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Franciscan Sisters Minor transition to solitude of cloister

BY KAY COZAD

FORT WAYNE — The lives of the Franciscan Sisters Minor have been rich and full since their arrival in Fort Wayne some two years ago. Living at the Providence House on St. John the Baptist Church grounds, the sisters were regularly engaged with the church and surrounding community assisting wherever they could with evangelization, catechesis of children, prayer and much more.

But their life of community service is about to change, as the 12 sisters will transition to cloistered life beginning in August.

The cloistered life, according to Franciscan Sister Stella Francis, is a convent of sisters whose apostolate is prayer and penance. She says, "We don't leave. We are enclosed in the radical practice in the passion of Christ." Any other apostolate, she adds, would be a distraction to their real mission. "By prayer and sacrifice we are intimately united with all the works of the Church, calling down the graces needed," she notes.

Founder and superior of the community of sisters, Mother Celeste Marie says the idea of monastic life has been discerned among the ranks for several months following a formation class on St. Clare led by Sister of Perpetual Adoration Sister Anita Holzmer from the University of Saint Francis.

"Over the summer we were discerning how to deepen our charism. With the class we became intimate with St. Clare and saw the beauty of the saint and the feminine expression of Franciscan life," says Mother Celeste Marie, adding, "Finding that expression is a hidden treasure. It is the footprint of Our Lady."

Italian born St. Clare, who was the first female



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The sisters will be known as the Poor Sisters of St. Clare following their transition into cloistered life in Our Lady of the Angels Monastery at St. Andrew Church in August.

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Visit to Holy Cross Village moves and inspires bishop

BY DIANE FREEBY

NOTRE DAME — "You are an important part of the Church!"

Residents of Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame embraced Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, and vice-versa, throughout his recent visit to the Catholic retirement community. Nestled among three college campuses near South Bend, it's the strong sense of community and faith that also sets Holy Cross Village apart.

Thanking the Holy Cross Brothers for their years of service and missionary vision, Bishop Rhoades said he was "moved and inspired" by the stories of their ministry to the Church.

Holy Cross Village president and CEO John Mauch worked with the Holy Cross Brothers years ago when they first began to

develop the campus into a full service continuing care community. He says returning to campus a decade later and having the opportunity to join with the brothers in their ministry has been very fulfilling.

"The brothers have created a unique living experience for seniors," said Mauch, "and being in the position of leadership, in partnership with the brothers has been exciting and humbling. Our community is energized by Holy Cross spirituality through daily Mass and prayer and reflection opportunities that provides a distinctly different choice of life for those who reside at Holy Cross Village."

The opportunity to be engaged with programs at Holy Cross College, the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College is

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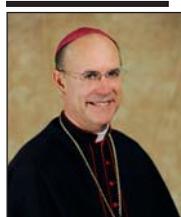
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Jesus is the bread of life



IN TRUTH
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CHARITY

BY BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

Every three years in the lectionary cycle of readings, we hear, on five consecutive Sundays, readings from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John. We begin this Sunday, July 29th, with the first fifteen verses of John 6, the account of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Then, on the next four Sundays of August, we will hear the great discourse of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum in which Our Lord reveals himself as the Bread of Life.

Saint Augustine taught that *The New Testament is hidden in the Old and the Old is made manifest in the New*. We see this in John, chapter six. This Sunday's first reading from the second book of Kings, like this Sunday's Gospel, describes a hungry crowd, someone bringing forth barley loaves, and another objecting that the bread is too little for the large crowd. In both accounts, all the people were able to eat their fill; there was a multiplication of the loaves and there was bread left over.

The Old Testament reading features Elisha as the prophet who performs the miracle. Of course, it is Jesus in the New Testament who multiplies the loaves and the fish. There are several other miracles performed by Elisha that are also akin to the later miracles of Jesus. Elisha the prophet prefigures Jesus. *The New Testament is hidden in the Old and the Old is made manifest in the new*.

The hungry crowds in both readings are fed. Their physical hunger is satisfied. But the New Testament account of the miracle is followed by the great discourse of Jesus that we will hear the next four weeks in which Jesus identifies himself as the *Bread of Life*. He is greater than Elisha the prophet and miracle-worker. In fact, as we continue reading chapter six of John's Gospel, Jesus reveals himself as greater even than Moses, the one through whom God fed the people with manna in the desert during the Exodus. Jesus will say words that Elisha and Moses would never dare to say: *I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst*. Our Lord manifests himself as the One who is capable of satisfying forever the hungers of our hearts.

In the Gospel miracle, Scripture scholars have identified another level of meaning in the multiplication of the loaves and fish: a Eucharistic meaning. The early Christians definitely recognized the connection between the multiplication of the loaves and the Eucharist. In second-century catacombs, we find artistic representations of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves to symbolize the Eucharist. Already in the four Gospel accounts of this miracle, we see a strong Eucharistic motif. We find the same verbs used describing Jesus' action at the miracle as are used in the account of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper: *He took the loaves (the bread); he blessed them; he gave thanks; and he gave (distributed) them*. The verb in Greek for *he gave thanks*, *eucharistein*, became the word the Christians used for the sacrament: *Eucharist*.

When the people had their fill, Jesus told the disciples to gather the fragments that were



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The photo depicts the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.



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The undefined faces of the deceased couple are seen at the center of this "dogmatic sarcophagus" from the first half of the fourth century. The artwork at top shows God creating Eve, the miracle of Cana and the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The bottom half depicts the adoration of the Magi, Daniel in the lion's den and Peter baptizing his jailers. The piece is on display in the early Christian funerary art gallery, called the Pio Christian Museum, at the Vatican Museums.

left over so that nothing would be wasted. Scholars see a Eucharistic echo here since these words about gathering the fragments are very similar to the words of the Eucharistic Prayer in the second-century writing, the *Didache*. There was also in the early Church great care taken with the Eucharistic fragments that were left over. Notice also that the disciples filled twelve wicker baskets with the fragments, perhaps symbolizing the gathering of the Church with the twelve apostles, that it may not perish.

It is good to place ourselves, along with all our brothers and sisters, into the scene of today's Gospel. Many people in the world today are indeed hungry for material food. All of us hunger for truth, justice, love, peace, and beauty. In a word, we are hungry for God. Saint Augustine once exclaimed: *We must hunger for God!*

Jesus' miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, prefigured in the Old Testament, teaches us that the bread we need is first and foremost Jesus himself, the Bread of Life. The

bread we need is his Word, the word of truth that illumines the path of life for us on our earthly pilgrimage, Jesus' teaching that helps us to lead good and holy lives. The bread we need is also his grace, the life-giving power and nourishment we received in the sacraments, most especially in the Holy Eucharist. *We need to be fed with the Bread of life: the Word of God accepted in faith and the Body of Christ received in the Eucharist (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2835)*.

Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has said that *the Church receives and gives to the faithful the bread of life from the two tables of the word of God and the Body of Christ*. That is why Sunday Mass is so important. We go to Mass not only because it is our duty and obligation. It is our deepest need. We need Jesus to satisfy our hungry hearts. Every time we say the Our Father, we pray *Give us this day our daily bread*. Jesus is our daily bread. He is the Bread of Life. May the Lord Jesus multiply his bread for us and for all who are hungry in the world today!

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unique to the village. Residents participate in lectures, entertainment and mentoring programs at each of the adjacent campuses. In addition, the students from the colleges are involved in internships and are invited to attend the lecture resident lecture series.

Holy Cross Village consists of independent living, licensed assisted living and skilled nursing. Villas and apartment-style living are available, with more traditional nursing care facilities in the Philip Quinn Memory Care wing. Upon entering the common room, Bishop Rhoades was met with the music of Louis Armstrong while a young couple demonstrated dance moves of the day. About 15 residents clapped and kept time to the beat.

"Music brings back memories, doesn't it?" wondered Bishop Rhoades aloud. "Prayers are like that, too."

While Holy Cross Village offers its residents many opportunities, including state-of-the-art exercise rooms, access to college lectures and events, and a variety of on-site dining options, many people most appreciate the opportunity to simply practice their faith.

"I'm grateful to be here," smiled Jacquelyn Curran as she greeted Bishop Rhoades inside her residence. "It's wonderful to have Mass here every day!"

"I see you every Sunday on TV," added Mary Ann Jones, a member of St. Anthony de Padua Parish in South Bend before coming to Holy Cross Village two years ago. "I like that televised Mass!"

