Matthew Kuczora ordained Holy Cross priest

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — Matthew C. Kuczora’s whirlwind month that began with assisting at a papal Mass in Mexico culminated this past Saturday afternoon, April 7, with his ordination to the Priesthood at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of the University of Notre Dame.

As he stood before Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, who conferred the Sacrament of Holy Orders, Kuczora radiated pure joy as family and friends prayed and sang in both English and Spanish. Over 100 Holy Cross priests concelebrated the Mass, welcoming their brother to the Congregation of Holy Cross.

For the past year Kuczora has served at Nuestra Madre Santísima de la Luz Parish, a Holy Cross parish in Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He has also been serving as director of postulants, a program to provide candidates with an introduction to the history, spirituality, charism, life and work of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Provincial Superior Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson presented candidate Kuczora to Bishop Rhoades for Ordination, and members of La Luz Parish also presented on his behalf.

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The Masterworks of God

IN TRUTH AND CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHoades

I have frequently been asked what is my favorite activity as bishop. Without hesitation, I answer that the most joyful and fulfilling tasks of my episcopal ministry are preaching the Word of God and celebrating the sacraments. I think our priests would agree that these are the most fulfilling aspects of their priestly ministry. As bishop, I have the special privilege of being the minister of the sacrament of Holy Orders and the ordinary minister of Confirmation.

This past weekend, I celebrated four Confirmation Masses as well as an Ordination Mass. This week I have an additional six Confirmation Masses on my calendar. I love visiting our parishes to celebrate the sacred liturgy, and particularly in these weeks to confirm hundreds of our young people. I enjoy meeting the young candidates and their families and sponsors, and most importantly, serving as God’s instrument in the conferment of the grace of Confirmation. Bishop D’Arcy is also busy during these weeks celebrating Confirmation Masses in parishes throughout our diocese, for which I am deeply grateful.

The ordination I celebrated this past Saturday was my first ordination of a Holy Cross priest, Father Matthew Kuczora. I ordained this fine young man a deacon last August. Since then, he has been serving as a missionary in a Holy Cross parish in Mexico. The ordination liturgy in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame was truly beautiful. I believe there were about 100 Holy Cross priests who concelebrated and laid hands on the newly ordained. At the end of the Mass, I joked about an error in the liturgical program which had the initials “C.S.C.” after my name — indicating that I was a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross! I told them I was ready to take the vows! How blessed our diocese is by the presence and ministry of so many members of this religious congregation, founded by Blessed Basil Moreau, whom we pray will soon be canonized a saint.

Newly ordained Father Matthew Kuczora will return to Mexico to begin his priestly ministry at the parish where he served as a deacon: Nuestra Madre Santísima de la Luz, Parish in Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He is much loved by the people there. A few members of the parish were able to come for the ordination on Saturday and shared with me how happy and grateful they are for the gift of this fine young priest and for the ministry of the Holy Cross priests there. As you may know, the U.S. Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross serves missions in Mexico, Chile, Peru, Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

May the Lord bless the Congregation of Holy Cross with many more solid and strong vocations!

I titled this column “the masterworks of God,” an expression used in the Catechism to refer to the seven sacraments. “They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in Christ’s Body, the Church” (CCC 1116). As I travel throughout the diocese these days celebrating the Eucharist, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, and also other sacraments on various occasions, I see and experience the Holy Spirit at work. I am often filled with wonder, awe, and gratitude at these masterworks of God, gifts of Christ to His Church, to sanctify us and to strengthen us with His grace. God meets us in every sacrament and communicates His love to us. We are blessed as Catholics to have received from the Lord the full sacramental life. The sacraments are indeed the masterworks of God! They confer the grace they signify. They are efficacious. Christ is at work through the Holy Spirit. Of course, the fruits of the sacraments in our lives depend also on our openness to receive the grace Our Lord bestows upon us in the sacraments.

As we prepare for the Year of Faith, let us be renewed in our appreciation of the masterworks of God in the new and everlasting covenant: the seven sacraments, instituted by Christ and entrusted to His Church. And let us celebrate the sacraments with faith, reverence, and devotion, giving glory and praise to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
Bavarian band, dancers celebrate pope’s birthday in apostolic palace

BY CAROL GLATZ

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI celebrated his 85th birthday with a bouquet of flowers during the pontiff’s 85th birthday celebrations in the Clementine Hall at the Vatican April 16.

He thanked his deposed parents for their life and the pope, which happened on Holy Saturday, and his Baptism — another life-giving event — the same day, he said.

That “the bread, the wine must be accompanied by rebirth, or Baptism, he said, because it is also being welcomed into a community of faith in Christ that gives people the certainty and hope that is truly good to exist and be alive.”

Vatican Radio said greetings from all over the world had been sent to the pope.

The Vatican even set up a special e-mail address (augustin.benedettotti@vatican.va) so well-wishers could send a note marking the pope’s birthday and the seventh anniversary of his election April 19.

The pope cut his Easter vacation short by two days on April 13 to return to the Vatican from the papal villa in Castel Gandolfo near Rome to spend the weekend with his brother, who traveled to Rome from Germany.

During his “Regina Coeli” address April 15, the pope asked people to pray for him, “that the Lord give me the strength to accomplish the mission He entrusted in me.”

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend includes a funding program to assist less affluent parishes. A Parishes-in-Need Fund Committee met recently to review parish requests for “needy” projects. The committee recommended a total of $200,002 be granted to eight parishes for 19 essential projects, enabling them to arrive at a more stable existence.

The grants were approved by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

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said. “These features of the ‘preventive services’ mandate amount to an unjust law.”

Among other examples under attack, the bishops named:

• Immigration laws in Alabama and other states that forbid what the government deems “harboring” of undocumented immigrants — and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to those immigrants.

• An attempt by the Connecticut Legislature in 2009 to restructure Catholic parishes.

• The government’s “anti-religious discrimination against Christian students on college campuses.

• Government actions in Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia and the state of Illinois that have “driven local religious liberty, both here and abroad.”

The statement notes the “most well-known example,” that is, “assassinations, bombings of Catholic Churches, beginning in Birmingham, Ala., in 1963, described an unjust law as one “that is out of harmony with the moral law,” and said he agreed with St. Augustine that “an unjust law is no law at all.”

“The bishops assigned special responsibility for advancing religious freedom to several groups: Those who hold public office must “protect and defend those fundamental liberties guaranteed by the Bill of Rights,” regardless of their political party.

• Leaders of Catholic hospitals, universities and social service agencies “who may be forced to choose between the good works we do by faith, and fidelity to that faith itself” were encouraged to “hold firm, to stand fast and to insist upon what belongs to you by right as Catholics and Americans.”

• Priests must offer “a catechesis on religious liberty suited to the souls in your care,” a responsibility that is shared with “writers, producers, artists, publishers, filmmakers and bloggers employing all the means of communications.”

In addition to the “fortnight for freedom” the bishops designated the feast of Christ the King — Nov. 25 this year — as “a day specifically employed by bishops and priests to preach about religious liberty, both here and abroad.”

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades is a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

Editor’s Note: The full text of “Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty” is available at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/
Cuban-born priest renowned for ministry in US declared venerable

NEW YORK (CNS) — The Vatican has declared as venerable Father Felix Varela, a 19th-century Cuban priest who worked in New York for many years and also lived in Florida.

Both the New York and Miami archdioceses, where there are many proponents of Father Varela’s sainthood cause, announced the declaration Easter Sunday, April 8.

It recognizes the priest lived heroic Christian virtues and is the first official step on the priest’s path to sainthood.

The second step is beatification, and the third is sainthood.

In general, each of those steps needs a miracle to be accepted by the Church as having occurred through the intercession of the prospective saint.

During Pope Benedict XVI’s March 26-28 visit to Cuba, he praised Father Varela as “a shining example” of the contributions a person of faith can make in building a more just society,” noted Miami Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski in a press release posted by the archdiocese. “Varela in his own words reminds us that ‘there is no authentic fatherland without virtue.’”

The March 14 decree from the Congregation for Saints’ Causes declaring Father Varela venerable cited the priest’s own words at the time was a Spanish possession.

Cuban independence: “I want to be a soldier of Christ. My purpose is not to kill enemies, but to save souls.”

Father Varela, who died in exile in the United States in 1853, is not only a model of holiness for Cuban Catholics; both the communist government and its opponents invoked him as an inspiration for their actions.

One measure of his lasting impact on Cuba is that the day the declaration was issued by the Vatican, The Washington Post featured a story about a recent program at a former seminary that now houses the Father Felix Varela Cultural Center in Havana.

The Post described “a hall packed with professors, dissidents, clergy, bloggers, leftists, diplomats. The subject matter once unthinkable.”

The event was a talk featuring Miami millionaire Carlos Saladrigas, a Cuban exile who has gone from being a hard-liner on Cuban isolation to encouraging dialogue, the Post reported.

In a recent interview with Catholic News Service, the Varela Center’s cultural director, Gustavo Andujar, described such programs at the former seminary as a fitting tribute to the center’s namesake because he was part of early discussions of Cuban independence.

When Blessed John Paul II visited Cuba in 1998, then-President Fidel Castro gave the pope a biography of Father Varela as a gift.

The year the pope visited, a member of the Christian Liberation Movement began a movement that became known as the Varela Project, an effort aimed at promoting democratic reforms, including greater freedom of speech and of the press, free elections, religious freedom, the ability to begin private businesses and the release of political prisoners.

