Earlier this winter the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, with the approval of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, joined forces with RENEW International to introduce a new initiative — ARISE Together in Christ — which offers a "three-year parish centered process of spiritual renewal, evangelization and adult formation that enables members to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community and reach out in service to others."

Natalie Kohrman, director of the Office of Evangelization, says the program will focus on establishing small Christian communities of eight to 12 members each who will meet regularly to read and reflect on Scripture and Church teaching, share how it relates in their personal lives and encourage active service and discipleship. The effort she hopes will stimulate "active and continual parish renewal."

As the ARISE Together in Christ process gears up, parish teams are forming across the diocese. Parishioners who have signed up as team members have attended recent information gathering meetings in specified areas in the diocese and the unbridled enthusiasm speaks volumes for the future of this unique formation process.

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Saints are role models for religious freedom and caring for sick

BY MARK ZIMMERMANN

BETHESDA, Md. — Today’s Catholics can look to the saints as role models as they stand up for religious freedom, and as they care for the poor and sick in the healing professions, participants at the Archdiocese of Washington’s March 18 Rose Mass were told. The annual Mass — held to seek God’s blessings on those in the health professions — and the luncheon that followed were sponsored by the John Carroll Society, and held at the Church of the Little Flower in Bethesda, Md. Washington Cardinal Donald Wuerl was the principal celebrant of the Mass and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend was the homilist.

At the luncheon Cardinal Wuerl asked attendees who they would choose to be the patron saint of religious freedom. After mentioning several possible candidates throughout history, the cardinal asked consideration of St. Patrick, the 5th century bishop and apostle of Ireland whose feast day was celebrated the day before the Rose Mass.

“The faith proclaimed by Patrick is the faith that comes to us from the Apostles,” said Cardinal Wuerl. “He’s one choice (as the patron saint for religious freedom) because of his courage to speak the truth, his fidelity to the Gospel, to the Church, and to the pope,” in the face of what today would be described as an indication in the polls that he would not be successful. “His vision was, we can get beyond this political expediency (of this time) and build the Kingdom of God.”

Cardinal Wuerl in his remarks alluded to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ mandate, which would redefine what it means to be a religious organization and what constitutes ministry. While most houses of worship would qualify for a religious exemption, institutions such as Catholic hospitals, universities and social services would be forced to provide employee health plans that would pay for sterilizations, abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives.

The nation’s Catholic bishops have strongly opposed the mandate, saying it threatens the religious freedom of Catholic institutions by forcing them to violate Church teaching.

Bishop Rhoades noted the nation’s Catholic bishops would be issuing a major document on religious freedom.

The cardinal praised the witness of St. Patrick, who brought Christ and His teaching to the people of Ireland, enduring hardships over four decades, but ultimately converting them to the faith. The cardinal said St. Patrick’s example of living for Jesus and sharing the faith with others epitomized what it takes today to stand for religious freedom: “Don’t be afraid. Proclaim the Word (of God). Stand up for the truth. Be my (Jesus’) disciple, even if it is not popular.”

The archdiocese’s 21st annual Rose Mass was held on the fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, when the vestments worn by the celebrant are rose colored. After Communion, the cardinal thanked the health workers for bringing Christ’s love and healing to those whom they serve.

In his homily, Bishop Rhoades noted that Laetare comes from the Latin word for “rejoice,” and Christians today should find joy in God’s love for them, a love reflected in Jesus’ death and resurrection. “How should we respond to this radical love of the Lord?” Bishop Rhoades asked. “A new way of thinking and acting should result from our personal encounter with the crucified and risen Christ.”

Those who work in the health professions today can look to a saint canonized 25 years ago — St. Giuseppe Moscati, “is a witness to the Gospel, a witness to the love of Jesus for the poor and suffering.”

In concluding his homily, Bishop Rhoades noted how Dr. Moscati regarded his work as a vocation, a calling from God, and the future saint’s work was strengthened by his deep prayer life. The saint went to Mass every day and prayed before he cared for each patient, before he taught each class, and before he did his research. Bishop Rhoades encouraged the health care workers to weave their faith into their work.

“Your work in health care is indeed a vocation of dedication to and love of neighbor. … You are called to be living images of Christ and His Church in your loving care of the sick and suffering,” the bishop said.

At the Rose Mass luncheon, the John Carroll Society — a group of Catholic business men and women and professionals — presented Pro Bono Health Awards to three health care workers for their service to the Archdiocesan Health Care Network, which is administered by Catholic Charities and provides millions of dollars in free outpatient care to thousands of people in need through the generosity of volunteer nurses, doctors, dentists, podiatrists and area hospitals.

Also at the luncheon, Bishop Rhoades received the John Carroll Society Medal, the group’s highest honor. The society is named for Archbishop John Carroll, who in 1789 became the first Catholic bishop of the United States, heading the Diocese of Baltimore, which at that time included all 13 original states.

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US bishops stand in solidarity with people facing Middle East violence

BY DENNIS SADOWSKI

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Citing continuing conflict in the Middle East, the U.S. bishops’ Administrative Committee reiterated its support for the region’s bishops and all people of faith, urging them to stand against violence even in the face of hostility and aggression.

A statement from the committee, which concluded a two-day meeting in Washington March 14, called for a “change of heart and mind on the part of all those who sow division and hatred.”

As the statement says, violence begets violence,” Bishop Murphy said. “Pope John Paul II said that many years ago, and it remains true. When one person has his or her dignity violated, then there are three possibilities: They can run away; they can turn around and respond with violence; or they can learn how to stand their ground without being violent.

“The third is the one that the Lord imposes upon us. That takes restraint. It takes suffering. But it needs to be supported. That third choice, which is the true choice, needs to be supported by Catholic bishops,” he said.

Bishop Murphy explained that the statement refers to all forms of violence in the entire region rather than specific incidents.

The four-paragraph statement was adopted unanimously, he said.

“I do know from my personal relations with a number of bishops in the Middle East, that they take our words to heart and that they find a great deal of comfort in the solidarity that we offer to them,” Bishop Murphy added.

The statement acknowledged the difficult circumstances that Catholic bishops face as they guide the Church and its members in the face of conflict.

“We insist that peace, which is ultimately a gift of God, must be made the goal of every nation not only internally but in consort with all the nations and peoples of the region,” the statement said.

“When innocent women and children are killed, when journalists are killed pursuing their profession, when the defenseless are cut down on their way to work or even in their homes, then those responsible must be brought to reasonable justice. Violence so often leads to more violence. War is always a loss for humanity whether it be civil and internal or nation to nation,” it said.

The administrative committee also urged “our brothers and sisters in the Christian churches as well as all our brothers and sisters and the religious leaders of all faiths to renew their commitment to work together, to pray and to use all their good offices to offer an alternative to division, conflict and violence.”

Bishop Murphy also called for prayers for the people in the region.

“I have trust in the Lord and I have trust his power is stronger than our words,” he said.

Father Dan Leeuw dies

FORT WAYNE — Father Daniel R. Leeuw died at home on Saturday, March 17. He was 83. Born in Fort Wayne in 1929, one of three sons of Edward A. and Madonna C. Leeuw, Father Leeuw attended Precious Blood School and Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne. Following graduation he attended St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana University and earned a bachelors of arts degree from University of Dayton in Ohio. He later attended University of Notre Dame where he earned a master of arts degree.

Father Leeuw entered St. Charles Seminary in Ohio and later attended St. Meinrad Seminary. He was ordained into the priesthood on May 25, 1957 by Bishop Leo A. Pursley at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, after which he was appointed assistant at St. Matthew Church in South Bend. During his service there he also taught at St. Joseph’s High School and was South Bend Deanery Moderator of Confraternity of the Christian Doctrine as well.

In 1960 he was assigned to St. Stephen Church in South Bend as assistant. Three years later Father Leeuw was assigned as assistant at St. Peter and Paul Church in Huntington as well as principal of Huntington Catholic High School. He then served at St. John the Baptist Church in New Haven as assistant in 1965 and taught as professor of theology, philosophy and social service at St. Francis College from 1965-1970. He also taught at Ancilla College in Donaldson and St. Joseph School of Nursing in Fort Wayne from 1969 to 1982.

