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Christopher Lapp consecrated to the Lord's ministry as deacon

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — “With joy and thanksgiving, we have gathered to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Christopher Lapp as he enters the Order of the Diaconate through the sacrament of Holy Orders,” Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades said as he opened his homily at the ordination Mass.

Bishop Rhoades ordained Christopher R. Lapp to the order of the diaconate on May 12 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. He will minister for a year as a deacon before his ordination to the Priesthood on June 1, 2013.

Bishop Rhoades spoke about the divine initiative, as spoken by the Lord to the Prophet Jeremiah: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.”

“Today, Chris makes that response,” Bishop Rhoades said. “With faith, he says ‘yes’ to the Lord’s call. He trusts in the Lord’s words to Jeremiah: ‘To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them, because I am with you to deliver you.’ With confidence in the Lord and His grace, Chris comes forward to be consecrated for the Church’s ministry, to be ordained a deacon, a minister of Jesus Christ.”

Bishop Rhoades spoke of celibacy, which the deacon embraces. “The celibate life is a sacrifice and involves renunciation, yet it is also a means to embrace life fully. Compelled by the sincere love of Christ and living this state with total dedication, Chris will cling to Christ more easily with



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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades solemnly recites the Prayer of Ordination over Christopher Lapp at his diaconate Mass of Ordination on May 12 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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HONORING OUR LADY IN MAY



PROVIDED BY KATHY WANECKE

All three campuses of Mishawaka Catholic School — St. Monica, St. Joseph and St. Bavo — came together for “Faith Families” on Tuesday, May 8. The school prayed the living rosary and launched a balloon rosary.

Bishop Rhoades to ordain two men to the Priesthood May 26

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will ordain Deacon Benjamin Muhlenkamp and Deacon Jacob Meyer to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 26, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Born in Wheaton, Ill., and now a resident of Niles, Mich., Meyer is the oldest of three children of Kurt and Julie Meyer. He attended Holy Cross School, South Bend, and is a graduate of Ball State University with a bachelor’s degree in human resource management. Originally, Meyer had intended to pursue a business career but told his parents prior to graduation he wanted to become a Catholic priest. He then began his theological studies at Pontifical College Josephinum,

Columbus, Ohio.

More information on the two young men to be ordained can be found on pages 10-14

Muhlenkamp is from Geneva, and the son of Gary and Mary Agnes Muhlenkamp, the middle child in a family with five children, four of whom are girls. Raised on a dairy farm, he said he began thinking about the priesthood while he was in college at an Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne (IPFW) studying for his bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership and supervision. Following graduation, he began his theological studies at Pontifical College Josephinum.

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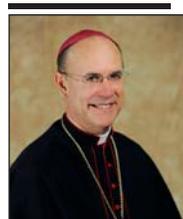
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Defending the truth about marriage: A matter of justice



IN TRUTH
AND
CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Last week, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, called the recent comments of President Obama in support of the redefinition of marriage “deeply saddening.” The institution of marriage is the very cornerstone of our society. We must speak out against all attempts to redefine marriage.

By its very nature, marriage is exclusively the union of a man and a woman. God is the author of marriage and He endowed marriage with certain essential attributes. Male-female complementarity is essential to marriage. Marriage has two fundamental ends or purposes: the good of the spouses and the procreation of children. It is inseparably both unitive and procreative. Same-sex unions cannot qualify as marriages.

In 2009, we Bishops of the United States issued a pastoral letter entitled *Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan*. Given the movement to redefine marriage in our country to include same-sex unions, I have decided to use this column to share with you the part of that pastoral letter that deals with this issue. I think we explain well the reasons why the Church opposes so-called “same-sex marriages.”

“One of the most troubling developments in contemporary culture is the proposition that persons of the same sex can ‘marry.’ This proposal attempts to redefine the nature of marriage and the family and, as a result, harms both the intrinsic dignity of every human person and the common good of society.

Marriage is a unique union, a relationship different from all others. It is the permanent bond between one man and one woman whose two-in-one-flesh communion of persons is an indispensable good at the heart of every family and every society. Same-sex unions are incapable of realizing this specific communion of persons. Therefore, attempting to redefine marriage to include such relationships empties the term of its meaning, for it excludes the essential complementarity between man and woman, treating sexual difference as if it were irrelevant to what marriage is.

Male-female complementarity is intrinsic to marriage. It is naturally ordered toward authentic union and the generation of new life. Children are meant to be the gift of the permanent and exclusive union of a husband and a wife. A child is meant to have a mother and a father. The true nature of marriage, lived in openness to life, is a witness to the precious gift of the child and to the unique roles of a mother and father. Same-sex unions are incapable of such a witness. Consequently, making them equivalent to marriage disregards the very nature of marriage.

Jesus teaches that marriage is between a man and a woman. ‘Have you not read that



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Parishioners of St. Ann Catholic Church in Charlotte, N.C., form a prayer chain in front of the church May 6 to voice support for the proposed statewide constitutional amendment to protect marriage. A few hours before voters in North Carolina were to go to the polls May 8, Bishop Peter J. Jugis of Charlotte prayed with his brother bishops for the courage always to defend the Gospel during their “ad limina” visits to the Vatican.

from the beginning the Creator made them male and female... For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’ (Matthew 19:4-6).

By attempting to redefine marriage to include or be made analogous with homosexual partnerships, society is stating that the permanent union of husband and wife, the unique pattern of spousal and familial love, and the generation of new life are now only of relative importance rather than being fundamental to the existence and well-being of society as a whole.

Today, advocacy for the legal recognition of various same-sex relationships is often equated with non-discrimination, fairness, equality, and civil rights. However, it is not unjust to oppose legal recognition of same-sex unions, because marriage and same-sex unions are essentially different realities. ‘The denial of the social and legal status of marriage to forms of cohabitation that are not and cannot be marital is not opposed to justice; on the contrary, justice requires it’ (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2003). To promote and protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman is itself a matter of justice. In fact, it would be a grave injustice if the state ignored the unique and proper place of husbands and wives, the place of mothers and fathers, and especially the rights of children, who deserve from society clear guidance as they grow to sexual maturity. Indeed, without this protection the state would, in effect, intentionally deprive children of the right to a mother and father.

The Church upholds the human dignity of homosexual persons, who are to ‘be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity’ (CCC 2358). She also encourages all per-

sons to have chaste friendships. ‘Chastity is expressed notably in *friendship with one’s neighbor*. Whether it develops between persons of the same or opposite sex, friendship represents a great good for all’ (CCC 2347).

At the same time, the Church teaches that homosexual acts ‘are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved’ (CCC 2357).

Basic human rights must be afforded to all people. This can and should be done without sacrificing the bedrock of society that is marriage and the family and without violating the religious liberty of persons and institutions.

The legal recognition of same-sex unions poses a multifaceted threat to the very fabric of society, striking at the source from which society and culture come and which they are meant to serve. Such recognition affects all people, married and non-married: not only at the fundamental levels of the good of the spouses, the good of children, the intrinsic dignity of every human person, and the common good, but also at the levels of education, cultural imagination and influence, and religious freedom.”

For all the above reasons, we are indeed deeply saddened by President Obama’s support of the redefinition of marriage. We must pray and work for the promotion and protection of marriage. Doing so serves the true good of persons. Doing so serves the good of the future of our nation. I thank all who are working to defend, promote, and strengthen marriages. May we all work together to create a vibrant culture of marriage according to God’s plan for the good of humanity!

Civic commitment of Christians must respect beliefs of others, pope says

SANSEPOLCRO, Italy (CNS) — Celebrating the 1,000th anniversary of a town founded to be a model of Gospel peace and justice, Pope Benedict XVI said Christians today must find ways to infuse their cities and nations with Gospel values while welcoming and respecting people with other beliefs.

In his evening visit May 13 to Sansepolcro, named after the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, the pope urged the townspeople to use the anniversary to emulate Sts. Arcanus and Aegidius, who established the town after returning from Jerusalem.

The saints saw the town as a place where Christians could fulfill their vocation to build a society marked by peace through the practice of justice, he said.

"Today there is a particular need for the Church's service to the world to be expressed through enlightened lay faithful," involved in civil society "with a desire to serve that goes beyond their private interests and beyond partisan views," he said.

"The common good counts more than the good of the individual, and it's up to Christians to contribute to the birth of new public ethics," the pope said.

The challenge facing the people of Sansepolcro is to take the city's founding ideals as a Christian town and harmonize them with acceptance of others and "the incorporation of different cultures and sensibilities" as

the population becomes more diverse, the pope told the townspeople huddled under umbrellas in a town square.

The pope had arrived in Sansepolcro in the midst of a rain storm that forced him to cancel a visit to La Verna, site of a Franciscan shrine marking the place where St. Francis of Assisi received the stigmata.

Pope Benedict had started the day in Arezzo, celebrating Mass in a park with an estimated 30,000 people, including Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti.

Tuscany was the birthplace and heart of the Italian Renaissance, a humanist movement that led to a flourishing of art, music and literature. Tuscans today, the pope said, have to ask themselves "what vision of the human person they are able to propose to new generations."

The Gospel calls Christians "to live God's love toward everyone" with solidarity, care for the weakest members of society and respect for the dignity of each person, he said.

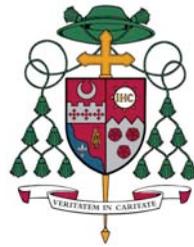
"To be in solidarity with the poor is to recognize the plan of God the creator who has made everyone one family," the pope said.

Pope Benedict said giving witness to God's love by caring for the weakest must include defending human life from conception to natural death and protecting the family.



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, May 20, 11 a.m. — Adult Confirmation Mass, Saint Matthew's Cathedral, South Bend
- Monday, May 21, 5 p.m. — Vespers and 6 p.m. Mass with temporary vows of Franciscan Brothers Minor, Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Tuesday, May 22, 12:30 p.m. — Meeting with Diocesan Finance Council, Franciscan Alliance Office, Mishawaka
- Wednesday, May 23, 5:30 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Dwenger High School, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. — Meeting of Presbyteral Council, Sacred Heart Rectory, Warsaw
- Thursday, May 24, 7 p.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Marian High School, Saint Matthew Cathedral, South Bend
- Friday, May 25, 10 a.m. — Baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Luers High School, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, May 26, 11 a.m. — Priesthood Ordination Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, May 26, 5 p.m. — Adult Confirmation Mass, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne



Deacon appointment announced

The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following deacon assignment:

- Newly-ordained **Deacon Christopher R. Lapp** to summer diaconal ministry at St. Therese Parish, Fort Wayne.



Priest appointment announced

The Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, has made the following appointment, effective May 9, 2012:

- **Rev. Peter Dee De** to parochial vicar, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, with special ministry to the Burmese community of the Midwest.

Pentecost Collection for Seminarian Education, assists formation costs

FORT WAYNE — The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend continues to be blessed with an increase in the number of seminarians studying for the priesthood.

At present, there are 26 seminarians, and Deacons Jacob Meyer and Ben Muhlenkamp will be ordained as priests May 26. The ordination of the two seminarians is a special blessing for the diocese and a result of the generosity of its people.

Msrgr. Bernard Galic, vocations director for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, said, "This is an exciting time for the Church because interest in the priesthood is on the rise. It looks as though we could have as many as 30 seminarians for the upcoming fall semester, since we have 22 returning seminarians and eight applicants. This is a great blessing for our diocese."

The increase of seminarians brings financial challenges as well. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades refers to this as a "happy problem." To address this "happy problem" last year Bishop Rhoades instituted an annual collection on the solemnity of Pentecost. The Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians is a special, annual

second collection held each year on the weekend of the solemnity of Pentecost.

Harry Verhiley, secretary of stewardship and development, said, "The results of last year's Pentecost Collection were incredible. Our diocese collected \$250,000 in support of our seminarians. This was the largest annual second collection in the history of our diocese. We understand the importance of this effort, because we understand the importance of having good priests."