Cuba’s communist government cracked down on dissidents in 2003, arresting dozens of the people involved in the Varela Project. The wives and mothers of those arrested then formed the “Damas de Blanco,” or Ladies in White, a group of women who, dressed in white, attend Mass together on Sundays in the Church of St. Rita of Cascia in Havana and then march through the nearby streets.

The last of their relatives were released in 2011, but the women say they continue to experience surveillance and harassment and they want to draw attention to the plight of other political prisoners.

Honored as a patriot and intellectual by many Cubans, Father Varela’s remains were transferred to Havana in 1911 and placed in the main hall of the University of Havana.

Born in Havana in 1788 and ordained at age 23, Father Varela was an outspoken supporter of Cuban independence. His opposition to the Spanish monarchy led to his exile.

He went to the United States where he served as a priest in New York and became vicar general of what was then a diocese. He founded Transfiguration Church in what is now Manhattan’s Chinatown. And, although other Cuban exiles — most of whom were well-off — lived in New York at the time, Father Varela is known for his devoted pastoral care of the city’s poorest residents, many of whom were Irish immigrants.

The priest became ill and moved to St. Augustine, Fla. He was familiar with the area because he had spent time there as a child with his grandfather, who had been a fort commander in what at the time was a Spanish possession.

He died in Florida.

Outside Church circles, Cubans honor Father Varela as a patriot and intellectual. The Cuban bishops opened his sainthood cause in the 1980s.

Contributing to this story were Cindy Wooden in Rome and Patricia Zapor in Washington.
BOSTON (CNS) — When the repudiation of a student, teacher or school can be brought down by a YouTube posting, blog or anonymous email, educators need to be “more vigilant than ever.” That was the advice for hundreds of participants attending an April 12 workshop during the annual National Catholic Educational Association convention in Boston. More than 10,000 educators attended the April 11-13 convention filled with workshops focusing on professional and spiritual development and the challenges faced by Catholic schools and religious education programs in today’s modern world. During the convention, several workshops focused on the use of technology and the problem of online bullying. Sister Mary Angela Shaughnessy, a Sister of Charity of Nazareth, Ky., and executive director of the Education Law Institute in Louisville, Ky., told Catholic school teachers and administrators that they cannot ignore what students are doing online. She said she asked often by school leaders: “Can’t we just say it’s not our problem?” since Facebook postings, for example, are not school-related activities. Her response is point-blank: “No.” When students depart their school, teachers or other students online, it becomes a school-related issue that needs a response, she said. “Don’t give that up. Deal with the problem of cyberbullying,” which she described as the top issue she gets questions about. Sister Shaughnessy defined cyberbullying as “willful and repeated harm through computers, cellphones and other electronic devices done by someone under the age of 18 that could fall under felony charges for adults who take such actions.

Virginia Catholics hail law that protects conscience in adoption

RICHMOND, Va. (CNS) — Virginia Catholics hailed the signing of a law that protects faith-based organizations from being forced to violate their religious tenets when placing children for adoption or foster care. It also protects agencies from being punished for following those tenets. Virginia became the second state in the nation to enact such a law. North Dakota was the first. Gov. Bob McDonnell, himself a Catholic, signed the bill into law April 9. The bill was introduced as a response to debate last year as Virginia’s Board of Social Services weighed regulations that would have forced agencies to disregard such factors as sexual orientation and family status when making child placements. The board ultimately rejected the regulations, and instead adopted rules that affirmed the agencies’ freedom of conscience. But the Virginia Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the state’s dioceses of Richmond and Arlington, sought the law to head off potential future conflicts. In 2011, Virginia’s three Catholic Charities agencies placed 137 children up for adoption, and provided 307 foster care placements for children. “Private, religious-based adoption agencies are a major asset to our communities as they work diligently to find loving, caring, stable homes for children in need of care,” said McDonnell in an April 11 statement. “This legislation will help ensure that those adoption agencies remain active in finding homes for these children, without being mandated by government to violate the tenets of their deeply held religious beliefs in the process,” the governor added. “This is a bill that reaffirms religious liberty and freedom of choice, a hallmark of this great nation.”

Seattle prelate says parishes can help gather signatures for referendum

SEATTLE (CNS) — Now that the Easter triduum has passed, parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle are free to participate in gathering signatures for a referendum challenging a Washington state law that legalized same-sex marriage. Seattle Archbishop J. Peter Sartain, who testified against the measure when it was still under consideration by the Legislature, had asked parishes not to collect signatures on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. The archbishop sent a letter to parishes March 30 clarifying his opposition to changing the legal definition of marriage and his approval of signature gathering in parishes for Referendum 74, which gives voters the option to reject the measure passed in February by the state Legislature and signed by Gov. Chris Gregoire, a Catholic. Opponents of legalizing same-sex marriage have until June 6 to gather 121,577 signatures to suspend the law until the public makes a decision about it on Election Day in November. Otherwise the law takes effect June 7. While voters in five states will decide the fate of ballot measures dealing with marriage in 2012, Washington is one of only two states where a public vote will determine whether same-sex marriage is legalized. The other state is Maryland, where in February lawmakers passed a bill to legalize such marriages and in March it was signed by Gov. Martin O’Malley, who also is a Catholic. The Maryland law will go into effect in January 2013 unless voters reject it in November. To put a referendum to repeal it on the ballot, its opponents must gather nearly 56,000 signatures. New Work, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire and Washington, D.C., allow same-sex marriages. Along with Washington state, Illinois and Maryland, California also has a same-sex marriage law that has not taken effect because of legal challenges. Unless voters decide otherwise in the fall, Washington and Maryland would become the seventh and eighth states to legalize same-sex marriage.

Preventive strike on Iran is seen as lowering the bar on warning war

WASHINGTON (CNS) — While Iran’s secret nuclear program has raised serious questions about that country’s intentions, a military attack on Iranian nuclear facilities would not be justified under Catholic teaching in the eyes of the U.S. bishops and other Catholic leaders. Further, any attack on Iran by Israel or the U.S. would greatly destabilize an already volatile Middle East, setting the stage for retaliatory military strikes that would place innocent civilians at risk and serve little more than to lead to an expanded arms race in the region, several Catholic observers told Catholic News Service. The concern lies in what is seen as a preventive attack meant to stop Iran from furthering its nuclear program, which Iranian officials claim is for peaceful purposes. Such a preventive attack — as opposed to a pre-emptive strike meant to head off an imminent attack under just-war principles — also poses moral questions because Iran’s research is legal under international agreements and to date falls within the limits set by the Non-Proliferation Treaty regarding the development of nuclear weapons, the Catholic observers said. “The problem with preventive war is that it lowers the barrier to war too low,” explained Stephen Colecheci, director of the bishops’ Office of International Justice and Peace.

Bishop Roman, first Cuban emigre to become US bishop, dies at age 83

MIAMI (CNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Gregorio Aspin A. Roman of Miami, the first Cuban exile to be made a U.S. bishop, died April 11 at the age of 83. The Archdiocese of Miami reported that Bishop Roman suffered cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead at Our Lady of Charity Shrine, which he founded to honor the patroness of Cuba, and where he continued to spend much of his time. His funeral Mass was to be held at Mercy Hospital. After visitation and a wake at the same shrine April 12 and 13, his funeral Mass was to be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Mary April 14.
Volunteers needed for tornado disaster recovery

HENRYVILLE — In response to the March 2 tornadoes that swept through southern Indiana, Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is now planning for long-term recovery and seeks volunteer teams to help rebuild homes between April and August.

Currently it is estimated that up to 50 percent of homeowners are uninsured or underinsured and will need cash assistance and volunteer labor to rebuild their property. While it has been declared a disaster zone by FEMA with FEMA’s cash assistance available to homeowners, it is often not enough. FEMA does not cover land and outbuildings.

Volunteers with experience in fence building, barn repairs and general construction are greatly needed. Volunteers to rebuild homes, including stripping and replacing drywall, replacing electrical wiring and plumbing (if qualified), painting, landscaping, installing kitchen cabinets, and helping with the variety of tasks needed to get homeowners back in their houses are also needed.

Groups of five or more with at least one trained adult, experienced in home repair for four untrained volunteers, ages 15 and older are needed. Team availability dates will await scheduling.

Lowes, Home Depot and Wal-Mart gift cards are also welcome in this recovery effort.

For more information or to register a team, contact Stefanie Anderson, disaster coordinator, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, at (317) 506-9668, email stefmanderson@archindy.org or visit www.archindy.org/c/disaster/.

Daniel Fitzpatrick to address Holy Cross College Class of 2012

NOTRE DAME — Daniel B. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Quality Dining, Inc., will be the featured speaker at the 45th commencement exercises of Holy Cross College, on Saturday, May 19, at 10 a.m.

Fitzpatrick uses his success in the business world to further his support of many causes close to his heart, not the least of which is Catholic education across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. His organization’s involvement and support through the You Can Lend A Hand program and his leadership of the Annual Bishop’s Appeal program have been central to his community service.

Jarred Sawyer, a 2008 graduate of Holy Cross College, will be the featured alumni speaker. An honors graduate of Holy Cross College, Sawyer earned a bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies, with a double concentration in history and American literature. Sawyer graduated from the Louis Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville, in 2011, and now works for Citigroup in Washington, D.C., where he is vice president, legislative analyst for the company.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Vincent Scout Trog Troop Largest in Parish History

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Boy Scouts in Fort Wayne have announced the largest group ever in its 51-year history, with 30 new Boy Scouts crossing over from Cub Scouts into Troop 2. A Court of Honor was held on March 20 when Msgr. John Kuzmich, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, welcomed the boys into Troop 2. Since March 6, the boys have earned the Scout rank, camped, worked the fish fry and earned rock climbing and skating merit badges. In the next year, many of the boys will earn the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. Dan Thuber has been the Scoutmaster of Troop 2 since 2006 and Tony Wagner has been assistant scoutmaster of the new boys joining Troop 2 since 1998.