Bishop Rhoades wasn't the only hero mentioned. Henrietta Jurgonski, a resident and member of nearby Corpus Christi Parish, was happy to meet the bishop and update him on the state of affairs there. "We have Father Daryl (Rybicki), you know. He's such a wonderful, nice priest!"

Some area priests have also had parents living at Holy Cross Village. Bishop Rhoades says he would love to see continued support from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and was glad to hear how students from nearby Saint Joseph High School and Saint Joseph Grade School partner with Holy Cross Village, helping out with crafts and other acts of service. The couple involved in the dance demonstration, Bob and Tess Cassidy, is newly married and regularly visits with their older friends. Staff members like Rosemary Washington treat the residents like family.

"The Holy Cross Brothers had the vision to build this place," said Bishop Rhoades, "not only for their retired brothers and those in need of medical care, but also to extend this to the laity. ... I don't know of too many places like this in the United States. It's the full expression of the life of the Church."

As he made his way through the hallways, a line of residents using wheelchairs, walkers and canes made their way to the chapel nearly an hour before Mass was to begin.



PHOTOS BY KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gives a homily during Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Holy Cross Chapel at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame. Residents appreciate the opportunity to attend daily Mass and many were excited to have Bishop Rhoades pay a visit on July 12.



Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades visits with residents of the Philip Quinn Memory Care Center at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

Bishop Rhoades stopped to chat with each person, and even met legendary *Today's Catholic* newsmen, Elmer Danch. When asked if he still has a subscription to the paper, 98-year-old Danch quipped, "Of course! We have to build up that circulation! I've had a subscription since I was a boy."

Holy Cross Brother Camillus Kirsch, another legend roaming the halls at Holy Cross Village, was a contemporary of the first Holy Cross saint, Brother André Bessette. Brother Camillus was also a classmate of former University of Notre Dame president Father Theodore Hesburgh. As he shook Bishop Rhoades' hand, Brother Camillus said he was pleased with the young man in front of him.

"I noticed the first thing you did

after you were installed as bishop here was to meet with (current University of Notre Dame president) Father Jenkins ... that's very important!" Brother Camillus said.

Other residents shared their stories with Bishop Rhoades. A nurse introduced Hal Berger, a man sitting quietly in his wheelchair who spent 43 years as a G-man with the FBI, working for a time with J. Edgar Hoover. Norma Magnseun has lived at Holy Cross Village for four years and takes great pride in the Orioles who frequent her bird feeders just outside her window. She even feeds the squirrels so they won't bother her birds. Mary Graham spent 15 years visiting Notre Dame with Elder Hostel, taking classes in connection with Holy Cross College. Now she enjoys her time living



PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF BISHOP KEVIN C. RHOADES

- Sunday, July 29, 12:15 p.m. — Mass for Catholic Biblical Association, Sacred Heart Basilica, Notre Dame
- Monday, July 30, 10:30 a.m. — 90th Anniversary Mass for Victory Noll Sisters, Huntington
- Monday, July 30, 6 p.m. — Andrew Dinner, Saint Martin de Porres Parish, Syracuse
- Tuesday, July 31, to Thursday, Aug. 2 — Visit to EWTN with appearance on "Live with Father Mitch Pacwa," Birmingham, Ala.
- Saturday, Aug. 4 — Keynote Speech at African National Eucharistic Congress, Bethesda, Md.
- Wednesday, Aug. 8, 11:30 a.m. — Mass for Catholic School Principals, Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw
- Wednesday, Aug. 8, 5 p.m. — Holy Hour and Vespers, Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Thursday, Aug. 9, 10 a.m. — Mass of Enclosure of Poor Sisters of Saint Clare, Saint Andrew Church, Fort Wayne
- Saturday, Aug. 11, 1:30 p.m. — Mass with Solemn Profession of Vows, Saint Francis Convent, Mishawaka

nearly the college students again.

"I'd have cleaned my house if I'd known the bishop was coming," she joked. "They told us the bishop was coming, and they told us he's young, good looking and very friendly!"

As he wrapped up his homily, Bishop Rhoades emphasized the important role we all play, no matter what our stage in life. He reminded everyone human dignity comes from God, created in His very image and likeness. He stressed the importance not only of drawing upon life experiences and the wisdom gained, but living well in the present.

Acknowledging the challenges of physical ailments, struggles and loneliness, Bishop Rhoades said there is tremendous grace in offering those sufferings for the Church and our families.

"I think about my work as bishop; I'm very busy. I'm on the

go all the time, visiting parishes and schools, going to meetings and having appointments. That's part of the life of a bishop. And I pray, of course ... that's the most important part of my day. But I wish I had more time to pray. And that's where I need you, to pray for me ... to pray for the Church in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and throughout the world. Because of your prayers, you help the Church with her mission. I think of all the good that's going on in our parishes that wouldn't happen if it wasn't for the prayers of others.

"Try to make that time each day to be with the Lord in prayer, with love and joy. Even with suffering, we can always still have inner peace and inner joy from our relationships with Christ and our relationship with Mary, who is always at our side with maternal love and her prayers of intercession for us."

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week began July 22 in U.S. dioceses

WASHINGTON (USCCB) — "Faithfully Yours" is the theme of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, July 22-28, a national educational campaign of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on the Catholic teaching on married love and the gift of human life. The annual campaign, which began in 2002, promotes awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods.

"NFP Awareness Week is an opportunity for married couples and Catholics everywhere to better understand and embrace the Church's uniquely positive and liberating message on the truth of married love," said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. "The theme for 2012, 'Faithfully Yours,' highlights the beauty of how husbands and wives are called to live out their total dedication to one another."

The dates of NFP Awareness Week overlap with the anniversary of the 1968 papal encyclical "Humanae Vitae," in which Pope Paul VI reaffirmed the Church's teaching on human sexuality, married love and responsible parenthood.

National Black Catholic Congress attended by diocesan reps

BY KAY COZAD

INDIANAPOLIS — Forty representatives from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, as well as Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, were among the 2,500 Catholics who attended the National Black Catholic Congress XI in Indianapolis July 19-22.

At the start of the congress' opening general session, a roll call was taken of the dioceses across the country that were represented.

Deacon Mel Tardy of St. Augustine Church in South Bend attended the conference for the third time with his family, wife Annie and daughter Martell.

Deacon Tardy felt pride as the congress began and said, "They begin Congress with a roll call for each diocese, and it was great to hear a bunch of folks from our Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend screaming and representing our presence this year. Thanks to the diocese's Black Catholic Day of Reflection in February and the OSV grant, we had a record attendance from our diocese of black (and white) Catholics."

He continued, "It meant a lot to my family and others to see Bishop Rhoades and our St. Augustine pastor, (Holy Cross) Father Len Collins, attending and participating in the liturgy, and that Bishop Rhoades gathered attendees from our diocese the first day for an intimate listening session. I was also proud of our St. Augustine Gospel Choir, which sang as members of the liturgical Mass choir, and performed as the opening act for the Congress Concert."

With the Congress's theme of "Faith Engaged: Empower, Equip, Evangelize," Deacon Tardy said, "We clearly 'engaged' our faith; through national (and international) speakers, diverse workshops, the National Black Catholic Survey, the National Pastoral Plan of Action, youth and young adult activities, an awards program and myriad opportunities to network with new friends in faith from around the world."

Deacon Tardy said, "The witness of families or of young folks in groups praying fervently together gives you hope that God truly has not abandoned us; that as the song goes: 'God is not through with us yet!'"

The congress was founded in

1889, and met several times until the late 1890s. It did not meet again until 1987 in Washington and has met every five years since then.

Dominican Father Reginald Whitt, a law professor at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., gave the opening address.

He spoke about the early meetings of the congress in the late 19th century, and how they discussed why black Catholics should respond to racism in the broader society, in the Church and to the need for better education for their children.

"Some of those issues persist," Father Whitt said. "Some assert themselves anew. And black Catholics must constantly and repeatedly confront them."

He then reflected on the re-emergence of a distinctly black Catholic identity following the Second Vatican Council, especially with the U.S. black bishops issuing in 1984 the pastoral letter "What We Have Seen and Heard," which showed that black Catholics "had come of age in the Church."

