
- 17 Malachi was angry with them
- 19 Biblical sower planted
- 20 Legume
- 21 Soviet Union
- 22 Two-footed
- 25 Choose

- 26 Billion years
- 29 The one, ___ God
- 30 Cancer Society (abbr.)
- 31 Capital of Norway
- 32 Ship initials
- 33 Adam did to apple
- 34 Ranked
- 35 Love God with heart, mind, ___
- 37 Chinese pan
- 38 Land of slavery
- 40 Stumble
- 44 Decorates surplice
- 45 Nothing
- 46 Top card
- 47 ___ de la Roche (rosary saint)

- 48 Incense smell
- 49 Abraham's nephew
- 50 Apostles' casting tool
- 51 Moist
- 52 Nervous system

DOWN

- 1 David's instrument
- 2 Declare positively
- 3 Father of priestly tribe
- 4 Pharaoh's army did after Israel
- 5 Artery
- 6 Belonging to ark builder
- 7 Estimated time of arrival
- 8 Loan money
- 9 Love God with heart, soul, ___
- 10 Parent teacher groups
- 13 Bishops' areas
- 18 Fencing sword
- 19 Concord e.g.
- 21 Not downs
- 22 British thermal unit
- 23 Internal Revenue Service
- 24 Feline pet
- 25 Rosary month
- 27 Bullfight bravo
- 28 East of Eden
- 30 Cause of sickness
- 31 Mamre trees
- 33 Except
- 34 Mary's beads
- 36 Heaven's gates now are
- 37 Has lost husband
- 38 Flair
- 39 Wind
- 40 God did earth and heaven
- 41 Baby powder
- 42 Economics abbr.
- 43 Oct. blessing focus
- 45 Head motion

Answer Key can be found on page 19

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Sports

QUARTERBACK ALL-TIME LEADER Former CYO stand out and Bishop Luers senior, James Knapke, crushed the all-time passing record for the Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) on Friday night, Oct. 21, in the last play of the first half in the Knights' sectional opener against Elwood. The Bowling Green recruit set the bar at 5,326 yards and counting as the quarterback continues to lead Bishop Luers in their post season quest for yet another Class 2-A Indiana State football title.

Holy Family girls win long-awaited ICCL softball championship

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — Three years ago, the fifth-grade female student-athletes at Holy Family School struggled, and that's an understatement. In softball, volleyball and basketball, they were completely winless.

Today, as eighth graders, those girls reign as Inter-City Catholic League (ICCL) softball champions.

Ron Vantornhout's Trojans completed an unlikely and improbable tourney run with a 15-5 upset triumph over St. Matthew earlier this month at South Side Little League Park.

"I really can't explain it," admitted the usually unflappable Vantornhout after the victory. "I'm just so happy for our eighth graders. They stepped up big."

Holy Family finished fourth in the regular season with a 5-3 record, including a 14-2 loss to St. Matthew back on Sept. 19. It all came together for the Trojans in the tournament, who combined a potent offense with steady pitching and defense.

"St. Matt's can crush the ball and our outfield had way too many errors in the regular-season game," recalled Vantornhout. "This time around, we didn't have any outfield errors and Sara Zielinski even turned a huge double play for us from center field."

Megan Riba was certainly one of the Trojan stars in the championship game. The Holy Family catcher belted a three-run homer in the second inning to break the game open. That was the highlight



PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE HOLY FAMILY TROJANS

The Holy Family Trojans were crowned as Inter-City Catholic League champions earlier this month. Members of the team include in front row, from left, Sydney Swartz, Megan Riba, Sarah Zielinski, Hanna Burdud, Mercedes Cruz; and back row, Jordan Zobrosky, Allie Buszkiewicz, Haley Hesse, Allison Van Tornhout, Madison Singer, Alexis Schneider and Anna Ujdak.

of a 4-for-4 performance for Riba with five runs scored.

Alexis Schneider and Sydney Swartz each had three RBIs for Holy Family. Swartz also went the distance on the mound, scattering five hits and fanning five.