In 1972 Father Leeuw became the pastor of St. Aloysius Church in Yoder as well as the diocesan director of continuing education for clergy. He served as chaplain of Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla and Canterbury Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne from 1987 to 2011. He served as chaplain and staff employee of the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne since 1991.

Special apostolates Father Leeuw was involved in include Knights of Columbus Chaplain, Council 1790, Garrott, Faithful Few, and Knights of Columbus, Mother Teresa Assembly 2581.

Father Leeuw retired in July of 2009 but remained a chaplain of the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System and active in service to the diocese until his death.

In his over 50 years of priestly service to the diocese Father Leeuw was instrumental in keeping the Latin Mass alive in Fort Wayne, says Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter Father George Gabet, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Fort Wayne.

“Twenty years ago when Bishop (John M.) D’Arcy allowed the Latin Mass, Father Seculoff celebrated the first one. Soon Father Leeuw went into it and celebrated twice a month for the last 20 years. He always loved the Latin Mass,” he recalls.

Father Gabet remembers his priestly brother, Father Leeuw, as a man “very giving of his time, very charitable.” He was known to visit veterans in their rural homes outside of the regular work he did as chaplain at the VA Center. Father Gabet says, “He did a lot no one knew about. People loved him so dearly for all he did.

Even with his diminutive stature, Father Leeuw had a presence that was holy and charitable. “Parishioners at Sacred Heart would ask me if a little priest with the big voice was,” says Father Gabet. “His voice was so magnificent.”

Father Gabet continued, “He lived a full life. He was a priest who lived his faith and was so Christ-like. So he will be sorely missed at Sacred Heart Parish.”

Retired Father Adam Schmitt was a seminary classmate with Father Leeuw who was ordained the same day in 1957. For years the two would join two other priests from their seminary days to share ordination anniversary dinners together. Father Schmitt also joined Father Leeuw on several retreats throughout the years, as did one of his friend’s closest service Father Schmitt says, “If he could help he would. He has helped in an awful lot of places. … He was kind to a lot of people. He was kind to me.”

Father Gabet agrees and adds, “He was a great priest. … He was a good friend to me. We’re hoping that he’ll be looking down from heaven … helping us. His charity will never stop.”

Father Leeuw is survived by his brother Edward, sister-in-law Rita Leeuw and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents, Edward A. and Madonna C. Leeuw, brother, Richard Leeuw, Sr., sister-in-law, Lois Leeuw, niece, Donita, and nephew, David.

Mass of Christian Burial for Father Leeuw was held at Queen of Angels Church, Fort Wayne, where he celebrated his first Mass and where members of his family are parishioners, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades was celebrant. Burial was in the Catholic Cemetery.
Ken Hackett, former president, to receive 2012 Laetare Medal

NOTRE DAME — Ken Hackett, former president of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), will receive the University of Notre Dame’s 2012 Laetare Medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, at Notre Dame’s 167th University Commencement ceremony May 20.

“Ken Hackett has responded to a Gospel imperative with his entire career,” said Notre Dame’s president, Holy Cross Father John I. Jenkins. “His direction of the Catholic Church’s outreach to the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick and unschooled of the world has blended administrative acumen with genuine compassion in a unique and exemplary way.”

A native of West Roxbury, Mass., Hackett graduated from Boston College in 1968, enrolling in the Peace Corps the same year because, as he has said, “it seemed like an interesting thing to do.” Assigned to rural Ghana, living in a Catholic mission in the Volta Lake region and working in an agricultural cooperative project, Hackett underwent what he recently described as “my first experience in warehouse management” as well as of the “actual impact of American food aid on the health and well-being of very poor kids in a very isolated part of a West African country.”

The experiences were formative. Following his completion of his Peace Corps assignment, Hackett joined CRS in 1972, starting his career in Sierra Leone, where he managed both a nationwide leprosy control and a maternal and child health program. He has since served in CRS posts throughout Africa and Asia, as well as in administrative positions at the CRS Baltimore headquarters. As the CRS regional director for Africa, he managed the agency’s response to the Ethiopian famine of 1984-85. He also supervised CRS operations in East Africa during the 1990s crisis in Somalia.

Appointed president of CRS in 1993, Hackett served in that position for 18 years, retiring last December. He was succeeded as CRS president by Carolyn Woo, former dean of Notre Dame’s Mendoza College of Business.

During Hackett’s tenure as the sixth president of CRS, the agency redoubled its effort to engage the Catholic community of the United States in its worldwide work, by establishing a division that would focus on reaching out to dioceses, parishes, Catholic organizations, colleges and universities and for the first time adding lay people to its board of directors. Now among the world’s most effective and efficient relief and development agencies, it operates in more than 100 countries, with a global staff of nearly 5,000.

Former North America president of Caritas Internationalis, the confederation of humanitarian agencies of the Catholic Church, Hackett continues to serve on the board of the Vatican Pontifical Commission Cor Unum and as an adviser to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In addition to an honorary degree received from Notre Dame in 2007, he also holds honorary degrees from Boston College, Cabrini College, University of Great Falls, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Mount St. Mary’s University, New York Medical College, Siena College, University of San Diego, Santa Clara University, Villanova University and Walsh University.

The Laetare Medal is so named because its recipient is announced each year in celebration of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent on the Church calendar. “Laetare,” the Latin word for “rejoice,” is the first word in the entrance antiphon of the Mass that Sunday, which ritually anticipates the celebration of Easter. The medal bears the Latin inscription “Magna est veritas et prevalebit” (“Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail”).

Established at Notre Dame in 1883, the Laetare Medal was conceived as an American counterpart of the Golden Rose, a papal honor which antedates the papal honor which antedates the

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“Change Our Hearts,” “In the Footsteps of Christ,” “New Hearts, New Spirit,” and “We Are the Good News!”

Ann Unger, St. Bernard, Walsh, parishioner, believes in the importance of ongoing parish renewal after being involved with a “Christ Renews His Parish” team in the late 1990s. She had been wanting to start a Women’s Bible Study at St. Bernard’s and was inspired when she learned about ARISE.

She says, “I feel that it’s a wonderful opportunity for a parish to take advantage of — a diocesan-wide Scripture-based weekly program to be presented in our homes or other meeting places to help us grow in our love of God and in our knowledge of Scripture.”

Unger’s hope for the faith formation process is “that we will grow in understanding more fully the richness of Scripture and become more active in our parish and community. And in this process individually become more spiritually renewed.”

Tran Lottie, parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Church in Albion for 29 years, couldn’t agree more. She says, “I am very excited about how the program will work overall. Because the program coordinates with the same Sunday morning Gospel readings for each season within the liturgical year, we can then further focus, study and meditate on those same readings in our small groups. I think that the institution of small groups within our parish is a great way for our parishioners to form a bond and get to know one another better. I think it is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to become more comfortable and confident when sharing and evangelizing with others the Scriptures, teachings and traditions of our Catholic faith.”

She adds, “It is our team’s desire here at Blessed Sacrament to strengthen our Christian community by building upon that strong spiritual foundation that Christ himself has laid for us.”

George Kalil, a lifelong member of St. Vincent de Paul in Elkhart, says being involved in past parish renewal programs has been beneficial to his spiritual formation and looks forward to the ARISE process. His wife Vicki volunteered to be the ARISE parish coordinator.

During the informational meeting the Kalilhs learned that the process is available in Spanish, Vietnamese and several other languages with a large-print edition for the visually impaired, and that it appeals to a variety and ages.

George reports, “Arise is for everyone from around age 16 to — you fill in the blank. None of us is too young or too old to participate.”

The Kalilhs feel that the process will not only help deepen understanding of the faith but bond the members of the parish in a positive way. George says, “Once we can make that faith connection, participation in the parish will increase.”

For all who are interested in growing in faith, George encourages, “We have all been called to the New Evangelization and Arise will help prepare us to answer that call each in our own way. The commitment of just six weeks for five times over three years makes it very easy to fit into anyone’s busy schedule. … Who knows you may help someone understand a part of their faith they have been struggling with or you may just learn something new.”