Holy Cross College graduation ceremony will take place in the Pfle Jenner’s McKenna Area, on the campus of Holy Cross. Friends and family members of Holy Cross graduates are welcome to attend. A reception will immediately follow.

USF seeking scholarship recipients through Talent Day

ELKHART — St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Elkhart will host a concert, Celebration and Song: A Benefit for St. Vincent de Paul School and Church, on Friday, May 18.

The festivities will begin with a concert of classical music. Father Vigny Bellerive, an accomplished violinist and opera singer, is the featured soloist. Kevin Vaughn, St. Vincent’s director of music, and Father Bob Lengerich, pastor of St. Dominic Parish in Bremen, a Concord High School graduate and son of the parish, will also share their musical talents.

The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the church, followed by a reception and silent auction in the Mother Teresa Center. The concert is free.

The cost for tickets to the reception is $25 per person. Tickets give guests the opportunity to receive silent auction items.

Awards scholarships are renewable for eight semesters, if the required grade point average is met, and can be added to any academic scholarships or need-based grants a student might also receive.

Appointments are required. To reserve a time or receive further information, contact the School of Creative Arts at (260) 399-7700, ext. 8001.

Huntington Right to Life holds carnival sale

HUNTINGTON — Huntington County Right to Life will hold its 34th annual Mother’s Day Carnation Sale on May 11-13.

Long-stemmed carnations, corsages and wedding bouquets will be sold Friday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the RTL office, 103 E. Washington St., and on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the RTL office, 375 E. Peabody Ave.触摸 Bear, Edward Jones Huntington Plaza, Family Dollar, Walgreens, Subway, North Store and Walmart.

Long-stemmed carnations and corsages will also be sold at the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Joseph, Rounseke, St. Mary and St. Peter and Paul churches.

Carnations will be available on Friday, May 11, for children at Huntington Catholic Middle Building and Huntington Catholic Primary Building.

Prices are $1 each for long-stemmed carnations, $2 and up for corsages and vases start at $3. Corsages, vases and large quantities may be ordered in advance by calling the RTL office at (260) 356-5933. Office hours are 2:30-6 p.m., closed Wednesdays. All proceeds will benefit pro-life efforts in the county.

Women’s Care Center beneficiary of 1,150-mile bike ride

SOUTH BEND — Ten young women will bike from New Orleans to Chicago on this year’s Biking for Babies ride, from May 21-29, to raise money for women in crisis pregnancies.

This is the fourth year for the ride, founded by Jimmy Becker, 25, and Mike Schaefer, 23, who met while attending the University of Illinois.

The bikers will stay with host parishes and families along the way, while giving talks on the dignity of life and the tragedy of abortion.

“The year we were born, over 1.5 million babies were killed by abortion alone. How many of those could have been our classmates? Our teammates? Our friends?” said Becker. “We’re riding for the 1.5 million who aren’t here to ride with us.”

The original Biking for Babies ride stretched 600 miles from Carbondale, Ill., to Chicago, over their spring break, which raised over $13,000. Becker and Schaefer hope to increase this fundraising each year and hope to reach a goal of $40,000 in this year’s ride.

One of this year’s beneficiaries is the Women’s Care Center Foundation in South Bend, which offers pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, plus childbirth and newborn care classes and more. The Women’s Care Center Foundation has three locations in South Bend and serves 19 total in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio.

For more information on the ride, the riders and how to donate visit www.bikingforbabies.com and on Facebook at “Biking For Babies.”

Human trafficking survivor to speak at Saint Mary’s College

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross will welcome to campus Theresa Flores, a former victim of sex trafficking. Flores, who has been a licensed social worker for 20 years, will provide a general overview of both sex and labor trafficking, share her personal story, and offer suggestions for how students can implement an effective abolitionist movement on campus. The college’s Justice Education Program and Congregation’s Justice Office coordinated the event, with support from social work students.

The free public lecture, this year’s Social Work Community Forum, will take place at noon on Friday, April 20, in the Vander Veer Theatre on the ground level of the Student Center (campus map at www.saintmarys.edu/campusmap). Flores also will speak to the Sisters of the Holy Cross on Thursday, April 19.

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Victim’s Assistance Ministry offers hope and healing

By Kay Cozad

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his year marks the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People” by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). With April designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, in cooperation with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has worked diligently to address the need for the protection and safety of children and vulnerable adults in the wake of the decades-old clergy abuse scandal that has been brought to light in the Catholic Church.

To that end a special ministry was established to provide a safe venue in which victims of clergy abuse may find their voice. The Victim’s Assistance Ministry is a collaborative team effort involving Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Msgr. Robert Schulte, vicar general of the diocese, and Mary Glowaski, secretariat for Evangelization and Special Ministries and victim’s assistant coordinator. As coordinator of the ministry Glowaski fields not only phone calls and emails, but walk- in victims who seek a safe place to tell their story.

“It’s a complicated ministry in that I am an agent of the Church, but I really become their voice,” says Glowaski.

Many of the victims of abuse, some from 30 to 40 years ago, have been so traumatized that they have fallen victim yet again, this time to addictions, broken marriages and abusive behavior. And those wounds not only affect the victims and their families but the whole Church. Though most served by this ministry live out of state now, Glowaski believes that victim’s assistance can bring hope and healing.

“It is an awful thing. But I believe in those moments when we work with someone personally or by email that’s where healing can happen,” she says, adding, “The ministry is about humility and listening and having them tell us what they need to continue to seek healing after such a traumatic betrayal.”

Glowaski reports that Bishop Rhoades, who has been adamant about the importance of this ministry, is extremely responsive to any request to meet with a victim. “Bishop Rhoades has Jesus’ love and so humble,” she says, adding that many times the person brings deep anger or bitterness to the meeting with an expectation that they will be received with great humility and grace, that the healing begins. This quiet ministry has taken a proactive approach to offering support for these victims by communicating that the diocese wants to hear from anyone who was abused by clergy or Church leaders by placing victim’s assistance information in parish bulletins and the diocesan newspaper. The ministry has recently served several who have called with painful stories of abuse in response to the Catholics Come Home Campaign promoting the return to the faith for non-practicing Catholics.

Additionally, Glowaski says that it is not uncommon to receive a call from a family member of a victim who is interested in knowing what will transpire if the victim would call. Many times elderly parents of victims contact the victim assistance coordinator in an attempt to garner some healing for their adult child before they themselves die.

The difficulty lies not in the contact process though, says Glowaski, but rather with the “people in the pews.” “They want it to be over and move on. They don’t understand that we initially had heavy reporting of the abuse scandal and have since moved at glacial speed. Some victims call for months or years without ever giving their names,” she reports.

Contact with each victim varies according to his or her need. Some work intensely for a time and then drift away. Others are in contact every month.

“It’s about relationship,” says Glowaski. “They have to define the terms. It’s not about me, it’s about them and God.”

Many of those the ministry serves have remained faithful to the doctrine of the faith though unable to attend Mass or revisit the parish in which they were abused. Many report they recite the rosary daily, attend Eucharistic Adoration on a regular basis and even watch the TV Mass.

The goal of the Victim’s Assistance Ministry is not necessarily to bring them back to the Church but to help them find ways to restore and deepen their relationship with God. It takes courage to seek assistance and healing from the very institution in which the abuse occurred, notes Glowaski. But “somehow the church is moving toward God,” she says, “And He is so profoundly present in them. They have taught me what it means to be faithful.”

The work of assisting victims of abuse is one of hope, says Glowaski, who “walks with each person who has made the claim, and supports them.”

“We need to stand in hope that healing can and does happen,” she says.

REACHING OUT
Evangelization for the Arise Parish Team: This workshop develops a Catholic understanding of evangelization and provides effective approaches for maximum parish participation.

Here is the schedule for Reaching Out:
Evangelization Training for the Arise Parish Team which will cover invitational strategies, organization of small communities, publicity, marketing and web use.

ENGLISH
Little Flower, South Bend: Tues., April 24 • 6-8 pm
Knights/Columbus Hall, Warsaw: Wed., April 25 • 6-8 pm
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Ft. Wayne: Thurs., April 26 • 6-8 pm
SPANISH
St. Joseph, Fort Wayne: Thurs., May 3 • 6:30-8:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Warsaw: Fri., May 4 • 6:00-9 pm
Our Lady of Hungary, South Bend Sat., May 5 • 10 am - 12:30 pm
St. John the Evangelist, Goshen: Sun., May 6 • 2:30-5:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart: Sun., May 6 • 6:30 • 9:00 pm

Parish Teams can register for the session of their choosing at www.diocesefwsb.org/register For more information, contact Natalie Kohman, Director of the Office of Evangelization at 260-399-1437 or nkohman@diocesefwsb.org
Nearly all US dioceses’ abuse policies found to comply with charter

BY NANCY FRAZIER O’BRIEN

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Ten years after passing their “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People,” the heads of nearly all U.S. dioceses are in full compliance with the 17-point document, according to recently completed audits.

Two dioceses — Baker, Ore., and Lincoln, Neb. — and six Eastern Catholic eparchies refused to participate in the audits, as they had in past years, and were found to be noncompliant.

In dioceses where the audits took place, however, only one diocese was found in noncompliance with one article of the charter. The Diocese of Shreveport, La., was found to be noncompliant because its diocesan review board had not met in two years.

