Catholic Charities celebrates 90 years of service

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — Catholic Charities celebrates its 90th anniversary this year as a mission-driven organization that serves the poor and vulnerable regardless of religion, ethnic background, age, gender or ability to pay. As an agency of the diocese, Catholic Charities’ programs are operated in conformity with Catholic social and moral teachings and, though a separate corporation, operates at the pleasure of the bishop, who serves as chairman of the board.

Established in the Diocese of Fort Wayne by Bishop Herman J. Alerding in 1922, Associated Catholic Charities met the needs of the community following the Great War. Three years later the local agency adopted a constitution and by-laws as well as established a board of directors. It was at this time that Associated Catholic Charities became affiliated with the National Conference of Catholic Charities, now known as Catholic Charities USA.

Over the past nine decades the agency has undergone countless changes, all to meet the changing needs of the community. Currently Catholic Charities, a state licensed, COA accredited social services agency, employs over 50 employees and hundreds of volunteers to staff the plethora of service programs available in 14 counties in Northeast Indiana that comprise the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Debbie Schmidt oversees the workings of this organization so vital to the life of the Church and the local community. Executive director since 2002, she says Catholic Charities’ client base is “very diverse,” and includes the poor, disabled, migrants, elderly and children. Services for this diverse population fall under four main areas within this charitable
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n Catholic churches and homes, one of the most popular images of Jesus is the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the image of God’s love revealed in the pierced heart of His Son. It is the symbol of a love that conquers sin and transcends death, the symbol of the One who loved us to the end.

Love has always been centered with the heart, so it was only natural that the love of God became represented by a heart, the heart of his Son Jesus. In him, God the Father revealed his infinite love for us. On the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Church was born from the pierced heart of Jesus. In the Incarnation, Eve was born from the side of Adam. In the new creation, the Church was born from the side of Jesus. The Bride from the Heart of the Bridegroom! When the soldier thrust his lance into Jesus’ side, immediately blood and water flowed out. Saint John Chrysostom had this to say about this passage: Beloved, do not pass over this mystery without thought; it has yet another hidden meaning, which I will explain to you. I said that water and blood symbolized baptism and the holy eucharist. From these two sacraments the Church is born: from baptism, the cleansing water that gives rebirth and renewal through the Holy Spirit, and from the holy eucharist, the symbols of baptism and the eucharist flowed from his side, it was from his side that Christ fashioned the Church, as he had fashioned Eve from the side of Adam … As God took a rib from Adam’s side to fashion a woman, so Christ has given us blood and water from his side to fashion the Church. God took the rib when Adam was in a deep sleep, and in the same way Christ gave us the blood and the water after his own death.

Since the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, from his Sacred Heart, this should have great meaning for us. In prayer, we contemplate the pierced Heart of our Savior. We contemplate his incredible love. We reflect on the mercy, compassion and love that God has bestowed upon us. We become enthralled by Christ, like Saint Paul, who prayed that Christ might dwell in the hearts of the Ephesians with all the fullness of faith and that they might know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. When Christ dwells in our hearts, when we know his love deeply, in our minds and hearts, we are moved to live the great commandment of love of God and neighbor. We are motivated by the Sacred Heart of Jesus to open our hearts to him so that they are filled with love for our brothers and sisters. In this way, we learn to live Jesus’ commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. The Church, born from the pierced heart of Jesus, has a mission in the world to proclaim the redeeming love of God in Christ. This is a great mission. There are many systems of thought and action which seek to construct the human world on the basis of wealth, power, force, science or pleasure. But that’s not the Christian system. Our mission, our work, is to proclaim love, salvation, redemption, eternal life. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is precisely the image that expresses our mission. It is the image of the infinite and merciful love which the heavenly Father has poured out upon the world through his Son. The goal of all we do in the Church should be to lead people to encounter this love. Only this love, the love of the Heart of Christ, can transform the human heart and bring true peace to the world.

In our lives and in our work in the Church, we must place all our hope in the One who said Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. This is one of the most beautiful scriptural references to the heart of Jesus. His heart, the symbol of his redeeming love, is also a symbol of his meekness and humility. Jesus invites us to learn from his heart and to imitate his love, his meekness, and his humility. This aspect of devotion to the Sacred Heart is evident in the common prayer or invocation: Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine. I invite you to cultivate a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The month of June is a month when this devotion is practiced more intensely. Some wonderful practices include praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, making a consecration to the Sacred Heart or having the image of the Sacred Heart enthroned in your home. These devotions are not just some relics of the past. They have continued relevance today. When we draw close to Christ in the mystery of his heart, this enables us to dwell on the great mystery of our faith, that God is love. This also strengthens us and inspires us to imitate his love and to help build the civilization of love. From the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our hearts learn meekness, humility, mercy, and love.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is profoundly Eucharistic. It finds its summit at Mass where we lift up our hearts to the Lord. We unite our hearts with the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. At Mass, we are nourished at the Paschal banquet of our Redeemer’s Body and Blood. The Eucharist is the sacrament of charity. It is a school of love where we are educated by Jesus. We pray in the prayer after Communion on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart: May this sacrament of charity, O Lord, make us fervent with the fire of holy love, so that, drawn always to your Son, we may learn to see him in our neighbor. The Eucharist has been called “the outstanding gift of the Heart of Jesus”, the Heart that gives life to the Church and to all of us, her members.
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History of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

1922 Bishop Herman J. Alerding established Associated Catholic Charities.
1924 Associated Catholic Charities was one of 19 original members of the Community Chest now known as the United Way.
1925 Constitution and by-laws were adopted. Board of directors was formed and CC became affiliated with National Conference of Catholic Charities (now known as Catholic Charities USA).
1927 The Indiana State Department of Public Welfare licensed Associated Catholic Charities as a child-placing agency.
1930-39 The Great Depression saw many changes both for the community and for Catholic Charities, who continued to provide children with milk, schoolbooks and supplies.
1937 Father Edward Sweigart became the director of Associated Catholic Charities.
1941-45 Catholic Charities assisted families of veterans, displaced persons and participated in a community-wide childcare center to meet the needs of working mothers.
1947 St. Joseph County office opened, with pregnancy counseling, adoption services and individual and family counseling. Catholic Charities became a member of United Way.
1952 Began placing Canadian children in adoptive homes.
1954 Ladies of Charity volunteer group established in South Bend.
1957 Msgr. John Reed was appointed Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Inc. was created and Catholic Social Service agencies in both Fort Wayne and South Bend were established.
1960 Catholic Social Services of Fort Wayne and the Catholic Charities offered services to the former St. Paul School located at 919 Fairfield Ave.
1961 Resettlement program was established in Fort Wayne to meet the needs of refugees from Cuba.
1964 Plans were developed for Saint Anne Home, a nursing care facility for the elderly.
1965 The Catholic Charities Child Development Program began.
1967 The first resident was admitted to Saint Anne Home. The Ten-O-Four Home for unwed mothers was established for pregnant girls.
1970 An Independent Living Unit was established at Saint Anne Home.
1972 John Martin was named the new Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities.
1973 Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsored by Catholic Charities. Children’s Cottage, a state licensed, Montessori certified, all day child care program opened.
1974 A component of Harvest House, the forever learning Institute, was established.
1975 The Refugee Resettlement program was established with staff persons in both Fort Wayne and South Bend to meet the needs of South Vietnamese refugees.
1976 Villa of the Woods in Fort Wayne and Vincent House, in Elkhart were opened as congregate living facilities.
1978 The Head Start program was established.
1982 A Catholic Social Service office was opened in Elkhart.
1985 The Home Visitor Program to provide support for home bound elderly and disabled was established.
1990 The agency announced a restructuring of its administration whereby all services and programs operated from one administrative structure.
1991 Rainbows program established.
1992 Hispanic Outreach Program established.
1993 Catholic Charities was chosen as a site for the resettlement of refugees from Bosnia.
1994 Adoption program expanded to include children with special needs. Services to adult adoptees seeking information about their birth parents were also offered. Project Rachel was established.
1995 Circle of Mercy Day Care Center in South Bend became a program of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities also assumed administrative responsibility for Hannah’s House, a maternity home located in Mishawaka.
1996 Mentoring program for pregnant and parenting young women. “Birthright the Vision” was established.
1997 Salt & Light Program established. Catholic Charities assumed responsibility for the Foster Parent Training Program in Allen County and six surrounding counties.
1998 A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the renovation/expansion of Children’s Cottage, a childcare center in Fort Wayne. Catholic Charities was awarded the contract for the Foster Parent Liaison position for the Allen County Office of Family and Children’s Services. Accreditation approved through the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, and Children’s Cottage was selected as a delegate agency for the Head Start Program.
1999 Faith Based Initiative Program established. ECHO — Education Creates Hope and Opportunity – a teen parenting program begins. St. Hyacinth Community Center opened along with the Monsignor Lester Multi-Purpose Room.
2001 A groundbreaking for the expansion and renovation of Villa of the Woods began. Immigration Program established and Match Grant Program begins under Refugee Services.
2002 Catholic Charities Fort Wayne approved as recognized site for immigration services.
2003 Senior AIDS program acquired. Brief and Emergency Services Program assists poor in West region.
2004 Sponsors RSVP Program in St. Joseph County. RSVP and Busy Hands moved into South Bend Catholic Charities’ newly renovated office.
2005 Elkhart County RSVP sponsored. RSVP of DeKalb County opened a countywide food pantry.
2006 Senior AIDS Program expanded to serve all 14 counties within the diocese.
2008 Catholic Charities resettled 1,469 refugees, primarily from Burma. Catholic Charities Emergency Food Pantry opened in South Bend. Senior AIDS began offering GED courses.
2009 Senior AIDS began providing extensive training courses in budgeting, finances and employment preparation. English as a Second Language/Glizship Class began in South Bend. RSVP of St. Joseph County and Elkhart County combined to become one project.
2010 Catholic Charities was a partner with the City of Fort Wayne and competed for and won the AM American City Award.
2011 The Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives selected Catholic Charities to receive the Indiana Hardest Hit Fund Initiative Volunteer Services Program awards for Regions 2 and 3 (a total of 15 counties). This program is part of the Building Bridge to Recovery Foreclosure Prevention Program.