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Cuban Church has become more public in a rapidly changing culture

HAVANA (CNS) — The Catholic Church that Pope Benedict XVI will visit March 26-28 is, to put it simply, more. Since Pope John Paul II’s visit in 1998, the Church is more unified, more public, more likely to work with the government in accomplishing specific goals, more involved in providing assistance to the Cuban people, more comfortable in its place in society. Its bishops, priests and laypeople, while still wary of pushing official tolerance too far, are more confident in teaching the faith in a way they believe can help shape the future of all of Cuba.

Above all, it is more hopeful.

In interviews and casual conversations with Catholic News Service in mid-February, just about everyone — including nonbelievers — in the places Pope Benedict will visit expressed hope for what his trip might trigger. People said they saw important changes the last time a pope visited Cuba, and they have hopes for what this trip might bring.

They spoke of a Cuban people around the world unified by the Vision of Charity of El Cobre — La Caridad as she is affectionately called. Pope Benedict’s stop in Cuba has been described by the Cuban bishops as a personal pilgrimage to share in this year’s celebrations of the 400th anniversary of La Caridad.

“IT is a blessing for all Cubans,” said Juan Alberto Alba, whose name is listed on the sacred roster of Santiago de Cuba, president of the Cuban bishops’ conference.

That would have been unheard of before Pope John Paul visited. After his trip the government allowed Easter services outdoors, for example. Since then, the Church has pressed, slowed and steadily, for more space in society.

With Pope Benedict’s arrival people have high hopes for changes — more individual freedoms, more openness to the world, perhaps.

There are, of course, fierce differences of opinion about what Cuba’s direction should be. Cubans here and abroad argue about the merits of the 50-year-old U.S. trade embargo; about whether protests and dissent are productive steps toward change; about whether it does more harm or good for U.S. citizens to visit under new provisions for cultural exchanges; and about whether Cuba’s bishops have taken the right path by entering into dialogue with the Castro government.

Pope Benedict’s visit in this environment, Veiga said, is about demonstrating the closeness of the Cuban people to the pope and to the universal Church.

He said it will be a time to show that the Catholic Church “is not looking for power, but to be with its own people, side by side with those who are suffering, and to be side by side with those who can change the situation so fewer people suffer.”

So much has changed about the attitude toward Catholicism since 1992, when the government dropped its official designation as atheist, that even the biography of President Raúl Castro on Wikipedia lists his religion as “Roman Catholic (formerly atheist).”

But a series of polls done for the Church in 2002-2003 as part of preparations for a pastoral plan found that 75 percent of practicing Catholics were unfamiliar with the national ecclesial “encuentro,” 1986 that is considered a turning point for the Cuban Church’s pastoral style.

Gustavo Andujar, cultural director of the Varela Cultural Center, set to fully open next year, said that means three-quarters of practicing Catholics “were not ‘historic’ Catholics, but late-comers, with little if any formation and without a deeply rooted sense of belonging to the Church.”

It has been an uphill climb for the Church since Fidel Castro took power in 1959. Church properties were confiscated, many clergy and religious activists were jailed or expelled and religious schools closed.

Veiga said state policies against religion put the Church “very, very low on the social hierarchy.” In my opinion that helped the Church, because it had to learn to become more integrated into society, to reconnect with its base.”

For more than four years, Archbishop Domingo Garcia Ibanez of Santiago de Cuba, president of the Cuban bishops’ conference, has been planning for a 400th anniversary of La Caridad, hoping to unite Cubans on the island and those around the world.

“A Jesus por Maria, La Caridad nos une,” or “To Jesus through Mary, La Caridad unites us,” is the theme of the anniversary. Cubans are taking it to heart. Crowds larger than anyone hoped for gathered last year as a statue of La Caridad traveled through Cuba for prayer services, Masses and processions.

That would have been unheard of before Pope John Paul visited. Only after his trip did the government allow Easter services outdoors, for example. Since then, the Church has pressed, slowed and steadily, for more space in society.

Women light candles inside the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity in El Cobre, Cuba, Feb. 11. Pope Benedict XVI will visit the shrine during his March 26-28 trip to Cuba.

(CNS PHOTO/MARY PRELIM WIEHER)
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Although there are no specifically Catholic issues under consideration when the U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments March 26-28 on various aspects of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Catholics will play some key roles. With six of the nine current Supreme Court justices being Catholics, it is almost inevitable that a Catholic justice will be a “swing vote” determining the outcome in at least one of the cases. And Catholic groups and individuals have not been shy about filing friend-of-the-court briefs seeking to sway the justices toward their hoped-for outcome.

The lawsuits before the court have nothing to do with the contraceptive mandate set by the Department of Health and Human Services — and the First Amendment religious freedom questions raised by it — which has been the subject of a number of other suits in lower courts. There will be four questions argued before the high court in three cases, with five-and-a-half hours of arguments scheduled over the three days.

The questions include whether Congress has the power to require Americans to buy health insurance and if that individual mandate is overturned as unconstitutional, can other parts of the health care reform law remain in effect. Dozens of organizations and individuals have filed friend-of-the-court briefs in the cases, including a number of Catholics.

**SSPX response to basic doctrinal principles**

**‘Insufficient’ says Vatican**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS) —** The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of Bishop Benedict XVI, has defined as "insufficient" the position of the traditionalist Society of St. Pius X on certain basic doctrinal principles and criteria for interpreting Church teaching.

In a 23-page document, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith "states some doctrinal principles that in society were asked to further clarify their response to a "doctrinal question" published after the meeting, which has been the subject of a number of other suits in lower courts. There will be four questions argued before the high court in three cases, with five-and-a-half hours of arguments scheduled over the three days. The questions include whether Congress has the power to require Americans to buy health insurance and if that individual mandate is overturned as unconstitutional, can other parts of the health care reform law remain in effect. Dozens of organizations and individuals have filed friend-of-the-court briefs in the cases, including a number of Catholics.

**Rise in tech use by congregations mirrors that in society**

**WASHINGTON (CNS) —** The rise in congregations’ use of technology over the past decade mirrors its use in the wider society, according to the results of a survey released March 14.

Email usage by congregations, gauged at 22 percent in 1998, had soared to 90 percent by 2010, according to the study. “Virtually Religious” did examine tech usage by congregation size. And of those congregations that had 250 or more members — the vast majority of Catholic parishes are of this size — 46 percent were major users of technology, 35 percent modest users, and 20 percent marginal users. “It’s the chicken-and-egg question: If you have size, you need technology,” Thumma said. In the study, the only feature that found less favor this time around than in an earlier study was maintenance of a congregation website. In a similar study conducted in 2007-08, congregations running their own site peaked at 77 percent, but this figure dipped to 69 percent in 2010. However, 41 percent of congregations have a page on the popular Facebook social networking site, which was not even asked about in the earlier survey.

**Pope rings bell as a call to turn out for Eucharistic Congress**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS) —** Pope Benedict XVI blessed and rang the official International Eucharistic Congress bell, which has been on tour across Ireland for nearly a year, in preparation for the world meeting in June. An Irish delegation, led by the 2012 congress president, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin, presented the pope with the small brass bell before the start of Mass March 17 in a ceremony that included a special Eucharistic Congress teleconference tied to the study’s release. Thumma, a professor of the sociology of religion and director of distance education for the Hartford Institute for Religion Research at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, defined “major” as using seven or more computer applications, “mod-” as three to six applications, and “minimal” as two applications or fewer.

The study did not look solely at Catholic parishes, but both Christian and non-Christian congregations. But “Virtually Religious” did examine tech usage by congregation size. And of those congregations that had 250 or more members — the vast majority of Catholic parishes are of this size — 46 percent were major users of technology, 35 percent modest users, and 20 percent marginal users. “It’s the chicken-and-egg question: If you have size, you need technology,” Thumma said. In the study, the only feature that found less favor this time around than in an earlier study was maintenance of a congregation website. In a similar study conducted in 2007-08, congregations running their own site peaked at 77 percent, but this figure dipped to 69 percent in 2010. However, 41 percent of congregations have a page on the popular Facebook social networking site, which was not even asked about in the earlier survey.

Catholic students from George Washington University lead the rosary outside the White House to show support for religious freedom that they say is threatened by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services mandates on contraception.