St. Matthew's was led by Brittany Martens, who cranked a two-run homer and Ali Frick, who added a two-run double.

"Give Holy Family credit ... they made the plays," said St. Matthew Coach Shane Martens, whose team ended the season, 9-2. "Our girls did everything we asked of them this season. It was truly an honor to coach this group."

JV Championship

There's hope for the future for St. Matthew, as the Blazers' JV squad won the fifth-and-sixth-grade championship with an 8-0 win over Corpus Christi in the title game.

Pitcher Olivia Frick, backed by a solid defense, stifled the Cougar bats in the finale. The victory wrapped up a perfect season for St. Matthew, which never trailed in any game during the entire season.

Holy Cross claims CYO football title

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Plagued by turnovers and injuries, the undefeated St. Charles Cardinals were downed by Holy Cross, 16-0, in the 2011 Catholic Youth League (CYO) championship game on Sunday, Oct. 23.

The Holy Cross Crusaders claimed their fourth straight CYO title, although St. Charles had their way with Holy Cross during the regular season when they defeated them, 7-0, in the final

week of regulation to earn a top-seed and first-place league finish.

Noting highlights from the loss, Coach Jason Garrett felt the Cardinal defense played solid in tough situations holding Holy Cross to just two scores.

Garrett added, "We are going to try to regroup, collect our-



elves and be ready for the diocesan playoff game on Nov. 6."

The CYO will host this year's showdown at Bishop Luers High School when the top two teams from South Bend's ICCL league trek to Fort Wayne.

CYO volleyball crowns champs

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — In 2011 Catholic Youth League (CYO) small school division tournament action, St. Mary/Joseph defeated a tough group from Most Precious Blood in three games (25-19, 22-25, 15-3) in the first round before bowing out to the top-seed — St. Therese.

In the win, Coach Nancy Ehmke detailed, "It was a great team effort. The girls hustled, talked and played with determination. They remained calm under pressure and their team chemistry was very evident."

Kelli Brennan and Sophia Shultz led the team in service aces, while Bailey Hankins, Brielle Dazey and Valerie Ley led in spikes at the net.

The St. Rose-St. Louis Twins lost to a tough Raider team from St. John, New Haven, who was eventually knocked out by St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, in the semi-finals.

A pleased Twins' Coach Karen Castleman felt her team finished the season playing to the best of their potential, "In my eyes our last game was a victory."

Since August, her team overcame obstacles like not having a gym to use and even practicing without a net in the preseason. Although the Twins may not have shown it in the win column, Castleman summarized, "The girls improved during the many practice games we scheduled

and became more confident with jump serves or spiking or passing — whatever they were working on. We tried different offenses and I honestly believe each and every player became a stronger volleyball player, which was very rewarding as their coach."

In the championship on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 22, St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel was crowned the CYO champs in a two-game victory over the league champs, St. Therese, 25-22, 25-23.

Runner-up in league play, the Squires took control in the rematch to avenge the season loss and repeat their CYO title. Led by the service aces of Kayla Knapke, Hessen Cassel showed a great team effort.

Crusader Coach Lisa Palmer was recognized during the medal ceremony as she culminated her 30-year CYO career with an amazing final season finishing league play undefeated and coming up just short in the championship game.

"It was an emotional day, to say the least," Palmer explained.

In the seventh-grade Green League tournament, the St. Charles Cardinals pulled off the win upsetting the top seed and undefeated Commodores from St. Joseph Decatur in two games, 25-20 and 25-19. After losing to Decatur in the third game during the regular season, Coach Cindy Pecoraro explained, "We had a lot of fun. We were well prepared and knew we could not make a lot of errors."

JUNIOR VARSITY CYO VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

In junior varsity volleyball tournament action, the St. Rose-St. Louis Twins were the fifth- sixth grade champions for the CYO Blue League with a win over Most Precious Blood. In the photo are front row, from left, Erica Renninger, Dorothy Witham, Lillie Platter, Neveah Feasby and Taylor Zelt; back row, Jessica VanHorn, Sierra Small, Coach Theresa Renninger, Grace Castleman and Emily Oberley.