Bishop Rhoades, in his letter to the faithful, said, "The increase in seminarians has added a significant increase in expense to our diocesan budget, therefore, last year we instituted the annual Pentecost Collection for Seminarian Education. Your generosity was amazing! We raised \$250,000, which was a big help paying our expenses which totaled \$870,000. The Annual Bishop's Appeal was also a major help."

"I ask you again this year to be generous in the Pentecost Collection to help fund our seminarians' education," Bishop Rhoades added. "Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you discern your sacrificial gift for this

important need."

"The Holy Spirit is truly 'the soul of the Church,'" Bishop Rhoades said in his letter, "and the source of all dynamism in the Church. As we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles in Jerusalem on Pentecost Sunday, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will bless the Church in our diocese with His manifold gifts and continue to inspire in the hearts of our youth an openness to God's call. In faith, may we all put our lives under the active power of the Holy Spirit!"

Verhiley said, "We should pray for our seminarians, and support their priestly vocation by offering financial assistance to this important effort. Our generosity will come back to us in the form of pastoral, sacramental and spiritual service, because investment in our seminarians is an investment in the life of our parishes and the life of the Church."

For further information and to make an online contribution, go to www.diocesfwsb.org and click the Pentecost collection tab.



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Pope Benedict XVI gives Communion to a girl as he celebrates Mass in Arezzo, Italy, May 13.

Catholic leaders reject Obama's support for same-sex marriage

BY MARK PATTISON

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic leaders rejected President Barack Obama's May 9 declaration in a television interview that "personally it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married."

"President Obama's words today are not surprising since they follow upon various actions already taken by his administration that erode or ignore the unique meaning of marriage," said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. bishops, in a May 9 statement.

"We cannot be silent in the face of words or actions that would undermine the institution of marriage, the very cornerstone of our society," Cardinal Dolan added. "The people of this country, especially our children, deserve better."

In December 2010, Obama said his views on same-sex marriage were "evolving" and that he "struggles with this," adding he would continue thinking about the issue. An Associated Press story May 10 quoted Obama as saying he wanted to announce his support for such unions "in my own way, on my own terms" but acknowledged earlier remarks by Vice President Joe Biden prompted his announcement.

On May 6, Biden, a Catholic, said he was "absolutely comfortable" with same-sex couples marrying, adding they should get "the same exact rights" heterosexual married couples receive.

The Catholic Church upholds the sanctity of traditional marriage



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U.S. President Barack Obama gestures during an interview with Robin Roberts of ABC's "Good Morning America" at the White House May 9. During the interview Obama said he believes same-sex couples should be allowed to marry.

as being only between one man and one woman, and also teaches that any sexual activity outside of marriage is sinful.

"I pray for the president every day, and will continue to pray that he and his administration act justly to uphold and protect marriage as the union of one man and one woman," Cardinal Dolan said. "May we all work to promote and protect marriage and by so doing serve the true good of all persons."

In a May 9 statement, the Archdiocese of Washington said it "opposes the redefinition of mar-

riage based on the clear understanding that the complementarity of man and woman is intrinsic to the meaning of marriage. The word 'marriage' describes the exclusive and lifelong union of one man and one woman open to generating and nurturing children. Other unions exist, but they are not marriage."

In its statement, the archdiocese said it would "continue to strongly advocate for the federal government's existing definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman," adding it supports efforts undertaken by those who

uphold the traditional meaning of marriage."

One such effort is a petition drive in the state of Maryland to overturn a law passed earlier this year to allow same-sex marriage in the state. The archdiocese covers five Maryland counties in addition to the District of Columbia.

The Maryland Marriage Alliance said May 2 that a petition to put the law to a vote had collected more than 30,000 voter signatures. Nearly 56,000 valid signatures are needed by June 30 to add the referendum to the November ballot, with half due May 31 to the Maryland State Board of Elections.

"For us in Maryland, the vote on marriage this November has nothing to do with politics," said Mary Ellen Russell, executive director of the Maryland Catholic Conference, in a May 9 statement. "It will be a vote on the issue of marriage itself." She added, "The definition of mar-

riage is not a matter of politics. It is a matter of values and the foundation of society and family."

On May 8, North Carolina voters approved a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman by a 3-to-2 margin. According to an initial tally by the North Carolina State Board of Elections, 1,303,952 people — 61.05 percent — voted for the amendment while 831,788 people — 38.95 percent — voted against it.

The amendment read, "Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this state." It enshrines the definition of traditional marriage in the state constitution, elevating it from what has been state law since 1996.

Across the country the views of many Catholics, though, appear to be trending toward support of same-sex marriage.

A March poll conducted jointly by the Public Religion Research Institute and Religion News Service found overall Catholic support for same-sex marriage to be 59 percent, with 36 percent of Catholics opposed. Support by Americans overall is at 52 percent, with 44 percent opposed. Among white Catholics, 57 percent support same-sex marriage and 37 percent oppose it.

The demographic groups that showed majority opposition to same-sex marriage were respondents age 65 and up, white evangelicals, Republicans, African-Americans, and those with a high school education or less. In addition, pluralities of men and "minority Christian" affiliations said they were opposed.

According to polls conducted over the past five years by Gallup, ABC-*The Washington Post*, NBC-*The Wall Street Journal*, CNN-Opinion Research Center and the Pew Research Center, public support for same-sex marriage has risen from 40 percent in 2006 to majority support today.

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Pope recognizes Hildegard as saint, advances causes of US bishop, nun

BY CINDY WOODEN

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although she was never canonized, St. Hildegard of Bingen is to be added to the Catholic Church's formal list of saints, and Catholics worldwide may celebrate her feast day with a Mass and special readings by order of Pope Benedict XVI.

The Vatican announced May 10 that the pope formalized the Church's recognition of the 12th-century German Benedictine mystic, "inscribing her in the catalogue of saints."

The same day, the pope advanced the sainthood causes of 19th-century U.S. Bishop Frederic Baraga of Marquette, Mich., and of Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, a member of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, N.J., who died in 1927.

The pope's order regarding St. Hildegard recognizes her widespread fame of holiness and that Catholics have venerated her for centuries.

In a 2010 series of audience talks about women's contributions to the Church, Pope Benedict dedicated two talks to St. Hildegard. He said she is a worthy role model for Catholics today because of "her love for Christ and His Church, which was suffering in her time, too, and was wounded also then by the sins of priests and laypeople."

In St. Hildegard's time, there were calls for radical reform of the Church to fight the problem of abuses made by the clergy, the pope had said. However, she

"reproached demands to subvert the very nature of the Church" and reminded people that "a true renewal of the ecclesial community is not achieved so much with a change in the structures as much as with a sincere spirit of penitence."

In addition, the pope noted, modern Catholics can learn from her "love for creation, her medicine, her poetry and music that is being recreated today."

During a May 10 meeting with Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, Pope Benedict signed 17

decrees furthering the sainthood causes of dozens of individuals, including Bishop Baraga and Sister Demjanovich.

The decrees for both of the U.S. candidates for canonization recognize that they heroically lived the Christian virtues and are "venerable." Before

they can be beatified, the Vatican must recognize that a miracle has occurred through their intercession.

Father Baraga was ordained a priest in Slovenia in 1823 but left for America in the early 1830s to serve among the Ojibwa and Ottawa in Michigan. Beginning in 1835 he worked in the Upper Peninsula, where his constant travels to Indian villages even in the harsh winter months earned him the nickname "Snowshoe Priest." He was named the first bishop of Upper Michigan in 1857. In 1866, two years before his death, he moved the headquarters of the diocese from Sault Ste. Marie on the eastern end of the peninsula to centrally located Marquette, where it remains today.

... modern Catholics can learn from her 'love for creation, her medicine, her poetry and music that is being recreated today.'



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St. Hildegard of Bingen is depicted on a gilded altarpiece inside the Rochuskapelle, a pilgrim church dedicated to St. Roch in the town of Bingen am Rhein, Germany. Pope Benedict XVI signed a decree May 10 that formalized her Sept. 17 feast and added her name to the Church's catalogue of saints. The German Benedictine mystic, although venerated for centuries, had never been officially canonized.

Sister Demjanovich was born in Bayonne, N.J., in 1901. After attending Bayonne public schools, she began studies at the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, graduating in 1923. Two years later, she entered the Sisters of Charity at Convent Station. She wrote a series of spiritual conferences, which were collected and published after her death as a book, "Greater Perfection." She died in 1927 at the age of 26.

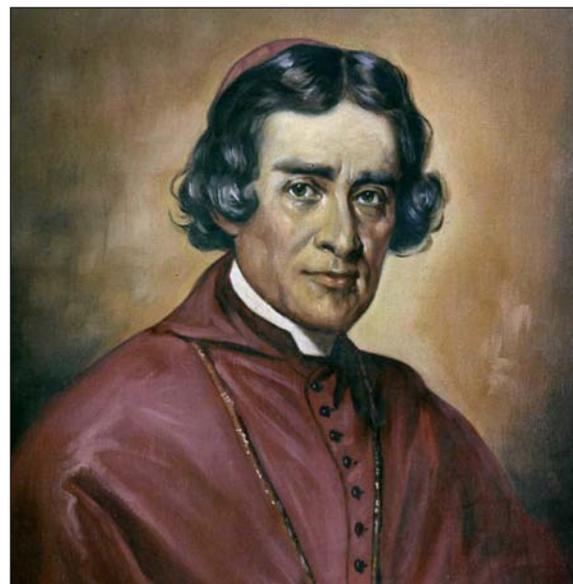
Announcing the decrees signed by the pope May 10, the Vatican

also formally acknowledged that Pope Benedict signed a decree March 14 recognizing the heroic virtues of Father Felix Varela, a Cuban born priest who died in Florida in 1853. The move was announced in the United States and Cuba in April.

Among the decrees there also were two recognizing miracles, paving the way for the beatifications of Capuchin Brother Thomas of Olera, Italy, who died in Austria in 1631, and of Italian Salesian Sister Maria Troncatti,

a missionary who died in a plane crash in Ecuador in 1969 at the age of 86. She had served in South America for almost 50 years.

Other decrees recognized the martyrdom of: Odoardo Focherini, an Italian who died in a Nazi prison camp in 1944 after being arrested while helping Jews escape capture by the Nazis; 14 Franciscan friars killed in Prague in 1611; and 22 Spaniards killed during the Spanish civil war in the 1930s.



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Bishop Frederic Baraga is depicted in a portrait from the Diocese of Marquette. The Slovenian priest served among the Ojibwa and Ottawa in the Great Lakes region in the 19th century. He was named the first bishop of Upper Michigan in 1857. Pope Benedict XVI moved his cause for sainthood a step forward May 10 by signing a decree recognizing him as "venerable."

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Florida bishops, on 'ad limina,' talk about marriage, immigration

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic bishops have an obligation to defend traditional marriage to ensure Catholic clergy are never in a position where they would be forced to perform a wedding the Church would view as illicit and invalid, said Bishop Robert N. Lynch of St. Petersburg, Fla. "What we're fighting for is to maintain the definition of a sacrament, one of seven instituted by Christ to give grace," the bishop said May 10 during an interview with Catholic News Service. Bishop Lynch was at the Vatican for his "ad limina" visit. After four days of meetings with Vatican officials and Masses at the major basilicas of Rome, he and the other bishops of Florida met May 11 with Pope Benedict XVI. As part of the 14th group of U.S. bishops to make their "ad limina" visits since November, Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami told CNS that although the pope was engaged in the discussions, "you can see he is not a young man any more. It must be a great sacrifice on his part to put up with us day after day." The archbishop kicked off the Florida bishops' group discussion with the pope by explaining "the challenge and the opportunity" of the state's growth through people coming from other parts of the United States and, especially, through immigration from Latin America and the Caribbean. He said the bishops also spoke to the pope about the need to strengthen Catholic families. Bishop Lynch told CNS that in his experience, even if the government offers "all kinds of assurances" about exemptions for religious communities on same-sex unions, "if we give in on this one or blink on this one, which I don't think theologically we could do, but even if for any reason we did, we could suddenly find ourselves" facing a situation in which the government says, "You've got to do it" or all government funding for Church programs would stop.