**Bishop in Kuwait criticizes legislation restricting Christian churches**

**OXFORD, England (CNS) —** The bishop who administers the Church in Kuwait criticized legislation that would restrict Christian places of worship in the country. "There will be problems if the government adopts this proposal; it’s out of step with the traditions of Kuwait, which seeks to be an open, tolerant country welcoming other religions besides Islam," said Italian-born Bishop Camillo Ballin, apostolic administrator of Kuwait. So Bishop Ballin warned, "from ideologies which want to divide the world between Muslims and non-Muslims," he told Catholic News Service March 12. In February, the newly formed al-Adala (Justice) Bloc introduced legislation to remove Christian churches from Kuwait and impose Islamic law, or Shariah. Party officials later said the legislation would not remove the churches but prohibit further construction of Christian church buildings, and restrict non-Muslim places of worship in the country. It also introduces Islam-inspired measures to fight corruption and "strengthen national unity." Bishop Ballin told CNS that al-Adala’s claims that there were more churches in Kuwait than needed by its Christian minority were untrue and took account only of the small number of Christians who are ethnic Kuwaitis. He said the Church needs at least 36,000 square yards of additional space to accommodate practicing Catholics.

**Bishop Lori named to Baltimore; new bishops named in Illinois, Florida**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS) —** Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, Conn., to be the new apostolic administrator of the archdiocese of Baltimore, and he also named new bishops for the dioceses of Rockford, Ill., and Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fla. The Vatican announced the appointments March 20. Msgr. David Malloy, 56, who was general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2006 to 2011, has been named bishop of Rockford. He is currently pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Lake Geneva, Wis. Father Gregory L. Parkes, 53, with general of the Diocese of Orlando, Fla., and pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Celebration, Fla., was named bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee.

He will turn 48 April 2. Bishop Lori, 60, has been the bishop of Bridgeport since March 2001. He is chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty.
AROUND THE DIocese

TEEN WITH DOWN SYNDROME ACTIVE AT ST. JUDE

Sam Floyd is shown serving at a recent Mass with celebrant Father Tom Shoemaker at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne. Sam, 17, has Down syndrome and has had a deep personal interest in his Catholic religion and Mass since childhood, says his father Bob. “Sam is really into Mass. … And he has always loved our priests,” he says. Following training with St. Jude’s pastoral associate Mary Pohlman, Sam began serving at Saturday morning Mass. Father Shoemaker, pastor of St. Jude Parish is supportive of Sam’s participation and encourages others with disabilities to serve as well. March is Down syndrome Awareness Month and Bob’s firm, Floyd & Partners, is creating a website for the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, a Washington, D.C.-based organization whose mission is to increase the presence of people with disabilities in the life of the Church.

SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE ANNOUNCES CO-VALEDICTORIANS FOR CLASS OF 2012

The class of 2012 will graduate at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 7 p.m. For questions, to purchase tickets, or for information on underwriting opportunities, contact Kristin Michel at (574) 472-6368, or online at www.sjmc.edu/ways-to-give.

USF FORMULA FOR LIFE SCHEDULED TO BENEFIT HAITIAN ORPHANS

FORT WAYNE — The fourth annual Formula for Life, a University of Saint Francis 5k run/walk and silent auction, will take place on Sunday, April 15, beginning at 1 p.m. at Hutzell Athletic Center. The event generates funds to purchase baby formula and other food for Haitian orphans. Access to Hutzell Athletic Center is off Leesburg Road bordering the east side of the south campus. Founded in 2009 by then-USF student Courtney Shepard, the service-based, student-led campaign is a yearlong student effort. Last year’s event drew over 300 people and garnered over $1,000 for the Hutzell Athletic Center.

SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE ANNOUNCES CO-VALEDICTORIANS FOR CLASS OF 2012

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College has announced that mathematics majors Annie Bulger and Krystal Holtcamp, a biology major, have been chosen for the co-valedictorians for the class of 2012. Both students earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages. The class of 2012 will graduate at noon on Saturday, May 19 on Le Mans Green. The class is made up of approximately 420 students from 37 states.

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Cub Scout Troop 3451 at St. Jude Catholic School in Fort Wayne recently hosted the Annual Pinewood Derby Race 2012. Cub Scout Jack Gibson’s latest entry, the “Popemobile,” placed third fastest in the Webelos 1 Den and first place trophy for the “Best Design.”

USF workshop focusing on care of elderly

FORT WAYNE — The University of Saint Francis will host a Proactive Elder Care Workshop on Friday, April 20, at the North Campus from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop will provide valuable information for caregivers, elderly people, employers and employers with lives impacted by the care of elderly loved ones.

The Proactive Elder Care Workshop is free with a suggested donation of $20 per person, which can be mailed directly to Council on Senior Services, 709 Clay Street, Suite 300, Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Lunch will be provided. For workshop registration, visit www.proactiveeldercareservice.com. Contact Mary Jo Bland at mbland@proactiveeldercareservice.com or (260) 672-3987 for more information.

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School girls who are members of the Girl Scouts gathered March 12 to say “Happy 100th Birthday” to the Girl Scouts. Daisies, Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts from grades kindergarten through fourth grade gathered at the St. Elizabeth campus in Fort Wayne in honor of the Girl Scouts’ 100th birthday. Founder Juliette Gordon Low began the Girl Scouts on March 12, 1912. Today Girl Scouts earn badges in a large variety of activities, and to support their activities, sell the famous Girl Scout cookies.
**TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS**

**What are Tax Credit Scholarships?**
The Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides scholarship support to families who want to enroll their children in the private school of their choice. Qualifying students in grades K-12 can receive a minimum of a $500 Tax Credit Scholarship.

**Who qualifies for a Tax Credit Scholarship?**
- A student whose family meets the income eligibility guidelines for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (See chart on page 12), AND
- A student who is entering Kindergarten or 1st grade, AND/OR
- A student who is coming to a private school after attending at least one year (two semesters) in an Indiana public school.

**Why should I apply now?**
If your family qualifies for assistance, but you do not apply when your child first enters school, you may lose the opportunity for a Voucher or Tax Credit Scholarship for the next 13 years. Kindergarten and 1st grade students CAN receive a Tax Credit Scholarship, making them eligible for a Voucher the following year.

**How do I apply for a Tax Credit Scholarship?**
1. To see how much tuition assistance you are eligible for, first register at your Catholic school of choice.  
2. To apply for funding contact the school of choice.

**INDIANA SCHOOL VOUCHERS**

**What is an Indiana School Voucher?**
A Voucher is a state-funded scholarship that helps cover the cost of tuition at a private school. Qualifying students in grades 1-8 can receive a maximum of $4,500 per school year. High school students can receive up to 90% of the local per-student state funding amount.

**Who qualifies for a Voucher?**
- A student whose family meets the income eligibility guidelines for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (See chart on page 12), AND
- A student in grades 2-12 who is coming to a private school after attending at least one year (two semesters) in an Indiana public school, AND/OR
- A current private school student in grades 1-12 who has received a Tax Credit Scholarship in a prior year.