Mishawaka Saints, Crusaders to battle for ICCL football crown

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — Fans gathered in the inviting confines of Marian High School's Otolowski Field as they envisioned the four teams that have shared the title for the last 15 seasons, trying to extend their campaigns to the championship game.

The first game of the day saw the mighty and undefeated regular-season champion, Holy Cross/Christ the King Crusaders, face off against what many had described as the most dangerous team in the playoffs — the St. Matthew (St. Jude/Our Lady of Hungary) Blazers.

The Crusaders had relied on their skill position players and a balanced attack. The Blazers boasted a huge offensive line and the bruising running back Davante Newbill.

The opening drive found the Crusaders starting on their own 48-yard line, and the black-and-blue clad squad started a relentless march down the gridiron, encompassing 10 plays, featuring two big fourth down and long runs by their heralded quarterback Mark Madden — one for 23 yards and the other for 18.

After the patented runs by Madden, running back Gabe Brooks followed his blockers one yard into the endzone for the first score of the contest, the point after kick was blocked, 6-0, Crusaders.

The Blazers would mount a drive of their own on their first possession when the combination of runs by Newbill and Timmy Greci chewed up big yards and had the St. Matthew clan facing a fourth down and five. The Crusader defense stopped them a mere six inches short of a precious first down.

The rest of the half pitted one

defensive stop after another by the two prideful combatants and sent each into the locker room optimistic about the second stanza.

After the Blazers turned over the ball on downs to start the half, the Crusaders went to work mixing up runs by Brooks and Brendan Chappell-Cromartie. On a fourth-down-and-four play, Madden found Connor Gentry one-on-one in the endzone for another touchdown. Cameron Gallagher's kick was true, 14-0.

The Blazers dug down and drove the length of the field behind the passionate running of Greci, Newbill and Zavier Brown resting the ball in the shadows of the goal posts when on a well-designed counter run by Chris Scales ended when Madden had a massive hit that shook the pigskin free at the five with only 4:53 ticks left on the clock.

The fierce blocking and tenacious running of the Crusaders backs ran the remaining seconds off the clock ending the hopes and dreams of a proud St. Matthew team.

"Our hats off to the Crusaders and their staff. They came out ready and played like champions today," commented Blazer Coach Mike Ernst.

"Our kids really worked hard and kept fighting," he said. "I was happy with our line, our backs, our defense and am extremely proud of our team."

"We knew Coach Ernst would have his team ready. Newbill is a special back. We really practiced hard and were ready for their formations," replied Crusader Coach John Krzyzewski. "Their defense took away the middle of the field, but Madden found seams wide for a couple of big plays."

"We were concerned with their explosiveness, but we made the plays we had to make," added



RAY DERUCKI

St. Matthew's Kenny Derucki takes down Crusader Gabe Brooks.

Krzyzewski. "Brooks had a huge game for us and I feel that he can continue his performance through the playoffs."

The last game of the day pitted the St. Anthony (St. Pius/St. Joseph South Bend) Panthers against the Mishawaka Catholic Saints who they had defeated earlier in the season, 20-0.

Both stellar defenses held each other in check through the first quarter; but the Panthers started to amass big yards in the air when quarterback Tony Carmola found receiver Carlos Matovina for a quick hitter and then went to his favorite target Pat Sandor for a 20-yard reception and then a run of eight by back Reece Happ.

With the ball at the nine and fourth down and two yards, Sandor, being double covered by the Saints, made a dramatic catch at the two. In the next play,

Carmola again went up top to Sandor, and the lengthy receiver challenged a tipped ball and in traffic, came down with it for the only score of the half, 6-0, Panthers.

Again the defenses were the story for most of the third quarter. That is until when starting on its own 26, the Saints' quarterback, Joe Ravotto, handed the ball off to Jacob Whitfield. The back sliced and diced the Panther attackers for a 74-yard touch down run. The kick was no good, 6-6.