Vatican spokesman calls on nations to help Syria implement peace plan

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The international community must help bolster Syria's fragile peace plan, which risks unraveling in the wake of one of the deadliest attacks in 14 months of uprisings and conflict, the Vatican spokesman said. Some 55 people were killed and more than 370 people injured after two suicide car bombs exploded near a military compound in Damascus during early morning rush hour May 10. The government blamed terrorists for the attack while the chief of the opposition Syrian National Council, Burhan Ghalioun, blamed the government for the bombings, saying it was a tactic to keep people indoors and not demonstrating against the regime. Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, expressed the Vatican's "strong condemnation and the heartfelt closeness of the Holy Father and the Catholic community

RESIDENTS AND SECURITY PERSONNEL GATHER AT SITE OF DEADLY EXPLOSION IN DAMASCUS, SYRIA



CNS PHOTO/KHALED AL-HARIRI, REUTERS

Residents and security personnel gather at the site of an explosion in Damascus, Syria, May 10. Two suicide car bombs ripped through the Syrian capital that day, killing at least 55 people and tearing the facade off a military intelligence building in the deadliest explosions since the country's uprising began 14 months ago.

to the families of the victims." The written statement May 11 said the latest violence "should encourage all sides to boost and strengthen their commitment to implementing the Annan Peace Plan, which has been accepted by all sides in the conflict." The attacks also show that outside help is needed, it said.

Traditionalist leader says group could divide over unity with Rome

MENZINGEN, Switzerland (CNS) — The leader of a breakaway group of traditionalist Catholics spoke in unusually hopeful terms about a possible reconciliation with Rome, but acknowledged significant internal resistance to such a move, which he said might lead to the group splitting apart. Bishop Bernard Fellay, superior general of the Society of St. Pius X, spoke to Catholic News Service May 11 at the society's headquarters in Switzerland about the latest events in more than two years of efforts at reconciliation with the Vatican. The society effectively broke with Rome in 1988, when its founder, the late Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, ordained four bishops without the permission of Blessed John Paul II in a protest against modernizing changes that followed the Second Vatican Council of 1962-65. In April

the society responded to a "doctrinal preamble" stipulating the group's assent to certain Church teachings, presumably including elements of the teaching of Vatican II, as a prerequisite for reconciliation. The Vatican has yet to respond, but the director of the Vatican press office initially described the latest position as a "step forward." The society is hardly united behind its leader's position, however. In April, according to a letter which surfaced on the Internet May 10, the society's other three bishops warned Bishop Fellay that the Vatican's apparent offer to establish the group as a personal prelature — a status currently held only by Opus Dei — constituted a "trap," and urged him to say no. "There are some discrepancies in the society," Bishop Fellay told CNS. "I cannot exclude that there might be a split."

Bishop Lynch says LCWR reform is not 'Armageddon' for group

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While a Vatican investigation or demand for reform can feel like the end of the world to the group or institution involved, Bishop Robert N. Lynch of St. Petersburg, Fla., said his experience has been that such actions are not devastating and actually can be

opportunities. Bishop Lynch spoke to Catholic News Service May 10 about his advice to U.S. religious women after the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith ordered a reform of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, an organization of superiors of most of the women's orders in the United States. Interviewed during his "ad limina" visit to the Vatican, the bishop would not comment on the discussions which the bishops of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina had with Vatican officials, including those at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. But, before coming to Rome, Bishop Lynch had written a piece for his blog about the doctrinal congregation ordering the reform of the LCWR and his suggestion that the sisters not panic. The bishop told CNS he did not think the Vatican move was encouraged by U.S. bishops, who "prize and love" the sisters in their dioceses.

US Anglican ordinariate gets first priest; more to be ordained soon

HOUSTON (CNS) — The fledgling U.S. ordinariate for Anglican groups entering the Catholic Church

received its first priest May 8, but many more are to follow in the next few months. Father Eric Bergman, a former Episcopal priest who was ordained a Catholic priest for the Diocese of Scranton, Pa., in 2007, was incardinated — or formally accepted — into the Houston-based Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter. Approximately 60 current or former Anglican priests are preparing to be ordained Catholic priests for the ordinariate, with 30 ordinations expected in the next few months. The ordinariate, officially inaugurated Feb. 12, is similar to a Catholic diocese, but national in scope. Pope Benedict established the ordinariate Jan. 1 in response to requests by Anglicans seeking to become Catholics. Parishes of the ordinariate will be fully Catholic while retaining elements of their Anglican heritage and traditions, including liturgical traditions. Msgr. Jeffrey N. Steenson, head of the ordinariate, welcomed Father Bergman's arrival, calling it "a significant moment in the young history of the ordinariate. The incardination of Father Bergman, and the reception of several Anglican communities across the United States and Canada over the past few months are tangible signs of Christ at work in this new undertaking," he said. The 41-year-old Father Bergman, ordained an Episcopal priest in 1997, had been serving for the past five years as chaplain to the 150-member St. Thomas More Anglican Use Society in Scranton. The group will become St. Thomas More Parish at St. Joseph Church and will be based in the former St. Joseph property starting in late August.

Austria's pastoral Cardinal Schonborn works to hold his Church together

OXFORD, England (CNS) — When discontented Austrian priests mark the first anniversary of their "Call to Disobedience" in June, it will highlight the difficulties facing Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna in holding his disparate Catholic community together. In the nearly 17 years since Cardinal Schonborn became the spiritual leader of the Vienna Archdiocese, he has had to face organized dissent from clergy and laity seeking several Church reforms including admitting women to the priesthood. Both supporters and critics agree the cardinal has responded in a pastoral spirit. "There's no doubt he's under strong pressure," said Herman Bahr, treasurer of Austria's Laity Initiative launched in 2009. "He's also a kind and generous man, who's in too strong a position to be pulled by either side. Although he can't tolerate open defiance, he clearly favors change himself," Bahr said. Bahr's comments came in reaction to an April 5 Holy Thursday homily by Pope Benedict XVI criticizing — without specifying the European country — a group of priests who issued a call to disobey certain aspects of Church teaching. In Austria, there's little doubt that the pope was referring to the "Initiative of Parish Priests."

St. Pius X students bike to school

GRANGER — Students from St. Pius X Catholic School in Granger normally get a lift to school, but on Wednesday, May 9, they used their own wheels to get there. It was the school's third annual Bike to School Day.

St. Pius students and their families met at 6:40 a.m. in the parking lot of Knollwood Country Club. There was a prayer before the ride began at 7 a.m. Msgr. William Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X Catholic Church and an avid cyclist, offered the prayer and led the cavalcade to the main entrance of the school. Joining Msgr. Schooler on the ride this year were Principal Elaine Holmes, Father Terry Coonan, pastoral vicar and seminarian Bill Meininger.

The ride from Knollwood to St. Pius was just over three miles. Bike helmets were mandatory for riders and parents or guardians accompanied their children. St. Joseph County Police were a presence at all busy intersections between Knollwood and the school and Friends of Granger Paths (FGP) assisted cyclists along the way.

The cyclists arrived back at the school after 7:30 a.m. when the Harris Township Department firefighters in a fire truck greeted riders at the school's main entrance.

"The purpose of the event is to raise awareness about reducing our carbon footprint, get our bodies moving and to show an imperative need for Granger to have paths, bike lanes or sidewalks," said Bill Corbett, chair of St. Pius X Bike to School Day.

Catholic Youth Summer Camp needs volunteer staff

MILFORD — The second annual Catholic Youth Summer Camp will be held from July 22-27 at Camp Mack in Milford. The camp is co-sponsored by St. Jude Parish in South Bend, Sacred Heart Parish in Lakeville, and St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend.

Camp directors are Dave and Jan Torma, parishioners of St. Jude.

The camp will serve youth entering fourth, fifth and sixth grades with a theme based on Luke 5:1-11. Space is available for 100 campers. Camp fee is \$350 with a sibling rate of \$300 for additional campers from the same family.

Volunteer staff is needed for the following positions: camp counselors, ages 18-24; senior camp counselors, ages 25 and over; nurses; craft leaders and musicians.

To access an application for any of these positions or for a camp brochure visit www.stjudeparish.net. Send the application to Dave Torma online at fisherofmendjt@msn.net or mail to 901 Wheatly Dr., South Bend, IN 46614. Application deadline is May 31.

For more information call (574) 291-3381 or (574) 707-3381.

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Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion enjoyed a steak supper April 21 hosted by the Rosary Sodality Club. A baked goods and gift basket auction followed dinner with spirited bidding occurring over several items. The event raised funds to send Blessed Sacrament high school students to ND Vision, a weeklong summer conference on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. This year Blessed Sacrament will send 12 students to Notre Dame Vision.

St. Vincent's Leach wins essay contest

FORT WYANE — Marcus Leach is the winner of the 2012 Fifth-Grade Essay Contest for Indiana, sponsored by the Indiana Association of American Mothers, Inc. Leach is the son of Matthew and Pamela Leach of Fort Wayne and attends St. Vincent de Paul School. Second place was awarded to Isaac Dunifon, son of Renee Dunifon and Martin Dunifon of Fort Wayne. He is a student at St. John the Baptist School in Fort Wayne. The topic for the essay was "What My Mother Means To Me."

Each year American Mothers, Inc. holds an essay contest, which is open to all fifth graders in the nation. The national winner was announced at the American Mothers, Inc. convention in Washington, D.C., May 5-6 — Madeline Charles of Utah. The state and national entries were judged by the University of Saint Francis English department. American Mothers, Inc. also sponsors the Mother of the Year Award, Young Mother of the Year Award, and Mother of Achievement Award. Darlene Cyr is the president of the local Indiana Association of American Mothers. For more information or to send nominations visit www.americanmothers.org.

'Mornings of Reflections' offered in June

The diocesan Office of Worship will be hosting "Mornings of Reflection" at the following times and locations. South Bend area: Saturday, June 9, 9:30 a.m. to noon, at St. Pius X Church, 52553 Fir Road, Granger, Ind. 46530. Fort Wayne area: Saturday, June 16, 9:30 a.m. to noon, at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 4916 Trier Rd. Fort Wayne, Ind. 46815.

These retreats fulfill the annual diocesan retreat requirement for extraordinary ministers and lectors, although anybody is welcome to attend. However, pre-registration is mandatory. The registration form is accessible online at the diocesan website, www.diocesefwsb.org.

Father Groody of Notre Dame receives annual award for priests

CHICAGO (CNS) — Holy Cross Father Daniel G. Groody, an associate professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, has received the 2012 Touchstone Award from the National Federation of Priests' Councils.

The award is presented annually to a Catholic priest "whose service

in the Gospel of Jesus Christ exemplifies the purpose and goals of the federation."

In announcing the award, the NFPC, which represents 26,000 priests nationwide, praised Father Groody's work in the Latino community and his scholarship in migration issues and theology.

Father Groody, who also directs the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture at the university's Institute for Latino Studies, spent many years doing pastoral work and research in Latin America and along the U.S.-Mexican border, particularly in the Coachella Valley of California.

Redeemer Radio to broadcast Ordination to Priesthood

FORT WAYNE — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio, AM 1450, will broadcast the Ordination to Priesthood of Deacon Jacob Meyer and Deacon Ben Muhlenkamp on May 26 at 11 a.m., from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

Redeemer Radio's live coverage from the cathedral commences at 10:55 a.m. with Father Daryl Rybicki, Dr. Matthew Bunson and Sean McBride anchoring the broadcast. Coverage of the ordination will also be streamed on the internet at www.RedeemerRadio.com, and simulcast in the South Bend area on WHLY AM 1580.

Scout names added

The following Girl Scouts from St. Charles Borromeo who received the Family of God religious medal were not listed: Morgan Meyer, Sarah Walden and Ellie Mondock.