The diocese had not “experienced any charter-related violations in at least four years,” and the board was immediately convened when the diocese was notified of the gap, according to the report from StoneBridge Business Partners of Rochester, N.Y. StoneBridge conducted the audits for the first time in the year ending June 30, 2011. Earlier audits had been carried out by the Gavin Group of Boston.

The 2011 annual report on implementation of the charter was published April 10 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. “As we were introduced to the various dioceses/eparchies around the country this year,” and the board was impressed by the dedication of the safe environment coordinators and other diocesan and eparchial representatives who oversee the implementation of the charter on a daily basis,” said James J. Marasco, director of StoneBridge Business Partners, in a letter submitted with the audit report.

“It is our hope that with our help, the Catholic Church in the United States may continue to restore the

attending Catholic schools or parish religious education programs. More than 62,000 children, or about 1.2 percent of the total, were excused from safe environment training at the request of their parents.

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Holy Cross celebrates 175 years of making God known, loved and served

NOTRE DAME — For 175 years, the Congregation of Holy Cross has with missionary zeal met the spiritual and educational needs of people suffering from the upheavals of the French Revolution, the Catholic pioneers of the newly formed United States of America, and the field hands and factory workers of the Peruvian sugar farms.

On March 1, 2012, the United States Province of Priests and Brothers, joined Holy Cross’ 17 other provinces, vicariates and districts around the world in joyfully celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

“Our mission of making God known, loved and served in our education, parish and mission settings is the same today as the day we were founded,” said Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson, provincial superior of the U.S. Province. “Serving God’s people in the 21st century, and beyond, means as ‘men with hope to bring’ that we remain committed to vowed religious to giving witness to God’s mission, forming His citizens and building His Kingdom.”

The Congregation was formed when Holy Cross Father Basil Moreau joined his auxiliary priests with the Brothers of St. Joseph, founded by Father Jacques Dujarie. The signing of the Fundamental Act on March 1, 1837, formed a single association of priests and brothers to minister and rebuild the schools destroyed by the French Revolution.

Father Moreau named his new group “Congregatio a Sancta Cruce” (C.S.C.), which literally means “Congregation of Holy Cross” named for Sainte-Croix, the small French town outside Le Mans, France. Later, he would add a group of sisters, the Marianites of Holy Cross. The model for Moreau’s new family was the Holy Family. A religious community comprised of priests, brothers and sisters was a revolutionary concept at the time. He called on his new community to find hope in the cross of self-emptying love, to stand by others as the Mother of Sorrows stood by her son dying on the Cross, and to work together zealously as educators in faith. Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, was established as the special patroness for the entire congregation.

Following the apostolic model and while his community was still young, Moreau sent missions to Algeria, Canada and Eastern Bengal to spread the Gospel. He also sent seven young men — six brothers and Holy Cross Father Edward Sorin — to the United States, where in 1842, they founded the University of Notre Dame in northern Indiana, along with area parishes.

This dedication to mission led to Pope Pius IX officially recognizing Moreau’s community as a religious congregation in 1857. However as part of its approval, the Holy See required that the Marianites become their own independent congregation. Today there are three groups of sisters — the Marianites of Holy Cross, the Sisters of Holy Cross, and the Sisters of the Holy Cross — who all trace their spiritual heritage and tradition back to Father Moreau.

Father Moreau died at the age of 73 on Jan. 20, 1873 in Le Mans, and is buried at the home of the Congregation’s Mother Church. On Sept. 15, 2007, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Father Moreau making him Blessed Basil Moreau.

Today 175 years later, the priests and brothers of Holy Cross continue to make Blessed Moreau’s vision a reality serving God’s people with zeal in their education, parish and mission settings around the world teaching by example, living side by side with those they serve in order to show how the Cross can be borne as a gift, “Ave Crux, Spes Unica” (“Hail the Cross our Only Hope!”).
HOW CAN I POSSIBLY AFFORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

Understanding Tax Credit Scholarships and Indiana School Vouchers

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 $300 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 your 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
## FORT WAYNE

- **Most Precious Blood School**  
  (260) 424-4832  
  1529 Bar Urbld Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46808  
  Principal: Alexandria Bergman  
  240 students / grades K-8  
  Web site: www.mostpreciousblood.org

- **St. Matthew School**  
  (574) 289-4535  
  1605 E. Dayton St., South Bend, IN 46613  
  Principal: Susan Clark  
  320 students / grades K-8  
  Web site: www.stmatthewcathedral.org

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

- **St. Charles Borromeo School**  
  (260) 484-3392  
  4910 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815-5019  
  Principal: Robert Sordelet  
  4910 Trier Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46815-5019  
  Principal: Lois Widner

- **St. Joseph School-Hessen Cassel**  
  (260) 639-3580  
  11521 U.S. HWY 27 S, Fort Wayne, IN 46816  
  Principal: Charles Grimm

- **St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School**  
  (260) 432-4000  
  2211 Brooklyn Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
  Principal: Louise Schuttheis  
  128 students / grades pre-K-8  
  Web site: www.stjosefhsfs.org

- **St. Jude School**  
  (260) 484-4611  
  2170 E. Wallen Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
  Principal: Sandra Guffey  
  Assistant Principal: Beth Kleber  
  770 students / grades K-8  
  Web site: www.stjudecenter.org/school

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

- **St. Vincent de Paul School**  
  (260) 489-3537  
  2170 E. Wallen Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825  
  Principal: Sandra Guffey  
  Assistant Principal: Beth Kleber  
  770 students / grades K-8  
  Web site: www.saintv.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

## 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 pre-K-8  
  Web site: www avalia.org/stmaryschool.html

### DECATUR
- **St. Joseph School**  
  127 N. Fourth St., Decatur, IN 46733  
  Principal: Karla J. Horman  
  346 students / grades pre-K-8  
  Web site: www.sjdefordecatur.org

### ELKHART
- **St. Thomas the Apostle School**  
  1331 N. Main St., Elkhart, IN 46514  
  Principal: Christopher Kokakovich  
  372 students / grades K-8  
  Web site: www.stthomaselkhart.org

### GOSHEN
- **St. John the Evangelist School**  
  117 W. Monroe St., Goshen, IN 46526  
  Principal: Amy Weidner  
  154 students / grades pre-K-5  
  Web site: www.stjohncatholic.com

### GRANGER
- **St. Pius X School**  
  52553 Fir Rd., Granger, IN 46530  
  Principal: Elaine Holmes  
  630 students / grades pre-K-8  
  Web site: www.stpius.net

### HUNTINGTON
- **Huntington Catholic School**  
  960 Warren St., Huntington, IN 46750  
  Principal: Jason Woolard  
  Primary Grades Campus: 850 Cherry St.  
  Middle Grades Campus: 960 Warren St.  
  187 students / grades pre-K-8  
  Web site: www.huntingtoncatholic.org

### MISHAWAKA
- **St. Joseph Catholic School**  
  524 W. Bt St., Mishawaka, IN 46544  
  Web site: www.stjosephgarrett.com

### MISHAWAKA Catholic School
- **St. Joseph Catholic School**  
  Principal: Vikki Wojcik  
  223 West Grove St., Mishawaka, IN 46545  
  Web site: www.stselkhart.com  
  372 students / grades K-8  
  1331 N. Main St., Elkhart, IN 46514  
  Principal: Tom Gropp  
  135 students / grades pre-K-6  
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  Web site: www.stpius.net
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 preK-8
Web site: www.stjohnraiders.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.stbcatholic.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-warso.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.saintaloysiusyoder.info/school

HIGH SCHOOLS

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 Keeler
Assistant Principal: Tiffany Albertson
36 Lay Instructors
546 students
Web site: www.bisholpluers.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 Kruger
44 Full-time Lay Instructors / 6 Part-time Lay Instructors
705 students
Web site: www.marianhs.org

School Locations within the diocese

City with 2 or more Schools
City or town with School
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 at a Catholic school after having attended a public school kindergarten.

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)

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

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
Connie Bruner: 260-422-4611 Ext. 3351
Mishawaka: 574-255-1387
Fort Wayne diocesan teams welcome spring season

BY MICHELLE CASTILEMAN

FORT WAYNE — After unseasonably warm, 80-plus-degree days to kick off the spring season, Fort Wayne area athletes are more than ready for their 2012 debuts on the courts, links, fields and tracks. Bishop Luers and Bishop Dwenger will continue their domination in their Summit Athletic Conference (SAC) pushing for new records and lengthy post-season runs.

Bishop Luers

Tennis

The Bishop Luers girls' tennis team is returning senior captain Samantha Rahrig at No. 1 singles position. Rahrig made it all the way to semi-state in 2011, finished with a 20-3 record, was first-team all-conference, first-team regional and second-team state. “I believe she will have a great senior year and will continue to be a fantastic leader for our team,” explained Coach Brady McArdle. Just a sophomore, Natalie Rahrig is also back at No. 2 singles. “Natalie could have a break out year in 2012,” McArdle predicts.

Senior Christina Regan returns at No. 3 singles. McArdle continues, “Christina has worked hard on her game over the winter and should see solid results this year.”

All-conference selections Abby Oberley (co-captain) and Maddie Brown return as the top doubles team and are expected to have a solid year again while Courtney Witte returns at No. 2 doubles. Her partner Julia Hellingter was unable to play this year, so junior Andrea Choka will step in to fill that position.

“All over, we are looking forward to a fun and exciting Bishop Luers tennis team this spring,” McArdle concludes.

Golf

Tom O'Brien's boys' golf team is expected to be much improved from a year ago thanks to hard work in the off-season. O'Brien explains, “Many of our team members spent long hours dedicating their summer to improving their golf game. I think Bishop Luers will surprise some people this season.”