"We were authentically black," Father Whitt said. "We were truly Catholic. And, hence, we were called to evangelization. Thus began the current era of the Black Catholic Congress."

Father Whitt also reflected on the fact that black Catholics are a small minority within the larger black community in the U.S., making up approximately 5 percent of the black population.

He pointed to the many blessings that blacks receive through the Catholic Church, especially in the sacraments and particularly in the Eucharist.

"The sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of worship we can offer on earth to God," he said. "But it's not just us on earth. When we offer unleavened bread and wine to the Father and recall the Passion and the resurrected glory of His Son, the angels fall down in awe and the saints dance for joy and sing 'Alleluia!' and our beloved dead shout, 'Thank you, Jesus!'"

Father Whitt said that some in the black community wonder why black Catholics remain in the Catholic Church. He had a quick and forceful answer to such a question.

"We are the mystical body of Christ," he shouted. "Why stay Catholic? Why in the world would we want to be anything else?"



Thelma Lucas of Port Washington, Md., and Brenda Burns of New Castle, R.I., show their exuberance during a gospel concert on the opening day of the National Black Catholic Congress in Indianapolis July 19. The three-day event attracted 2,500 black Catholics from across the United States.

In speaking about contemporary issues in society that affect black Catholics, Father Whitt said that laws passed some 50 years ago to protect their civil rights "are never secure" and need vigilance to protect them.

He also said that black Catholics "rejoiced" when President Barack Obama signed into law a comprehensive health care reform bill in 2010.

"Nevertheless," he said, "we must express shock and, frankly, offense that, in recognizing one right, the government tries to deny us the right to freely practice our religion in accord with its moral teachings."

Father Whitt also encouraged congress participants to work to strengthen and restore Catholic schools for black Catholic children.

Likewise, he called for black Catholics "to develop a national curriculum for black Catholic religious education from womb to tomb" to help black Catholics of all ages better understand their faith.

James Summers, a parishioner of St. Pius X, Granger, attended the congress with his wife Wendy and found a great sense of belonging. This year's congress was the first for Summers, who grew up in predominately white neighborhoods and attends predominately white churches.

He said, "To be in a room with so many people who look like me

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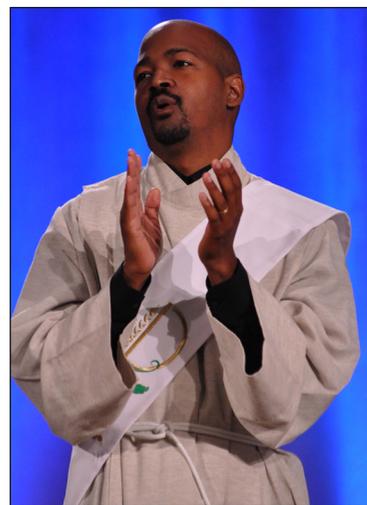


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Deacon Mel Tardy of St. Augustine Parish in South Bend assists with Mass celebrated at the National Black Catholic Congress liturgy on July 20 at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis.

and share the same faith was great for me. It was comforting to be surrounded by them. I realized though I'm a minority in the Church, I'm not really a minority."

The music at Mass, provided in part by the St. Augustine Choir from South Bend, was a highlight for Summers, who said, "The Mass celebration, to me, is so much more celebratory because I'm so moved by the music. It felt like we were really praising the Lord. It felt so good."

Witnessing the number of priests and bishops who attended the congress impressed Summers as well. "To see all the bishops and priests

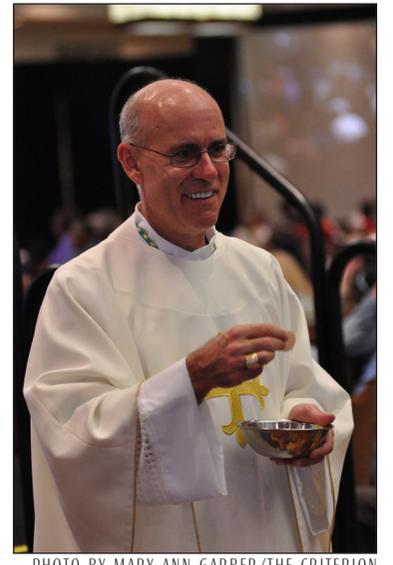


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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades gives Communion to the faithful during the National Black Catholic Congress liturgy on July 20 at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis.

... the sheer number and beauty of their vestments, and smiles — they were enjoying being appreciated as much as we were enjoying having them celebrate Mass for us. The energy in the room was absolutely fantastic!"

Mary Devine-Glowaski, secretary for Evangelization and Special Ministries in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend attended the National Black Catholic Congress and said, "The NBCC was a remarkable experience of joy, remembrance and prayer. Our hope is that this conference will be the springboard for a visible and meaningful ministry to serve our black sisters and brothers throughout the diocese."

She added, "We are in the process of forming an advisory board for this ministry and hope that those serving can help everyone in the diocese look to the particular concerns and needs of our black sisters and brothers and to call upon the abundant gifts of the African American community as we plan and serve throughout the entire diocese."

The message Deacon Tardy brought home to the Catholics of the diocese: "We were blessed in so many ways from the congress; but we must now witness 'What we have seen and heard' with others throughout our diocese who were not able to attend."

Sean Gallagher of *The Criterion* and Catholic News Service contributed to this story.

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Sister Jane Carew, known as having the heart of a catechist, dies

BY TIM JOHNSON

FORT WAYNE — Sister Mary Jane Carew, who directed the diocesan Office of Catechesis for 22 years, died at her home in Fort Wayne last week.

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, on Jan. 2, 1941, she was the daughter of Major Stephen O'Neill Carew and Johanna McKenna Carew. At the age of 17, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Martha, Antigonish. She made her final vows on Aug. 15, 1965.

On Dec. 8, 1990, she transferred her consecrated life to the Ecclesial Order of Virgins for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Sister Jane graduated from the Catholic University of America with a master of arts in religious education in 1971. While serving the Church in the Archdiocese of Boston, she pursued a master of divinity and doctor of ministry. She taught elementary school, high school theology and was a director of religious education. Prior to coming to Indiana, she was associate director of the permanent diaconate in Boston.

Sister Jane came to Fort Wayne at the request of Bishop John M. D'Arcy in 1987 to be director of catechesis.

Bishop D'Arcy told *Today's Catholic*, "The first thing that must be understood about Sister Jane Carew is that she was a woman of the Church. In the 42 years I have known her, this was always the core of her identity. Her contribution to the

renewal of religious instruction in this diocese was enormous. A special joy to her was the number of young people who through her efforts became trained Catholic catechists teaching at all levels in our diocese. This could only have been accomplished with substantial aid from Our Sunday Visitor Institute. I thank God for her life and devoted service to the Church."

Sister Jane also did extensive work in the catechetical area for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Sister Jane Carew was, without a doubt, a leading expert in the field of catechesis," said Deacon Jim Tighe, the current director of the Office of Catechesis for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. "Her love for Christ was expressed in her work. Her burning desire was that our catechetical efforts would simply be the best that we could do."

"When I came to the Office of Catechesis, we spent hours together exploring the subject," he added. "Her knowledge was only surpassed by her love, and her love for catechesis was her love of Christ."

Janice Martin, who worked closely with Sister Jane in the Office of Catechesis from 2002 through Sister Jane's retirement, said, "Sister Jane blessed so many people by keeping Christ and His Church close to her heart. She also worked closely with Bishop D'Arcy so that his vision of catechesis was carried out in the diocese."

Lisa Everett, the codirector



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Sister Jane Carew, the former director of the Office of Catechesis, is shown in this photo from 2001.

of the Office of Family Life and who served as one of two witnesses when Sister Jane was consecrated a virgin, said, "During what turned out to be our last lengthy conversation, the topic turned to consecrated virginity, and Sister Jane shared with me how much she loved these words from St. Ambrose: 'I will be His, who first desired me for Himself.' As saddened as I am by her death, I cannot help but think that now the bridal veil has been lifted and she beholds her divine Bridegroom face to face."

Carl Loesch, principal of Marian High School, was a friend of Sister Jane.

"I recall very clearly meeting Sister Jane as I began my career teaching theology at Bishop Dwenger," Loesch said. "When I came to Marian, she was one of the first people to call and congratulate me."

"I am very grateful to Sister Jane for her friendship and support and her decades of service to strengthen the catechesis in our diocesan schools and parishes," he added.