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**WHAT AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?**

See the chart on page 12 to see if you qualify.
Catholic Schools of Fort Wayne

FORT WAYNE

Most Precious Blood School  (260) 424-4832
1529 Barthold St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808
Principal: Alexandra Bergman
240 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.preciousblood.org

Queen of Angels School  (260) 483-8214
1600 W. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808
Principal: Anne Miller
240 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.queenofangelschool.com

St. Charles Borromeo School  (260) 484-3392
4910 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815-5019
Principal: Robert Sordelet
735 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stcharlesschoolfw.org

St. John the Baptist School  (260) 456-3321
4500 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46807
Principal: Amanda Robinson
280 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjohnsfw.org

St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School  (260) 432-4000
Principal: Lois Widner
Assistant Principal: Stan Liponogg
Principal: Lois Schultheis
St. Joseph Campus  (260) 432-4000
2211 Brooklyn Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46802
196 students / grades 5-8
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Campus  (260) 432-4001
10700 Romeo Center Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804
318 students / grades preK-4
514 students
Web site: www.sj-se.com

St. Joseph School-Hessen Cassel  (260) 639-3580
11521 U.S. HWY 27 S., Fort Wayne, IN 46816
Principal: Louise Schulteis
128 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjosehcc.org

St. Jude School  (260) 484-4611
2110 Pemberton Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46805
Principal: Sr. Kathleen M. Kneuen, S.N.D.
510 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjudelw.org/school

St. Therese School  (260) 747-2343
2222 Lower Huntington Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46019
Principal: Charles Grimm
200 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.sttheresesw.org

St. Vincent de Paul School  (260) 489-3537
1720 E. Wallen Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825
Principal: Sandra Guiffey
Assistant Principal: Beth Kleber
770 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stvincentsw.org/school

SOUTH BEND

St. Matthew School  (574) 289-4535
1015 E. Dayton St., South Bend, IN 46613
Principal: Susan Clark
320 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stmatthewcathedral.org

Christ the King School  (574) 272-3922
52473 State Road 933, South Bend, IN 46637
Principal: Stephen Hoffman
470 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.christthekingonline.org

Corpus Christi School  (574) 272-9868
2817 Corpus Christi Dr., South Bend, IN 46628
Principal: Maggie Mackowiak
280 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.corpuschristisb.org

Holy Cross School  (574) 234-3422
1020 North Wilber St., South Bend, IN 46628
Principal: Angela Budzinski
330 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.holycrosscrusaders.org

Holy Family School  (574) 289-7375
56407 Mayflower Rd., South Bend, IN 46619
Principal: Sr. Joan Marie Shilling, C.S.S.F.
300 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.holyfamilieschool.catholicweb.com

Our Lady of Hungary School  (574) 289-3272
735 W. Calvert St., South Bend, IN 46613
Principal: Melissa Wroblewski-Jay
124 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.ourladyofhungary.org

St. Anthony de Padua School  (574) 233-7169
2310 E. Jefferson, South Bend, IN 46615
Principal: Chad Barwick
350 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stanthonyhs.org

St. John the Baptist School  (574) 232-9849
3616 St. Johns Way, South Bend, IN 46628
Principal: Janet Wroblewski
125 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjohnthebaptistcatholicschool.com

St. Joseph School  (574) 234-0451
216 N. Hill St., South Bend, IN 46617
Principal: Suzanne Wiwi
450 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stjosephgradeschool.com

St. Jude School  (574) 291-3820
19657 Hildebrand St., South Bend, IN 46614
Principal: Jeffrey Kieffer
145 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjude.org/school

AREA GRADE SCHOOLS

AVILLA
St. Mary of the Assumption School  (260) 897-3481
232 N. Main St., P.O. Box 109, Avilla, IN 46710-0109
Principal: Jeffrey Kieffer
145 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.avilla.org/stmaryschool.html

DECATUR
St. Joseph School  (260) 724-2765
127 N. Fourth St., Decatur, IN 46733
Principal: Karla J. Hormann
346 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stjosephdecatur.org

ELKHART
St. Thomas the Apostle School  (574) 264-4855
1331 N. Main St., Elkhart, IN 46514
Principal: Christopher Kolakovich
372 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stthomaselkhart.com

St. Vincent de Paul School  (574) 293-8451
114 S. Main St., Elkhart, IN 46516
Principal: Tom Gropp
135 students / grades preK-6
Web site: www.stvdpelkhart.org

GARRETT
St. Joseph School  (260) 357-5137
301 W. Houston St., Garrett, IN 46738
Principal: Kristine Call
124 students / grades preK-6
Web site: www.stjosephgarrett.com

GOSHEN
St. John the Evangelist School  (574) 533-9480
117 W. Monroe St., Goshen, IN 46526
Principal: Amy Weidner
154 students / grades preK-5
Web site: www.stjohnocatholic.com

GRANGER
St. Pius X School  (574) 272-4935
52553 Fir Rd., Granger, IN 46530
Principal: Elaine Holmes
630 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.stpius.net

HUNTINGTON
Huntington Catholic School  (260) 356-1926
960 Warren St., Huntington, IN 46750
Principal: Jason Woolard
Primary Grades Campus: 820 Cherry St.  (260) 356-2320
Middle Grades Campus: 960 Warren St.  (260) 356-1926
187 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.huntingtoncatholic.org

MISHAWAKA
Mishawaka Catholic School  Principal: Vikki Wojcik
St. Bavo Campus  (574) 549-4214
524 W. 8th St., Mishawaka, IN 46544
105 students / grades preK-2

St. Joseph Campus  (574) 255-5554
230 S. Spring St., Mishawaka, IN 46545
135 students / grades 3-5

St. Monica Campus  (574) 255-0709
223 West Grove St., Mishawaka, IN 46545
120 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.mishawakacatholicschool.org

Queen of Peace  (574) 255-0392
4508 Vista Rd., Mishawaka, IN 46544
Principal: Tina Dover
220 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.queenofpeacecc/school

WEB SITE: www.todayscatholic.org
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MONROEVILLE
St. Joseph School  (260) 623-3447
209 Mulberry St., Monroeville, IN 46773
Principal: Carolyn Kirkendall
83 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.saintrosechurch.com

NEW HAVEN
St. John the Baptist School  (260) 749-9903
204 Rufus St., New Haven, IN 46774
Principal: Janice Comito
325 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stjohnraisers.org
St. Louis Academy  (260) 749-5815
15529 Lincoln Hwy. East, New Haven, IN 46774-9679
Principal: Cheryl Klinker
71 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.academy.stlouisbesancon.org

PLYMOUTH
St. Michael School  (574) 936-4329
612 N. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563
Principal: Trudy Nawara
171 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.saintmichaelschool.org

WABASH
St. Bernard School  (260) 563-5746
191 North Cass St., Wabash, IN 46992-2439
Principal: Theresa Carroll
80 students / grades preK-6
Web site: www.sbt catholic.org

WARSAW
Sacred Heart School  (574) 267-5874
135 N. Harrison, Warsaw, IN 46580
Principal: James L. Faroh Sr.
202 students / grades preK-6
Web site: www.sacredheart-warsaw.org

YODER
St. Aloysius School  (260) 622-7151
14607 Bluffton Rd., Yoder, IN 46798
Principal: Tina Voors
85 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.saintalloysiusyoder.info/school

FORT WAYNE
Bishop Dwenger High School  (260) 496-4700
1300 E. Washington Ctr. Rd.,
Fort Wayne, IN 46825
Principal: Jason Schiffli
Assistant Principals: Amy Johns, Chris Svarczkopf
55 Full-time Lay Instructors / 3 Part-time Lay Instructors
1,040 students
Web site: www.bishopdwenger.com

Bishop Luers High School  (260) 456-1261
333 E. Paulding Rd.,
Fort Wayne, IN 46816-3599
Principal: Mary Keefner
Assistant Principal: Tiffany Albertson
36 Lay Instructors
546 students
Web site: www.bishopluers.org

SOUTH BEND
Saint Joseph’s High School  (574) 233-6137
1441 N. Michigan St.
South Bend, IN 46617-1198
Principal: Susan Richter
Assistant Principals: Marilyn Gibbs, Marty Harshman
64 Lay Instructors
821 students
Web site: www.saintjoehigh.com

MISHAWAKA
Marian High School  (574) 259-5257
1311 S. Logan St.
Mishawaka, IN 46544-4798
Principal: Carl Loesch
Assistant Principal: James Kryder
44 Full-time Lay Instructors / 6 Part-time Lay Instructors
705 students
Web site: www.marianhs.org
WHAT AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

Follow the chart below to see if you qualify for Tax Credit Scholarships and Vouchers.

I’m enrolling my child in Kindergarten or first grade, having attended a public kindergarten, at a Catholic School.

I meet these eligibility requirements
• Indiana resident
• My family is at or below 200% of the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Income Level
(see chart below)

I’m moving my child in grades 2-12 to a Catholic School.

I meet these eligibility requirements
• Indiana resident
• My child attended public school the previous year (two semesters) OR received a Tax Credit Scholarship, or Voucher, the previous school year.

AND one of the following:

My family is between 150% and 200% of the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Income Level (see chart).

My family is at 150%, or below, the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Income Level (see chart).