A top medalist as a sophomore, Joe Leja returns for the Knights along with varsity players Parker Watts, Ben Mauch and John Fink and the team is also looking for big things from sophomore Joe Korjenek.

In his fourth season with the boys' team, O'Brien was just in the try-out stage of his pre-season at the time of the interview, but adds, “We have nine strong golfers, so depth will be a definite strength. We have a group of boys that love the game of golf and have the best work ethic I have seen by far.”

The father of the Indiana State Amateur Women’s Champion, Kristi O’Brien, O’Brien hopes to get his team out of the sectional this season.

Girls' track

Coach Erin Brady returns to coach the Bishop Luers Lady Knights’ track team this season listing 50 girls on the roster. Ten seniors will provide strong leadership and 17 freshmen will add new talent. The Knights had two early indoor meets to get them started and saw great performances while standing out. Chris Widner qualified for the Indiana State Finals during the indoor season throwing the shot put. Brady reports, “We are working on building our relay teams and home to watch some outstanding individual performances as well. The weather has cooperated and given the team some excellent opportunities to train on the track.”

Baseball

Bishop Luers will be led on the baseball field this season by seniors Zack Millard and Mason Coy. Millard with play either short or third and hit .277 last year for the Knights. Coy, who went 2-3 a year ago, will anchor a group of young pitchers for the Knights. The junior-dominated group which gained valuable experience last year includes: Tyler Green at first (254), Jeff Cardenas third (214), Cam Gallway catcher (250), Matt Williamson, Aaron Lamaster and David Hamel. They will be joined by sophomore Jack Schulteis at second base.

Coy, Williamson and Cardenas all saw time on the mound last year. Newcomers expected to help out will be Adam Reust, Dylan Call and Austyn Rybicki.

Coach Gary Rogers returns hoping to get his team back on a winning track after three losing seasons following the 2008 Class 2-A state championship.

“The outlook for the future is bright and most of the players returning this year have a year of varsity experience under their belts which we are hoping turns into more wins for us this year. Our pitchers will need to keep us in the games and we will have to find ways to score runs. Our goals are always the same, win 20 games or more and win a state title,” Rogers summarizes.

Lacrosse

Third-ranked Concord High School graduate and former Indiana Tech lacrosse player Sam Ponn has been named the new head coach at Bishop Luers. He has a senior laden roster with 11. The Knights got off to an impressive 4-0 start before spring break, already improved from last year’s 3-9 finish. Ponn feels confident with his experienced players and the good chemistry they have built, and says, “One of our main goals is to continue learning the fundamentals of the sport. We also hope to have a winning season and make it to the post-season playoffs.”

Bishop Luers, who plays their home matches at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel will be led in 2012 by two of their “top-10” ranked seniors: midfielder Brian Nichter (eight goals, 18 assists) and Jake Golden (14 goals, seven assists).

Softball

Also making their home diamond at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel is the Knights’ softball team under the direction of Jeff Doll in his 14th season at Bishop Luers (12 years as head coach).

Bishop Luers lists 18 on their roster, but just two seniors. Kayla Girod and Morgan Eckert will serve as leaders and captains. Also returning is the talented pitching and catching duo of sophomore Darby McFann and junior Julia Hayes.

Although they are a young team with nine freshmen and the outfield lines up all new faces, Doll explains, “We have a tough defensive team and strong infielders.” The Knights hope to improve on a fourth-place conference finish a year ago and have two simple goals for the season: win the SAC and get to state.

Track

Jason Draper is back this spring for his 13th season to coach both the girls’ and boys’ track team at Bishop Luers. The Lady Knights list senior Kori Current and juniors Robin Schaefer and Keirsten Baukamp as the top returnees, while freshman Corinne Zay, Audrey Deiser, Amanda Rectorus and Elmina Miles will be young newcomers to watch.

For the guys, seniors Matt Rupricht and Corey Letters, juniors Luke Martinez, Sean McManus and Nick Detzer, along with sophomore Isaac Case will lead the way for Bishop Luers.

According to Draper, first time arrivals to keep an eye on will be Charles Gaston, Matt Harris and Josh Ware.

Bishop Dwenger

Boys’ track

The boys’ track outlook at Bishop Dwenger is very positive with a full slate of returning letterman and large group of newcomers. Distance specialist and University of Dayton recruit Andrew Eckrich will lead the pack, while Luke Miller, James Myers and Luke Offerle were also regional qualifiers a year ago. Bryan Tippmann and Josh Bessen are back in the throws with Bobby Jauch, Keenan Schon and Chris McGraw paving the way for the sprinters.

With 36 years under his belt, veteran Coach Herb Widner predicts, “Jauch is outstanding and has a good chance to make it to the state finals.”

In early action, Jared Shipper placed sixth in the pole vault at the 2012 state indoor meet. In 2011, the Saints finished fifth at sectional, eighth at regional and were 33rd at the state meet.

As for the goals for this season, Widner reports, “We hope to stay healthy, have fun and do well on both the North Side and New Haven relays. We want to win the SAC and qualify as many as possible from sectional to regional and state.”

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Golf

According to Coach Dave Scudder, Bishop Dwenger has an all-star lineup up to hit the course for 2012 after a 11-2 finish a year ago. 2011 first team all-conference selection golfers, senior Carter Eifert (39.1), junior Casey Cooney (40.3) and sophomore, Jake Leonard (39.1) and Drake Eifert (40.1) will lead the way for the Saints. Adding to the mix this season will be newcomers Michael Filler, Spencer Gillig and John Hope.

Baseball

The Saints baseball team returns their leading hitter in Chase Kahlenbeck (379) this season as well as senior teammates Sean Herberger (.288) catcher, Brett Lochbühler (.279) outfield and Jon Harrison, pitcher. Herberger and Kahlenbeck will serve as captains for Bishop Dwenger and welcome newcomers T.J. Gabet (12), Paul Geha (11) and Luke Palmer (10).

Coach John Tone lists winning the conference and winning sectionals as his team’s goals for 2012. He is counting on a strong batting lineup and solid outfield to make that happen.

Tennis

Under the direction of first year coach, Jeremy Patterson, the Bishop Dwenger girls’ tennis team is full of experienced players. Leading the way will be seven seniors and four returning varsity players. “We have a solid group of underclassmen that are pushing all of thereturning players to improve. We are a hard working team that wants to improve on last years’ season,” says Patterson.

Softball

“We may take some time to blend as we have new pitchers plus some of the girls are moving to a different position than they may have played last year (P, C, 1B, SS, LF),” Coach Dave Moyer admits, but with seven experienced varsity players back, the Saints have high hopes to win another conference title and make a run in the 2012 post-season.

 Ranked No. 1 all year in Class 3-A, Bishop Dwenger finished 23-3 last season.

In his ninth year as varsity softball coach, Moyer reports juniors, Julie Bazur, Erica Miller and Kelsey Richard will captain his squad as he lists no seniors on the Saints’ roster. Sara Spalding also returns for her third varsity season along with sophomore Demetra Burns, Allie Dennie and Jordan Schneider. Finally, Moyer points out that Sierra Fisher, Allie Irvine and Madi Snyder will be newcomers to watch.

The Saints hope to return to state competition and win in 2012 after getting beat out in the first round a year ago.

BY CHUCK FREEBY

SOUTH BEND — The final athletic season on North Michigan Street holds plenty of promise for the Saint Joseph’s High School Indians.

The spring of 2012 will be the last season conducted at the current school, before the new one opens in August. Indians’ teams are hoping to cap a legacy of excellence at their old school.

Girls’ tennis

In each of the last three years, the Indians have reached the state quarterfinals. Head coach Bill Mountford jokes of the 2012 campaign “this will be the year I find out if I like to coach.”

With five starters departed due to graduation, the Indians build their team around seniors Darby Mountford and Alaina Roberts. “They are our co-captains,” notes Coach Mountford. “They have incredible experience and they provide leadership. Because of them, I think we’ll still be pretty good.”

Sophomore Syd Corrigan, Haley Powers, Maddie Minaudo and Amanda Hastings will all be battling for spots. “We’re still sorting out the lineup, so right now our expectations are a lot more modest,” admits Mountford.

Girls’ track

Mike McCarthy guided his team to the best year in school history last season. He says that status may not last 12 months. “I’m very excited,” exults McCarthy. “We have a number of girls that are three-year state finalists. We have at least three girls that are Division I prospects. I really like what we have across the board in all 16 events. I think we have a better team for sectionals and regionals than we have ever had before. I think we can stockpile a lot of points.”

Senior Mikayla Chamble returns as the second ranked hur- dler in Indiana in the 300-meter low hurdles. Classmate Morgan Carroll anchors the sprint crew in the 100-, 200- and 400-meters. Fellow senior Michelle Potter is a versatile talent who can handle the middle distances.

“We just want to start the outdoor season well,” notes McCarthy. “We had a strong indoor season. We need to put the puzzle together and then we can look at the team results to contend with Penn, Mishawaka and Adams.”

Boys’ track

McCarthy’s optimism carries over to the boys track squad as well.

“The No. 1 thing for us is we have a great senior class,” notes the reigning Northern Indiana Conference Coach of the Year. “It is by far the strongest and most balanced senior class we’ve had. We have an excellent thrower. We have one of the best distance crews in the state of Indiana, and...
we have a very good 200 and 400 group as well.”

Senior distance runners Josh O’Brien and Connor Method already are part of the school record distance medley relay team and they give the Indians a potent 1-2 combo in the distance races. “We look at the season in three phases … indoor, city and the state tournament,” declares McCarthy. “We finished as state runner-up indoor. I’m very happy with performances and times. We’d like to regain the city title. Riley took it from us last year and they’d like it back. We’ve had six titles in eight years. Then we get ready for sectionals.”