ST. VINCENT STUDENTS PLANT VICTORY GARDEN AT FRANCISCAN CENTER



PROVIDED BY TONY LEY

The St. Vincent de Paul American Heritage Girls were joined by the St. Vincent de Paul Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts on May 5 to plant a 2,000 square foot garden at The Franciscan Center's new Jean Kelly building located at 1015 Maple Grove in Fort Wayne. The garden will serve the center's clients with fresh produce and act as a meeting place for volunteers.

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an undivided heart. Celibacy frees Chris more completely for the service of God and others," Bishop Rhoades said.

Deacons are called to be servants of the liberating truth of the Gospel. "They are to be filled with the conviction and spirit of St. Paul who wrote to the Corinthians: 'We do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus,'" Bishop Rhoades said.

"Notice how Paul did not direct attention to himself as a savior figure, nor did he promote himself or his



JOE ROMIE

During the Litany of Supplication Christopher Lapp lays prostrate on the sanctuary floor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception during his Mass of ordination into the diaconate. At left, Deacon Christopher Lapp is welcomed with applause from diocesan priests, deacons and seminarians following his ordination into the diaconate on May 12.

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own advantage," Bishop Rhoades added. "He preached Jesus Christ as Lord and only preached himself as a slave for the sake of Jesus. These are strong words. To be a slave means to belong to someone else and to live one's life in humble service. Chris, like St. Paul, knows that he belongs to someone else, to Jesus Christ."

The humble, self-giving love those ordained are called to live is an imitation of Jesus who came "not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many," Bishop Rhoades quoted.

He spoke of the heart of diaconal spirituality. "The service of the deacon in the Church is threefold: the ministry of the word, of the altar, and of charity," Bishop Rhoades said. "These ministries are all interconnected. In preaching Jesus Christ as Lord, in serving at the altar and in serving God's people with charity, the deacon is living the configuration to Christ the Servant that takes place in ordination."

"You will teach and serve in a society and culture that desperately needs the liberating Truth of the Gospel. You will teach and serve the Gospel of life in a society where the culture of death continues to spread. May you be filled with zeal for the new evangelization," Bishop Rhoades said.

"I also encourage you to be close to the poor and needy, like the early deacon saints of the Church, remembering that the poor need not only our material help, but also the hope of the Gospel," he added.

Bishop Rhoades also encouraged the candidate to be "a man of prayer who lives each day in communion and friendship with Jesus, embracing His Gospel as your daily rule of life."

The Rite of Ordination itself is rich with meaning and symbolism. After the chanting of the Gospel, came the Election of the Candidate, whereby the candidate is formally chosen for ordination and becomes referred to as the elect. The candidate was presented to the bishop by Father Jacob Runyon, parochial vicar of St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, and associate vocation director. Father Runyon testified to the candidate's worthiness, after which Bishop Rhoades formally accepted Lapp to be ordained as deacon.

After the homily, the elect declared his intention to assume the responsibility of the office of deacon, and promised obedience and respect to Bishop Rhoades and his successors. During the Litany of Supplication, the candidate laid prostrate on the sanctuary floor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception while the intercession of the Saints and Angels was invoked.

After the litany, Bishop Rhoades laid his hands on the head of the elect in accordance with the apostolic tradition. Then, with the elect kneeling and with hands outstretched, Bishop Rhoades solemnly recited the Prayer of Ordination.

The newly ordained was then invested with the stole and dalmatic — the proper liturgical attire of the diaconate. He was also handed the Book of the Gospels, symbolizing the task of the deacon to proclaim the Gospel in liturgical celebrations and to preach the faith of the Church in word and deed.

Bishop Rhoades then bestowed the traditional liturgical gesture known as the fraternal kiss of peace, and thereby welcomed the new deacon into their ministry. The other deacons present also welcomed the newly ordained.

After the diaconate ordination Mass, family and friends gathered to congratulate the newest deacon in the diocese. Deacon Lapp was rendered nearly speechless and said he was "overwhelmed." His father Greg was equally overwhelmed with the ordination ceremony and said, "It was awesome! I was raised Catholic and love the Church and all the tradition."

Deacon Lapp's grandmother, Dorothy Van Auken was overjoyed to have witnessed her first diaconate ordination and said, "It was fabulous. I am so proud of Chris." Brother Josh added, "He'll be great at it (being a priest) because he's a great leader."

Mom Juli spoke with a mother's heart of the change she has witnessed in her son, "He's still your kid, but he is much more devoted and holy." Of her son's future she said, "He is a leader and a servant."

Kay Cozad contributed to this story.



A Fortnight for Freedom

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops urges that all energies the Catholic Community can muster be observed in a two week period of prayers and fasting devoted to a new birth of freedom in our beloved country from June 21 to July 4 - beginning with the feasts of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher and ending with Independence Day, you are asked to join in urgent prayer for religious liberty!

Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus will celebrate Mass at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend on Friday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne on Saturday, June 30 at 5:00 p.m.

All faithful are invited

Catholic school students donate gift to Elkhart student

BY JODI MAGELLANES

ELKHART — A friendship between one Mishawaka Catholic Schools teacher and her public school counterpart has enabled a physically handicapped student to swing through the air next to his classmates.

Sue Felix teaches first grade at Beardsley Elementary on Elkhart's near east side. Her own children attend Mishawaka Catholic Schools, which is how she and Mishawaka Catholic Schools first-grade teacher Beth Whitfield first became acquainted.

Felix's and Whitfield's classes have corresponded with each other for several years as pen pals. Earlier this year Whitfield's students even enjoyed a virtual visit from Felix's. Whitfield said she also keeps Beardsley students in mind when the opportunity arises to act as Christ to others by way of school or classroom service projects.

In observance of Catholic Schools Week in January, Whitfield gave consideration to a new idea from Felix.

"She's always said there's a great need. She talked about it with students here, regarding how it's different for kids there — how they don't always have food at home, or enough clothes to wear when it's cold," Whitfield said. So, at first, Whitfield's class discussed raising money to make blankets. But then the talk turned to one of Felix's students, seven-year-old Brontavious Coleman, who has physical disabilities stemming from Dandy Walker Syndrome that keep him from walking and from playing on playground equipment with his classmates during recess.

The St. Bavo campus Mishawaka Catholic Schools first graders held a one-day "Change for Change" campaign during Catholic Schools Week and raised enough money for Beardsley to order a special swing that Coleman can be fastened into to swing on the school's playground. Last month, they traveled to Beardsley to present the money and to meet their pen pals and Coleman.

"The Beardsley kids were just as glad as we were when I walked in with a big (cardboard) check," Whitfield said. "That was nice for my kids to see, too."

Mishawaka Catholic Schools' St. Joseph and St. Monica campuses also chose recipients for their Catholic Schools Week charitable efforts. The third through fifth grade St. Joseph campus collected money for Chiara House in South Bend, where out-of-home respite care for families caring for members with special needs is provided. The funds raised by the sixth through eighth grade St. Monica campus went, by popular vote,



PHOTO PROVIDED

Brontavious Coleman enjoys the new swing donated by Mishawaka Catholic students and installed recently at Beardsley Elementary School in Elkhart. Coleman has physical disabilities stemming from Dandy Walker Syndrome that keep him from walking and from playing on playground equipment with his classmates during recess.

to the Ronald McDonald House, where home-away-from-home support for families of seriously ill children being treated at Indianapolis hospitals is provided.

"Fundamental to our Catholic Schools is the idea of service to community," Principal Vicki Wojcik said. "We wanted our children to follow the role of Jesus in the world. Part of the hope is that they'll realize they can make the world a better place."

After spending time with Coleman and his classmates, Whitfield said her students are hoping for the opportunity to return to Beardsley now that the swing has come and will be installed soon. They'd like to see Coleman have the opportunity to trade in his wheelchair for some air under his feet.

Whitfield said the young man smiled a great deal during their visit, and thanked them for their gift. "He seemed so happy to have them there. Really, all the kids did," she said.

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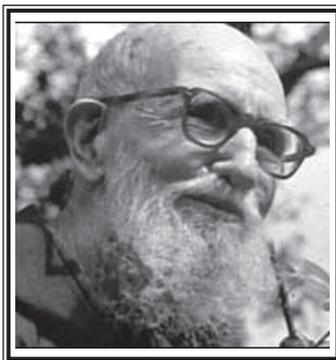


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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades congratulates University of Saint Francis degree candidates at a Baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. The May 4 morning Mass preceded the 2 p.m. commencement in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

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‘WHOEVER RECEIVES YOU RECEIVES ME, AND WHOEVER RECEIVES ME RECEIVES YOU’

Benjamin Muhlenkamp to be ordained into the priesthood

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Just a few years ago, Benjamin Muhlenkamp had big plans for his future — farming, marriage and children. But he now knows God had other plans for him. Deacon Ben Muhlenkamp is preparing for his ordination into the holy priesthood on May 26 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne after discerning his future as a priest the past six years at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

Born in Coldwater, Ohio, in 1982, the third of five children and only son of Gary and Mary Agnes Muhlenkamp, Deacon Muhlenkamp was raised on a dairy farm near Geneva where he learned the value of service. Growing up attending the rural St. Mary of the Presentation Parish in Geneva, Muhlenkamp

was active as an altar server and attended catechism classes. But during his youth, he says, his relationship with Christ “didn’t make the top of the list.”

But God was relentless and later as a young adult, while earning his bachelor’s degree in organizational leadership and management at Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, Muhlenkamp began in earnest to investigate the faith.

He says, “During this period of time I felt like I was Indiana Jones, discovering unknown secrets, and buried treasure. . . . I became excited about how beautiful my faith was.”

After attending a college-age retreat he found himself assisting with the youth ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Fort Wayne, where his nascent devotion rose to the challenge.

As his prayer life expanded, the idea of a vocation came, says Deacon Muhlenkamp, “as I was serving the teens and praying for them in front of the Blessed Sacrament. I felt that I was being invited to the priesthood.”

So after much prayer and encouragement from several priests, he applied to seminary and entered Pontifical College Josephinum in 2006.

Of his formation there he says,

“Seminary is the place that we go to fall in love with Jesus. There I was surrounded by men who were also striving to grow in holiness. The class of 13 men that I was with really became close. We have spent many hours together every day these past years, in class, meals, studying and in prayer.”

His assignments as seminarian and later deacon took him to several parishes around the diocese including St. Pius X in Granger, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Vincent de Paul and St. John the Baptist, all in Fort Wayne.

With his interest in metal fabrication, carpentry and fixing farm machinery, Deacon Muhlenkamp’s skills were put to good use as he ministered at each parish he was assigned. He says, “I love the opportunities I get to work with my hands. . . . My dad always says that you can take the boy from the farm, but you can’t take the farm

from the boy. I know that this is true for me.”

In addition to being of assistance to the pastor of each parish with maintenance issues, Deacon Muhlenkamp took the initiative to visit with families and make new friends. His personal and social involvement

within the parish has endeared him to many. And following his ordination to the diaconate in May of 2011 Deacon Muhlenkamp has served in a multitude of ways.

“At seminary once you become a deacon, you get a parish assignment, which is so nice. I love helping out at the parish, meeting people, baptizing babies, preparing couples for marriage. I even had the opportunity to form a small Christian community. I just love helping people see the beauty of our faith,” says the enthusiastic priest-to-be.

Deacon Muhlenkamp’s hope for his future as a diocesan priest?

“I just look forward to praying the Mass, hearing Confessions and offering time for Eucharistic Exposition in the parish I get placed,” he says. “I also look forward to spending time with the priests of our diocese and learning from them. . . . I am amazed at what the Lord will do through these hands.”



PROVIDED BY BEN MUHLENKAMP

‘I just love helping people see the beauty of our faith.’

Muhlenkamp family humbled by son’s vocation

BY KAY COZAD

GENEVA — The landscape surrounding St. Mary of the Presentation Church in Geneva expands into open fields and is dotted with dairy and Amish farms. The Muhlenkamp family, whose dairy farm sits near their home parish, knows well the rigors of the trade. That’s why they were taken by surprise when their only son, Ben, followed the call to the priesthood.