Envelope for Catholic Charities donation

To ensure the future of the mission of Catholic Charities, an envelope has been inserted in this week’s issue of Today’s Catholic newspaper. Your charitable contributions to Catholic Charities will help support and sustain the programs that serve the needs of the poor and vulnerable in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Thank you for your generosity.

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organization. Family Services offers pregnancy services, ECHO for teens, adoption services, post finalization services, Resource and Referral for meeting basic needs, food pantries, Hispanic Health Advocacy services and The Hardest Hit Fund Hoosier Corps Volunteer Service Program.

The department of Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services offers refugee resettlement and placement, health services, the match grant program and immigration services. Older Adults Services include Villa of the Woods residential facility and Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP). Catholic Charities also offers employment services that include Senior AIDS program (Title V) and refugee job development.

Director of Community Relations and long-time board member Kathy Denice is passionate about the dedicated staff and mission of the agency and says, “We are the social services arm of the Catholic Church. Our mission is to serve others as Christ would have us do.” And to continue their service education is the key. Denice says, “My goal is to educate the community on the charitable works of Catholic Charities.”

The many programs and services provided by Catholic Charities are supported through a diverse range of funding including through the Church, the government, the United Way and of course, private donations. Ninety-one percent of the funds go directly to client services, with the remaining nine percent supporting administrative costs. Schmidt says, “We do the best with the resources we have to serve the needs.”

Catholic Charities is located at 315 E. Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46802 and can be reached at (260) 422-5625. In South Bend offices are located at 1817 Miami St., 46613 and can be reached at (574) 234-3111.
Religious liberty under attack: Concrete examples

Discrimination against small church congregations
WASHINGTON (USCCB) — In 1994, New York City’s Department of Education denied the request of the Bronx Household of Faith and several other churches to rent space from public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for scores of other uses.

Litigation began soon afterward, and now, nearly 18 years later, about 60-80 small church and synagogue congregations continue to fight for their rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. The church groups have been serving their communities for years and simply wish to be able to rent vacant school space as the city allows other groups to do.

In June 2011, a federal appellate court upheld New York City’s ban on private worship services meeting in vacant public schools on weekends. The court stated that a church could conduct a meeting in the NYC public schools that contained singing, praying, preaching and fellowship, but that they could not conduct a “worship service.” But some denominations’ worship services consist only of singing, praying, preaching and fellowship.

New York City claims that it only goes on the word of the religious group — that is, if the group says that it is not conducting a worship service, then it can meet. However, the churches claim that the city and school employees have been investigating what the churches do in the public schools and that the city has made its own assessments of whether the meetings constitute a “worship service” or not.

Many New York City churchgoers have been protesting the city’s plans to evict them ever since the U.S. Supreme Court declined to take up the case on free speech grounds last December.

Earlier this year, the federal courts issued and upheld an order temporarily blocking the city’s policy, ruling that the policy violated the Free Exercise Clause and the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution. However, the city has fought against the churches’ constitutional rights every step of the way, so litigation and appeals are expected to continue. The appellate court that upheld the ban on worship services last year expects to issue another decision before school starts this fall.

On the legislative front, the New York Senate passed a bill in January essentially repealing New York City’s ban on private worship services, but the bill has stalled in the New York Assembly.

While New York City’s discrimination would not frequently affect Catholic parishes, which generally own their own buildings, this kind of discrimination can be devastating to many smaller congregations, who merely seek to rent vacant space in schools on weekends, as civic clubs and other organizations do. The city’s policy is a simple case of discrimination against religious believers.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat?

Among many current challenges, New York City’s policy severely diminishes many churchgoers’ right to exercise freely and fully their religious beliefs. Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer.

Prayer
Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom You have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1). We praise and bless You for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; By Your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land. We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom You live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — Sunday evening Mass had just started at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Cathedral on Oct. 31, 2010 when explosions were heard nearby. One priest began shepherding parishioners into a fortified back room, but heavily armed suicide bombers entered the church and barricaded the doors. Another priest approached the attackers and begged them to spare the worshippers. He was shot and died with a crucifix in his hand. The attackers shot two randomly as they rounded up the remaining parishioners and held them hostage. They tried to break into the fortified back room, where 60 people were huddled and when unsuccessful, threw grenades in through a window.

Several hours later Iraqi security forces stormed the church to free the hostages as the attackers exploded their suicide vests. In the end, 58 hostages, including two priests, a three-month-old child and police were killed; 75 were wounded. The walls of the church were scarred with bullets and blood. An al-Qaeda affiliated group claimed responsibility.

This attack was horrific and resulted in the deaths of over 70 people. Pope Benedict XVI expressed profound sorrow at the violence, which is even more savage because it struck defenseless people gathered in God’s house, which is a house of love and reconciliation.

Unfortunately, this attack was not the only one. The civil war in Iraq, even though it remains particularly memorable due to the scale of the carnage, Christians, who before 2003 numbered about 1.4 million in Iraq, have often been targeted by extremists, some of whom are allied with political parties seeking advantage. In the unstable post-war political environment following the U.S.-led invasion, Christians are viewed as “soft targets” without their own militias.

Systematic kidnappings for ransom, even of priests and bishop, and killings have caused thousands of Christians to flee their homes. They either go abroad or are displaced internally, trying to find safe havens. Safety is hard to find, and some of these Iraqi Christians have been displaced numerous times and are running out of resources. The number of displaced Iraqi Christians is now estimated to be about 400,000. Their future prospects remain difficult.

The Church in Iraq, which has existed since the earliest days of Christianity, is struggling to survive. Yet, many remaining Christians are trying to ensure that the new Iraq that emerges includes space for the Christian community to participate and serve in what has traditionally been a multi-ethnic and multi-religious society.

What can be done to help? Your prayers are critically important. Your concrete help is also vital to support organizations, like Catholic Relief Services and Caritas, which are providing essential services to displaced Iraqis. Your welcome is needed for Iraqi refugees who have made the difficult decision to come to the United States to start a new life. Your advocacy for continued U.S. government support for strengthening the rule of law in Iraq and assisting displaced Iraqis, including Iraqi Christians, lets them know they have not been forgotten.