"The strong faith of the young people in our diocese is the spiritual fruit of Sister Jane Carew's efforts to train teachers and catechists who know the richness of our faith and who can convey the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ," Loesch said.

Bishop Luers High School theology teacher Meg Hanlon said, "Sister Jane was a mentor and friend. She always did what she thought was best for the Church."

Hanlon noted that in a recent conversation with one of Sister Jane's longest and dearest friends from Canada — Sister Therèse,

who spent many years as a hermit — she recalled that Sister Jane said her life as a consecrated virgin serving the Church in Fort Wayne-South Bend, "was hard and beautiful."

"The catechetical mark she left on the diocese will continue to bear fruit for generations to come," Hanlon added. "She had a catechetical heart. I loved her, and I will miss her."

Sister Jane is survived by two brothers, Stephen and Christopher, their wives Maureen and Debbie, and three nephews, Stephen, Paul and Daniel, all of Nova Scotia.

Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, July 23, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne with Bishop John M. D'Arcy officiating. Burial was in the Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please give donations to the Women's Care Center. Arrangements were by Mungovan and Sons Memorial Chapel. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mungovanandsons.com.



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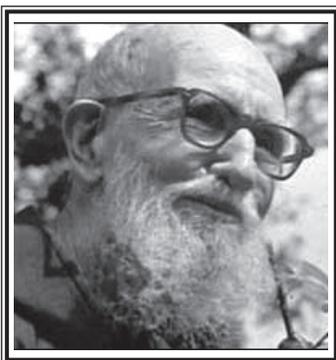
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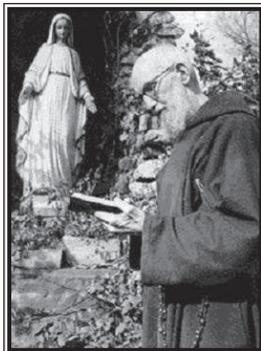
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Mary, our mother, we ask you to intercede for us before your son, as you did at the wedding at Cana, that the beatification of the Venerable Solanus Casey may be brought about. We pray that through your intercession the Holy Spirit will bring his beatification about at this time so that we may be strengthened in our faith and filled with gratitude to God. Hail Mary...Glory be...

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Cardinal praises conscience provisions in House appropriations bill

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities praised lawmakers for including two conscience provisions in the House version of the 2013 appropriations bill for the federal departments of Labor and Health and Human Services. "Our government has a long history of respecting rights of conscience in health care, and the time is long overdue to reaffirm this laudable tradition in the face of today's growing threats," Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said in a July 17 letter to members of the House Subcommittee on Labor/HHS. Cardinal DiNardo said the provision called the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act, which had 124 co-sponsors from both parties, "will reaffirm the basic principle that no health care entity should be forced by government to perform, participate in or pay for abortions." The other provision is the Respect for Right of Conscience Act, which Cardinal DiNardo said would "counter a policy that poses the most direct federal threat to religious freedom in recent memory," a reference to the "HHS mandate" requiring most religious organizations to include sterilizations and contraceptive coverage — including those that could cause early abortions — in their employee health care plans. The subcommittee was preparing to mark up the appropriations bill for eventual action by the House Appropriations Committee and then the full House. The Senate Appropriations Committee had done its own markup, first in subcommittee and then in full committee, June 12 and 14. "The endgame for a final appropriations bill is unknown at this time, but agreement between the two houses of Congress is likely to be late fall or early winter at the earliest," said a June 18 statement from Directors of Health Promotion and Education, a trade group.

Denver's new archbishop says he will build on ministry of predecessors

DENVER (CNS) — Catholics "must stand with the unborn child and proclaim to all persons the dignity of that unborn child," newly installed Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila of Denver said July 18. "Each and every one of us here was created in the same manner, and we must understand that truth that science itself reveals," he said in his homily during his installation Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Denver. More than 400 priests, including 40 bishops and one cardinal, processed in to the cathedral basilica for the afternoon installation Mass. The bishops included Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, a retired Vatican official and former Denver archbishop; Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, who headed the Denver Archdiocese

PRIEST DISTRIBUTES COMMUNION DURING MASS AT MAKESHIFT CHAPEL IN VILLAGE OUTSIDE BEIJING



CNS PHOTO/DAVID GRAY, REUTERS

Chinese Father Liu Yong Wang distributes Communion to Catholics in a makeshift chapel in the village of Bai Gu Tun, located about 43 miles southeast of Beijing, July 17. China has confined a newly ordained bishop in Shanghai after he said he would resign from the government-approved Catholic Patriotic Association to devote more time to his ministry.

from 1997 until 2011; Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States; and Denver Auxiliary Bishop James D. Conley. Archbishop Aquila is the eighth bishop, and fifth archbishop, in the archdiocese's 125-year history. A native of California, he was ordained a priest for Denver in 1976 and for the past 11 years was bishop of Fargo, N.D. "Every time an abortion occurs a unique individual human being is snuffed out," Archbishop Aquila told the congregation. "Catholics can never stand for that, nor can we ever support that." From that respect for human life and dignity flows the Church's support for traditional marriage, between one man and one woman, he continued. "As Christians we recognize that when God created man and woman for one another." It also means speaking to the religious liberty issues of the day and "proclaiming the dignity of the immigrant," he said.

Denver prelates offer consolation in wake of Aurora shootings

DENVER (CNS) — Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila of Denver and his auxiliary, Bishop James D. Conley, offered prayers and support to the victims, survivors and the commu-

nity after a gunman killed at least a dozen people and wounded dozens more during a July 20 midnight screening of the movie "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora. "For those who were killed, our hope is the tender mercy of our God," the bishops said in a joint statement. "Neither death nor life," reflected St. Paul, "can separate us from the love of God." For those who were wounded — physically, emotionally and spiritually — our hope is in their recovery and renewal. To them we offer our prayers, our ears to listen, and our hearts to love. The road to recovery may be long, but in hope we are granted the gift of new life." Archbishop Aquila and Bishop Conley also prayed for the shooter. "We hope also for the perpetrator of this terrible crime, and we pray for his conversion. Evil ruled his heart last night," they said July 20. "Only Jesus Christ can overcome the darkness of such evil." James Holmes, 24, who had been a doctoral student at the University of Colorado before he dropped out, was arrested in connection with the mass shootings. Police said Holmes was still wearing a bulletproof vest in the movie theater's parking lot when he was apprehended. News accounts in the hours following the attack put the number of wounded variously at 38, up to 50 and as many as 59 late in the day. Archbishop Aquila,

who was to celebrate an evening Mass for those affected by the shooting, and Bishop Conley said Regina Caeli Counseling Services of Catholic Charities in the archdiocese would offer counseling over the next few weeks to those who need it. "We look for opportunities to pray with our community," the bishops added. "And we continue to work to support families and communities in forming people of peace."

House panel's food aid cuts in farm bill called 'unjustified and wrong'

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A proposed \$16 billion cut in the nation's Supplemental Nutritional and Assistance Program is "unjustified and wrong," said a joint letter from the chairman of the U.S. bishops' domestic and international justice committees, leaders of Catholic Relief Services and the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. The cuts in SNAP, once known as food stamps, "will hurt hungry children, poor families, vulnerable seniors and struggling workers," said the July 10 letter, addressed to Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Okla., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., the committee's ranking Democrat.

"At this time of economic hardship and continued high unemployment, the committee should protect essential programs that serve poor and hungry people. To cut programs that feed hungry people in the midst of economic turmoil is unjustified and wrong," the letter said. "A just farm bill requires shared sacrifice by all but cannot rely on disproportionate cuts to essential services for hungry, poor and vulnerable people," it said. The letter was signed by Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, Calif., chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace; Carolyn Woo, president of Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency; and James Ennis, executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

Federal judge dismisses Belmont Abbey College's suit against mandate

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (CNS) — A federal judge has dismissed Belmont Abbey College's lawsuit against the Obama administration that had challenged the federal contraception mandate, but lawyers for the Benedictine college in Belmont say they will continue the fight. U.S. District Judge James E. Boasberg of the District of Columbia dismissed Belmont Abbey's case July 18, saying that the college did not have standing to bring the case to court, nor could it demonstrate it had been harmed yet by the contraception mandate. The contraception mandate — issued in August 2011 by the federal Department of Health and Human Services as part of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act — requires nearly all employers to provide free artificial contraception, sterilization and abortion-causing drugs coverage in their insurance plans. There is a narrow exemption for employers who object to providing these services on religious grounds, namely if they serve or hire people primarily of their own faith. The contraceptive mandate takes effect for new health plans and those that undergo significant changes Aug. 1, 2012 — unless the narrow religious exemption applies or a one-year "temporary enforcement safe harbor" applies. Following an outcry over the contraceptive mandate from Catholic institutions across the country and the U.S. bishops this past spring, the Obama administration established the "safe harbor" period to allow those employers that do not provide contraceptives for religious reasons time to figure out how they will comply with the mandate. The "safe harbor" period expires Aug. 1, 2013. The mandate requiring individuals to get health insurance or face fines goes into effect Jan. 1, 2014.