**Baseball**

John Gumpf’s team has sprinted off to a 7-0 start this season, winning six of those by nine runs or more. The Indians know a challenging Northern Indiana Conference season awaits them. “We’re very excited,” says Gumpf. “We have a lot of juniors and seniors with a lot of confidence. The NIC is very strong with Elkhart Central, Marian and Penn. We have to show up for our own things, and we’ll all be right.”

The Indians are very strong up the middle. Both shortstop Evan Witsken and second baseman Brad Hartman are seniors who could play Division I at the college level. Junior catcher Neal VanTornhout gives the Tribe a threat from the left side of the plate. “Our pitching rotation is solid,” exudes Gumpf. “Nick Carmola, Jake Stetter and Connor Brown give us three solid dependable arms.”

**Softball**

The goals never change for veteran coach Earl Keith. “We always want to win the NIC and sectional,” notes Keith. “I expect we can be a strong squad by tournament time.”

Three-time all-conference selection Emily McCollister-Purlee and two-time all-NIC pick Annmarie Lindzy spearhead the attack. Alyssa Bylicka and Christina Gillis help give the Indians a solid infield. “We have a lot of experience, however we have players who are now starters that need more game experience to mesh together,” admits Keith.

**Boys’ golf**

Saint Joseph’s golf coach Ron Wilcoxson sees a lot of opportunities for his team in 2012. “The ultimate goal is to go to state, but realistically we’d like to make a good showing at regionals,” comments Wilcoxson.

Senior A.J. Frank drops the hockey stick to pick up the golf club and lead the way with seniors Jason Rink and John Dean battling for the No. 2 slot. Now the key is to build depth. “We have a lot of strong potential from our players coming up from JV,” says the optimistic coach. “We’re going to be a really competitive team.”

**Momentum to push Marian spring sports**

BY JOE KOZINSKI

MISHAWAKA — There is still a buzz around Marian High School as the boys’ basketball team made it to the semi-state for the first time in school history, and the Knights are hoping that momentum will push the spring sports into a couple of championship games.

“Riley was very blessed to have some of our most experienced players leading our spring teams,” commented Reggie Glon, athletic director. “I think Jim Kryder our golf coach and George Grenert our softball coach each have more than 20 years at the helm. That speaks volumes of their dedication and success.”

“Larry Daher is the father of our rugby program that is more than our high school, and Tim Prister is working on his ninth year as our head baseball program, continued Glon. “We have some nonconference in girls track with the spring of Devan Walsh, but he is new to Marian only as he brings with him more than 30 years of coaching at the Cincinnati Country Day Program.”

“Then we have experienced coaches in these positions it lets them focus on development and game competitiveness without the little administrative distractions that accompany newer staff members,” remarked Glon. “Our capital focus has been on the academic side of the house, as for the athletic facilities, our strength is.”

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**Rugby**

The banner of the Knights’ rugby team will not only include athletes from Marian but two other local schools — Mishawaka and Saint Joseph’s High School.

“We are one of the smaller schools competing in the highest level of competition in the state,” explained Coach Larry Daher. “Our kids don’t back down. We finished at 8-6 last season and hopefully we will be hitting on all cylinders by the end of the season.”

“Because this sport isn’t a traditional mainstream sport and there aren’t feeder teams, we need a lot of teaching every season,” Daher said. “Basketball players pick up the game’s spacing, football players crossover with the conditioning and tackling fundamentals, but the most important trait is the athlete’s ability to enjoy physical contact.

“This team has some tough and hard-nosed kids,” Daher continued. “That combination means that they can become good rugby players.”

“We have a senior dominated team with Tommy Stachowiak (USA National Team Pool), forward Michael McNamara and back line player Sheehan Probst leading the pack,” Daher said. “The team has fun to coach and a joy to be around, and that’s what really excites me about this team.”

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- Brooke Ridley, senior, forward
- Miracle Woods, senior, center
- Addie Reimbold, sophomore, forward, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne

**Gymnastics**
- Faith Miser, junior, all around, Most Precious Blood, Fort Wayne

**Boys’ basketball**
- James Blackmon, Jr., sophomore, guard
- Jaylon Smith, junior, forward
- Colin Stuerzenberger, senior, guard, St. Louis-Besancon, New Haven

**MARIAN**

**Girls’ swimming**
- Elle Veldman, senior, 50 free, 400 relay, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne
- Rachel Myers, senior, 500 free, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne
- Casey Baldus, junior, diving, St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne

**Boys’ basketball**
- Robert Mischler, senior, forward/guard, St. Anthony, South Bend
- Demetrius Jackson, junior, guard, St. Joseph, Mishawaka
- Kathleen Kavanagh, senior, guard, St. Bavo, Mishawaka

**Wrestling**
- Thomas Stachowiak, senior, 220 weight class, St. Joseph, Mishawaka
- Alexander Zielinski, senior, 145 weight class, Holy Family, South Bend
- Joseph Walter, junior, 170 weight class, St. Joseph, Mishawaka

**Girls’ basketball**
- Kaitlin Barnard, junior, post, St. Pius X, Granger

**Boys’ swimming**
- Stephen Rice, junior, diver, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Benjamin Gill, junior, 200 free and 500 free, St. Joseph, Mishawaka
- Christopher Schoen, junior, 100 backstroke, 200 individual medley, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend

**SAINT JOSEPH’S**

**Boys’ basketball**
- Conor Levey, senior, center, Holy Cross, South Bend

**Girls’ swimming**
- Margaret Pendergast, junior, 100 fly and 50 free, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Sarah Bueter, sophomore, 200 free and 500 free, St. Pius X, Granger
- Meghan Coon, sophomore, 400 free relay, Christ the King, Mishawaka

**Boys’ swimming**
- Margaret Lloyd, freshman, 400 free relay, St. Joseph, South Bend
- Sarah Brechenser, senior, 400 free relay, St. Joseph, South Bend

**Girls’ basketball**
- Nicole Przybyslawski, junior, guard, St. John the Baptist, South Bend
- Alex Knobloch, senior, 400 free relay
- Sarah Martin, senior, guard, St. Anthony, South Bend

**Girls’ swimming**
- Megan Knobloch, senior, 400 free relay
- Alex Kubsch, senior, forward, St. Anthony, South Bend
- Sarah Brechenser, senior, 400 free relay, St. Joseph, South Bend

**Boys’ swimming**
- Trevor Carroll, junior, 200 freestyle, St. Joseph, South Bend
- Chris Bals, sophomore, 100 breaststroke, Corpus Christi, South Bend
- Christian Harmon, junior, 100 breaststroke, St. Joseph, South Bend
Wrestling

Mark Rymisz, junior, 120 weight class, Christ the King, South Bend

Nolan Cassoday, junior, 145 weight class, Holy Family, South Bend

Jake Kazmierczak, junior, 182 weight class, Holy Family, South Bend

Mara Welch, freshman, medley relay, St. Charles, Fort Wayne

Sarah Coffee, junior, medley relay, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne

Erica Evans, freshman, medley relay, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne

Alex MacDonald, senior, 132 weight class, St. Vincent, Fort Wayne

Boys’ Swimming

Ethan Welch, senior, St. Charles, Fort Wayne

Andrew Ekrich, senior, St. Jude, Fort Wayne

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As a man grows older: Papal milestones prompt celebration, speculation

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI’s 85th birthday, April 16, and the seventh anniversary of his election, April 19, are obviously occasions for wishing the pope well and reflecting on the events of his reign thus far. Inevitably, however, these milestones also prompt speculation about what Vatican officials and observers refer to diplomatically as “papal transition.”

Pope Benedict, after all, is already the fifth oldest pope since the 1400s, when records became available. It has been almost two years since he told a German interviewer, “My forces are diminishing” and that, when it comes to public appearances, “I wonder whether I can make it even from a purely physical point of view.”

Last fall, the pope stopped walking in processions up the main aisle of St. Peter’s and started riding a mobile platform instead; in March, it was revealed that he sometimes walks with a cane. The pope’s schedule grew lighter last year, as he stopped meeting one-on-one with most visiting bishops. During this year’s Holy Week liturgies, television viewers around the world could see unmistakable signs of fatigue on the pontiff’s face.

While none of this suggests that the pope does not have years of life ahead of him, a number of commentators have asked in print, and many more have done so off the record, if he might be getting ready to step down. Pope Benedict himself has said that a pope might have an “obligation to resign” once he “is no longer physically, psychologically, and spiritually capable of handling the duties of his office.” Americans may be especially inclined toward such speculation at the moment, encouraged by last month’s release of the Italian movie “We Have a Pope,” in which a fictional pontiff flees from the demands of office.

As tempting as filmmakers and journalists might find so dramatic a scenario, the evidence for it is less persuasive when seen in proper context. Consider, for example, that the public first saw Pope Benedict walking with a cane as he was about to board a plane for a 14-hour flight to Mexico, the first stop on a six-day trip that also took him to Cuba. Less than 78 hours after returning from Havana to Rome, the presumably still-jeet-lagged pope was offering Palm Sunday Mass at St. Peter’s Square, the first celebration in his busiest week of the liturgical year.

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Continuing the mission of salvation

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3rd Sunday of Easter
Lk 24:35-48

The Acts of the Apostles again furnishes the first biblical reading. In this reading, Peter preaches to the crowds in Jerusalem.

Americans are very accustomed to preaching. They hear it on the radio. They hear it on television. It is a product of this country’s Protestant heritage. For that matter, it is an essential part of the Catholic tradition.