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SCHOOL VOUCHER

Contact your local school or the
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
www.diocesefwsb.org
260-422-4611
574-255-1387
Remnants of a bishop

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Four months after Bishop Leo A. Pursley was installed in February of 1957 as the sixth bishop of Fort Wayne, he began living in a 13-room, fashionable brick and stone Tudor home built in 1927 on amible property at 4101 Taylor Rd. Perhaps its great mix of trees, grassy areas and rolling topography was the reason he named the property “Maryoaks.”

At the time of Bishop Pursley’s installation, the diocese observed its 100th anniversary. Three years later the local diocese was renamed the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend after four northwestern counties of Indiana were removed from the diocese to form the Diocese of Gary.

When Bishop William E. McManus was installed in October 1976 as bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, he thought the mansion too large for his needs. In addition, the home needed many costly repairs. He moved to a modest ranch-style home in the Woodhurst subdivision, donated to the diocese, now occupied by Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus.

Since that time Bishop Pursley’s Tudor Revival has been remodeled extensively and now consists of 5,518 square feet of living space above ground with another 2,878 square feet below ground, of which 1,250 square feet are finished. There are six bedrooms — one of which is the master suite with a sitting-dressing room — five full baths and two half-baths.

In addition to spacious living and dining rooms, the residence includes a kitchen and breakfast room, two foyers, a solarium, butler’s pantry, a formal office/library, several sitting areas, a den, both game and billiard rooms, a wet bar, wine closet, walk-in safe, three staircases, five fireplaces and two, two-car garages, one attached. The architectural details have been preserved, placing this magnificent mansion on the National Register of Historic Places. The home recently was on the market with a listing price of about $1 million.

Even though the mansion has grown to be a bit too ostentatious for a bishop’s residence, three religious stained-glass windows remain in the home from the time Bishop Pursley lived there. And they blend beautifully with the many leaded-glass windows seen throughout the two-story abode. One window appears to contain an image of Bishop Pursley, while another depicts his coat of arms.

This incredible mansion sits high on 9.218 acres with a recently added pool, pergola and bathhouse. A small, private path from the landscaped backyard leads to Towpath Trail, connecting the property to the Fort Wayne/Abbe Trail systems. Also, Noll Park is close by, offering more than nine acres of wooded grounds and undeveloped area near the home.

Incidentally, Noll Park is named after Archbishop John F. Noll, the fifth bishop of Fort Wayne, who along with his predecessor, Bishop Herman J. Alerding, established residency in the general area from 1925 to 1956 at 1415 W. Washington Blvd. in the West Central Neighborhood. The renovated 104-year-old home is known locally as “the bishop’s house” and it, too, contains remnants of the ordinaries that lived there. The Noll Mansion, as it’s also called, still houses stained-glass images of saints, Bishop Noll’s coat of arms and his sister, Sisters of Providence Sister Rose Beatrice.

Five stained-glass windows with images of former bishops of the diocese were removed a few years ago and are displayed in the Cathedral Museum in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center downtown.
Families and businesses work together in Parish Rewards program

FORT WAYNE — With a community of over 3,000 families, St. Vincent de Paul Parish on the north side of Fort Wayne has a parish grade school with over 750 students and the support and involvement of local businesses. Parishioners, along with alumni-owned and managed local businesses, have partnered in the Parish Rewards program.

This mutual effort involves the school’s marketing of these businesses. In the program, each business offers “big ticket” products or services. Vendors in home improvement, car dealers, real estate and mortgage companies, orthodontic services, and a variety of other businesses participate.

The Parish Rewards program is growing and involves over 20 businesses because of the benefits to families. When purchasing from participating businesses, families receive a “reward” or tuition credit. “It’s a great motivator because it reduces a family’s tuition at St. Vincent’s,” Bishop Dwenger High School or for a student attending a college,” says Linda McCarthy, the program director at St. Vincent.

Some parents use it frequently for orthodontic care and even when purchasing a new home. Several parents have purchased a new home from local builder, Bob Buescher Homes, and each received a $1,250 tuition credit.

The program continues to get stronger and will reach $20,000 in income this year, the biggest ever. “The potential is there and excellent opportunity to help businesses in our community generate new customers,” McCarthy stated.

Many original vendors continue to renew their annual $100 memberships, a low advertising cost for the value.

Families are encouraged to patronize these businesses through aggressive advertising and marketing by the Development Office. Ads, booklets, direct mail, church and school announcements and a special website are all part of the promotion of the program.

“It’s simple, easy to use and there is a good variety of vendors. Once a purchase is made, a percentage of the purchase price or a flat fee is given to St. Vincent’s,” says McCarthy.

Usually, this money is used as a tuition credit, but some families designate a gift to the church or use it to pay for religious education fees for their children. A purchaser has the option of giving the credit to a grandchild, friend or another student.

“Since we don’t have kids in the school yet, we donated our reward to friends with several kids at St. Vincent’s. They really appreciated the $500 tuition credit, and we loved being able to help someone else,” says a rewards parent.

The program provides a way to bring money into the school for essential technology resources without exhausting parents with different fund raising efforts. It’s optional, yet motivating because families are making these purchases anyway and can see a reduction in tuition costs. Both Parish Rewards and SCRIP are the school’s top producing programs supported by families at St. Vincent. New business partners are welcome this spring when vendors can join the program.

For more information on the Parish Rewards Program, contact Linda McCarthy at (260) 489-3537, ext. 247.
Our spiritual journey to the empty tomb

Almsgiving

O ur 40-day spiritual journey toward Calvary is quickly coming to an end. With the anticipation of Easter joy, I hope that by using the three pillars of Lent — prayer, fasting and almsgiving — as guidelines, we have managed to ground ourselves in self-discipline and purify ourselves of the sinfulness that has kept us distracted from God. As we empty ourselves we consciously make more room in our hearts and lives for the living Spirit of Christ.

Now after weeks of daily prayer, in its many forms, and Lenten fasting, not only from food but from bad habits and sinful behavior as well, we have entered into a renewed relationship with our Savor. Combined with those first two pillars of Lent, the third — almsgiving — can assist us in rounding out our Lenten practice.

Almsgiving by definition is the giving of money, food, clothing and other necessities to the poor or less fortunate — a deed of mercy. Jesus exhorts us throughout the Bible to share our blessings with others. It is the giving that is an expression of the care we have for those in need and demonstrates the gratitude we feel for God’s gift of abundance in our lives.

Almsgiving is a natural link to fasting and makes an ideally matched practice for Lent. Fasting from a specific meal or food leads to an expansion of our solidarity with those who are less fortunate. We in turn can offer that meal or the cost saved by fasting, to an area service agency.

I know a gentleman who not only fasts from his lunch meal twice each week during Lent, he also donates the money he saves by the fasting along with his volunteer service to his local soup kitchen. His is a conscious effort to be a witness to Christ.

Actions speak louder than words, and almsgiving can extend into many forms of caring deeds. Do you have special gifts, like art, or song? Use them to lift up the people of God in your own unique way.

I suspect we all know someone who exemplifies works of charity. As I recall my faith-filled mother,

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Our spiritual journey to the empty tomb

Personal redemption found in obedience

THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

MSGR. OWEN F. CAMPION

5th Sunday of Lent
In 12:20-33

T he Book of Jeremiah provides this weekend’s first reading. A common theme runs through all the written prophetic books of ancient Israel. It is that despite human sinfulness and treachery, God always is merciful. He also forgives. He never forsakes his people.

Jeremiah constantly wrote with this theme in the back of his mind. In his estimate, the people had gravely sinned. Consequently, they had brought chaos and misery into their lives. God, however, saves sinners from the plight.

This weekend’s reading speaks of a new Covenant. The old Covenant, given to the people through Moses, and then to David and his dynasty, had been severely blessed by the people’s sins. God would offer a new way to life, peace and joy.

The Epistle to the Hebrews supplies the second reading. This epistle is rich in Jewish symbolism, and it abundantly proclaims the most profound of Jewish beliefs, namely that God will never fail in mercy and forgiveness if the people reform.

The real issue, of course, has nothing to do with access to particular “reproductive issues” (like abortion or birth control), and everything to do with whether someone else can be forced by the strong arm of a federal mandate, in direct violation of the principle of personal freedom, to pay for practices they recognize as morally reprehensible.