Brodbeck hired as sports information director for Holy Cross College

NOTRE DAME — The Holy Cross Athletic Department has announced the hiring of John Brodbeck as the college's new Sports Information Director.

Brodbeck returns to Holy Cross College, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in business in 2010. Upon completion of undergraduate study, Brodbeck attended Valparaiso University to pursue, and eventually receive, a master of science degree in sports administration.

A native of Stillwater, Minn., Brodbeck has spent the majority of the past five years living in northern Indiana.

"I'm very excited to come back to the place where it all began," Brodbeck said. "Holy Cross has been so good to me throughout my time as a student and an alum. I'm very eager and excited to get started on my career path, and I'm very thankful that I get to begin this journey at Holy Cross."

"John will be a valuable new addition to our staff," said Athletic Director Bob Schermerhorn. "His willingness to obtain a master's degree in sports administration demonstrates his dedication to the field of athletic administration. He will be an exceptional addition to our athletic staff. All I can say is welcome home, John!"

Brodbeck currently resides in Mishawaka and has a younger brother, Drew, who is a junior on the Holy Cross College hockey team.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SERRA CLUB OF SOUTH BEND INSTALLS NEW MEMBERS



PROVIDED BY THE SERRA CLUB OF SOUTH BEND

New members were recently installed into the Serra Club of South Bend by Jerry Smith, district governor. Pictured are Randy Blum, Steve Good, Mary Ann Pajot and Rochelle Lubinski. Not pictured is Mike Urbanski. The Serra Club meets at St. Joseph's Hospital in Mishawaka on the first Friday of the month for 12 p.m. Mass, followed by lunch and a meeting. On the third Wednesday of the month, Serrans meet at 5:30 p.m. for dinner at the hospital, followed by a speaker. For more information contact Ray or Susan Vales at (574) 204-2084.

Mini retreat for young adults planned

SOUTH BEND — A summer Mini-Retreat for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, is Sunday, Aug. 5, from 1-7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center. The theme for the retreat is "The Eucharist" presented by Dominican Father Anthony Giambone.

The mini retreat includes Sunday Mass and dinner social. Advance registration is requested but not required. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for the retreat. Dinner cost is \$5 or bring your own. Childcare will be available. The retreat will be presented by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

For details and registration visit www.diocesefwsb.org/retreats.

Redeemer Radio blesses new 89.9 FM tower

BRYAN, Ohio — Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio, along with the Bryan, Ohio, Knights of Columbus Council 1915 celebrated bringing 89.9 FM to northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio communities.

On Saturday, July 21, Bishop Leonard P. Blair of the Catholic Diocese of Toledo blessed the broadcasting tower in Edon, Ohio, and then celebrated with faithful supporters at the Knights of Columbus Council 1915 Hall.

Bishop Blair at the celebration event referred to the Knights of Council 1915 "... faithful, dedicated, generous, ordinary Catholics who want to really promote the life of the Church because they want to bring people to Christ ... and that is a great sign of hope for our future."

BISHOP RHOADES CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS ORATORY



PHOTOS BY MARK WEBER

A 75th anniversary Mass celebrating the founding of St. Mary of the Angels Oratory at Big Long Lake was held July 22. Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrated Mass and was joined by Conventual Franciscan Father Bernie Zajdel. Holding the book for Bishop Rhoades is parishioner Joe Fenker, who began serving at St. Mary's when he was 10 years old. He is now retired and lives at Big Long Lake.

With Bishop Rhoades is matriarch Florence (Howe) Notestine, daughter of "Bud" Howe, a non-Catholic, who in 1937, donated a parcel of lake property so that a Catholic church could be built on it. Florence Notestine celebrated her 95th birthday the day before the anniversary Mass. She is shown with her family, all of whom still live in the area and are active in the parish.

Soft lake breezes wafted as a delicious brunch was served to approximately 175 friends who gathered on the grounds of St. Mary of the Angels Oratory to observe the 75th anniversary of the community. Although St. Mary's is now a mission church, or an oratory, with no priest assigned, weekend Masses in summer have full attendance and responsibilities of maintenance covered by volunteers.

The saintmaker

Brother Leo Wollenweber dedicates ministry to Father Solanus Casey sainthood cause

BY TIM JOHNSON

DETROIT — Some say that Capuchin Brother Leo Wollenweber is a saint himself. The 94-year-old brother, who has enjoyed 71 years of wearing the Capuchin habit, has spent years as the vice postulator of the Father Solanus Casey sainthood cause.

The task of working on Capuchin Father Solanus' sainthood cause is a ministry Brother Leo accepted over 30 years ago.

Shortly after the death of Capuchin Father Solanus in Detroit on July 31, 1957 at the age of 86, "many of the lay people in Detroit who had known Father Solanus and benefited by his prayers and help, wanted to preserve his memory," Brother Leo told *Today's Catholic* in his Detroit office at St. Bonaventure Monastery.

The Detroit people "petitioned the friars here to start what is known as the Father Solanus Guild as an organization of people who would try to spread information about Father Solanus and his holiness of life," Brother Leo said.

After about nine years of urging from the people, Brother Leo said, "They had finally persuaded the Capuchin superiors here to send a report to our Capuchin superior in Rome about Father Solanus. ... So that is when the order set up the process to have him declared a saint."

Getting to know Father Solanus

"We know more about Father Solanus today than we did when he was alive," said the quiet-spoken brother at the interview while pilgrims from Fort Wayne and Huntington visited the Father Solanus Center.

Brother Leo, who knew Father Solanus as a friar at St. Bonaventure from 1940-1945, was eager to share the life of Father Solanus, who also lived in Huntington at the St. Felix Monastery from 1946-1956. The former St. Felix monastery has recently been renovated and used as a retreat center and soon a portion of the center will be used for postulant formation of the Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist.

Brother Leo said of Father Solanus, "He was a very prayerful person, but he was very ordinary in a way. He had a good sense of humor. He was very interested in people and people came to him from all walks of life with their problems."

Brother Leo said Father Solanus was especially interested in people who came from farms because Solanus had grown up on a farm.

Father Solanus enjoyed children, and coming from a large

family of 16 children — 10 boys and six girls — the boys had their own baseball team. Father Solanus was the catcher.

"When he was in Detroit, he took quite an interest in the Detroit Tigers," noted Brother Leo. "On occasion, when he was in Huntington, he used to get many calls from people all over — especially from Detroit, people asking for prayers and so on — and one evening, quite late, almost midnight, a man had called and asked for prayers for his wife who was very sick. And after he told Father Solanus his problem ... Father Solanus told him, 'Well don't worry, she'll be alright.' And then he added, 'Then tell me now, how are the Tigers doing?'"

Father Solanus would encourage the people seeking help to "have faith, put their trust in God, and if they were Catholic he would encourage them to go to the sacraments and attend Mass more often," Brother Leo said.

"(Father Solanus) had great faith in the efficacy and power of the Mass," Brother Leo said.

When Father Solanus celebrated Mass, "he was very recollected, attuned to the Mass, and had a great love for the Blessed Sacrament."

After spending a long day at the office counseling people and listening to their problems, oftentimes "in the evening hours after the office closed (Father Solanus) would spend more time in the chapel before the Blessed Sacrament praying for all the people who had come to him that day," Brother Leo said.

"He also recommended devotion to Our Blessed Mother. The holy rosary was a favorite devotion of his," Brother Leo said, adding that Father Solanus' custom while traveling would be to recommend recitation of the rosary.