The Saints would hold the Panthers once again and then starting at their own 19, Whitfield took the handoff and again sprinted, squirted and broke free for a dramatic 81-yard run to pay dirt. Alexander Horvath's kick hit the cross bar, 12-6, Saints, with 6:39 left in the contest.

The Panthers' aerial attack sputtered as Carmola was chased and hurried by defensive lineman Patrick Coulter time-and-time again finally succumbing to the pressure and turning the ball over on downs.

That was the queue for the Whitfield machine to again burst through a hole created by the offensive line and dash 33 yards to put the finishing touches on the upset bid, final score, 18-6, Saints.

"Give the Saints credit, they did a great job," said Panther Coach Kevin Sandor. "I love our kids and they played so hard all season, I hate to see them go."

"The nice thing is that I can follow them into their high-school careers and stay in touch," remarked Sandor. "Not only did I enjoy coaching this team, it was a special year to see my son develop and prosper. It is something I will always cherish."

"I have such a great respect for Coach Sandor and his team," stated long-time Mishawaka Catholic Coach Tony Violi. "I looked into the players' faces at half time, and I saw a team that was not panicking and ready to play hard."

"Our offensive line blocked their tails off today — Patrick Stuart, Michael Dennison, Christian Dennis, Patrick Coulter, Colin Martin, Gus Horvath and Ryan Hunsberger," remarked an exuberant Violi. "As for the championship game, Coach Krzyzewski and I go way back, and I expect nothing less than a hard-fought physical game."

The Inter-City Catholic League Varsity Championship game kicks off Sunday at 5 p.m. at Otolowski Field featuring the upstart Mishawaka Catholic Saints versus the undefeated Crusaders.

Diocesan high schools battle for sectional championships

BY CHUCK FREEBY

Diocesan high-school athletic teams enjoyed another week of success in Indiana High School Athletic Association state tournaments.

The highlight of the weekend occurred in Argos, where Marian's girls soccer team captured the Class 1-A Northern Semistate with a 2-1 overtime triumph over West Lafayette. Freshman D.J. Veldman raced up the right side of the field and knocked a shot into the bottom left corner of the net to send the Knights into next Saturday's state championship game against Providence.

D.J.'s older sister, Gabby,

scored the other goal of the game for Marian. Goalkeeper Makaela Douglas made nine saves.

Saint Joseph's saw its girls' soccer season end with a 2-0 loss to undefeated Hamilton Southeastern in the Class 2-A semistate championship. Johan Kuitse's Indians reached the Final Four for the third straight year, closing their campaign with an 18-4 mark.

The news was better for Saint Joseph's cross-country team. Coach Jerry Hoffman's Indian boys return to the state finals for the third straight year after finishing second in the New Haven Semistate. Senior Joey Zielinski won the race with a time of 15:40, 10 seconds better than Mishawaka's Miguel Lozano.

Bishop Dwenger's Luke Miller and Saint Joseph's girl runner Darby Mountford also qualified for the state finals as individuals, based on having a top 15 finish.

Both Bishop Luers and Saint Joseph's also walked away with volleyball sectional championship trophies. Luers won a five-game thriller with Adams Central, three games to two, thanks to an 18-16 triumph in Game Five. Laura Welling scored 14 kills for the Knights.

Saint Joseph's won the Plymouth sectional title with a three-games-to-one win over Plymouth, after knocking out second-ranked Marian in the semifinals. Katie Hecklinski buried 30 kills in the championship match for the Indians.

Cross-country grows at St. Vincent

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The sport of cross-country is growing in popularity at St. Vincent de Paul Parish and growing in numbers thanks to the teamwork of a passionate group of parents, coaches and runners.

In 2010, the team consisted of 17 runners which increased to 31 this year. During the 2011 season, the Panthers racked up five team trophies and numerous individual first-place finishes.

The group competed in nine meets which is also up from five in previous years.

Coach Suzi Eberle said, "All of these factors combined contribute to our growth and recent success."