Preaching, however, at least in the biblical understanding, comes not with personal spontaneity but because of a divine commission. It is a personal duty, and it means authority. It is speaking in the very name of God, at the command of God. (Catholic deacons, priests and bishops speak for the Church, and the Church can limit the right of ordained ministers to preach for this reason.)

So, Peter stood before this Jerusalem crowd as the representatives of God. Most important, he spoke the very words that the Apostles spoke in the place of Jesus. He preached the Good News of Jesus. This reading makes two points.

First, it establishes the identity of Peter as an Apostle. Moreover, he is the chief of the Apostles, speaking on behalf of them all. Secondly, because of Peter and the other Apostles, the salvation given by Jesus still reaches humankind. They continue the Lord’s work.

The First Epistle of John provides the second reading. The epistle of John bears witness to the eloquence and splendid language. They are alike in the depth of their theology and revelation.

This reading proclaims the majesty of Jesus, the Savior, but it cautions that accepting Jesus as Lord is more than lip service. It is the actual living of the commandments, by which, and through which, humans realize the perfection, love and peace and life in God. St. John, the apostle source of the last reading, offers another Resurrection Narrative. It begins with the two disciples with whom Jesus had walked to Emmaus and who had recognized the Risen Lord in the “breaking of the bread.” The Apostles, to whom these disciples had come, were bewildered and unsure. They too were limited.

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Reflection

The Church continues to summon us to the joy of Easter celebration. He lives! As Paul said, that Resurrection is the bedrock of our belief.

The last reading, from St. Luke’s Gospel, quite bluntly presents us with a reality common to all human beings. All humans are subject to human limitations. All humans are subject to earthly existence. In the reading, the disciples who had walked with Jesus to Emmaus arrive. Limited, they had not recognized the Lord until the “breaking of the bread.” The Apostles, to whom these disciples had come, were bewildered and unsure. They too were limited.

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God is Love,’ a theological feast

Recently, I went back to school for three days. After all, the status of “emeritus” should afford some advantage. The Institute for Church Life at Notre Dame sponsored a convocation entitled, “God is Love: Explorations in the Theology of Benedict XVI.” Over three days, some of the finest Catholic theologians in the world presented different aspects of the teaching of Pope Benedict XVI. It was truly a theological feast and I was moved by the dedication of the presenter to the teaching of Josef Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI.

I first discovered the theological writings of Father Josef Ratzinger when he was a young theologian teaching at Tübingen and I was preparing a course on faith, which I gave over many years in the 1970s at Saint John’s Seminary in Brighton, Mass. I read a book entitled, “Introduction to Christianity,” which has become for many a kind of classic. It was a series of lectures he gave to university students. What struck me most was Father Ratzinger’s understanding of the difficulties modern man experiences in surrendering to a life of faith. His clarity about the gift of faith, its challenges and its strengths, was striking. Here is a thought-provoking reflection by this young priest-theologian:

“Just as the believer knows himself to be constantly threatened by unbelief, which he must experience as a continual temptation, so for the unbeliever, faith remains a temptation—a threat to his permanently closed world—in short, there is no escape from being a man.”

Pope Benedict said in a recent interview that Pope John Paul II liked this book and implied it should be published such an in-depth view of the teaching of Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict. It was truly a theological feast and I was moved by the dedication of the presenter to the teaching of Pope Benedict XVI.

Benedict XVI and non-Christian religions, especially Buddhism. Mary in the theology of Joseph Ratzinger. Papal Ecclesiology as understood by Pope Benedict. Culture and Conscience in the thought of Joseph Ratzinger. There was also a talk given by a professor of economics from Milan on Catholic Social Teaching as presented by the Holy Father in his recent encyclical “Caritas in Veritate” (“Unity in Truth”) and a moving address entitled, “Faith, Reason and Reconciliation, a Benedictine Politics for An Age of Upheaval.”

We heard a wonderful presentation on the pope’s teaching on the Eucharist. I recall as I listened Professor Larry Cunningham telling me at the time of Pope Benedict’s election that he believed Pope Benedict was the greatest theologian to sit on the Chair of Peter since Pope Gregory the Great.

The University of Notre Dame and its Institute for Church Life deserve great credit for presenting such an in-depth view of the teaching of Joseph Ratzinger over 60 years. All the articles will be collected and placed in a book to be published by the University of Notre Dame Press, and a copy will be presented to the Holy Father for his 85th birthday. I attended this symposium out of my respect for two men. First, Pope Benedict XVI, a Catholic theologian of extraordinary accomplishment and distinction and as the world is now learning a holy and courageous pastor. I have also found him insightful about the nature of the priestly vocation. When I preach retreats to priests, I always make available two outstanding articles he wrote on the priesthood many years ago. More recently, I share his “Letter to Priests,” written at the outset of the Year for Priests and his homily at the closing Mass for that year with 15,000 priests concelebrating in St. Peter’s Square.

The second person, who drew me to this event is John Cavadini, former chair of the Theology Department at Notre Dame and now the director of the Institute for Church Life. He is the one who initiated this event. I believe it is his intent to present a book containing these presentations to the Holy Father for his 85th birthday, and he has already received a letter of appreciation from the Holy See expressing the appreciation of the pope for this splendid seminar so appropriate for a Catholic university.

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The contrast between the two men is especially significant when one considers that Blessed John Paul seriously considered resigning on at least two occasions, his 75th and 80th birthdays, according to books by his postulator for his canonization. The postulator, Msgr. Slawomir Oder, has written that Blessed John Paul sought the guidance of experts as he pondered resignation, “consulting in particular then-Cardinal (Joseph) Ratzinger,” now Pope Benedict.

Whatever Cardinal Ratzinger may have advised, Blessed John Paul finally decided that it was in his own words, his “duty to continue to carry out the job for which Christ the Lord has called me, as long as He, in the mysterious designs of His providence, will want.”

If a leader as traditional as Pope Benedict does not consider Blessed John Paul’s example a binding precedent, he clearly sees it as an inspiring standard for his own conduct. Concluding his homily at Blessed John Paul’s beatification Mass last May, Pope Benedict paid a personal tribute to his predecessor’s “witness in suffering.”

“The Lord gradually stripped him of every comfort,” Pope Benedict recalled, “yet he remained ever a ‘rock,’ as Christ desired. In this way he lived out in an extraordinary way the vocation of every priest and bishop to become completely one with Jesus, whom he daily receives and offers in the Church.”

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at work on the third volume of his bestselling “Jesus of Nazareth” series and is presumed to be writing at least one encyclical on the theological virtue of faith, to follow his works on charity (“Deus Caritas Est”) and hope (“Spe Salvi”). The pope will be attending World Youth Day celebrations next summer in Rio de Janeiro.

As the pope told former Cuban leader Fidel Castro, also 85, at a meeting in Havana: “Yes, I’m old, but I can still carry out my duties.”

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for April 22, 2012

Luke 24:35-48

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Third Sunday of Easter, Cycle B: the risen Christ appears to his disciples. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

Guest Commentary

BISHOP JOHN M. D’ARCY

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ACROSS

1 Winged
5 Certified public accountant
8 Resort hotel
11 Ghosts don’t have
14 Billion years
15 Terra ___ (type of clay)
18 Loose white vestment
20 Condolent Jesus
22 Music players
26 “For the forgiveness of ___
27 Borrower does
28 Easter color
30 Sun’s name
31 Brush and ___ (dentist’s orders)
32 Fence hole
33 Advertisements
34 African antelope
35 Baby dog
36 Egyptian cat
37 The breaking of the ___
38 Stove
40 Steal sheep
41 Illustrations
42 Footwear
46 Food and drug administration (abbt)
48 Executive
49 NY Standard Time
50 Mosuey

DOWN
1 Alphabet
2 Card game
3 Pincushion
4 Blacktops again
5 Corn holder
6 Juice solids
7 Painters and sculptors
8 Car
9 Writers
10 Jesus’ grandmother
12 Sold at a discount
19 Knocks pins over
21 Breaks ninth commandment
22 Distress call
23 Of disciples on Emmaus’ road
24 Conger
25 What a Dr. gives
29 Abraham’s son
31 Ancestors
32 African antelope
33 Advertisements
34 Pacific Standard Time
35 Baby dog
36 Confessor saint & king
37 The breaking of the ___
52 “Thy ___ and thy stuff”
53 Like dawful
54 Bach’s “___ to Joy”
55 Moses crossed the red one
56 Decayed wood

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Sparks puts Catholic values into practice on and off the page

By Mark Pattison

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Nicholas Sparks, the popular Catholic romance novelist, is pictured in a 2010 photo. Sparks told Catholic News Service in a telephone interview that his faith animates a lot of what he does. The new movie “The Lucky One,” based on one of his novels, opens April 20.

“I don’t know, it just bothers me that I think they’re wearing something that doesn’t work as well as it could,” Sparks said of regard to education. Sparks added, “Americans are falling behind in so many areas and there are so many things that we can do. One of the areas where I think we’re falling behind is international understanding in the world and being able to function in the world.”

Thanks to the Internet, he said, “the world is much more connected. But in the absence of it, in geography, we never had to learn it (international understanding).”

The author also keeps values first and foremost when writing. “Faith animates a lot of what I do,” Sparks told CNS. “I have my rules. I don’t put a lot of profanity in. I don’t write any love scenes; they end where everything pretty much starts. I don’t glamorize adultery in any way. I leave that for other people to do. My faith is strong — and look, my grandmother’s reading my book, I call it the grandmother rule.”