Mary Agnes and Gary Muhlenkamp, Ben’s parents, are delighted and humbled that their son has found his calling.

Gary says, “I had my doubts, but in the last couple of years, I’ve given him 100 percent sup-

port.”

The father and son worked daily as a team on the farm during Ben’s high school years.

Gary recalls, “We always had a close relationship. He’s my only son.” And it was that he says that fueled his hope that his son would one day run the farm.

“I thought he would be good at farming,” says Gary, adding, “But he must want it. He’s very independent and I let him do what he wanted to do.”

Mary Agnes believes that growing up on the dairy farm where the work “had to be done,” nurtured a spirit of service in her son that prepared him for his ministry in priestly service. As a child Ben was taught to obey his superiors and pray for others in

need. But neither parents suspected these qualities would blossom into a vocation.

But others in the community recognized Ben’s character and were candid with his parents. Gary recalls, “His soccer coach, who wasn’t even Catholic, told me a couple of years ago that he saw this in Ben. He said he treated the other boys well and was very careful.”

And along with genuinely caring for others, Gary says of his son, “He has guts. He won’t be afraid to tell the truth.”

Mary Agnes agrees, adding that Ben is “tenacious,” another quality she knows will benefit him in his ministry.

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EVER RECEIVES ME RECEIVES THE ONE WHO SENT ME.'

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Jacob Meyer offers reflections on the road to priesthood

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

FORT WAYNE — With his ordination to the priesthood set for May 26 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, Deacon Jacob Meyer recently shared his reflections of his spiritual journey with *Today's Catholic*. Memories of travel, learning administrative duties of the clergy, ministering to the sick, sharing and witnessing with parishioners and youth groups, and moments of sadness and joy were among the milestones Deacon Meyer recalled as he prepared for his religious vocation.

Many of Deacon Meyer's first experiences involved on his journey to the priesthood began with his home parish of St. Pius X. "Not all seminarians come from such vibrant parishes with such loving people and I realized that right when I got to seminary," he said.

"Many of St. Pius' parishioners don't know that at one point in time I was praying about possibly going into a religious order rather than entering the diocesan priesthood, but it was my love for my parish that made God's will evident for me that I was called to stay in the diocese. So in a very real way, because of their prayers and support, I am where I am today and so I would like to thank them!" Deacon Meyer explained.

He credits Msgr. Bill Schooler, pastor of St. Pius X, with teaching him all the various aspects of

becoming a priest. "At the seminary, you learn how to do all the things a priest does, but a seminarian learns how to be a priest from another priest. Msgr. Bill has been my mentor now for six years and he taught me how to spend myself for the sake of the people entrusted to me. He has always gone out of his way to help me learn all about ministry to every type of person/situation, parish administration, and balanced life of service to the Church and healthy rest," said Deacon Meyer.

During the summer breaks Seminarian Meyer spent time at various parishes around the diocese.

"I began at St. Jude Parish in Fort Wayne, which is set in a beautiful neighborhood and I loved it from the moment I arrived. The pastor, Father Shoemaker, and the parish staff taught me a lot about ministering to the grieving and how to plan funerals," he recalled.

The following summer Seminarian Meyer had the opportunity to work with parish youth. "I was assigned to St. Charles Parish in Fort Wayne. Father James (Kumbakkeel, parochial vicar) welcomed me and I had a wonderful summer of learning from these three great priests. I had a lot of fun that summer with Vacation Bible School, the youth group and learning from the parish staff doing Baptismal preparation."

While at St. Charles Parish, Seminarian Meyer had an opportunity to work with Father Phil Widmann at the diocesan museum. "I have always loved history and Father Widmann and the museum have taught me a lot about our diocese. It has been a great honor to help preserve the historical artifacts of the diocese and I have continued helping in the museum to the present day," said Deacon Meyer.

After being ordained a deacon last May, Meyer was assigned to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. "Father Jim Shafer and Father Drew Curry were so good in helping me learn about the parish and how it functions from the perspective of the 'big picture.' Father Jim has a great sense of catechesis and administration and I spent the summer learning from this experienced pastor how to administer a parish and feed the flock entrusted to us."

A friendship with newly ordained Permanent Deacon Jim Kitchens also developed at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Deacon Kitchens became a mentor in pastoral ministry for Meyer as well.

International travel was among Deacon Meyer's important milestones on his journey to the priesthood. Travel to Mexico during

one of his summer breaks is one of Deacon Meyer's favorite memories and he recalls the experience with humor and affection.

"When the vocation director, Msgr. Bernard Galic, first called me to tell me I was going to Mexico, I was a little apprehensive because I knew

enough Spanish to read the Taco Bell menu, but that was it," laughs Deacon Meyer.

"When I arrived in Queretaro, Mexico, my host mother was talking a mile a minute and the only thing I knew to respond with was, 'si, si, si.'" She quickly realized I had no clue what she was saying and we began a process of learning sign language that helped me not only eventually learn a little Spanish, but also become a part of the family there."

World Youth Day in Spain in 2011 was also a great experience for Deacon Meyer. In addition to enjoying the many events, Meyer was selected to be one of the deacons of the Mass at the Love and Life Center, a large sports arena in Madrid. There he had the privilege of meeting Archbishop (now Cardinal) Timothy Dolan, who was the main celebrant.

As he looks forward to his ordination to the priesthood, Deacon Meyer offers some insight to others thinking about pursuing a religious vocation.

"Pray and spend time with our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament. Go to Confession regularly, and know that you cannot do this alone," Deacon Meyer reflects.

He concludes by urging those who are considering a religious vocation to talk to a priest. "God calls everyone to a vocation, but no vocation is discovered in isolation. A priest is always involved. Know that there are a lot of people praying for you and that I will be praying for you."



Deacon Jacob Meyer reads the Gospel on Good Friday at St. Pius X Parish.



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Deacon Meyer watches from far right as Msgr. Bill Schooler lights the Paschal candle at St. Pius X at the recent Easter Vigil.

BEN

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The Muhlenkamps are proud of the choice their son has made and already rely on him for answers to any religious questions they have.

"We ask him all kinds of questions. He's got access to the answers now. The other children don't call me anymore. They call Ben," says Mary Agnes, adding, "It's kind of humbling."

Mary Agnes, who plays the organ at St. Mary Parish, continues, "You can say what kind of home it was, but he was called by the Lord."

Congratulations to Deacon Ben Muhlenkamp



From Father Cyril Fernandes
and the parishioners of
St. John the Baptist parish, Fort Wayne



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The Muhlenkamp family members are, from left in front, parents Mary Agnes and Gary, midrow, sister Denise with her family, Gavin and Steve Farmer, Deacon Ben and sister Maria. In the tree are sisters Lori and Hanna Muhlenkamp.

As Deacon Ben prepares for his ordination into the priesthood this month, his excited parents pray for their son. Gary walks to the church almost every day to lift his son in prayer. Their hope for their soon-to-be priest son, "What do you hope for all children? That they can stay on the straight road," says Mary

Agnes, adding that her dearest hope is, "that he be compassionate."

Deacon Muhlenkamp's four sisters are happy that their brother has found his calling as well. His oldest sister Denise is very excited about her brother's ordination. She says, "I am just overwhelmed with joy thinking about my brother being a

priest and could not be more proud of him. What Ben has that will make him a good priest is the desire to do the right thing and teach the truth, a love for people and Christ, and last, but not least, a solid prayer life. As children, our parents encouraged all of us to consider the religious life if that was what God was calling us to do. So once we were all adults, I wasn't surprised at all when he shared with me that he felt called to the priesthood."

Another Muhlenkamp sister, Maria agrees, saying, "Ben will be a great priest because he is committed to and passionate about the Catholic faith and he is a great leader who is on fire for God! ... His vocation has already been a huge blessing and I am so excited for him."

Father Cyril Fernandes, pastor of St. John the Baptist in Fort Wayne, says of Deacon Muhlenkamp, who served at the parish during his formation, "He has a lot of initiative and that is very important for a priest."

During his stay at St. John's Deacon Muhlenkamp visited families, assisted with maintenance projects and was very helpful, says Father Fernandes. But he adds, prayer life is also important for a priest and Deacon Muhlenkamp is steadfast with prayer. "You would see him in the chapel at night," says Father Fernandes, who recalls having to encourage the young deacon to get rest so as to serve God's people well. Father Fernandes believes that Deacon Muhlenkamp will be a good priest and says, "He puts prayer first. But he is very open and social. He relates to people very well."

Mom Mary Agnes sums it up for all saying, "In prayers of grace he will be a servant of our Lord."

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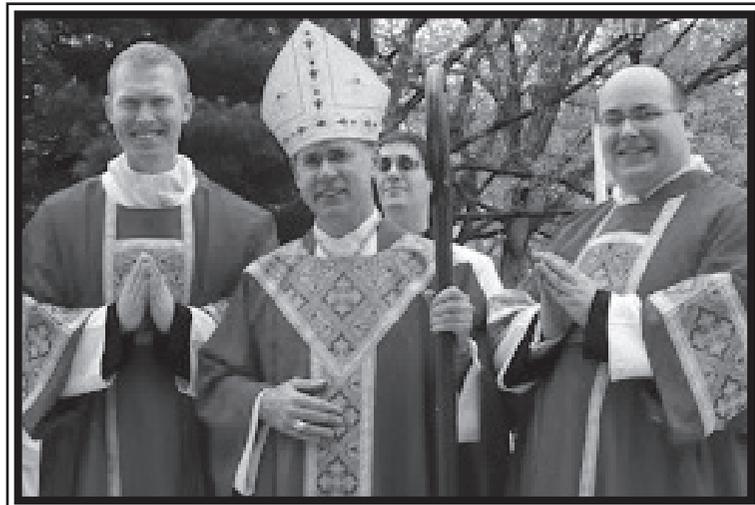
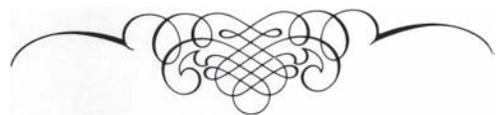
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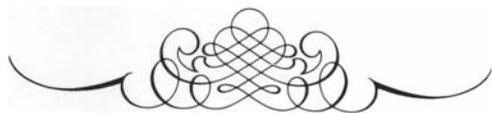
"Tend the flock of God that is in your charge . . . And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades."

-1 Peter 5:2, 4

TO RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST



Ben Muhlenkamp, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades
and Jacob Meyer



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I Will clothe its priests with blessing;
Its faithful shall shout for joy.
Ps 132:16

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Family and diocesan clergy reflect on Jacob Meyer

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

FORT WAYNE — Recollections of Deacon Jacob Meyer from family and diocesan clergy abound as he prepares for his upcoming ordination to the priesthood on Saturday, May 26, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Stories of service, support, friendship, humor and witnessing the faith describe the journey of this remarkable young man.

Parents Kurt and Julie Meyer recall Jacob's decision to enter into a religious vocation. "Jake told us about his decision to pursue the Catholic Priesthood a few weeks before his graduation from Ball State University, where he graduated in human resources and management. His father and I were thrilled and humbled at the news," said Julie.

While initially considering a career in business, Deacon Meyer's decision to enter the seminary was not a surprise to his parents.

Julie recalls, "It fits him perfectly. We know that God chooses the person and we feel blessed that he called Jake."

Ellen, Deacon Meyer's sister, remembered the emotion of Deacon Meyer's ordination to the diaconate and how it reminded her of the feelings she had on her wedding day. "I felt it was truly a victory for our God that we participated in the sacrament of Marriage with our whole selves, completely understanding what God intended the sacrament to be,



The Meyer family, in back from left are Kurt Meyer (father) and Jacob Meyer. Bottom left are Ryan Meyer (brother), Julie Meyer (mother), and Ellen Meyer Scott (sister).

and I felt that for Jacob during and after his ordination," said Ellen.

Both Ellen and her brother Ryan noted that Deacon Meyer's faith encourage them to become active in the Catholic community. Deacon Meyer encouraged Ryan to become involved in the St. Pius

X youth group. "Through the St. Pius youth group I have helped so many wonderful people and have seen tragedy transformed into hope and community healing. This would have never happened," he said.