Many of the Panther runners compiled personal best times, but two stood out for 2011 — Alex Barton and Claire Manning. Barton, most valuable runner for the boys,

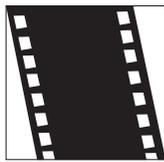
capped off his middle-school career with a 10:50 in the 3K, while Manning, the top female, clocked a personal best of 12:32.

"The camaraderie within the team is, without a doubt, inspiring," Eberle noted. "So inspiring, these runners have cheered on runners from other schools as well. They have learned any runner, even if not on our team, is a fellow runner and is suffering just the same."

Also, Eberle felt it was fabulous the way the parents supported the team.

"They wore matching shirts with the runners to the meets and provided snacks for the team all season long," she said.

Completing their third year as coaches, Eberle and her husband, Scott, who she insists is an unbelievable motivator and trainer, are hopeful the program they love only continues to catch on.



MOVIE CAPSULES

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

“The Big Year” (Fox 2000)

Warm-hearted seriocomic in which a business tycoon (Steve Martin), a rudderless nuclear power plant worker (Jack Black) and a home contractor (Owen Wilson) vie to win the titular bird-watching competition by spotting the greatest number of different species over the course of a calendar year. As the builder obsessively tries to defend his seemingly insurmountable previous record, the executive and the slacker form an unlikely friendship as well as an alliance intended to best their sometimes unscrupulous rival. Director David Frankel's mostly agreeable film — inspired by Mark

Obmascik's book of the same name — affirms the primacy of family life and personal relationships over materialistic or ego-driven goals. Brief nongraphic marital lovemaking, possible cohabitation, a fertility treatment theme, adultery references, at least one use of profanity, an obscene gesture and a few crude and crass terms. The Catholic News Service classification is A-III — adults. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

“Johnny English Reborn” (Universal)

Elaborately constructed spy spoof — and cleaned-up sequel to the 2003 comedy “Johnny English” — in which Rowan Atkinson as the titular secret agent overcomes severe odds to discover who was responsible for the assassination of the president of Mozambique. Atkinson and director Oliver Parker put Johnny — a combination of Atkinson's Mr. Bean and Leslie Nielsen's Frank Drebin of the “Naked Gun” franchise — through a series of droll set-pieces. One dubious, and dull, sight gag aside, they also eschew the less-than-family-friendly humor of the original. Some cartoonish violence, a single tasteless visual joke and fleeting mildly crass language. The Catholic News Service classification is A-II — adults and adolescents. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG — parental guidance suggested.

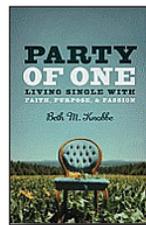
“The Mighty Macs” (Freestyle)

Feel-good sports drama, based on the true story of women's basketball coach Cathy Rush (Carla Gugino). In 1972, at age 23, Rush took a job at Pennsylvania's Immaculata College (now University) and built its team from scratch, eventually leading the “Macs” to the national championship. In the process, she and her lady dribblers inspired the nuns of the faculty, led by a formidable mother superior (Ellen Burstyn), to join forces and save the school from closing. Director Tim Chambers' family-oriented movie offers lessons in friendship, teamwork, trust and perseverance. The Catholic News Service classification is A-I — general patronage. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is G — general audiences. All ages admitted.

Books for fall stir thoughts

As autumn rolls in with its cooler weather, the following books sent to *Today's Catholic* may touch the fancy of any Catholic and non-Catholic fall reader. Each book is reviewed using publishing house press releases and includes publisher name, ISBN number and price for ease of purchase.