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.
Stand Up for Religious Freedom rally draws crowd to Capitol Hill park

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Set against the backdrop of the U.S. Capitol, a Stand Up for Religious Freedom rally drew hundreds of participants to a park in Washington June 6. People gathered to show their support for religious freedom and to protest a federal Health and Human Services mandate they say violates that freedom by requiring most religious employers to provide no-cost contraceptive coverage even it is contrary to their beliefs. Organized by the Pro-Life Action League in Chicago and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, based in Michigan, the local rally was one of many taking place the same day across the country, attracting an estimated 160 cities. Officials said the new round of rallies was an attempt to continue the momentum they say was generated by similar rallies held March 23 in front of U.S. courthouses, state capitols and historic sites. At the Washington rally, the mood was energetic and seemed to take on a political tone. As one protester called out, “Stand up and fight for religious freedom,” a passer-by quickly retorted, “I am Catholic and I support HHS.”

“Never before has the government forced taxpayers to buy products directly involved in sterilization and abortion causing pills,” said U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn.

Archbishop: Religious liberty campaign not meant to ‘throw’ election

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic Church’s challenges to the federal government’s contraceptive mandate under the health care law is not an attempt to “throw” the presidential election in favor of one candidate or against another, said the chairman of the bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Freedom, speaking to members of the Catholic Press Association in a conference call June 6, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori said the bishops’ campaign emerged because of the federal government’s attempt to force religious organizations to pay for health services that violate their fundamental religious principles. The mandate was announced Aug. 1, 2011, as part of the rules the Department of Health and Human Services is issuing to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act passed in 2010. Along with the mandate, HHS released a four-pronged religious exemption that has raised objections among Catholic Church officials and others who say it is so narrow that most religious employers will not qualify. On Jan. 20, this year, HHS announced that nonprofit groups that do not provide contraceptive coverage because of their religious beliefs will get an additional year “to adapt to this new rule.”

Pope Benedict XVI kneels in prayer during Corpus Christi procession in Rome

PoPe Benedict XVI kneels in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament during the Corpus Christi procession in Rome June 7.

OPINION

Archbishop says Sacred Heart is a reality marking ‘core of Christ’s being’

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) — The Sacred Heart “is a reality that marks the core of Christ’s being,” Philadelphia Auxiliary Bishop John J. McIntyre told attendees at the June 1-3 national conference for charismatic Catholics. It is Christ’s heart “into which each of us is drawn, so that more and more, each day after day, each passing year, like His,” we are “rooted in charity and full of that light which He has unleashed upon the world; a light that is stronger than sin and death and hell itself,” the bishop said. Bishop McIntyre was the principal celebrant and homilist at the opening Mass of the conference, which drew approximately 2,500 Catholic women and men from around the country. They gathered at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia for a joy-filled conference and celebration of the Holy Spirit. “Let us pray with one heart together with Mary in the Upper Room” was the theme of the conference, held every five years. It brought together four distinct branches of Catholic charismatics in the United States — English speakers, Hispanic, Filipinos and Haitians — with both general sessions and separate sessions for the four tracks as well as a fifth that targeted youth. Prominent among the concelebrants at the opening Mass was Ukrainian Archbishop Stefan Soroka of Philadelphia. “This is my first time as a reverend official Catholic teaching,” he said. “It was really beautiful to see the light and joy on people’s faces. It was life-giving.”

Vatican warns against errors in Mercy nun’s 2006 book on sexual ethics

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith warned June 4 that Mercy Sister Margaret Farley’s 2006 book, “Just Love: A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics,” contains “erroneous propositions” on homosexual acts, same-sex marriage, masturbation and remarriage after divorce that could cause confusion and “grave harm to the faithful.” In a notification signed by U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada and approved March 16 by Pope Benedict XVI, the congregation said the book “is not in conformity with the teaching of the Church” and “cannot be used as a valid expression of Catholic teaching, either in counseling and formation, or in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue.”

Sundays must be a day of rest dedicated to God, family, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The demands of work can’t bully people out of needed time off, Pope Benedict XVI said. Sunday must be a day of rest for everyone, so people can be free to be with their families and with God, the pope said. “By defending Sunday, one defends human freedom,” he said during his weekly general audience in St. Peter’s Square June 6. In his catechesis, the pope told an estimated 15,000 pilgrims and visitors about his trip June 1-3 to Milan for the seventh World Meeting of Families. He thanked everyone who made the “unforgettable and wonderful event” possible and praised the willingness he witnessed of people striving to live a “Gospel of the family. Humanity has no future without the family,” he said. Young people need to be born and raised in “that community of life and love that God himself wanted,” that is, a family. The pope encouraged dialogue between man and woman, he said. He reminded young people that they, too, have a responsibility to contribute to the well-being of the family, such as by saying “yes” to God’s will, working hard in their studies, being generous to others, being active in the community and using their talents to help the world. The pope said when he met government representatives in Milan, he reminded them of the importance of policies and laws that protect the family. The most essential is the right to life, “whose deliberate suppression can never be allowed.” The identity of the family, the pope said, can be better protected if a man and a woman, needs recognition, too, the pope said.

Vatican II did not downplay Eucharistic Adoration, pope says

ROME (CNS) — A misunderstanding of the Second Vatican Council has led some Catholics to think that Eucharistic Adoration and Corpus Christi processions are pietistic practices not in accord with current teaching, which is incorrect, Pope Benedict XVI said. “A unilateral interpretation of the Second Vatican Council has penalized this dimension” of Catholic faith, which is to recognize Jesus truly present in the Eucharist and worthy of adoration,” the pope said June 7 in his weekly general audience. “It is of a different genre altogether.”

The pope said Mass marking the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. The evening Mass outside Rome’s Basilica of St. John later preceded a moment of silent adoration and the pope’s traditional Corpus Christi procession with the Eucharist through the streets of Rome.
Local host families needed for foreign teens

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic year homestay programs, and the sponsoring organization needs more local host families. According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) president, John Doty, the students are between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family’s needs, ranging in length from one semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local public and private high schools.

Families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at (866) 546-1402.

Around the Diocese

The second-grade students of St. Mary School in Avilla, shown above, sponsored a school-wide food drive to benefit the Avilla Food Pantry with the theme “We Have Been Fed by the Bread of Life, Now We Want to Feed Others.” The students encouraged their schoolmates to donate to the cause with daily announcements and an original play performance focused on the food drive. Through the generosity of the St. Mary students and community, 400 pounds of food was donated to the Avilla Food Pantry.

Varner’s Greenhouse and Vite’s Greenhouse, Byszewski’s volunteer hours for this project totaled over 100 hours. Byszewski is the son of Thomas and Theresa Byszewski.

USF special education professor, Jesters director presenting to international audience

FORT WAYNE — University of Saint Francis teacher education professor Dr. Martha Meyer and Allison Ballard, director of the Jesters program at USF, will present the workshop, “Theater Arts for Persons with Mild/Moderate Disabilities: Cooperative Learning between Creative Arts and Teacher Education with the ‘Jesters,’” at the joint Indiana and United States Society for Education Through Art Regional Conference in Indianapolis June 23-26.

The pair will present on the implementation of a program like USF’s Jesters, founded in 1970 for children and young adults with special needs. The 35-year-old program showcases participants’ multi-media performing arts skills, including movement/dance, instrumental vocal and percussion music and theatre/story telling on the public stage, teaching creative drama to those with mild to severe cognitive and physical disabilities. The 40 participants now range in age from young adults to senior citizens. USF’s teacher education students observe and work with participants to understand and learn teaching skills. Workshop participants will learn how to offer similar programs in their communities and gain an understanding of the global nature of theater, story lines and acting in terms of advocacy for those with disabilities. They will also see how the universality of movement, space and communication through words and music broadens opportunities for such individuals. Students preparing for careers teaching students with disabilities will also learn in a deeper dimension.

In collaboration with Indiana University’s Center for the Study of Global Change and the Art Education Association of Indiana, the regional conference will focus on how education through art helps in teaching global understanding and engagement. Meyer and Ballard’s proposal holds that youth with mild to moderate disabilities have few theater arts opportunities, and their learning and artistic expression needs remain generally unfulfilled in the community and in American culture. The Jesters program allows a medium for such expression and a vehicle for advocacy while providing a unique education tool for teacher training.