In search of miracles

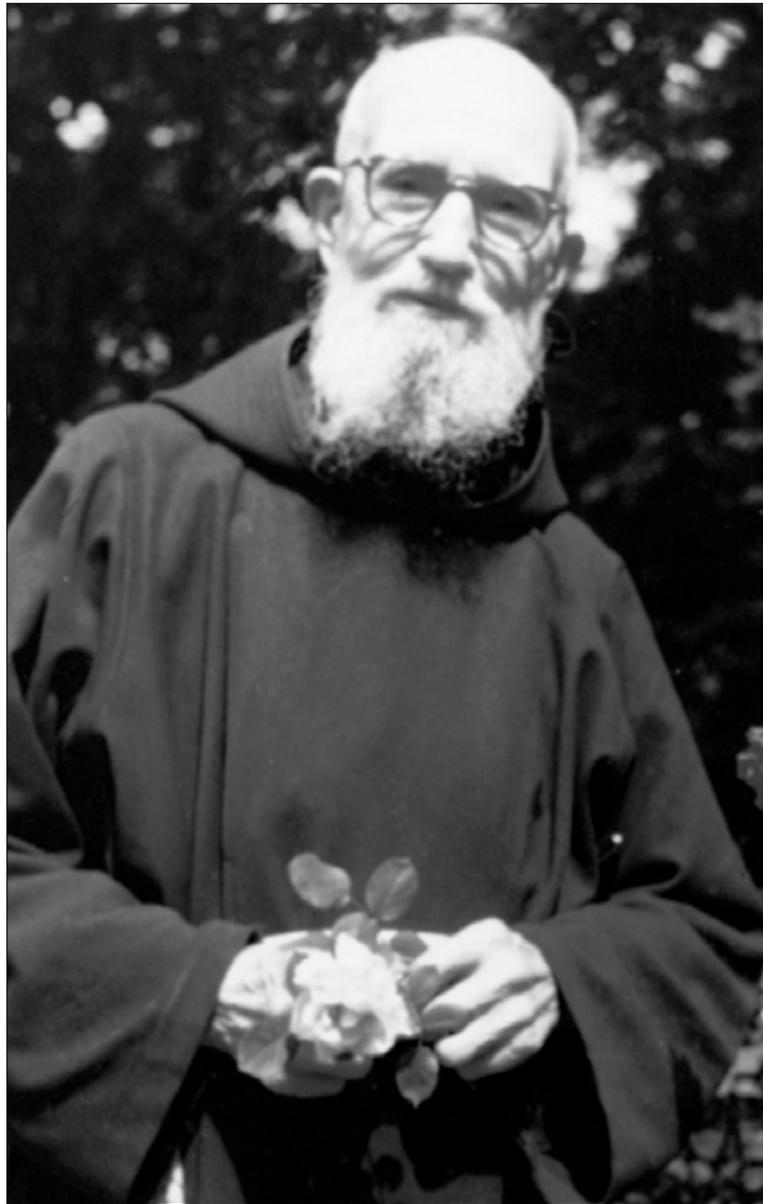
The postulator general of Father Solanus' sainthood cause is located in Rome," Brother Leo said, while the vice postulator is the local investigator.

Various friars in the order were approached at that time to be the local investigator, including Brother Leo. He became the vice postulator in 1974.

Brother Leo is in search of miracles, looking for reports of healings where there is no medical explanation.

Brother Leo said they get many reports, "but it's hard to get enough documentation from doctors that would be proof that the healing was not due to any medical procedure or operation, and it comes through the intercession through their prayers asking Father Solanus' help from heaven."

It's not the saint that works the miracle, Brother Leo noted, "the



CNS PHOTO

Capuchin Father Solanus Casey is pictured in an undated file photo. Admirers of Father Casey, a doorkeeper at Franciscan houses in New York and Detroit, are hoping for his beatification. In 1995 he was declared venerable, one of the first steps toward canonization.



JOE ROMIE

Capuchin Brother Leo Wollenweber is shown here at the blessing of the chapel at the St. Felix Catholic Center on March 3 in Huntington.

miracle comes from God."

"We have many cases that look like they may qualify as a miracle," Brother Leo said. However, he reports that no case has been approved by the doctors associated with the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome.

Father Solanus is declared "venerable," which means the Church says he lived a life of heroic virtue, and that he is in heaven and interceding for us, "but the Church, still does not, at that point, permit what is called 'public devotion,' the kind of devotion we give to the saints — having a church, for instance, dedicated in their memory or have a Mass said in their honor. For that, the Church waits for a miraculous intervention — either a 'blessed' or 'saint,'" he said.

The difference between a "blessed" and a "saint," noted Brother Leo, is "when a person is declared 'blessed,' the public devotion that is allowed by the Church is limited to the locality — perhaps the country the person is from or the order they belonged to. ... After a person is declared 'blessed,' if devotion continues and other miracles occur, if at least one more miracle occurs, then the Church would declare the person canonized, a 'saint.' When a person is canonized a saint then the devotion is universal throughout the Church, all over the world."

Brother Leo hopes that the beatification will happen soon. The bishops of Michigan hope that 19th-century U.S. Bishop Frederic Baraga of Marquette, Mich., and Father Solanus will be beatified around the same time.

Brother Leo said they have already checked out Ford Field as a possible spot for the beatification Mass.

Father Solanus Casey was born Bernard Francis Casey on Nov. 25, 1870 on a farm near Oak Grove, Wis. He was invested in the Capuchin Order at Detroit in 1897 and given the religious name of Solanus.

After his ordination in 1904, besides living in Huntington, Father Solanus spent 20 years in New York, Harlem and Yonkers. In 1924 he was assigned to St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit where he worked for 20 years. He ministered many of those years as a door porter.

Wheeler to head Catholic Relief Services for diocese

BY VINCE LABARBERA

FORT WAYNE — Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades has appointed Melissa Wheeler, former head of the Theology Department at Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, to direct Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

CRS is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. Founded in 1943 by the U.S. bishops, the agency provides assistance to 130 million people in more than 90 countries and territories in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

“Many parishioners, students and teachers may be familiar with the agency’s Lenten program titled Operation Rice Bowl,” said Wheeler, which emphasizes prayer, fasting, learning and giving. Materials offer daily prayers, recipes for simple meals and stories that teach about life in the developing world. And the bowl itself, a symbol of both hunger and hope, is used to collect funds for those in need. Twenty-five percent of funds raised stays in the diocese for local poverty and hunger alleviation projects.

A native of Fort Wayne, Wheeler is the daughter of Raymond Roberts and Jeanne Lubomirski. She has four siblings — one older brother, two younger brothers and one younger sister. As a youngster she attended Most Precious Blood School and is a graduate of Bishop Dwenger High

School (BDHS). Following graduation from Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, with a bachelor of arts degree in political science, she spent two years of service work with the Marist Brothers in West Virginia as an elementary teacher.

The Marist Brothers, or Little Brothers of Mary, are a Catholic religious institute of brothers and affiliated lay people, founded in France. Worldwide, there are more than 4,500 brothers working in 77 countries on six continents. They directly share their mission and spirituality with more than 40,000 laypeople, and together educate close to 500,000 children and young people in schools.

Following her teaching experience, she returned to the classroom at Fordham University in New York City where she earned a master’s degree in teaching. Upon her return to the Fort Wayne area, she took a job at St. Aloysius School in Yoder where she taught a combined seventh-and-eighth-grade class for two years. In the fall of 2001 she began teaching religion at BDHS and was named head of the theology department in 2003.

Also nine years ago, she and her husband, Martin Wheeler, were married. They are the parents of two daughters, ages seven and five, who attend Most Precious Blood School.

Wheeler is very involved in the Social Justice Club for faculty and students at BDHS, studying “how to make the world more just and increase fair-trade sales,” she said. This fall the group will take on an orphan theme initiative, perhaps with Haiti, she related. For several

years, Wheeler has attended the annual Catholic Social Mission gathering in Washington, D.C., for social justice groups. Her involvement, in fact, may have prompted her recently to write Bishop Rhoades a letter asking if the diocese could become more involved in social justice issues, in particular with CRS, since there is no formalized local presence of this outreach agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Wheeler indicated Bishop Rhoades met with her and asked if she would serve as the local CRS leader. Initially, she will concentrate this fall on educating Catholics on the work of the CRS — providing overseas aid, disaster relief, alleviating hunger, ending disease and conflict, and other issues that affect human lives worldwide — especially this Lent with a more widespread outreach of Operation Rice Bowl among parishes and schools. She also will serve as a liaison with the national CRS headquarters in Baltimore and the regional office in Chicago.