“**Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction for Every Day,**” by Gianluigi Pasquale, translated by Marsha Daigle-Williamson, Ph.D., is a reflection book that takes the readers on a daily journey closer to God. Each day's reflection was inspired by one of the many letters Padre Pio, who himself suffered humiliation through the stigmata, wrote to those who he encountered in life, including spiritual directors, spiritual sons and daughters and Pope Paul VI. The book offers “a precious supply of spiritual intuitions and suggestions ... on how to live with and according to the heart of Jesus today.” Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-005-4, \$16.99



“**Party of One: Living Single with Faith, Purpose and Passion,**” by Beth M. Knobbe is a little book packed with insights from Scripture and ordinary people that help the author address the fears and questions singles face, and the assumptions others make about being single. Each concise chapter includes an interesting quote from a single, a “myth”

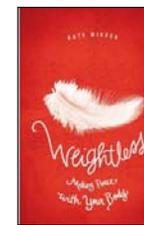
to combat, stories and inspiration from those who live single, Scripture to remember and questions for reflection. Each of the three sections concludes with purpose driven activities to try. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-1-61636-129-7, \$19.99



“**Homegrown Faith: Nurturing Your Catholic Family,**” by award-winning photographer and author Heidi Bratton brings a series of insightful and humorous weekly reflections on raising faith-filled Catholic families. Each of the four sections relates to the Church's calendar year and offers short chapters on life's familiar situations that can inspire sacramental riches. Each chapter concludes with reflection questions with suggested Scriptural readings and activities to try. A must read for busy moms and dads. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-1-61636-134-1, \$15.99

“**The Pope and the CEO,**” by former Swiss guard and accomplished CEO and business leader Andreas Widmer is a guide for leaders in business who seek to integrate their faith and work. This behind-the-scenes look at how the influence of Blessed Pope John Paul II shaped this businessman's moral and spiritual acumen will inspire moral leadership. Each chapter includes reflections and practical applications. Emmaus Road, ISBN: 978-1-931018-76-0, \$12.95

“**Compassion: Living in the Spirit of St. Francis,**” by Franciscan scholar Ilia Delio takes the compassionate work of St. Francis and inspires her readers with insights into letting go of fear and loving others more deeply. Each chapter offers a unique meditation and questions for reflection. St. Anthony Messenger Press, ISBN: 978-61636-162-4, \$14.99



“**Weightless: Making Peace With Your Body,**” by Kate Wicker offers a Catholic, faith-based approach to self healing the wounds of body image problems. The author shares her own story that will uplift her readers and point them to the true formula for health of body, mind and spirit. Each chapter includes a meditation and questions for reflection. Servant Books, ISBN: 978-0-86716-971-3, \$12.99

“**I See the Rhythm of Gospel,**” by Toyomi Igus and Michele Wood is a creative and colorful picture book bringing gospel music and Black history together for all to see. The rich prose empowers each vibrantly illustrated page that portrays a time line of historical events from the beginning of slavery in the 1500s to the inauguration of the first African-American president in 2008. This hardback includes a bonus CD. Zonderkidz, ISBN: 978-0-310-71819-2, \$16.99

SAINTS AND CITIZENS

Catholic Sisters in American History

Will be presented by Kathleen Sprows Cummings, Ph.D as the 2011 Hesburgh Lecture of the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley on Sunday, October 30 at the Center for History, 808 West Washington St., South Bend. The lecture is being held in conjunction with *Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters America*, a traveling national exhibit chronicling the 300-year history of Catholic sisters in America.

Doors will open for the event at 3:00 p.m. with self-guided tours of the exhibit. At 4:00 p.m., the Rev. Paul Doyle, CSC will offer a Mass, followed by the Hesburgh Lecture at 4:45 p.m. The afternoon will conclude with a reception and additional time for self-guided tours.

This event is free of charge and open to the public through sponsorship from the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, ND Women Connect, and the Center for History. Reservations are preferred. To RSVP or for additional information, contact Ryan Trzaskowski at rjtraz@alumni.nd.edu or (574) 850-1855.

Professor Cummings is the associate director of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame. She is an assistant professor of American Studies and holds concurrent appointments in the departments of history and theology. Her teaching and research interests include the history of women and American religion, and the study of U.S. Catholicism. Her first book, “New Women of the Old Faith: Gender and American Catholicism in the Progressive Era,” appeared last year with the University of North Carolina Press. Cummings is also working on a new book, “Citizen Saints: Catholics and Canonization in American Culture.”