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Darby Mountford selected for Kiwanis Grand Award

SOUTH BEND — The recipient of this year’s Female Kiwanis Grand Award at Saint Joseph’s High School is Darby Mountford, who has displayed excellence in academics, leadership, co-curriculars and service. Graduating with a 4.1 GPA and holding several awards in cross-country, tennis and basketball, Mountford was presented with the grand award in a ceremony on May 31 in South Bend. She is the daughter of William Mountford and Melissa Conboy.

St. Mary’s College receives fifth volume of reproduction of The Saint John’s Bible

NOTRE DAME — Saint Mary’s College recently received volume 2 of the Heritage Edition of The Saint John’s Bible. The college now has five of the seven-volume set, completing the books of the Old Testament. Volume 2 is titled Historical Books and includes Joshua to 2 Maccabees, Volume 5, Gospels and Acts, and Volume 7, Letters and Revelation, which are the books of the New Testament, will come later.
Faith Family Fatherhood Festival scheduled Aug. 17-19

FORT WAYNE — The Knights of Columbus will host a three-day festival celebrating faith, family and fatherhood at Headwaters Park in Fort Wayne, Aug. 17-19. The Faith, Family, Fatherhood Festival is being planned by 15 Fort Wayne area Knights of Columbus Councils and will include Mass, a parade, 5K run, food and entertainment for the whole family.

Updates are available at www.kofcfestival.com, but event highlights include the following.

Friday, Aug. 17:
- 5 p.m. — Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades
- 6:15 p.m. — Walk from the cathedral to Headwaters Park
- 7:30 p.m. — Live evening entertainment by Poppel

Poppel calls their music acoustic, humor, rock. They put on fun concerts, lead prayer and praise and worship, give talks and can provide music for Mass. More information on Poppel is available at www.myspace.com/propelp bande.

Saturday, Aug. 18:
- 8 a.m. — Pancake and sausage breakfast and 5K Run (Headwaters Park Pavillion)
- 11 a.m. — Family rosary and guest speaker Father Larry Richards will talk about the family.

Father Richards, who has a radio program on Redeemer Radio — Catholic Radio 1450 AM, is a gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master and author. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor and evangelist.

Father Richards has directed hundreds of retreats, parish missions and conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks, presentations and books, always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds and lives of millions of listeners and readers worldwide.

For more information about Father Richards, visit www.thereseontourhope.org/index.php.

- 2:7 p.m. — Music, games, rides, food, vendors, local high school performances and more.
- 7 to 11 p.m. — Square dancing and five-piece band.

Sunday, Aug. 19:
- 11 a.m. — Pancake and sausage breakfast with guest speaker Franciscan Father David Engo and “Those Were the Days.”

The Fort Wayne Area Community Band will provide music from two summer concerts, “An Evening with John Philip Sousa” and “Those Were the Days.”

The Fort Wayne Area Community Band is a member of Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne and is in residence in the Department of Music in Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne School of Visual and Performing Arts. Approximately 80 musicians, students, music teachers and professionals from all walks of life have participated in the band for nearly 33 years. The band is dedicated to bringing the highest level of performance to the Fort Wayne area community with a variety of music for concert band, including marches, show tunes, light classics, popular arrangements, Big Band and jazz. The band has both a winter and summer concert schedule with appearances throughout the area.

Ben Christy, dean of the IPFW School of Visual and Performing Arts, said, “The Community Band and IPFW enjoy a rich collaboration. The school is honored that this excellent ensemble is a company-in-residence. It has not only been an organization for adult musicians from the community, but for students who are unable to work the IPFW Wind Ensemble into their class schedule.

- Live rosary
- Closing ceremony
- 5 p.m. — Festival concludes.

Religious freedom rally participants stand up for liberties

BY ANN CAREY

SOUTH BEND — The Stand up for Religious Freedom Rally at noon on June 8 drew a large crowd to the Jon R. Hunt Plaza downtown. People of all ages — senior citizens, workers on their lunch hours and young families — stood in the sunny plaza to show their opposition to the federal Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate requiring employers to provide insurance coverage for immoral health services.

Before offering the opening prayer at the rally, Msgr. Michael Heintz, rector of St. Matthew Cathedral, read a letter from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, explaining the importance of defending religious freedom and thanking all those who are praying and standing up for this freedom. On May 21, the diocese joined 42 other Catholic entities and dioceses in filing a federal lawsuit in defense of religious liberty.

The main speaker at the rally was Gerard Bradley, a University of Notre Dame law professor who specializes in constitutional law and law and religion. Bradley told the crowd that Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York was right when he said the HHS mandate was an “unprecedented intrusion on religious liberty.” He said that the difference between the Obama administration and those who oppose the HHS mandate is not a simple misunderstanding, but rather are a “fundamental disagreement about the meaning and the scope and the importance of religious liberty in our country.”

Bradley continued: “Religious liberty is about whether we are going to live in a country where the culture, the law, the public institutions, are set up in a way that we can be people of faith, especially whether our children and grandchildren will have an opportunity to be people of faith.”

While the HHS mandate alludes to “contraception,” Bradley warned that abortion, especially chemical abortion, could be added as a covered service under the mandate. He said that contraception is only part of a wider agenda that includes abortion, sexual freedom and same-sex “marriage,” all issues that will clash with religious liberty in the coming years.

He noted that since 1789 (when the U.S. Constitution went into effect) the view was that religious liberty benefits the country because religious people tend to be virtuous, and virtuous people tend to sacrifice for the good of the community and realize that they are part of one nation “under God.” Thus the attitude of government was to do all it could to let religion flourish.

However, he continued, the view now, manifested by the HHS mandate, is not to ask “How can the government help religious institutions … do what they do even better?” Rather, the view now is “Get in the way of our agenda, you are road kill,” Bradley said, warning that the country is at a turning point regarding religious liberty.

South Bend was one of 140 U.S. cities where Religious Freedom rallies took place on June 8. Thomas Uebbing is the South Bend rally captain.

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A large crowd of citizens gathered in South Bend’s downtown to express their support for religious freedom and to hear speakers at the June 8 Religious Freedom Rally.
Father Tyson completes nine-year tenure as provincial superior

NOTRE DAME — Holy Cross Father David T. Tyson will complete his service as provincial superior of the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, at the end of the Provincial Chapter on June 22.

Father Tyson has been provincial superior since 2003, serving the maximum nine-year term limit.

“It is by God’s grace these past nine years that I have led my brothers in Holy Cross, while walking side by side with them in proclaiming the kingdom of God through our ministries of education, parish and mission,” said Father Tyson.

During Father Tyson’s tenure, vocations to the province have increased and there has been a renewed interest in and strategies for preparing religious for roles in parish, higher education and missions.

resources have been increased toward the work of Holy Cross in Mexico, while also maintaining a strong presence in East Africa, Chile and Peru.

Father Tyson also led the way for the Southern Province of Priests to return to the Indiana Province in 2006 and the former Eastern Province of Priests and Brothers to merge into the Indiana Province, forming the new U.S. Province, in July 2011.

The ministries of the province now include four colleges and universities and numerous parishes and ministries in the United States, Mexico, Chile, East Africa and Peru.

Under Father Tyson’s leadership, Fatima Retreat House was rededicated as a community house for retired and active religious and La Porte Center was developed in La Porte. He attended the beatification of Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Moreau in France in 2007 and the canonization of St. André Bessette, Holy Cross’ first saint, in 2010.

The U.S. Province also began a $30.9 million fundraising campaign in 2008 to support education of seminarians and religious, international missions and health care for elderly Holy Cross priests and brothers.

To date, the first phase of the Footsteps Campaign has raised more than $17 million.

Father Tyson was born in Gary on April 7, 1948. He received a bachelor’s degree in sociology in 1970 from the University of Notre Dame, where he also earned a master’s of theology in 1974. Father Tyson received a doctorate in higher education administration from Indiana University Bloomington in 1980. He took his final vows in 1974 and was ordained at Sacred Heart Basilica at Notre Dame in 1975.

Prior to serving in provincial administration, Father Tyson worked in administration for Holy Cross’ universities. He served as president of the University of Portland from 1990-2003. During his 13 years at Portland, Father Tyson oversaw a major expansion of its campus, a tripling of its endowment and improvement of the university’s national standing.