With so many challenges and opportunities ahead with her new CRS responsibilities as well as teaching, Wheeler said she felt it was best to give up her position as head of the theology department at BDHS.

She suggested anyone seeking additional information concerning CRS log onto the Catholics Confront Global Poverty website.

“Those interested can receive email alerts regarding solidarity awareness and legislative advocacy initiatives,” Wheeler concluded.



VINCE LABARBERA

Melissa Wheeler poses outside Bishop Dwenger High School, Fort Wayne, where she graduated and has taught religion since 2001.



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Bishop John M. D'Arcy, bishop emeritus, competes in the first Redeemer Radio Bocce Classic June 14 at the home of Dr. Michael and Susan Lee. The event raised funds for Redeemer Radio Expansion. Bishop D'Arcy's team, which included Dr. Michael and Susan Lee and Tom and Barb Niezer, won the event.

ACE celebrates pre-commencement Mass with bishop

BY WILLIAM SCHMITT

NOTRE DAME — The next generation of Catholic school-teachers and leaders, represented by 104 graduates in the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) at the University of Notre Dame, received thanks and encouragement from Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades at a pre-commencement Mass.

Noting that Jesus sent forth His apostles on mission to preach the Gospel and serve others through the power of the kingdom of God, Bishop Rhoades said, "You who are graduating from ACE are cooperators in this mission."

In his homily at the Notre Dame Grotto on the evening of July 12, he pointed out that the participants in two ACE formation programs — Service through Teaching and the Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program — were accepting a mission that promised not comfort and wealth but "a higher calling" that leads to "true meaning and fulfillment" through trust in God.

"Don't be afraid to be countercultural," the bishop told the graduates who had completed two-year curricula including teaching experience, spiritual growth, community life and master's degree studies. "Our culture and our Church need your witness to the priority of the kingdom of God."

The graduates received their degrees at annual ACE Commencement ceremonies in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on July 14, with University of Virginia President Teresa Sullivan as keynote speaker. ACE co-founder Holy Cross Father Timothy Scully called this 17th class of ACE educators "sources of vitality and love and courage and learning" for Catholic schools.

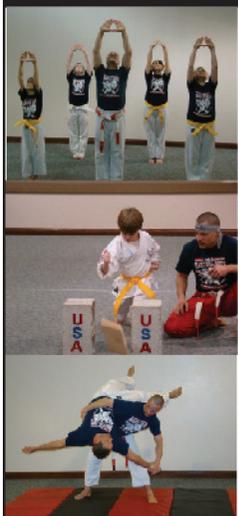


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Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades celebrates Mass for 104 graduates in the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) at the University of Notre Dame on July 12.



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HOW CAN I POSSIBLY AFFORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

Understanding Tax Credit Scholarships and Indiana School Vouchers

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

What are Tax Credit Scholarships?

The Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides scholarship support to families who want to enroll their children in the private school of their choice. Qualifying students in grades K-12 can receive a minimum of a \$300 Tax Credit Scholarship.

Who qualifies for a Tax Credit Scholarship?

- A student whose family meets the income eligibility guidelines for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (See chart on page 14), AND
- A student who is entering kindergarten or 1st grade, AND/OR
- A student who is coming to a private school after attending at least one year (two semesters) in an Indiana public school.

Why should I apply now?

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

How do I apply for a Tax Credit Scholarship?

1. To see how much tuition assistance you are eligible for, first register at your Catholic school of choice.
2. To apply for funding contact your school of choice.

INDIANA SCHOOL VOUCHERS

What is an Indiana School Voucher?

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

Who qualifies for a Voucher?

- A student whose family meets the income eligibility guidelines for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program (See chart on page 14), AND
- A student in grades 2-12 who is coming to a private school after attending at least one year (two semesters) in an Indiana public school, AND/OR
- A current private school student in grades 1-12 who has received a Tax Credit Scholarship in a prior year.

Why should I apply now?

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

How do I apply for a Voucher?

1. To see how much tuition assistance you are eligible for, first register at your Catholic school of choice.
2. To apply for funding contact your school of choice.

WHAT AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

See the chart on page 14 to see if you qualify



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF FO

FORT WAYNE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Therese School (260) 747-2343
2222 Lower Huntington Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46819
Principal: Charles Grimm
200 students / grades preK-8
Web site: www.sttheresefw.org

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

SOUTH BEND

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

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

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

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

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

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

St. Adalbert School (574) 288-6645
519 S. Olive St., South Bend, IN 46619-3396
Principal: Andrew Currier
180 students / grades preK-8

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

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

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

St. Jude School (574) 291-3820
19657 Hildebrand St., South Bend, IN 46614
Principal: Stephen Donndelinger
170 students / grades K-8
Web site: www.stjudeschool.net

AREA GRADE SCHOOLS

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

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul School (574) 293-8451
1114 S. Main St., Elkhart, IN 46516
Principal: Tom Gropp
135 students / grades preK-6
Web site: www.svcelkhart.org

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

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

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

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

MISHAWAKA
Mishawaka Catholic School
Principal: Vikki Wojcik
St. Bavo Campus (574) 259-4214
524 W. 8th St., Mishawaka, IN 46544
105 students / grades preK-2

St. Joseph Campus (574) 255-5554
230 S. Spring St., Mishawaka, IN 46544
135 students / grades 3-5

St. Monica Campus (574) 255-0709
223 West Grove St., Mishawaka, IN 46545
132 students / grades 6-8
Web site: www.mishawakacatholicsschool.org

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

FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

MONROEVILLE

St. Joseph School (260) 623-3447
 209 Mulberry St., Monroeville, IN 46773
 Principal: Stanley Ligonoga IV
 83 students / grades K-8
 Web site: www.saintrosechurch.com

NEW HAVEN

St. John the Baptist School (260) 749-9903
 204 Rufus St., New Haven, IN 46774
 Principal: Janice Comito
 325 students / grades preK-8
 Web site: www.stjohnraiders.org

St. Louis Academy

(260) 749-5815
 15529 Lincoln Hwy. East, New Haven, IN 46774-9679
 Principal: Cheryl Klinker
 71 students / grades preK-8
 Web site: www.academy.stlouisbesancon.org