Sparks also takes an active role in the production of his novels, so he rejects — with an important distinction — the notion that there is more sex in “The Lucky One” than previous movies based on his books. “Certainly there is, compared to ‘The Last Song’ or ‘A Walk to Remember’ or some of those in those — but those two are teen stories. The rest of it is selective memory” on the part of viewers, he explained. “I can time it to the minute. And it is not any more passionate. Go to ‘Message in a Bottle’ or ‘The Notebook’ or ‘Dear John.’ It is no more or no less. It is one of the things we’re thinking of when we’re making a movie. ... If there’s not a lot of chemistry, it won’t work at all.”

Sparks is proud of his faith. In a 2002 interview with the Catholic Education Resource Center, he said: “I was raised Catholic, baptized, confirmed, Sunday school, went to Notre Dame for confession, to church weekly.

“My oldest son is an altar boy. All my children go to the Catholic school. My wife, Catherine, was raised Catholic. We were married in the Catholic Church,” he continued. “God is the most important thing in our lives. I suppose that’s true of everybody’s lives, whether or not they want to believe it.”

And, despite daily early morning workouts, writing a book nearly every year and assisting in the film adaptations of his novels, and helping with the school, he told CNS he still finds time to read at least 100 books a year. One of his favorites is Stephen King. He’s also taken a shine to some European fiction and history and biography. One book-reading rule of his is “no living politicians.”

With all this on his plate, “this is a balance that I continually strive to keep in line,” Sparks said. “I have a wife who insists that family comes first. In my world, writing novels comes second.”

Series of tribute CDs pays homage to Medical Mission Sisters’ music

By Mark Pattison

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Plenty of well-known recording artists have been the subject of tribute albums recorded by all-star casts of performers doing cover versions of their songs. The tribute subjects have ranged from Bruce Springsteen to the Eagles to Sonny Bono to Woody Guthrie.

Now, a new tribute subject has been unveiled: the Medical Mission Sisters.

Those who came of age after the Second Vatican Council are probably familiar with the sisters’ first album, “Sister Likeness is Like Eagles,” released in 1966. It was certified gold for sales of 500,000 copies — unheard-of at the time for Catholic religious music, and possibly the only gold record for the genre until the Benedicite Monks of Santo Domingo de Silos’ 1994 CD “Chant” went triple platinum for sales of 3 million.

The sisters were prolific, recording 15 albums in the studio — more than Madonna or Garth Brook. They were also the subject of other pop, rock and soul stars — before their songwriter, Sister Miriam Therese Winter, switched her writing to theological topics.

Dan Paulos, director of the Shrine of St. Bernadette in Albuquerque, N.M., and head of the St. Bernadette Institute of Sacred Art, has an ambitious tribute plan. Of the estimated 250-300 songs the Medical Mission Sisters recorded, he plans on rerecording 100 of them, including 12 songs Sister Miriam Therese wrote but never recorded.

The first CD, “Loving You,” contains 21 songs, including three of the new tunes. Paulos told Catholic News Service that Sister Miriam Therese even returned to the recording studio. “The first recording was 46 years ago, and four of the original (sisters) went back and recorded more songs,” he said. Singing on “Loving You” are Melba Moore, the Limeliters and Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of Maria von Trapp, whose story was told in “The Sound of Music.”

Also performing is Janis Ian, who is Jewish. Paulos acknowledged the seeming incongruity, but “that’s what makes this project so unique.”

On the next CD release, he said, there will be “a Muslim woman singing a Christian song, which thrills us to no end. ... And then we have many Protestants singing, and now we’re working with the Mormons to get them to do a song. The only one on the second CD is from a country star Lorrie Morgan, singing an Alleluia set to music by Sister Miriam Therese.”

“Sister Miriam Therese did two or even three songs,” Paulos told CNS. “The Limeliters, for example, have already recorded a pair of up-tempo Medical Mission Sisters’ songs — “The Wedding Banquet” and “Zaccheus” — for future releases.

Some things, though, can’t be improved upon. Rather than re-record “Older Is Better,” Paulos simply led off “Loving You” with the sisters’ original. “It was the (sisters’) first album and the first song that was recorded,” he said. “We decided to open the album with that, and it was not touched.”

Paulos, as producer of the tribute project,queezes in recording sessions when he’s not working at the shrine. He estimates it will take another three to four years before the five CD series is complete.

“When I was young, they were already popular. That was the Sixties. I was 16. We used a lot of her. Sister Donna, the Emmaus, the Billy Joel songs in the new liturgies,” Paulos said. “I always felt bad for them because they always had these very sweet voices, and a lot of the clergy didn’t like feminine voices. So I said to Paulos, ‘Why don’t you go some men to sing your songs, and maybe they’ll change their minds?’”

In the liner notes accompanying the CD, Paulos wrote that he was “aware of the broad circulation these songs enjoyed,” but he never felt the sisters and their music “received their due.” He asked Sister Miriam Therese to let him organize professional singers “to present her songs anew — through new interpretations.” After she prayed about it, he said she agreed.

As with many such tribute projects, there’s a charity angle. “Every cent actually does go to the Medical Mission Sisters. It’s our way of saying we can’t do a lot, but at least we can give of our time and talent,” Paulos said. “I’ve got it set up with iTunes and Amazon.com. It goes directly into their (the order’s) account, so we don’t have to go into the whole money thing.”

“Anyone who wants a physical copy of the CD instead of individual downloads can send $17.95, which includes shipping, to Medical Mission Sisters, 8400 Pine Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19111.”
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Deanery to meet
New Haven — The Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet at St. Louis Church Tuesday, April 24, at 3:40 p.m. for rosary and the Mass, followed by a pot luck supper and white elephant sale. A DVD of Johnnette Benkovic and Dan Lynch will be shown of the apparitions of Our Lady of America. All ladies of the diocese are members and are welcome. For information call Betty at (260) 749-9396.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner
Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Wednesday, April 25, from 5:6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Camp Red Cedar for children with disabilities.

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South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, April 20, from 5-7 p.m. Adults $8, children (5-12) $3.50. Carry-out available.

Celebration planned
New Haven — Father James Seculoff will celebrate the 50th anniversary of holy Priesthood Sunday, April 22, with a reception from 12:30-3 p.m. in the St. John the Baptist community center. Holy Hour from 3-4 p.m. in the church.

Spring luncheon announced
Elkhart — St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will have a spring salad luncheon on Wednesday, April 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school gym, 1331 N. Main St. Handicapped accessible. Famous hot chicken salad, other salads, bread, desserts and beverages. Donation is $7 at the door or by calling (574) 596-1673.

Day of Reflection
Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent Wednesday, April 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is “God my Rock.” Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is $20 and includes lunch. Register by April 20 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Rummage and bake sale
Fort Wayne — A rummage and bake sale will be hosted at St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel on Saturday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. to noon. Bag sale on Saturday. Located at US 27 south of 469/US 27 interchange.

Extensive Makeover: Parish edition
Fort Wayne — Young Adults ages 18-39 will meet Sunday, April 22, from 12:30-4 p.m. at St. Jude Church, 2130 Pemberton Dr., to meet and mingle with other young adults, hear Father Tom Shoemaker’s talk “Pope on a Rope” and work outside around parish grounds (please bring gardening tools, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, etc.) For information contact Kelsey at kemorris15@gmail.com.

Eighth annual procession to take place
Notre Dame — A Eucharistic procession will take place on Sunday, April 22, at 12:45 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of Notre Dame. The Blessed Sacrament will be in procession to altars around the campus for prayer and adoration. Music provided by several university choirs. The Knights of Columbus will provide a free picnic social immediately following the procession.

LaurasKnight
Fort Wayne — “A Knight at Sea,” LaurasKnight, will be Friday, May 4, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy hors d’oeuvres, cocktails, live and silent auction items and entertainment by students in the gymnasium, 333 E. Paulding Rd. A preview party will be held Thursday, May 3, from 7-9 p.m. Admission is $5. For further information or tickets call Kathy Skelly at (260) 456-1261.

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He who lives in Me and I in him, am the vine, you are the branches. Life and ministry. Jesus said, ‘I “We must also apply it to priestly community,” Bishop Rhoades said. “I thought I’d serve the Church as a dad and a husband,’ grinned Father Kuczora later at the reception. “Then I started looking at things I really liked and things I’m good at, and meeting these guys at Holy Cross I realized I could combine a lot of my joys together, and do it with a lot of love for the people who really need it the most.”

The oldest of five children, Kuczora grew up in Marion, Indiana, where he and his family were members of St. Paul Catholic Church. He attended Marion High School and graduated cum laude in 2005 from Notre Dame with a bachelor of business administration degree in accountancy. He also received a master of divinity degree from Notre Dame in May 2011. After college Kuczora worked for a year in nonprofit housing before entering the seminary.

“It’s been six years of formation, with a lot of learning, struggles and blessings along the way,” he recalled. “I think especially this last year of being a deacon and being with my people in my parish down in Mexico … just knowing now that I can anoint them, hear their confessions and offer Mass for them is really powerful for me.”

Father Kuczora also credits the genuine joy he witnessed from the Holy Cross priests during his college years. “I had good priests growing up, but it was the guys here at Notre Dame — the Holy Cross priests and brothers — that really inspired me.”

Father Kuczora, who will soon return to serve in Mexico, celebrated his first Mass — a Mass of Thanksgiving — on Divine Mercy Sunday, at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

**CONGRATULATIONS, REV. MATTHEW C. KUCZORA, CSC**

on the occasion of your ordination to the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross. May the God who allows and invites you to make this commitment strengthen and protect you to be faithful to it! Ad multos annos!

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