He also served on the board of St. Edward’s University, the President’s Commission of the NCAA, the NCAA Special Committee on Sports Agents and Amateurism and a number of other religious and academic boards. He was also as a management professor at UP.

While provincial, Father Tyson also served on the Board of Regents and was recently elected a regent emeritus of the University of Portland.

At the University of Notre Dame, he served as vice president for Student Affairs from 1984-1990; executive assistant to Holy Cross Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame, from 1982 to 1984; and director of Sophomore Year of Studies for Notre Dame’s College of Business Administration from 1980-82. Father Tyson has also served as an associate professor of management in the College of Business Administration, on the staff of Dillon Hall and on a variety of committees for Notre Dame.

He has been a university fellow and trustee at Notre Dame for 19 years and was also recently elected a regent emeritus of the University of Portland.

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‘There is a lot of joy in God’s heart today to see us honoring his son.’

Above, seminarians and the Knights of Columbus lead the procession across the new Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Memorial Bridge.

First communicants drop rose petals on the plaza of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades leads the Corpus Christi Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to Headwaters Park.

At right, the Corpus Christi Procession passes the Allen County Courthouse.

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At right, the Corpus Christi Procession participants gather outside of Most Precious Blood Church.
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Bishop Rhoades carries the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades offers Benediction at Headwaters Park.

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The Corpus Christi Procession passes the Allen County Courthouse.

JERRY KESSENS

The Eucharistic Procession concludes with Benediction at Queen of Angels Parish in Fort Wayne.

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Father James Bromwich talks with a neighborhood resident about the passing procession.

Bishop Rhoades carries the monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament as the Eucharistic Procession departs Most Precious Blood Parish en route to Queen of Angels Church in Fort Wayne on June 10.
In changing times, faith seen as source of strength for fathers

BY DANIEL LINSKEY

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The image of the American family is changing and increasingly that means a family doesn’t include a father figure.

For example, in 1960, only 11 percent of children lived apart from their fathers, but now that number is 27 percent, according to a recent Pew study.

Expectations of the American father are changing, too. A Gallup poll found that 80 percent of teens believe making enough time to spend with children is “very difficult” or “somewhat difficult” for fathers. Another Pew study found that 78 percent of fathers living apart from their children visit less than once a month.

Brian Caulfield, editor of the Knights of Columbus initiative Fathers for Good, believes a man’s obligation to be a good father is a moral obligation.

“Marriage is a vocation within the Church. A married man who has a child includes his family in that vocation,” Caulfield said in a telephone interview with Catholic News Service.

The changes seen in fatherhood and the role of fathers in many ways are related to a cultural trend that says men are not needed in a family, he said.

“In vitro fertilization, abortion and divorce take the male actor out of the situation,” he explained. “All of these things sideline a father and make him feel he is not as needed. I believe the solution we are trying to propose through Fathers for Good is that men need to stay involved in the family.”

The Pew study showed that 57 percent of adults believe being a father today is harder than being a father 20 to 30 years ago. Only 9 percent believe it is easier.

Gregory Slayton, a Catholic who is a former U.S. ambassador to Bermuda and author of a new book titled “Be a Better Dad Today,” agrees that dads today face a lot of challenges their own fathers didn’t.

“I think we got to this point through a confluence of negative events. The media has changed, and the traditional bulwarks of society have less influence today,” he told CNS.

However, there is a way to combat such influences, said Slayton, and for him that is faith.

“Faith is an absolutely critical tool in being a good father. Not having a dad myself, I realized I needed to learn from many different fathers,” he said. “There were very few great dads who were not men of faith. They have their priorities in order, because having a long term relationship with God means you think in the long term for your family.”

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“In his book, Slayton emphasizes that the greatest role a man can play is the role of a good father, adding that men need to understand their role as fathers and set priorities.

“Every father must prioritize for a family. Nothing significant is built without planning. You don’t build a church, a network, not even a bicycle without a plan,” he said.

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“A father must work with his wife, he’s in a relationship, he’s in a sacramental bond. The idea of Fathers for Good is to incorporate a good faithful man into a family.”

The Knights’ initiative, www.fathersforgood.org, provides information, advice, an interactive forum, a Q-and-A section and other resources to help the “seasoned dad,” new dad, dad to be or single guy who wants “to know more about fatherhood.”

Matrimony and loyalty to that marriage is often the first step in building a strong family, according to Slayton and Caulfield.

The troubling statistics about fatherhood, however, come from fathers separated from their families. According to the National Fatherhood Initiative, the consequences of absent fathers are negative factors in poverty, maternal and infant health, crime, teen pregnancy, child abuse, drug abuse, childhood obesity, education and more.

Slayton has advice for the growing number of estranged fathers. Quoting Winston Churchill’s famous words during World War II, he said, “Never, never, never give up.”

Chris Mitchell, Phillip Weldy and Ajith John are members of the Penn High School 2012 state championship Academic Super Bowl-Social Studies team. Mitchell and Weldy are members of Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka. John is a member of St. Pius X Parish in Granger and serves as team captain. This spring, John led his team to a 50-0 record while winning the Warsaw and Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger invitational and the Mishawaka regional prior to winning state last month. The team’s three-year record with Ajith as a member is 158-0.

Mitchell is a first-year member of the Penn ASB Social Studies team but contributed very heavily to the team’s success. Weldy was on his third straight Penn ASB Social Studies state championship team and also was a significant contributor to the team’s success each year.

Prayer for Fortnight for Freedom

Almighty God, you have called us to be a people of Faith gathering as one, in Your unchanging Truth.

By laws enacted by our government our Religious Freedom is endangered.

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We ask You to bless our Nation’s leadership and bless us with the courage and wisdom to stand strong for what is right.

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Lord bless us and empower us to do what is right.

We ask this in Love of You and for the good of Religious Freedom. Amen

Visit our website at www.stmarysdecatur.org for schedule of events
A priest for 50 years in December, Father Sarrazine retiring

BY VINCE LABARBERA

ROANOKE — “I like everything about being a priest,” said Father Kenneth J. Sarrazine prior to his retirement this month. “My priesthood was a great gift from God!”

Since July 1998 he has served as pastor of St. Joseph, Roanoke, and St. Catherine of Alexandria, located near Roanoke in Whitley County, commonly known as the Nix Settlement.

Father Sarrazine was ordained on Dec. 22, 1962 by Bishop Leo A. Parsley in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne.

Normally, ordinations were held the last Saturday in May, Father Sarrazine explained. But since Bishop Parsley thought he would be in Rome in the spring of 1962 for another session of the Second Vatican Council, he rescheduled the ordinations to December. As it turned out the bishops didn’t return to Rome until the fall of 1963, but the ordination date was not changed.

“Actually, we’re officially the class of 1963,” Father Sarrazine continued, because after ordination the five members of the class returned to the seminary to complete the final semester. Nevertheless, Father Sarrazine will celebrate 50 years of priesthood this coming December.

Born in Fort Wayne to Norman and Florence (Bowers) Sarrazine, young Ken attended St. Louis Academy at St. Louis, Besançon Parish. He is the oldest of six brothers and three sisters, all still living except for his youngest sister who died at 14 months.

In the sixth grade he heard a talk by Msgr. Joseph Hession describing his days in the seminary. “He made it sound really difficult,” Father Sarrazine said, “saying that nobody could do it!” He took it as a challenge and said to himself, “I can’t be that impossible or he wouldn’t be here!”

In the eighth grade Sarrazine again was influenced toward a religious vocation when he attended a retreat conducted by a Precious Blood priest. “When I told my parents the priesthood was something I would like to look into, they immediately took me to the pastor and discovered a bus trip had been scheduled in two weeks to Wawasee seminary for youngsters interested in learning more about the priesthood.” And the rest is history, as it’s often said.

Sarrazine attended Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, and Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Wawasee.

After completing his studies, his first assignment in June 1963 was as an assistant at St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart. Ironically, the pastor was Msgr. Joseph Hession.

“Msgr. Hession presided at the marriage of my parents, he baptized me, and I received my First Reconciliation and First Communion from him,” Father Sarrazine said.

Fifteen months later Father Sarrazine was appointed assistant at St. Henry, Fort Wayne. While there he had an experience that stayed with him throughout his priesthood and, in fact, became a vital part of his ministry.