Ellen remembers the impact

that the seminary students Deacon Meyer would bring home during school break had with strengthening her faith. "The seminarians' stories and advice helped me get through a really hard transitional time in my life where I needed the support of my family," she remembered. "During that time the seminarians became a part of our family and they were the influence that convinced me to move forward in my life and in my faith."

Diocesan clergy recall with affection the service, humor and witnessing of the faith that Deacon Meyer has brought to his vocation.

"Deacon Jacob has been an integral part of parish life during the past six years — whenever he has been home. St. Pius is his home, and he has a permanent room in the rectory," says Msgr. Bill Schooler.

Msgr. Schooler continued, "He has given himself totally to Christmas and Triduum liturgies. He is the one who has created a culture of altar serving at St. Pius, and he has also served as a beacon for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood. His ordination is bittersweet for me. While I am delighted to have a son of our parish ordained to serve our diocese as a priest, I will miss his presence here at St. Pius."

Father Andrew Curry, parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, reflected on Deacon Meyer's growth in faith since meeting him during the summer before his senior year in college.

"I was assigned to his home parish in Granger. He and I drove to a day of recollection for young men to learn about the sacraments of Marriage and Priesthood. During our two hours in the car I learned two things about Jacob — he loves to talk, have fun, and he loves Jesus and the Holy Catholic Church. Last year his summer deacon assignment was St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, where I am currently assigned, and it was a joy to see those gifts alive in the task of the Church," said Father Curry.

Father Curry remarked that Deacon Meyer's character will be an important factor in his new role as a priest. "I grew in my priesthood just seeing how he operates. Pope Paul VI said that people are more open to learning from witnesses than teachers and that they will only listen to teachers if they are witnesses. None of us is perfect, but I think Jacob will be a good priest because he is both witness and teacher," he emphasized.

*Sing praise, play music;
proclaim all his wondrous deeds!*

Psalms 105: 2



The priests, staff and parishioners of ST. VINCENT de PAUL PARISH, FORT WAYNE extend congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Jacob Meyer and Ben Muhlenkamp on the occasion of their ordination in the holy priesthood.

The people of
St. Jude Parish, Fort Wayne
congratulate
Father Jacob Meyer
on his ordination.



*With joy and affection, we
remember his diaconal service
in our midst at St. Jude's.*

Andrew Sullivan's non-threatening Jesus

The cover story for *Newsweek* magazine during Holy Week, penned by political and cultural commentator Andrew Sullivan, concerns the "crisis" that is supposedly gripping Christianity. Weighed down by its preoccupation with doctrines and supernatural claims, which are incredible to contemporary audiences, compromised by the corruption of its leadership, co-opted for base political ends, Christianity is verging, he argues, on the brink of collapse.

The solution Sullivan proposes is a repristinizing of Christianity — a return to its roots and essential teachings. And here he invokes, as a sort of patron saint, Thomas Jefferson, who as a young man literally took a straight razor to the pages of the New Testament and cut out any passages dealing with the miraculous, the supernatural, or the Resurrection and divinity of Jesus. The result of this Jeffersonian surgery is Jesus the enlightened sage, the teacher of timeless moral truths concerning love, forgiveness

and non-violence. Both Jefferson and Sullivan urge that this Christ, freed from Churchly distortions, can still speak in a liberating way to an intelligent and non-superstitious audience.

As the reference to Jefferson should make clear, there is nothing particularly new in Sullivan's proposal. The liberation of Jesus the wisdom figure from the shackles of supernatural doctrine has been a preoccupation of much of the liberal theology of the last 200 years. Hence, Friedrich Schleiermacher turned Jesus into a religious genius with a particularly powerful sense of God; Rudolf Bultmann converted Him into the prototype of the existentialist philosopher; Immanuel Kant transformed Him into the supreme teacher of the moral life. And this approach is very much alive today. Deepak Chopra and Eckhart Tolle, to give just two examples among many, present Jesus, not as the God-man risen from the dead, but rather as a New Age guru.

WORD ON FIRE



FATHER ROBERT BARRON

The first problem with this type of theorizing is that it has little to do with the New Testament. As Jefferson's Bible makes clear, the excision of references to the miraculous, to the Resurrection, and to the divinity of Jesus delivers to us mere fragments of the Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were massively interested in the miracles and exorcisms of Jesus and they were positively obsessed with His dying and rising. The Gospels have been accurately characterized as "Passion Narratives with long introductions."

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Jesus lives through the Apostles



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Mk 16:15-20

The date for the feast of the Ascension of the Lord varies from place to place. In some places, this feast will have been celebrated on Thursday, May 17. In these places, the liturgy for this weekend will be that of the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

In other dioceses, the feast is celebrated this weekend. These reflections will address the readings for the feast of the Ascension, not for the Seventh Sunday.

In the opening reading, from the first verses of the Acts of the Apostles, the author speaks first to Theophilus.

Scholars debate about the identity of Theophilus. Some believe that it is the actual proper name of a person in the Early Church. Others, noting that the name is the Greek translation for "Friend of God," hold that it was not a proper name, but rather something of a title of respect or endearment.

Regardless, the use of this name or title reveals the link between the Gospel of Luke and Acts. Both are addressed to Theophilus.

This reading is about the Ascension. It also is about the

Apostles, and more importantly it is about the special role that Jesus gave them. They witnessed the Ascension, as they witnessed the other great events in the mission of Christ, the miracles, the preaching to the multitudes, the Last Supper, Good Friday and the Resurrection.

This intimacy with the Lord prepared them to teach the Gospel. Moreover, the Holy Spirit would empower them.

Angels challenged these privileged Apostles, so blessed in their knowledge of the Redeemer, telling them not to look to the skies, nor to look at each other, nor to go back to what they were before meeting Jesus, but to go abroad taking with them the Good News of God's mercy.

For the second reading, this liturgy presents the Epistle to the Ephesians. In this epistle, Paul prays that God will give wisdom and insight to all who follow the Lord. It is a wisdom too great to be native to humans. God must provide it.

In the reading's conclusion, Paul extols Jesus as the Lord and Savior, at whose holy feet creation itself and all creatures, including all humans, repose.

St. Mark's Gospel is the last reading. In it the Lord commissions the Apostles to go into the entire world "to proclaim the Good News of salvation." He invests them with divine power, giving them authority even over the devil. They will be able to flaunt death. They will be able to cure the sick.

They will be able to act as the Lord acted. In every sense, they will represent Jesus. The Gospel concludes that the Apostles went far and wide, and the Lord "worked through them."

Reflection

Today the Church celebrates the Ascension of the Lord. This great event of the Ascension, so well described in the Scriptures, is a sign of the Lord's divine identity as much as the Resurrection, certainly as much as the miracles.

The story, however, as reflected in Acts and in Mark, does not end with its affirmation of the place of Jesus as Son of God and Savior, visibly seen during the Lord's public ministry in the Roman province of Palestine in the first century.

For us Christians today, as for all Christians who have lived since the events recorded in these Scriptures, the story has critically strong personal implications. The Lord, crucified on Calvary, risen at Easter, is with you and me. He is in the world. He has been in the world, living, healing and saving for 2,000 years.

He lives through the Apostles and their successors. Through them, we hear the Lord. Through them, we meet the Lord. Jesus is Lord! He is God. He lives!

READINGS

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-5ac, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68L10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 114:5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

Studio as sanctuary: a place of 'delight and rest'

Brother Mickey O'Neill McGrath can't help but grin when he talks about his art studio. It's been a long time coming for the 55-year-old Oblate of St. Francis de Sales who grew up drawing but wasn't able to commit to a full-time art career until 1994.

When the award-winning painter first visited the row house beside Sacred Heart Church in South Camden, N.J., three years ago, it was gutted. But Brother Mickey had a vision for what it could become, and so did the pastor of Sacred Heart, and soon lumber was arriving and electricians were wiring.

"From day one," Brother Mickey said, "it felt like home."

Now the first level is his gallery and the second level, his beloved studio. The tiled floor is checkered, black and white, and the walls are stacked with baskets of acrylic paint and buckets of paintbrushes.

His desk is arranged around the window, where northern sunlight streams in, illuminating his canvas. He paints in the morning, standing up, working in silence or to the hum of NPR. From his perch he can see Sacred Heart — watch the comings and goings of parish life, admire the bronze Our Lady of Camden statue and the wide-eyed bloom of hyacinth.

"It's my perfect little place," Brother Mickey told me. "This is like a little piece of heaven on earth for me. It's a studio, it's a sanctuary."

Part of the perfection comes from the absence of Internet. "A lot of people are afraid of silence," Brother Mickey said. "We can't hear the voice of God unless we're silent. With all our texting and email and blah blah blah, we're constantly doing and fussing. I find it's such a blessing anymore if I leave my house and realize I've forgotten my cell phone. It's, 'Thank you, Jesus!'"

The images that flow from Brother Mickey's paintbrush are full of whimsy and joy: mysteries of the rosary, scenes with saints, dark-skinned Marys. "All the big saints prayed before black Madonnas," he explained to me, "including St. Francis de Sales. They've always been associated with healing and



TWENTY SOMETHING

CHRISTINA CAPECCHI

new life ... the blackness of conception, creativity, fertile soil, seeds growing underground."

For centuries, he said, images of black Madonnas have offered special solace to those struggling to conceive and to those in need of a fresh start.

Brother Mickey's first black Madonna remains his favorite: a rendition of the Visitation, the second joyful mystery of the rosary, whose feast we mark on May 31. In it we see young, pregnant Mary embrace her pregnant older cousin Elizabeth, arms intertwined, bellies touching.

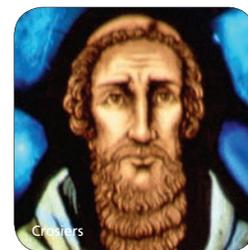
To their left Brother Mickey painted a quote from St. Jane de Chantal, who co-founded the Visitation order of nuns with St. Francis de Sales: "This is the place of our delight and rest."

The painting, titled "The Windsock Visitation," hangs above the mantel in a North Minneapolis home occupied by Visitation sisters. They hang a windsock on their front porch to invite neighborhood kids over, a refuge in an impoverished area uprooted by a tornado last May.

What is your "perfect little place," your go-to getaway? A screened-in porch? An open balcony? The corner of a coffee shop?

One of the gifts of my 20s has been an appreciation for solitude and the spaces that nurture it. Each of us needs a place to pray and play, to design and dream. A place to recite ancient prayers or utter something spontaneous. A place to think deeply or let your mind go blank. Delight and rest.

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Saint of the Week

Venerable Bede

673-735
May 25

Born in Northumbria, in northern England, Bede was schooled at the Benedictine monasteries of Wearmouth and Jarrow, where he spent the rest of his life as a monk and priest. "Study, teaching and writing have always been my delight," he wrote. He penned extensive biblical and theological writings, but his fame came as a historian. His most valuable work was "Ecclesiastical History of the English People." In 836, a church council at Aachen, Germany, called him the Venerable Bede and Pope Leo XIII declared him a doctor of the church in 1899.

Knights hear call to spirituality, evangelization

The Indiana Knights of Columbus 111th annual meeting April 27-29 began with a stirring call from past State Chaplain Father Mike Yadron, pastor of St. Thomas More Parish in Munster.

He called on the Knights, as we begin the Year of Faith in October, to take the time to evaluate ourselves as Knights of Columbus. He called us to "look back at our roots" and see if we are still true to our principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Father Yadron explained that charity calls us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and our love of Christ impels us to serve the needs of our neighbor. Unity, Father Yadron said, tells us that none of us is as good as all of us.

Our principle of fraternity is rooted in our founder, Venerable Father Michael McGivney's care for the families of brother Knights. Whether we are American, Canadian, Mexican or Philippine, we are patriotic men in our public or private lives.