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Chili and tenderloin dinner

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will be hosting a chili and tenderloin dinner on Friday, Oct. 28, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the council hall. Cost is \$7 and includes chili and one tenderloin sandwich; additional sandwiches are \$2 each. Proceeds benefit seminarians.

Spaghetti dinner planned

Warsaw — The Knights of Columbus Council 4511 will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 5-7 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church parish hall. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5-12. Proceeds will be used to support activities for the "C.R.U.S.A.D.E.S." youth group at Sacred Heart Church.

NFP classes offered

Fort Wayne — The Couple to Couple League will offer Natural Family Planning classes starting Sunday, Nov. 13, at 6 p.m. in the home of Ron and Marilyn Shannon. To register call (260) 489-1856 or email ronshannon@verizon.net.

Blanket drive benefits St. Vincent de Paul Society

South Bend — The St. Vincent de Paul Society will collect new blankets for the Christmas Basket program through Dec. 5. Drop off donations at either Thrift Store location — St. Rd. 23 and Ironwood or 3408 Ardmore Trail.

Knights plan fish fry

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 4, from 5-7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Knights plan fish fry

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a fish fry on Friday, Nov. 4, from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3. Chicken strips for \$8 and shrimp for \$8.50 will be available.

Fish fry

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary School, 735 W. Calvert, will have a fish fry Friday Nov. 4, from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4.50 for children

6-12, and children under 6 free. Carry out available.

Rosary for the poor souls

Mishawaka — A rosary for the poor souls will be recited Sunday, Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. at St. Joseph's cemetery, rain or shine.

Little Flower Holy Hour

Fort Wayne — Father Jason Freiburger will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at St. Mother Theodore Guérin Chapel on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. to pray for priests and vocations. Father Freiburger is vice chancellor of the diocese.

Bishop Luers hosts eighth-grade visitation day

Fort Wayne — Eighth-grade students are invited to Bishop Luers High School with their feeder school on Thursday, Nov. 3. If you are a non-feeder school student, contact Jenny Andorfer at (260) 456-1261 ext. 3141.

CRAFT SHOWS

Craft fair approaching

Fort Wayne — The St. Charles Craft Fair will be Saturday, Nov.

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Francisco Roa Buenconsejo, 69, Queen of Angels

Michael P. Laible, 72, St. Patrick

Judith A Rose, 72, St. Vincent de Paul

Michael R. Levitt, 73, St. Charles Borromeo

Kenneth R. Waltemath, 79, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Kendallville

Peter R. Bottomley, 72, Immaculate Conception

Mishawaka

Kathryn M. Messana, 94, St. Bavo

Notre Dame

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Bernard J. Gadacz, 82, St. Adalbert

Jane Dolores Gresk, 90, St. Hedwig

Syracuse

Norbert E. Gabet, 84, St. Martin de Porres

5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. More than 100 vendors will sell hand-crafted fall and Christmas items. Lunch is available as well as other sweet and savory treats.

Craft bazaar and bake sale

Fort Wayne — St. Joseph Parish, 1910 Hale Ave., will have a craft bazaar and bake sale Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Handicap accessible and lunch served all day.

Holiday craft bazaar

South Bend — St. Anthony de Padua Parish will have a holiday craft bazaar Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school auditorium. Lunch will be available.

Fancy Fair and cookie bar

Rome City — St. Gaspar Parish will have a Fancy Fair and cookie bar Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (260) 854-4888 for table rental.

Holiday home party and craft show

New Haven — St. Louis Besancon Hall will have a home party and craft show Saturday, Nov. 5, from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Besancon Hall. Snack bar sponsored by the junior high.

Holiday craft show, bake sale planned

Fort Wayne — The Most Precious Blood Rosary Society, 1515 Barthold St. will have a Holiday Craft Show, Candy and Bake Sale Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the gym. Door prizes every half hour. Wheelchair accessible.