FATHER TADEUSZ PACHOLCZYK

Mandates and freedoms

O n Jan 20, 2012, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a mandate placing first amendment rights and religious freedom in the crosshairs.

The mandate, as a provision of ObamaCare, requires “preventive health services” to be covered by all health insurance issuers and all group health plans. Those insurance plans must provide (with no co-pay) the full range of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved contraceptive methods for women.

These include not only surgical sterilizations, but also potential abortion-inducing agents. The mandate is effective immediately (the morning-after pill), intrauterine devices (IUDs) and another form of “emergency contraception” known as Ella. This drug, which the FDA acknowledges may also work against the life of the embryo “by preventing attachment (implantation) to the uterus,” can be taken up to five days after “unprotected” sex.

Essentially all employers would thus be forced — and therefore complicit in — financially subsidizing pharmaceuticals, contraception and sterilization procedures for their employees. All these procedures represent sinful and damaging human choices, as the Catholic Church has never ceased to point out.

The mandate constitutes a direct intrusion into the religious works and governance of the Church and represents a federally sponsored violation of her members’ consciences. The Church is the largest provider of non-profit health care in the U.S., operates roughly 600 hospitals and employs three quarters of a million people, in addition to employing hundreds of thousands of others in her educational and social service ministries.

Cardinal Francis George of Chicago aptly described the authoritarian environment being created by the HHS mandate in one of his recent newspaper columns: “The bishops would love the separation between Church and state we thought we enjoyed just a few months ago, when we were free to run Catholic institutions in conformity with the demands of the Catholic faith, when the government couldn’t tell us which of our ministries are Catholic and which not, when the law protected rather than crushed conscience. The state is making itself into a church.”

In the words of another commentator, “As is more and more obvious, ObamaCare has nothing to do with controlling healthcare costs. It has everything to do with controlling healthcare delivery. The real issue, of course, has nothing to do with access to particular “reproductive issues” (like abortion or birth control), and everything to do with whether someone else can be forced by the strong arm of a federal mandate, in direct violation of the principle of personal freedom, to pay for practices they recognize as morally reprehensible.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., and serves as the director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.
Contraception: What’s a Catholic to think?

Catholic apologist Christopher West once quipped that if you put a rosebush into a closet there are going to be some indications that you shouldn’t have. So if there is an inseparable connection, willed by God, between the love-giving and life-giving dimensions of sex, then we should expect to find indications that when we suppress the life-giving potential of sex, we damage its love-giving potential as well. Is there solid evidence that contraception and sterilization damage the relationship between spouses? And what about the alternative? Does the Church’s teaching somehow strengthen the love between husband and wife?

In 1891, the Church famously taught that contraception or sterilization “damages the very life-giving potential of sex.” (No. 17). As Dr. John Billings reflected: “As a man, the abstinence involved in the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and, in his way of saying: ‘My love for my wife and my family is much greater than the desire I have for sexual intercourse, however strong that may be.’

When a man makes a woman like this, sacrificing his own desires for her sake, she cannot help but grow in her admiration and respect for him, and their marriage becomes stronger and more satisfying. If she should become as surprised, then, that preliminary research indicates that couples that use NFP have a very low divorce rate. There may be many reasons for this, including a strong commitment to each other and to their faith to begin with, but there can be no doubt that the practice of NFP safeguards the marital, mutual gift of self that sex is meant to signify in marriage.

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I think of her as an avid almsgiver. She never had much but there was always enough to allow a friend or stranger. Her very life was an unassuming example of works of charity — a gift that will live forever in my heart.

In works of charity are the actions that are born of a changed heart. As we strive for holiness this Lent with the coming of Easter. With suffering and death, does not end our conversion to Christ, but there can be no doubt that the practice of NFP safeguards the marital, mutual gift of self that sex is meant to signify in marriage.

The crossWord

Based on these Scripture Readings: Eph 2:4-10; John 3:14-21 and 3:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Gn 12:20-33

ACROSS

1 Opposed (3,9)
5 Rosary month (3)
8 The other half of Jima (5)
11 "of Judah" (5)
13 Respiratory disease (6)
14 ____ is the time of fulfillment (6)
15 Where Jesus slept in boat (5)
16 Black tie (3)
17 Payable (5)
18 Insert (3)
20 "Get me, Satan!" (5)
22 Where Ephesians lived (9)
26 "Roused from the ____" (6)

DOWN

1 God of creation (3)
2 "Hail Mary" (3)
3 "Married woman" (5)
4 "in a boat" (5)
5 "in the desert" (6)
6 "in the world" (6)
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Answer Key can be found on page 19

SCRIPUTRE SEARCH

Gospel for March 25, 2012

John 12:20-33

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for Fifth Sunday of Lent, Cycle B: another foreshadowing of the fate of the Messiah. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.
TREVOR CARROLL WINS INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN SWIMMING

Saint Joseph’s High School student Trevor Carroll won the 200-yard freestyle for a state championship. He also finished second in the 100-freestyle and swam a leg in the ninth-place finish of the 200-freestyle relay. The team finished 12th in the state competition.

Bishop Dwenger wins gymnastics title

MUNCIE — Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger High School’s depth propelled it to the team title and Valparaiso’s Morgan Algozine won the All-Around competition during the IHSAA Girls Gymnastics State Finals at Worthen Arena in Muncie.

It was Bishop Dwenger’s fifth gymnastics state title under Coach Rosemarie Nix, its first since 2006 and ended Valparaiso’s record four-year stranglehold on the team title. The No. 5 Saints finished with 112.550 points while top-ranked Valpo finished second with 111.975 points. Roncalli was third with 108.600.

“Our motto this year was ‘Dreams are Goals with Halos,’” Nix told Today’s Catholic in an email interview on Monday. “Keeping God as their guide the gymnasts were able to stay focused on their routines and accomplish what they set out for the dream of being state champions.”

“This was a total team effort, Nix noted. “Everyone contributed to the success. The team had no standout gymnast.”

The Saints didn’t collect any individual titles but had four different gymnasts finish in the top six of three events. Sophomore Katy Linvill placed second on the floor exercise (9.6) and third in the bars (9.575) to finish third in the all-around competition (3.575). Brittany Trahin took second in the vault (9.8). Kaitlyn Coffee was fourth in the vault (9.625) and Carrie Brown claimed fifth in the bars (9.475).

Nix added, “We have been very blessed at Bishop Dwenger to have the support of fantastic fans, which included not only parents and family, but friends and alumni too. It was great to hear the cheering and encouragement for the girls.”

She said, “The meet was very exciting as the team went from the floor, to the vault, to the uneven bars, keeping their lead. Going into the last rotation of the meet, which was the balance beam, the entire team went out of the arena and said a prayer to help them keep calm. What a wonderful testament to the faith these girls share.”

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IHSAA Gymnastics State Finals

Final Team Scores
Bishop Dwenger 112.550
Valparaiso 111.975
Roncalli 108.600
Portage 108.425
Seymour 107.425
Columbus North 105.600
Homestead 104.425
Franklin Central 103.700

Position Opening
Director of Stewardship and Development

Saint Joseph Parish, a vibrant, Catholic, faith community of nearly 900 families and a large, K-8 grade school in South Bend, Indiana, seeks a Director of Stewardship and Development. This position furthers the mission of the Parish by promoting the concept of Stewardship as a way of life in accordance with the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response. The position also oversees Parish Development efforts, including fostering relationships with parishioners, school alumni, and other friends of St. Joseph for the purpose of finding and cultivating partners to financially support St. Joseph Church and School in the living out of its mission.

Qualified applicants will be practicing Catholics and demonstrate a commitment to the concept of Stewardship as a way of life. Applicants must possess a bachelor’s degree and have at least two years of experience in a field requiring high organizational skills and computer skills. The successful candidate will also have strong communication skills and the ability to work well with others.

Number of hours/week negotiable. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. For a complete position description, please visit the parish website: www.stjoeparish.com. Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and résumé with references to:

St. Joseph Parish
224 N. Hill Street
South Bend, IN 46617

Questions may be directed to Fr. John DeRiso, CSC at (574) 234-3134, ext. 20.
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Actress Shari Rigby sat right across from her interviewer, her legs crossed. On the instep of her right foot was a tattoo of a flower. She was asked what it was.