Father Yadron explained our founder wanted to do all he could when a Catholic man died. The Knights of Columbus Insurance Program, which he started, provided financial security for families of the Knights. Our concern too must be for our families, widows and orphans.

During a Saturday luncheon, Knights and their wives heard a powerful talk by a young black urban minister from Indianapolis, Jonathan Tremaine Thomas, who talked with great emotion on the

pro-life cause and its parallels to the long fight to end slavery.

Early Sunday morning the Knights, along with their wives, heard a moving talk on evangelization by Franciscan Father David Mary Engo, minister general of the Franciscan Brothers Minor in Fort Wayne. Father Engo began by thanking the Knights in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend for their donations to an educational fund, which is now over \$100,000, for the Franciscan Brothers Minor who will be studying for the priesthood.

Father Engo began his talk with the recent Health and Human Services mandate that will cause many churches and religious institutions to be forced to violate their consciences and moral beliefs.

Father Engo spoke about Cardinal John O'Connor, who was hated by many for what he preached. Yet the great cardinal only preached what the Church taught. If our society attacks the Catholic Church, Father Engo said, it is attacking Christ Himself. To violate the truth is to violate Christ.

Father Engo called on the Knights to proclaim the Good News, and to start with "the person in the mirror." Evangelization needs to begin with ourselves; Read the catechism; Learn what the Church teaches — learn and love the truth.

One thing Father Engo often tells his listeners is not to be cool. Only dead bodies are cool, we need to be on fire, he encouraged, and become men and women in love with God.

Addressing the Knights directly, Father Engo called on them to become men of prayer in the home.



MICHAEL BLANKMAN

We have been given a rosary and we should use it. We need to defend our home and what comes into it. Knights need to involve the faith in our councils and our activities.

Father Engo mentioned the Faith, Family, and Fatherhood festival being planned by the Knights in the eastern half of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. It will be held Aug. 17-19 at Headwaters Park in downtown Fort Wayne.

Father Engo told the Knights and wives that it is time to rise from our comfortable lives. He spoke of the example of St. Thomas More who stayed strong and surrendered his office to defend truth.

On Sunday new officers were elected and will begin their term on July 1. Elected were state deputy, Lawrence Fluhr, from Corydon; state secretary, Scott Cunningham, from Carmel; state treasurer, Martin McCoy, Jr., from North Vernon; state advocate, Paul Zielinski, from Pittsboro; and state warden, Gene Hurm, from Tell City.

Michael Blankman is the communications director for the Indiana Knights of Columbus.

Kyrios, Paul was directly challenging that political and social status quo, which goes a long way toward explaining why he spent a good deal of time in jail!

And this leads to the second major problem with a proposal like Sullivan's: it offers absolutely no challenge to the powers that be. It is precisely the bland and harmless version of Christianity with which the regnant culture is comfortable.

Go back to Peter's sermon for a moment. "You killed him," said the chief of Jesus' disciples. The "you" here includes the power structures of the time, both Jewish and Roman, which depended for their endurance in power on their ability to frighten their subjects through threats of lethal punishment. "But God raised Him." The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the clearest affirmation possible that God is more powerful than the corrupt and violent authorities that govern the world — which is precisely why the tyrants have always been terrified of it.

When the first Christians held up the cross, the greatest expression of state-sponsored terrorism — they were purposely taunting the leaders of their time: "you think that frightens us?" The opening line of the Gospel of Mark is a direct challenge to Rome: "The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mk 1:1). "Good news" (euangelion in Mark's Greek) was a term used to describe an

imperial victory. The first Christian evangelist is saying, not so subtly, that the real good news hasn't a thing to do with Caesar. Rather, it has to do with someone whom Caesar killed and whom God raised from the dead. And just to rub it in, he refers to this resurrected Lord as "Son of God." Ever since the time of Augustus, "Son of God" was a title claimed by the Roman emperor. Not so, says Mark. The authentic Son of God is the one who is more powerful than Caesar.

Again and again, Sullivan says that he wants a Jesus who is "apolitical." Quite right — and that's just why the cultural and political leaders of the contemporary West will be perfectly at home with his proposal. A defanged, privatized, spiritual teacher poses little threat to the status quo. But the Son of God, crucified under Pontius Pilate and risen from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit, is a permanent and very dangerous threat. That's why I will confess that I smiled a bit at Andrew Sullivan as I read his article. Like the young Thomas Jefferson, I'm sure he thinks he's being very edgy and provocative. Au contraire, in point of fact.

Father Robert Barron is the founder of Word on Fire Ministries www.wordonfire.org.

SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for Ascension 2012
Mark 16:15-20

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Feast of the Ascension: Jesus's farewell promises to his followers. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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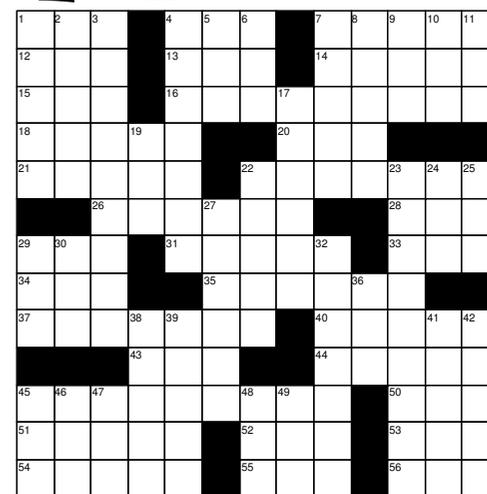
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Further, the earliest Christian texts that we have are the epistles of St. Paul, and in those letters that St. Paul wrote to the communities he founded, there are but a tiny handful of references to the teaching of Jesus. What clearly preoccupied Paul was not the moral doctrine of Jesus, but the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. And in the evangelical preaching of the first disciples — preserved in the Acts of the Apostles — we find, not articulations of Jesus' ethical vision, but rather affirmations of the Resurrection.

St. Peter's "you killed the author of life, but God raised Him from the dead, and to this we are witnesses" (Acts 3:15) is absolutely typical. And from this followed as a consequence the affirmation of the Lordship of Jesus. One of the commonest phrases in the writings of Paul is Iesous Kyrios (Jesus is Lord), which carried a very provocative connotation indeed. For a watchword of Paul's time and place was Kaiser kyrios (Caesar is Lord), meaning that the Roman emperor was the one to whom final allegiance was due. In saying Iesous

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Based on these Scripture Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16: 15-20 AND Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 15: 26-27; 16:12-15

ACROSS

- 1 Biblical adder
- 4 We need forgiveness for
- 7 God's love and fits
- 12 Fawn's mom
- 13 Stress
- 14 Swiss mathematician
- 15 Term of affection
- 16 40 days after Easter
- 18 St. Cuthbert animal
- 20 Animal doc
- 21 Bureau
- 22 Cranny
- 26 St. Bridget cross is
- 28 Cloistered woman

- 29 Gloria in excelsis ____
- 31 "To the ends of"
- 33 Limited (abbr.)
- 34 Ultra-violet sensitive
- 35 Vincent de Paul store
- 37 Perceives by sight
- 40 Puts on0 clothing
- 43 Wing
- 44 Andrew Kim Taegon's country
- 45 Ph.D.
- 50 Football assoc.
- 51 "Go with God" (French)
- 52 Reporter's question
- 53 Moray

- 54 "They have plucked my ____"
- 55 Caustic substance
- 56 Without living water

DOWN

- 1 Special case only (2 wds)
- 2 __-sayer (prophet)
- 3 Spirit feast day
- 4 Catch off-guard
- 5 Tax agency
- 6 New York City
- 7 Chromosome parts
- 8 Earthly treasure will
- 9 Boxer Muhammad
- 10 Chief executive officer
- 11 European sea eagle
- 17 Expels
- 19 Compass point
- 22 Burning areas
- 23 Not educated
- 24 Can get stuck in one
- 25 Terminate
- 27 What dentists remove
- 29 Washout
- 30 Adam's wife
- 32 "Last of the Mohicans" character
- 36 Popular pope name
- 38 Devourer
- 39 Jesus taken up in one
- 41 Make reference to
- 42 Rush forth
- 45 Pat lightly
- 46 Poem of praise
- 47 Central Intelligence Agency
- 48 Hand tool
- 49 "Hallowed by ____ name"

Answer Key can be found on page 19

Sports

SAINT JOSEPH'S HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES NIC MVP'S AND COACHES OF THE YEAR At the Northern Indiana Conference dinner held April 30, three Saint Joseph's athletes were recognized as NIC Most Valuable Players. These outstanding athletes are Anna Wilcoxson for golf, Joey Zielinski for cross-country and Trevor Carroll for swimming. Mike McCarthy was named NIC Coach of the Year for track and Ric Mauch for girls' basketball.

St. Vincent Lady Panthers win CYO soccer title

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) soccer league named their champions on May 4 at Kreager Park. St. Vincent de Paul School eighth graders won both the girls' and the boys' titles for 2012.

The Lady Panthers posted a 4-1 victory over St. Charles 8 to win it all.

Jen Pesa, who has coached the group for the past three years could not have been more proud of her team, "These girls were so fun to coach. They worked so hard and I was so proud of them. It has been amazing to watch their transformation." As fifth graders, the group did not win a single game, but Pesa explained, "They trained in the off-season, joined leagues and attended camps over the years."

The Panthers had a great start to their season beating, the always tough, St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth girls their first game, which Pesa felt was a huge confidence builder.

"We had never been able to beat them before," she said.

From that point on, Pesa saw her team believing in themselves, "They set their minds to it (winning the CYO) and God gave them the spirit to do it."

The Panther roster included 13 players whose strengths were perseverance, attitude and teamwork, according to Pesa.

St. Vincent finished league champs also with an 8-0-1 record. Their only tie came against a tough team from St. Jude when they finished with just 10 players on the field. In the tournament, they received a bye as the top-seeded entry, then beat St. Vincent 7 in the semifinals before advancing to the championship game.

In junior varsity action, St. Jude and St. Vincent 6 squared off for the boys' championship with the Eagles winning 1-0.

For the girls' title, St. Vincent 6 beat St. Vincent 5 by a thrilling score of 3-2 in a battle between schoolmates both wearing the same green and white jerseys. The fifth graders trailed 1-0 at halftime and 2-0 midway through the second half but came charging back to tie things up at the end of regulation. This forced not just one, but two five-minute overtimes, which still ended in a tie. So, the two Panther groups went five on five for a shoot out and still could not determine a



PHOTO PROVIDED BY THE ST. VINCENT PANTHERS

St. Vincent de Paul eighth-grade girls soccer team are from left, in back, Coach Jeff Ciocca, Emily Childers, Olivia Wyatt, Mikaela Fuller, Amy O'Daniel, Alexis Ciocca, Chelsea Heise, Coach Jen Pesa. In front are Moriah Heath, Brittany Smeltzley, Kailyn Burns, Elizabeth Parent, Shannon Connolly, Amanda Smeltzley and Lily Anderson.

winner. It was not until they put three more girls on the field that the sixth graders were finally declared the champions.

An exhausted fifth-grade coach, Fernando Ruiz, explained, "I have never heard so many Hail Marys being said!"

He added, "Even though we

exciting tournament."

The younger Panthers got by St. Jude in the opening round, then avenged their only loss of the season beating St. John, Fort Wayne, 6, again taking longer than regulation to find out who would advance.

CYO softball season throws first pitches

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — The 2012 Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) softball league season is underway and the St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth Panthers are off to a good start. "Our main focus for our team is the little accomplishments and not the record of wins and losses. The first strike out for our first time fifth-grade pitcher, the double play against St. Vincent, the 'Holy Mary' catch by an outfielder, the first stolen base by a young fifth grader and making connection at bat on a 'fast' pitch. These are the small accomplishments that mean the world and have lasting memories to these young ladies," explains Coach Monica Zwick.

In her seventh season, Zwick and her husband Warren list a line-up of 14 girls, which includes just three eighth graders, captains Grace Everett, Madison Busch and Kaitlyn Emmett, who

return to lead their younger teammates, and a dominating group of core seventh graders that have been playing together since third grade.