Holiday bazaar

Bristol — St. Mary Parish, 411 W. Vistula St., will have a holiday bazaar Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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FAITHFEST

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a matter of indifference," Father Giombrone said.

Breakout sessions

Sister Mary Vianney Gru spoke to the teens about salvation history, titling it "The Adventure Continues." She said it was "a cosmic love story — the story of God's love for us in seven sequels."

She reviewed the covenants God made with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, the prophets and then the ultimate covenant between Jesus and all Christians.

Franciscan Father David Mary Engo offered a session titled, "Praised by Christ Jesus." To have a relationship with God one has to understand God — God is love — so one needs to know what love is and that it is 100 percent selfless.

He used a lighter flame to demonstrate the Holy Trinity — showing that flame also had light and heat. Three distinct properties that are all in one but cannot be separated. God the Father is the flame, God the Son is the light and the Holy Spirit is the heat.

"When you lose sight of the truth of the Trinity, you lose sight of Jesus," Father Engo said. "Every family was intended to be the image of the Holy Trinity."

Sarah Hill, youth minister at St.

Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne, conducted a session titled "Moral Therapeutic Deism." Using clips from television shows she showed the Hollywood media has watered down Christianity.

Hill spoke of her session: Moral — just be a good person; therapeutic — there are lots of religions so just pick the one that makes you feel good, and Deism — we don't really need God unless our life is in chaos and then He may or may not care about you. She also called it "Whatever-ism."

"But it is important to know what you believe and to know God wants to be involved and included in your life," she said.

"People may say what we believe is our opinion, but opinion is not the same as truth — truth does exist. Whether you agree with it or not doesn't change the truth," she said.

Hill offered these steps to counter "Whatever-ism."

- Keep learning about the Truth — don't settle; ask the deep questions — questions are good, they show you care.

- Go to the sacraments to experience the Truth — you'll understand them more, but the Church doesn't make you wait until you understand completely — the grace is in the sacrament, the hope is you'll continue to learn.

- Take time to reflect on what you think and why.

- Trust the Catholic Church even when you don't understand it all yet.

- Bring Jesus back into conversation — take strength from Him, be a witness to the Truth.

High tech evangelization

Little iApps, the small South Bend company that created "Confession: A Roman Catholic App," made a presentation with company reps Ryan Kreager, Patrick Leinen and Chip Leinen. They urged the students to fully participate in the new media — blogging, podcasting, phone apps, Twitter, etc. — using their gifts for God.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades then engaged the students in a "Text the Bishop" session.

Bishop Rhoades took the stage with his cell phone, from which he selected more than a dozen questions texted to him by the students. The students queried the bishop on his favorites — church in the diocese, color, activity in his role as bishop — as well as on topics like the bishop selection process, same-sex marriage, the holiness of the bishop compared to others, the large number of Christian churches different from the Catholic Church, how to show gratitude, service opportunities for teens and comparisons of abortion and the Holocaust.

Mass

The day concluded with Bishop Rhoades celebrating Mass. Father Engo concelebrated and Deacon Mel Tardy assisted.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades explained in greater depth the Gospel reading, about how Jesus had answered the Pharisees' question regarding which was the greatest commandment.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades answers questions in the "Text the Bishop" session.

Faithfest participants send a text in the "Text the Bishop" session.



PHOTOS BY JOE ROMIE

Bishop Rhoades showed how Jesus' answer to "Love God ..." was represented in the first three of the Ten Commandments from the Old Testament, and how to "Love your neighbor ..." was represented in the last seven of the Ten Commandments.

Though admitting that these two directives to love are certainly not easy, Bishop Rhoades encouraged the students to love deeply in both of these ways, employing the supernatural help, or grace, that flows from

Holy Communion, the sacrament of love.

Bishop Rhoades identified loving God and loving one another as central to the Christian life, as modeled by the saints, and leading to happiness, joy and peace. Following Mass, the bishop and students reflected in reverent prayer during a time of Eucharistic Adoration, followed by Benediction.

Joe Romie contributed to this story.

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