“When I was in the seminary I never was around a person who was dying,” said Father Sarrazine. “I never thought I would be equipped to handle that kind of situation,” he added. One night, however, when his pastor was away from the rectory and the pastor at St. Joseph, Hessen Cassel, also was gone, an accident occurred near Hessen Cassel on U.S. Highway 27 involving a senior girl from Decatur Catholic High School. The call came to St. Henry requesting a priest at the scene. “There was no one else available, so I went,” Father Sarrazine said.

“The young lady had been killed and was lying in the ditch,” he related. “I gave her conditional absolution and anointed the body. And after it was over I realized I had remained perfectly calm during the whole scene.”

Since that time, visiting the sick and shut-ins as well as the dying has been a vital part of his ministry. “It is a great privilege to be with the dying and something he can do well, the soft-spoken priest said. Since March 2003, Father Sarrazine has been serving as a chaplain at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Father Sarrazine’s favorite duties as a priest are celebrating Mass and the sacraments, and teaching RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes. He also enjoys reading and cooking.

Father Sarrazine was appointed an assistant at St. Jude, South Bend (1965), as well as the spiritual moderator for the South Bend Deacon Council of Catholic Nurses (1966). He also was named an assistant at St. John the Baptist, New Haven (1972), and at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne (1975). In July 1976, Father Sarrazine was appointed an advocate for the diocesan Tribunal.

His pastoral assignments included St. Martin de Porres, Syracuse, along with St. Francis Xavier, Pierceton (1976); St. Joseph, Mishawaka (1980); and St. Henry, Fort Wayne (1991), prior to his most recent appointment.

In retirement, Father Sarrazine quipped he plans to “stay out of the way of whoever is coming next at the parish.” He does plan to be available to help other priests as much as he can. Father Sarrazine hopes to move into St. Anne Home and Retirement Community in Fort Wayne where he can celebrate Mass and “do whatever else is in front of me,” he added. “I’m looking forward to what retirement is going to be like.”

“FATHER KENNETH SARRAZINE

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Father Lawrence A. Kramer, who most recently has served as pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City, will retire and reside at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, where he will serve as a senior priest.

“I’d order a Coke, sit and read until a student approached to ask a question about course work or something,” he said.

Later, Father Kramer donned his collar, which prompted different questions, such as, “Do you know something about religion?” He always worked through a student organization. Father Kramer also visited faculty lounges and found he was accepted totally despite not having all the teaching credentials they had.

“My thinking regarding campus ministry was that God wanted it to happen and I wanted it to happen,” Father Kramer related. But Bishop Pursley said there was no money budgeted for it.

“I had one foot in a parish and the other foot in campus ministry,” he said.

Father Kramer’s pastoral assignments included St. Peter (1970), St. Andrew (1971) and Our Lady of Good Hope (1981), all in Fort Wayne; St. Joseph, Bluffton (1997) and St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City (2003). He also served as associate pastor at St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart (1973), and was in residence at both the cathedral (1978) and St. Joseph, Fort Wayne (1979), while continuing his work in campus ministry.

Father Kramer was twice appointed a judge in the diocesan Tribunal and thrice served as an Episcopal vicar in a Fort Wayne region of the diocese. He was appointed chaplain (1997) and assistant chaplain (2009) at Bishop Luers High School, Fort Wayne, and he served two three-year terms on the Presbyteral Council.

“I never looked upon my priesthood as a job — it’s a lifestyle,” Father Kramer said. “I never had trouble moving from one job to another. They all fit the container,” he joked. In retirement, if one can call it that, he plans to be an active, senior priest at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne.

He does have some health problems that he believes stem from an undiagnosed bout with polio when he was three years old. It’s left him with feet and lower back problems. But, he is making some progress in turning some of the re-occurring symptoms around through treatments and exercise, especially swimming.

“I’ve always managed to find a swimming pool — a YMCA, YMCA or school facility — near where I was assigned,” he said. And there just happens to be a swimming pool across the street from his newly assigned parish.

Father Kramer has the beginning draft of a book in his head. “And with the assistance of Don Clemmer, it already has a title, ‘Think Like an Italian: A Catholic Priest’s Survival Guide.’”

“I’m only retiring from administration work. I can’t stop being a priest,” he concluded.
The priest: In persona Christi

I met a young priest in Fairfax, Va., recently. Of course “young” is a relative term. Everyone around me gets younger with each passing year.

Father Jaffe had been at the parish for less than a week and was the priest on call for the local hospital. It was 2 a.m. when his pager went off. A couple had lost their 8-year-old son hours before and the mother wouldn’t let go of his body.

All attempts of the staff and hospital chaplain to get her to release her son had failed. She was sitting rock¬ing him, unresponsive and the mother wouldn’t let go of his body.

When the newly ordained 26-year-old arrived he did the only thing that came to mind. He sat with the parents in silence for a moment and said, “It looks like you need some prayer.”

He opened his rite book, “The Pastoral Care of the Sick” to the section with the prayers for the deceased and he began to pray aloud.

“Toward the end of the rite is the beautiful Litany of the Saints — “St. Joseph, pray for us. St. Monica, pray for us…” — that helps the grieving couple to mind our family and their other side of eternity, which has already embraced our beloved deceased.

The rite concludes with prayers entrusting the deceased to the Lord: “I commend you, my dear brother, to almighty God and entrust you to your Creator. May you return to the One who formed you from the dust of the earth. May Holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints come to your aid and guide you from this life. … May you see your Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God forever. Amen.”

After the “Amen” the mother stopped rocking her boy and without ceremony, silently laid his body on the ground, as is the custom of the priest. The new priest then carried the body to hospital personnel.

Live now for God for everlasting life

The first reading for this weekend’s liturgy is from the Book of Ezekiel, who is regarded as one of the great Hebrew prophets. Not interested in himself, but call¬ing the revelation of God, the prophets rarely left any grammatical details about themselves. This does not mean, however, that utter mystery surrounds them all.

For example, it is clear that Ezekiel was active as a prophet during the Exile in Babylon. Apparently born in Judah, he was in Babylon as one of the original exiles rather than being descended from an exile who came earlier while he himself was born in Babylonia.

It is interesting to imagine the psychological state in which the exiles lived in Babylon, and how their mental frame-of-mind affected the fervor of their religious belief and practice.

Since they were humans as we are, despite all the differences between their time and our own, basic human feelings persisted for them as they would for us.

Ezekiel encountered great faith, without doubt, but he also most surely met despair, anger and disbelief in the power and fidelity of the One God of Israel.

The prophet in preceding verses bemoans the unfaithfulness of the kings of Judah and their people, not God’s infidelity, but in this reading he insists that God will restore the people to security. God is faithful. People must be, as well, to God.

St. Paul’s Second Epistle to the Corinthians is the source of the second reading. In the background is an obvious interest in earthly death and its conse¬quences. By the time Paul wrote and preached, Christians already were being seen more like Lord by the culture and, even more ominously, by the political authority.

The apostle urges the Corinthian Christians to see heav¬en as “home,” and to prepare for an end of earthly existence when they will have to answer before the judgment throne of Christ.

For the last reading, the Church presents a parable from St. Mark’s Gospel. It is familiar. It is the story of the mustard seed. The Lord likens the kingdom to the growth of a plant to a mighty bush. This implication for us is that we may grow in our place in the kingdom if we follow Jesus.

This story confronts us with our own potential and with our responsibility as disciples. The growth of the mustard seed is from the moment of being planted, to budding, to full maturity is inevitable. It is God’s will and God’s plan, unfolding in nature.

Belonging to God, planted by God, it will become the greatest of all plants.

In our holiness, we are small, and we are limited. Still, God wills us to be great and mighty in our holiness, to grow into the strength and majesty of the fully developed bush. This is God’s will and God’s plan. We, however, must make of ourselves the rich produce to be gathered by God in the great harvest that will come at the Last Judgment.

Reflection

The Church in these readings brings us to face that event com¬mon to all things living but rarely acknowledged and always feared by humans. This is the mystery of living beings place nothing above their instinct to survive. Never denying death or beli¬ving the will to survive, the Church, as the teacher of genuine truth, places in context, life and death. It presents this teaching in these readings.