“Her name would have been Lily,” Rigby answered, “and so that’s there to remind me.”

She was talking about the baby she had aborted 20 years ago.

Rigby plays a relatively small part in the new movie “October Baby,” but it’s a pivotal role: She is the nurse from the abortion clinic where the movie was filmed in a Washington area to promote “October Baby,” conducting a joint interview with CNS at a Washington hotel.

Rigby is part of show biz royalty. She’s the aunt of 2007 “American Idol” winner Jordin Sparks. Coincidentally, Chris Sligh, a finalist during the season Sparks won, has a comic-relief role in “October Baby.”

Hendrix — as did the Erwin brothers — grew up in Alabama, where the movie was filmed in a brisk 20-day shooting schedule, but by the time “October Baby” was ready to shoot, she had moved to Zurich, where her photojournalist husband lives. Hendrix had even established her own photo studio.

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The movie also stars John Schneider ("The Dukes of Hazzard," "Smallville") as Hannah’s father and Jasmine Guy ("A Different World") as the nurse from the abortion clinic all those years ago.

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Jason Burkey and Rachel Hendrix star in a scene from the movie “October Baby.”

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MISC. HAPPENINGS

Musical performed at St. Charles Fort Wayne — St. Charles Borromeo School, 4710 Trier Rd., will present “The Big Bad Musical,” a bowing courtroom comedy Friday, March 23, at 7 p.m., in the Hession Center, door No. 3. Adults, $4; students $2 and pre-schoolers free.

Spring rummage sale Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish, corner of Oak and Diamond streets, will have a rummage sale Friday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 9-11:30 a.m. Bag sale for $3 on Friday after 3 p.m. and on Saturday $1.50 all day.

Rosary Society plans candy and bake sale for Easter Fort Wayne — The Rosary Society of Most Precious Blood Church, 1515 Barthold St., will have an Easter candy and bake sale Saturday, March 31, from 4-6:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Knights of Columbus Council 11043 will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday. Both events will be in the school gym.

Fish fries Knights of Columbus host fish fry Plymouth — The Knights of Columbus Council 1975 will have a fish dinner on Friday, March 30, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 901 E. Jefferson from 4-7 p.m. Tickets are $8.50 for adults, $4 for children 5-10 and children under 4 are free. The fish will be prepared by Tyner Oddfellows. Proceeds benefit local charities.

Holy Name Society fish fry New Haven — The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist Parish will have a fish fry Friday, March 23, from 4-7 p.m. Adults $7.50, children 5-12 $4 and children under 5 free.

St. Peter and Paul fish fry Huntington — St. Peter and Paul Parish will have a fish fry on Friday, March 23, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Rieder Auditorium. Adults $8, children age 6-12 $5 and 5 and under free. There will also be a macaroni and cheese child ticket for $3.

Lenten fish fry Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 11276 will have a fish fry Friday, March 30, from 5-8 p.m. in the cafeteria at the school.

The Crossword

March 18 and 25, 2012

ANTICIPATION HOUSE Flu Now Strengthen Your SENSES Add Behind Ephesus Dead Visual Major Vespasian Moses Roan Swan Dubiety Blonds Seel Oak Eos Ahead NTI Mrs. Mercy End New Sate

Seeking Part-time Administrative Assistant

Redeemer Radio, a non-profit, Catholic Radio Group is seeking a Part-time Administrative Assistant to support the station in operating more efficiently and effectively. This position is planned for 20-25 hours per week operating Monday – Friday, but may need to increase during peak times.

The candidate must have a passion for the Catholic Faith, will love being part of a team while contributing to the success of something larger than him/herself.

The chosen candidate will work with the Business Administrator in handling day-to-day decision-making and problem solving as relates to the station and working with staff, volunteers and the general public. This person must be skilled at managing multiple projects simultaneously, possess excellent computer skills, and have a can-do attitude.

Responsibilities include:
• Performing secretarial duties including: first contact for the public via phone, email and mail and coordination of workload for administrative volunteers
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MONROEVILLE — The parishioners of St. Rose of Lima, Monroeville, celebrated the feast of St. Joseph, their school’s patron, in an extra special way this year. On Sunday, March 18, Bishop John M. D’Arcy, bishop emeritus, celebrated Mass to mark the commencement of a year-long centenary celebration.

In his homily, Bishop D’Arcy announced what a great joy it is to commemorate 100 years of a Catholic school. Through both the wars and recessions, and the good times, the small town of Monroeville has maintained a place of Catholic education to be proud of.

He remarked how different the culture has become over the past century. He applauded St. Joseph School for being a place of saving light so necessary to move children away from the darkness.

Bishop D’Arcy continued, “Like Nicolaus Copernicus from today’s Gospel, we are to be born again by water and the Holy Spirit. As we prepare for Easter, we remember when Jesus Christ is lifted up on the cross all will be brought to heaven through Christ and the cross of Christ has been preached to the children of St. Joseph for 100 years.”

After the Mass, St. Rose pastor, who is lovingly referred to as Father Dino (Father Lourdino Fernandes), thanked the principal and staff calling them “the very core of Catholic identity” for St. Joseph School.

Bishop D’Arcy added his congratulations and commended the parish and school.

“A full house of alumna from near and far joined both the Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Mark Myers and Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools Maria Jordan. Dr. Myers added his personal comments about memories of a meeting just a few short years ago about a very different subject when a parishioner reminded him, “It is not about the resources, it is about the souls of the children.”

Since that time, Myers has taken the words to heart and prayed for the entire diocese that its churches and schools be strong. “This church is full and this school is strong. Congratulations. I can’t wait to see what is in store for the next 100 years,” he concluded.

Current principal for the past 27 years, Carolyn Kirkendall credited Father Dino and challenging St. Rose to “think outside the box and dream big.” Under his direction, the parish has embraced a capital campaign and reached their goal to raise $500,000 in just a few short months.

Madison Smith, alum and member of the first kindergarten class, read notes about the history of the school, while parish council member Dan Foster shared comments about the bright future.

Young students — Evan Castleman and Sydney Castleman — presented several special guests with red roses, including Sister Celestine, better known at the parish as Patricia Schall, who graduated from St. Joseph School in 1941 and is a member of the School Sisters of St. Francis from Milwaukee, Wis., the order which served the school for over 60 years.

Sister Celestine also offered her congratulations and marveled, “Faith plus action is what I see happening here.”

She recalled her parents’ sacrifice so many years ago when they sent all 10 of their children to the school. Very few of the sisters who served the school are living yet. Dave Gerard and Gene Trable, 1961 graduates, swapped stories and tried to calculate the age of their first-grade teacher. They agreed there may no longer be any staff around.

However, Sister Celestine reported to the congregation that her fellow sister, Sister Mathews Simonds, former organist and teacher at the school, will be celebrating an upcoming anniversary — 80 years as a religious.

Parishioner, Leo Martin, who attended St. Joseph from 1938-1946, said he can vividly remember Sister Mathea, who was his first, second and third-grade teacher. “She was always my favorite.”

Martin added, “My father Paul was 13-years old and in the sixth grade when the doors of the school opened for the first time a century ago.”

He and Sister Celestine reminisced about old classmates and relatives and the times she drove the out-wagon for his father. Also returning to the school for the celebration, was lay teacher Ellen Fox, who taught third and fourth grade at the school from 1962-1970.

Fox spent 24 years in Catholic education but swears, “St. Joseph was the cream of the cream. Oh, how I can remember it here! My students always went on to be the tops of their high school classes.”

Before a luncheon in the school, Bishop D’Arcy closed with a thank you, “You have been an inspiration to the whole diocese. This community has refused to believe that the town of Monroeville is a dying town. This is an extraordinary event.”

And he concluded with a final request, “Please continue to pray everyday for vocations from this school over the next 100 years.”

Principal Carolyn Kirkendall, Sister Celestine and Dr. Mark Myers pose in front of the banner to kick-off the school’s centenary celebration.

A teacher at the school from 1962-1970, Ellen Fox marvels at the St. Joseph Academic Wall of fame, which boasts 14 students who went on to become the valedictorian or salutatorian of their high school class.