The Panthers have an early 1-2 record with losses to St. Charles and St. Vincent and a win over Imagine School. Zwick intends for her team to have fun and grow as a team this season.

Also, on the field for 2012, Coach Leroy Scoles and the Lady Panthers return eight starters from last year's CYO runner-up team.

Led by Audrey Lukmire, Elle

Fourmann, Cassandra

Lombardo, Samantha Sliger, Hannah Lapp, Emma Winklejohn, Meg Hershberger and Brooke Herrmann, St. Vincent welcomes new additions Amber Lancia, Karsyn Kitchen, Katie Owens and Emily Tippmann.

"The girls have been working very hard to have another shot at the championship and have developed into a close and determined team," explained Scoles.



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Cardinal Dolan covers wide range of topics on SiriusXM radio

BY BETH GRIFFIN

NEW YORK (CNS) — In a genial, live, two-hour national satellite radio broadcast May 8, Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York sent his first Twitter message and fielded questions on issues ranging from his priesthood to his favorite foods and beverages.

Cardinal Dolan was featured in a Town Hall event on SiriusXM's the Catholic Channel 129. Twenty invited listeners perched on stools in a small glass-enclosed studio at SiriusXM's New York headquarters. They read their queries from prepared cards and responded appreciatively to the cardinal's thoughtful responses.

The broadcast was moderated by Sirius XM personalities Father Jonathan Morris and Tim Farley. NBC's "Today" co-host Matt Lauer, former Major League Baseball manager Joe Torre and Shirley Dolan, the cardinal's mother, were "surprise guests."

Cardinal Dolan said he aspires to be a saint. "I'm longing for it and trying my best. Great saints are just recovering sinners," he quipped.

He cited St. Therese of Lisieux, or the "Little Flower," who famously defined sainthood as doing ordinary things extraordinarily well. "For a cardinal, most of life is routine," Cardinal Dolan said.

"We're all called to be saints. I hope 50 years from now someone will remember something I said or did and be inspired," Cardinal Dolan said.

The cardinal, who hosts a weekly talk show on the Catholic Channel, opened the Town Hall with a milkshake toast to the audience and the event was peppered with references to food and drink. Without hesitation, he described his favorite meal — "meatloaf, mashed potatoes, no gravy, butter, a cold beer and cherry pie." Budweiser is his favorite brand of beer and peach his preferred flavor for a stand-alone snack of pie and cold

milk. He also described feigning indecision at a gelato stand to sample many flavors before ordering.

Cardinal Dolan said his guests at an imaginary dinner party would include St. Peter, the Roman emperor Constantine, Abraham Lincoln and Archbishop Fulton Sheen. He said he would ask how St. Peter "recuperated so quickly from denying Jesus to being at his tomb" on Easter.

The cardinal said Lincoln is "one of the holiest and wisest men I've ever read about" and then laughingly acknowledged that Archbishop Sheen, a skilled broadcaster, "would probably dominate the conversation." Jesus, he said, is a presumed guest at the dinner, one whom he meets every day in the eucharistic meal.

Addressing priestly vocations, Cardinal Dolan said families and parishes should invite and encourage young men without pressuring them. He said he aspired to the parish priesthood from an early age, but would likely have become a

married father and history teacher if he was not ordained.

"Pope Paul VI said a priest should want to be a husband and a father," Cardinal Dolan said. "We're not called to be bachelors. A bachelor freely chooses not to be married. We're called to be celibate, which means we have a deep longing for a wife and children but we have placed that under God's domain. We then have a spiritual spousal relationship with the Church and a spiritual paternity with our people."

Cardinal Dolan said his faith was tested in 2000 when his young niece was diagnosed with bone cancer.

"I was never tempted to doubt God, but I was tempted to doubt that God knew what he was doing," he said. Ultimately, he latched onto the Gospel question "Lord, to whom shall we go?" and adopted it as his prayer and part of his episcopal coat of arms. His niece is now a young adult.

Cardinal Dolan advised a new grandmother to be gentle, prayerful and persistent in encouraging the baby's lapsed Catholic father to have the child baptized. "A genius of the Catholic faith is that adults return to the faith through their kids," he said.

When Lauer appeared in the studio, he reminisced with Cardinal Dolan about a moving 2011 visit they made to St. Peter's Basilica after it was closed to the public for the day. Lauer described himself as

"deeply spiritual, but not religious" and said he was raised by a Jewish father and a Christian Scientist mother. Cardinal Dolan said, "Rome brings out a natural inquisitiveness about religion."

Joe Torre called in to the program and Cardinal Dolan said, "You're one of my heroes, Joe. You take your faith seriously." The former baseball manager and the cardinal had a rapid-fire exchange worthy of late-night sports radio, including updates on former major leaguers Stan Musial, Whitey Herzog, Tony La Russa and Frank Torre, Joe's brother.

Cardinal Dolan said there is an analogy between the Catholic Church and sports. "Strength in athletics and spiritual life are allied. The same traits that serve well on the field apply to spiritual life: team work, perseverance, grittiness and vigilance," he said.

Diocesan bishops, like sports managers, have to "craft a team to fit the park," Cardinal Dolan said. Both have to assess the local situation and develop their personnel to meet the challenges and opportunities.

During the broadcast, the cardinal used an iPad to send his first Tweet. With the handle @CardinalDolan, he wrote: "Hey everybody. It's Timothy Cardinal Tebow. I mean Dolan. I'm on Twitter. And I'm live on Town Hall on SiriusXM's The Catholic Channel 129."



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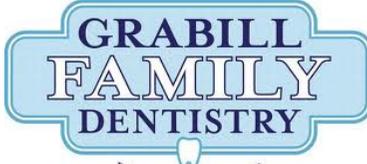


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Class of '67 plans reunion

Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic class of '67 will have a reunion Saturday, July 14, from 6 p.m. to midnight at Coyote Creek, 4935 Hillegas Rd. Reservations needed by June 15 to Kathy Murphy Brockway at (260) 489-8486 or Denise Hart Kennedy at (260) 436-4335.

Class of '72 plans reunion

Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic class of 1972 will celebrate a 40th anniversary, Saturday, Sept. 15, with Mass at Most Precious Blood Church at 5 p.m. and a party at Deer Park Pub, 1530 Leesburg Rd. Pizza, beverages, live music and bonfire. RSVP on FaceBook or call MaryAnne Horn at (260) 271-5009.

Central Catholic High School Alumni

Fort Wayne — The Central Catholic Alumni Association will have an all alumni reunion Saturday, June 30, at 4 p.m. at Classic Cafe Catering and Event Center, 4832 Hillegas Rd. Contact Leanne Oddou Mensing (260) 485-0290.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

South Bend — The Knights of Columbus Council 5521, 61533 S. Ironwood Dr., will have a spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults \$8, children (5-12) \$3.50. Carry-out available.

VNHH to host grief workshop

Fort Wayne — Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, located at 5910 Homestead Rd. in Fort Wayne, will host a free grief workshop titled "Surviving a Death from Suicide," that

includes a conversation with family survivors, on Tuesday, May 29, from 5-7:30 p.m. A light supper will be served. RSVP by calling (260) 435-3222.

ND football season ticket raffle

South Bend — The St. Hedwig Holy Name Society is selling raffle tickets for two Notre Dame football season tickets. \$1 each or six for \$5. Send to 1104 N. Elliot St., South Bend, IN 46628.

Vacation Bible School

Kendallville — Immaculate Conception Parish will offer Vacation Bible School for children age 4-14 from June 4-8 at the church. Call (260) 347-4045 for questions or to register.

Knights plan spaghetti dinner

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 451, 601 Reed Rd., will have a spaghetti dinner on Monday, May 21, from 5-6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Special Olympics.

Knights plan Sunday breakfast

Fort Wayne — The Knights of Columbus Council 11043 will have a breakfast on Sunday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Monsignor Faber Activity Center at Queen of Angels, 1500 W. State Blvd. Tickets are adults \$6, children 6-12 \$3 and families \$20.

Football in Training registration

Fort Wayne — Football in Training is a tackle football league designed for boys that attend Catholic schools. Registration for the upcoming 2012 season is now through May 31. Signup online

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Day of Reflection

Mishawaka — A day of reflection will be held at St. Francis Convent (across from Marian High School) Wednesday, May 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The theme for the day is "Faith Development in the Gospel of John: The Blind Man, Lazarus, The Samaritan Woman." Bring a Bible. The cost of the day is \$20 and includes lunch. Register by May 25 to Sister Barbara Anne Hallman at (574) 259-5427.

Spring chicken dinner

South Bend — Our Lady of Hungary, 735 W. Calvert, will have a carry-out only chicken dinner Saturday, May 19, from 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 by pre-sale tickets only available after all Masses or by calling Kathy at (574) 287-1700.

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Rummage sale

Ligonier — St. Patrick Parish will have a rummage sale May 17-19, at 301 Ravine Park Dr. The times are Thursday from 2-8 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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June 10	Corpus Christi	Father Tony Steinacker St. Charles Borromeo Fort Wayne	Msgr. Bruce Piechocki St. Monica, Mishawaka Airs at 6:30 a.m.
June 17	Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	Msgr. John Kuzmich St. Vincent dePaul Fort Wayne	Father Bob Lengerich St. Dominic Bremen
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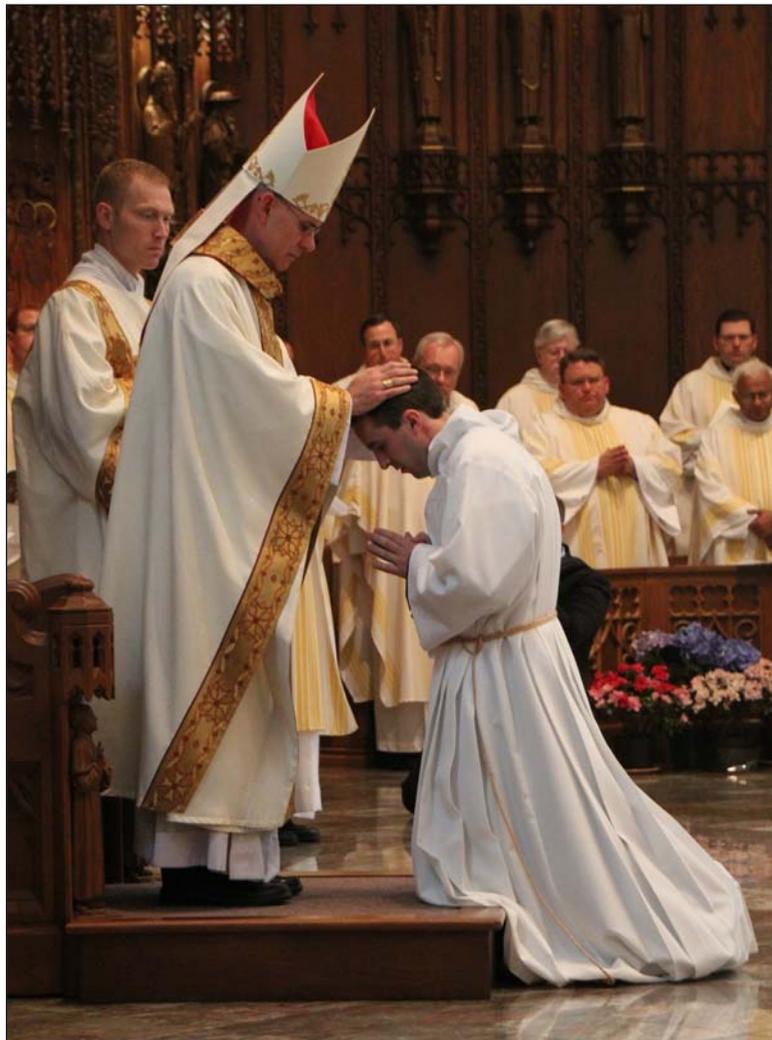


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Above, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, center, poses with seminarians. At right, Deacon Christopher Lapp, center, poses with Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, left, and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.



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