Earthly life is not the be all and end all, whether we believe it or not. Life shall endure after physical death. What will this mean? It is a question to be answered personally, deep from within each heart. It will mean everlasting life — if we live now with God. The choice belongs individually to each of us.

From Mary to Mia:
The sacred act of naming

This week the Social Security Administration released 2011’s most popular baby names, as gathered from applica¬tions for Social Security numbers, and there’s been a shake-up in the female ranks: Sophia knocked off Isabella for the No. 1 spot. Jacob, meanwhile, held strong, maintain¬ing his top standing among boys for the 13th consecutive year.

This news greatly unun¬iced, but it find it a fascinating cultural statement. And I love how precise the results are, that some¬one so personal a thing as naming can be rounded mathematically.

Mary, the most common name chosen in the past 100 years, given to more than 5 million girls, 1 million of whom eventually died during that period, has fallen to No. 112, outranked by Morgan (No. 75), Mackenzie (No. 68), Mia (No. 9) and Madison (No. 8).

The 2011 list contains a spat of the following names: Nevaeh (No. 35), heaven spelled backwards; Serenity (No. 66), Trinity (No. 77), Destiny (No. 91); and Ode (No. 82), which sprang out of Old Testament obscurity. Spiritual themes are less popular for boys, where parents get more traditional.

Saint names have not dis¬appeared, with classics like Christopher (No. 21), Joseph (No. 22) and Thomas (No. 63) win¬ning hearts alongside the spicier alternatives of Sebastian (No. 68), Dominic (No. 76) and Xavier (No. 77).

One of the most persistent trends of 2011 is babies whose names were dusted off from their great-grandparents — Wrenna Grace (No. 16), Vivian (No. 154) and Alice (No. 142), alongside William (No. 3) and Henry (No. 57). I expect a lot more names, which cracked the double digits in 2010, a status it last enjoyed in 1924.

Some of the Reunion’s 20th-century counterparts have sunk into obliv¬ion, like Mildred and Myrtle, Gladys and Gertrude. But these names are not exempt from a comeback, no matter how they fall from the modern ear. My money’s on the toothy ones like Thelma, Ethel and Edith, which appears to have turned corner. She’s been on a steady decline since 1919, when she was No. 29, but Edith is robust, making a two-year climb from No. 842 to No. 771. Celebrities are helping make the old new; last month Bruce Willis named his daughter Mabel, and Katherine Heigl’s new girl is Adaline.

Whether you fall in the trendy or the rare, it is supremely satisfying to be called by name — to hear it spoken, to see it written. The body responds.

And there’s no quicker way to create distance than to get a name wrong. I routinely field questions from Christina and Christine, which sound worlds apart from Christina.

My thoughts have evolved as I read the bestseller “One Thousand Gifts” written by Ann Voskamp, the 38-year-old wife of a Canadian hog farmer and homeschooling mother of six. The book’s premise — to cultivate gratitude by count¬ing the blessings in daily life — has awakened housewives and executiv¬es, bridging bloggers and believ¬ers.

I uncapped my yellow high¬lighter when I arrived at this pas¬sage: “Belonging to God, planted by God, it will become the greatest of all plants.”

An 84-year-old Trappist monk I met this month brought the concept to life, asking me, “Now, do you know your trees?” Scotch pine, he explained, have short needles in clusters of two. Red pine have long needles in clusters of two. White pine have clusters of five.

These simple numbers and names — red, white; two, five — are a toddler’s building blocks and, yes, just as surely, the language of paradise.

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Saunt of the Week

Paula Frasineti

Paula was born in the politically turbulent early 19th century in Genoa, Italy. While her priest-brother, she taught the poor children of the parish of Quinto. When other women joined them, Paula founded the Congregation of St. Dorothy. Despite many obstacles and few resources, the new teaching institute eventually prospered as Paula’s deep prayer life and wisdom became widely known. The congregation spread to other Italian cities, Portugal and Brazil.

Pope John Paul II declared Paula a saint in 1984.
What about ventilators?

The use of ventilators can pose particularly challenging problems during end of life situations for families. When should we place a loved one on a ventilator? If somebody is on a ventilator, can we ever “pull the plug?” Understanding our moral duty depends upon whether the use of a ventilator in a particular case can be considered “ordinary” or “extraordinary.”

Ordinary interventions can be understood as those medicines, operations and treatments that offer a reasonable hope of benefit for the patient and that can be obtained and used without excessive pain, expense or other significant burden. Use of a ventilator will sometimes satisfy these criteria, and other times it will not, depending on the specifics of the patient’s situation.

Consider a young woman with serious pneumonia who is having difficulty breathing and is placed on a ventilator. The physicians treating her believe the pneumonia eventually can be controlled so that she can be weaned off the ventilator and breathe on her own in a few days or a week. Thus, the use of the device will be needed mostly as a temporary “bridge to healing,” that it will be effective while in use, and that it will not impose much burden on her. In such circumstances, the use of the ventilator could reasonably be considered “ordinary” and thus morally obligatory.

Whenever there is a considerable hope of recovery from the illness by making use of a particular means (a ventilator, in this case), and when the patient can employ the means without much difficulty or burden, it is likely to be “ordinary” treatment. Thus, in the experienced hands of a well-trained physician, in a developed country with access to proper medication and equipment, intubation and ventilation of a patient can be a low-burden intervention.

The difficulties associated with using a ventilator, however, can become notable depending on the details of a patient’s situation. Dr. Stephen Hannan, a pulmonary and critical care specialist in Fort Myers, Fla., recently summarized some of the burdens associated with ventilation, noting particularly “…the physical discomfort of the endotracheal tube going from the mouth, traversing the oropharynx, crossing the larynx and reaching the trachea. Sedation, analgesics and physical restraints are often necessary. The patient cannot talk while ventilator support is in use. The ventilator exposes the patient to greater risks of infection and barotrauma (damage to the lung tissue from the pressure of ventilation). Even an untrained observer will recognize the burden imposed by a ventilator with a standard endotracheal tube is much greater than the burden of a feeding tube.”

We can consider an example that highlights these burdens: an 85-year-old grandfather is placed on a ventilator after suffering several serious strokes that damaged his brainstem so that he cannot breathe on his own. The physicians treating him are convinced that the damage from his most recent stroke will continue to get worse, with the nearly certain outcome that he will die in a few hours or days. Assuming that he is unconscious, and that other matters have been taken care of (last sacraments, opportunities for loved ones to say goodbye, etc.), the family could reasonably conclude that continued ventilation would be “extraordinary” and decide to have the ventilator disconnected, even though it would mean their grandfather would be expected to die in a matter of minutes without it. Such an act of withdrawing the ventilator would not be an act of euthanasia, because he would be dying due to the underlying condition. It would be a recognition of the burdensomeness of continued ventilation and an acknowledgement that heroes are not required, especially when death is imminent.

Occasionally ventilators may end up being part of a long-term solution for a patient. Christopher Reeve, who played Clark Kent in the movie “Superman,” for example, was able to live for several years with a tracheostomy and a ventilator following an equestrian accident that severely damaged his spinal cord. The ventilator, while clearly a burden, offered many benefits to his situation as well, and in the final analysis, seemed to be a reasonable and proportionate intervention for his particular set of circumstances.

Other cases with ventilators can be more difficult to decide, because a prognosis may be uncertain or debated. Sometimes the expense of providing long-term ventilation and critical care may need to be factored into the judgment about whether ventilation is ordinary or extraordinary. Determining whether there will be a “reasonable hope of benefit” to a particular patient by using a ventilator can be challenging. Each case must be considered on its own merits, as we seek to make a good prudential judgment, and to provide for our loved ones’ wishes in a way that corresponds to their real medical needs, so that we neither neglect nor overburden them in the face of powerful medical technology.

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Making Sense of Bioethics

Father Tad Pacholczyk

MOTHER OF GOD’s care is shared by everyone’s family. Jesus made the promise, “I am with you always.” Mt. 28:20. Priests are prone to weakness and in need of redemption just like everyone else. They are also even capable of giving rise to scandal, just like everyone else. But despite this, a priest is no ordinary human. His soul is forever changed and he stands “in persona Christi,” that is, “in the person of Christ.” He offers more than bread to the Father at Mass. He offers his very self. In a very tangible way, he is Jesus Christ among us.

St. Francis of Assisi, reflecting on the priesthood, said “If I were to meet at the same time some saint coming down from heaven and any poor little priest, I would first pay my respects to the priest and proceed to kiss his hands. I would say, ‘Ah, just a moment St. …, because this person’s hands handle the Word of Life and possess something that is more than human.”

It’s not easy to give your life for the way our priests do. In May and June, when most U.S. ordinations happen, we will likely ordain more than 450 new men to the priesthood. That’s an encouraging number, but not nearly enough. There are currently more than 3,400 priests without a resident pastor. In the midst of a world that seems to define all priests by the fallen few, let’s remember the beauty of this vocation — and let’s remind our young people that life is worth giving.

Speaker and author Christopher Stefanick is director of youth outreach for YDisciple. Visit him at RealLifeCatholic.com.

Scripture Search

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the lesson of the mustard seed. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

June 17 and 24, 2012

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Based on these Scripture Readings: 7 Cor 5:6-10; 6 A 4:29-34 AND 6:49-1:6; Acts 13:22-26; 14:1; 3:76-82

ACROSS
1 Not white potatoes
28 Religious group
5 Listen in
31 “A man after God’s own …”
8 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
32 Long-term memory
11 Peer (abbr.)
35 Radioactivity unit
13 Knight title
36 Scrape down
14 White-tailed sea eagle
37 A man’s descendants
15 Passion
39 “A light to the ___”
16 Affirmative
43 After sun.
17 # of commandments
44 Set up
18 Strong drink
45 Moses did for Israel
20 Brodeggm
47 A loving meal
22 Delayed items
51 Estimated arrival time
26 Biblical “has”
52 Flightless bird
27 Parent teacher groups
53 Triangle-shaped

DOWN
1 Revolutions per minute
2 Epoch
3 Loud noises
4 Gives a courtesy smile
5 Teaspoon (abbr.)
6 Put on ___
7 Ezekiel was one
8 Unborn child
9 Top of the cedar tree
10 Jesus’ grand-mother
12 Acts of Apostles prophet
13 Cow
15 Rowing tool
16 Beats per minute
18 Risen Jesus did with fish
24 Soup container
25 Grows from seeds
26 Warned Magi of Herod
29 Hurried along
30 Males
33 Pope name
35 Birde
36 Quilts
37 Browned
38 Musical church instrument
40 Frog
41 Bill
42 Partial
43 Shoedled
47 Trappist beer
49 School group
50 Fruited blade of grass

Answer Key can be found on page 19
Brian Blondell named head coach for Holy Cross College baseball

NOTRE DAME — Brian Blondell, a former NCCAA All-American pitcher and pitching coach at Bethel College, has been named head coach of Holy Cross College baseball, according to Athletics Director Robert Schermerhorn.

Blondell has strong roots in the baseball community, coming to Holy Cross from Elkhart Memorial High School, where he was lead assistant coach, charged with the development of the team’s pitching staff. Blondell is also director of the north-central area’s College Prospects of America, where he works to prepare high school student-athletes for collegiate level academics and athletics. Blondell currently serves as Director of Player Operations for the Midwest Baseball Winter Camps, coaching the Crossroads Classic for top juniors in the State of Indiana, serving as committee director for the selection of the IHSBCA 2007 North All-Stars, and directing the 2008 North South All-Star Series held at the University of Notre Dame. Blondell is also an active member of the IHSBCA and ABCA.

“My experience in baseball also includes working at the University of Notre Dame’s baseball camps, serving as the assistant director for the Midwest Baseball Winter Camps, coaching the Crossroads Classic for top juniors in the State of Indiana, serving as committee director for the selection of the IHSBCA 2007 North All-Stars, and directing the 2008 North South All-Star Series held at the University of Notre Dame,” Blondell said.

“I am very interested in the opportunity to coach at Holy Cross College. I believe we can truly build a winning program both on and off the field. I am very thankful for the opportunity that Holy Cross has given me and am very excited to get started with the team in the off-season,” said Coach Blondell.

Bishop Blondell

Maxson, Rang compete for Dwenger in tennis state championship

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Dwenger’s outstanding duo of Elizabeth Maxson and Audrey Rang were beaten in the final match of the IHSAA individual state doubles championship Saturday, June 9, at North Central in Indianapolis. Unseeded in 2012, the young pair downed Courtney Baugh and Megan Coghlan of Bloomington North in the quarterfinals 6-2, 6-4. They went on to beat Ashley Rogers and Elizabeth Thiel of Jasper, 6-2, 6-3, in the semifinals before falling to Abigail and Vanessa Madrigal of Highland 6-1, 6-2 in the finals. The Saints’ set ended their stellar season with a 23-1 overall record which included an impressive 8-1 postseason run. — Michelle Castelman

Holy Cross College to hold annual golf outing

NOTRE DAME — Arnold Palmer once said, “What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive.” Well, it may not be an inspiring painting or a glorious piece of writing, but Holy Cross College’s Annual Golf Outing at Elbel Golf Course is sure to be a masterpiece.

The 2012 event will be held on Friday, July 13, at Elbel Park Golf Club, a beautiful course located on the west side of South Bend, and one of Northern Indiana’s best kept secrets. Each of Elbel’s holes has a distinct flow and character all its own. Please feel free to take a course tour at www.elbelgolf.com.

Registration check-in for the golf outing begins at 12 p.m., with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The cost is $80 per individual player, or $300 for a team of four (special pricing applies to Holy Cross College faculty, staff and students). The price includes green fees, cart, driving range and dinner. Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place teams.

The outing, which is a major fundraiser for Holy Cross Athletics, subsidizes the college’s end-of-the-year athletic banquet, during which student athletes are recognized for the time and sacrifice they give to be a scholar athlete.

For more information on participating, or sponsoring a hole or a cart please contact Rhett Zych at rzych@hcc-nd.edu, (574) 472-3046, or Aimee Litka, alitka@hcc-nd.edu, (574) 239-8331, or visit the Holy Cross College website at www.hcsaints.com/article/645.php. The deadline to register is July 9.
What’s Happening?

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

Dwenger class of ’87 reunion planned
Fort Wayne — Bishop Dwenger Class of 1987 will be celebrating their 25th Reunion on Saturday, July 14, from 7-11:30 p.m. in the upper room of Columbia Street West. For tickets and information contact C.J. Steigmeyer at cjs-teig@msn.com.

Bishop Luers High School plans reunions
Fort Wayne — Bishop Luers will have reunions for the following:

- The class of 1967 will have a reunion Saturday, July 7, at Pine Valley Country Club. Contact Jerry Hoffman (jerryhoff@hot-mail.com) or Mary Jo (Ehinger) Kirby billyb3811@yahoo.com. The class of 1982 will have a reunion Saturday, July 7, at Deer Park Irish Pub. Contact Steve Hartman steve.hartman@fleetwoodrv.com. The class of 2007 will have a reunion Saturday, July 21, at the Thirsty Camel from 7-10 p.m. Contact Adam Bouthot at (260) 414-8512.

Golf outing planned
Wabash — St. Bernard Youth/ Squires will have a golf outing on Sunday, June 24, at the Elma Acres golf course located in Andrews. There is a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost of $50 per person includes lunch, 18 holes of golf, cart and beverages. Contact Jack Leland at (260) 571-7605 to register or for information.

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TAKING CHRIST TO THE STREETS

Members of the St. Patrick’s Church Hispanic Choir provide music during the Corpus Christi Procession on June 10 in Fort Wayne.

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, joined by the Knights of Columbus, processes with the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance at the procession on Sunday, June 10. Over 1,000 faithful joined the bishop to honor Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and journey 2.7 miles through the streets of Fort Wayne.

Sunday, June 24
University of Notre Dame

A Time of Grace and Healing
For Caregivers and the Sick and Infirm

Schedule

1:00 pm  Registration at Memorial Door/Sacred Heart Basilica
1:30 pm  Rosary Procession to Grotto
2:00 pm  Washing and Storj of Bernadette
2:45 pm  Sacrament of Reconciliation available
3:00 pm  Anointing of the Sick
3:45 pm  Mass of the Feast of St. John