PLYMOUTH

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

WABASH

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

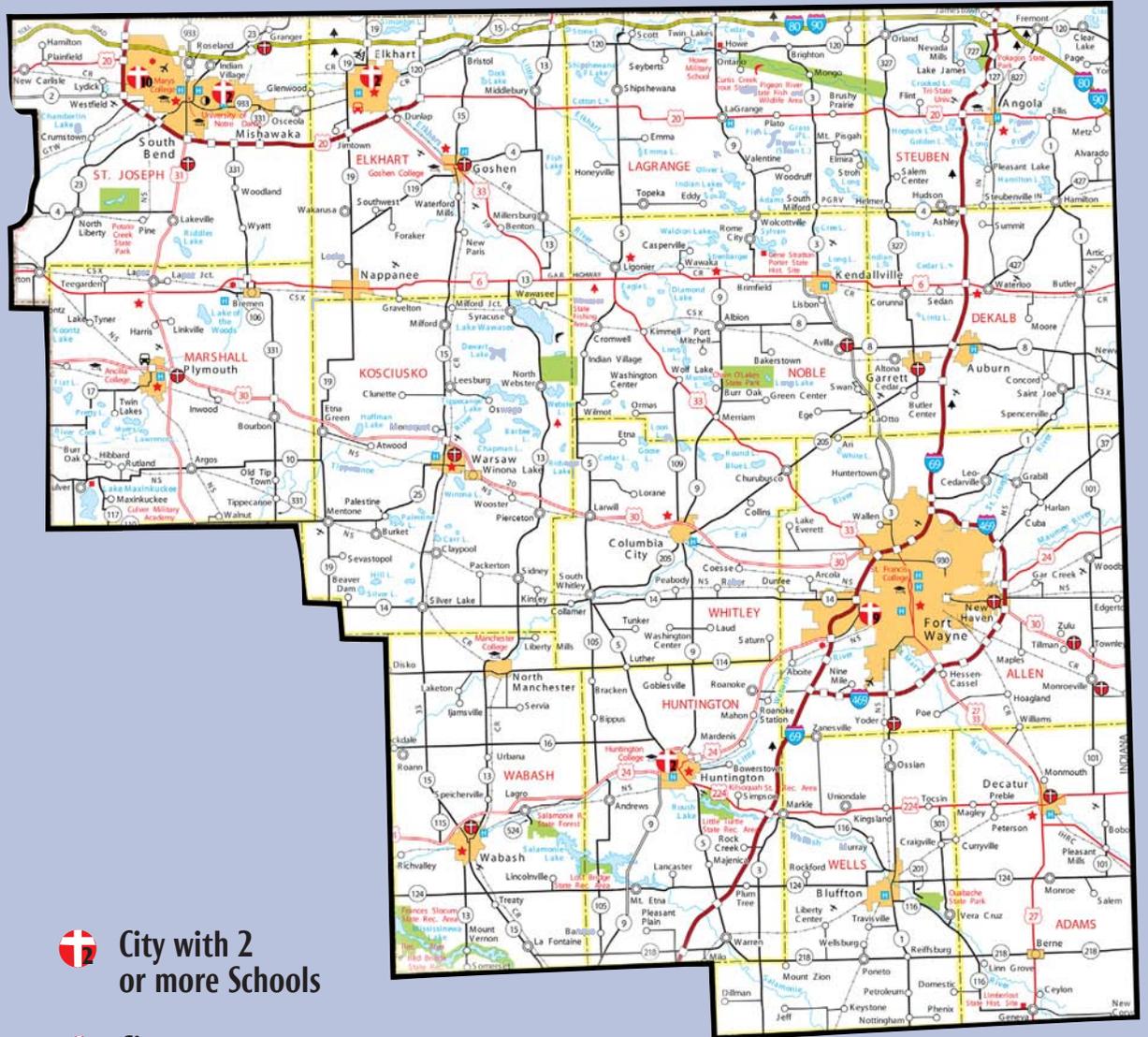
WARSAW

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

YODER

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

School Locations within the diocese



City with 2 or more Schools

City or town with School

HIGH SCHOOLS

FORT WAYNE

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

Bishop Luers High School

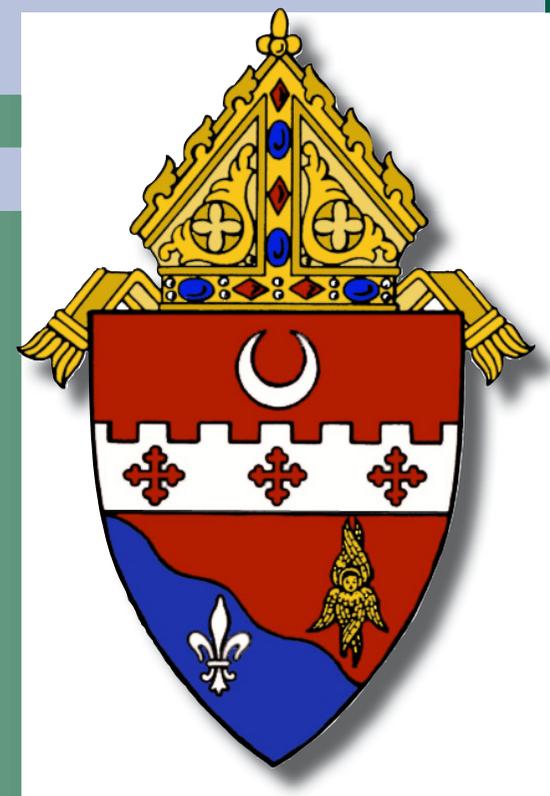
(260) 456-1261
 333 E. Paulding Rd. Fort Wayne, IN 46816-3599
 Principal: Mary Keefer
 Assistant Principal: Tiffany Albertson
 36 Lay Instructors
 546 students
 Web site: www.bishopluers.org

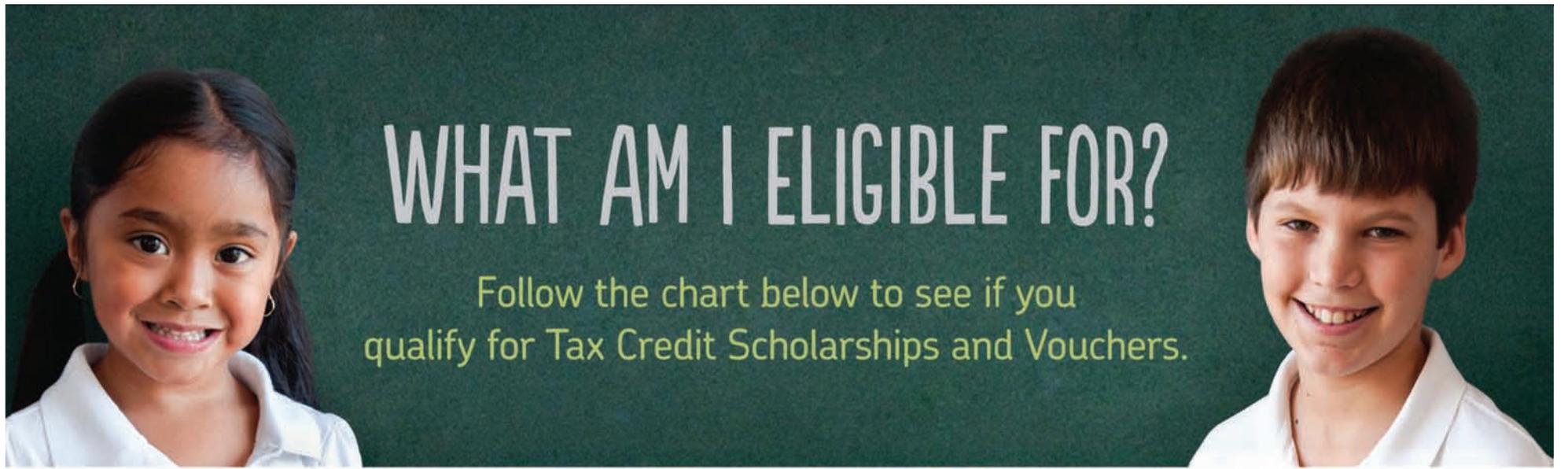
SOUTH BEND

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

MISHAWAKA

Marian High School (574) 259-5257
 1311 S. Logan St. Mishawaka, IN 46544-4798
 Principal: Carl Loesch
 Director of Admissions: Mary Kay Dance
 44 Full-time Lay Instructors / 6 Part-time Lay Instructors
 705 students
 Web site: www.marianhs.org





I'm enrolling my child in kindergarten or first grade at a Catholic school after having attended a public school kindergarten.

I'm moving my child in grades 2-12 to a Catholic school.

I meet these eligibility requirements

- Indiana resident
- My family is at or below 200% of the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Income Level (see chart below)

I meet these eligibility requirements

- Indiana resident
- My child attended public school the previous year (two semesters) OR received a Tax Credit Scholarship, or Voucher, the previous school year.

AND one of the following:

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

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

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP

INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS

Household Size	Full Voucher 100% FR Lunch	Half Voucher 150% FR Lunch	Tax Credit 200% FR Lunch
2	\$27,991	\$41,986	\$55,982
3	\$35,317	\$52,975	\$70,634
4	\$42,643	\$63,964	\$85,286
5	\$49,969	\$74,953	\$99,938
6	\$57,295	\$85,942	\$114,590

SCHOOL VOUCHER

**Contact your local school
or the
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE
Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
www.diocesefwsb.org
Teresa Delgado:
574-255-1387**

Catholic community plays role in sharing gift of faith

BY DR. MARK MYERS

Fernanda Becker of Bishop Dwenger High School and Mattie Willerton of Mishawaka Catholic were graduates from the Alliance for Catholic Education's Mary Ann Remick Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame campus in South Bend on July 14. Theresa A. Sullivan, president of the University of Virginia presented the address to the graduates, family members and guests. The graduation Mass was celebrated by Holy Cross Father Timothy R. Scully, co-founder of the Alliance for Education at the conclusion of the master's degree ceremony at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame.

President Sullivan spoke eloquently about the value and characteristics of the unique and special relationship between the teacher and learner. Father Scully made numerous references in his homily about the dynamics of a Catholic community that evolve to become the spiritual mainspring to enrich others as well as ministries of Christ that bare abundant fruit.

American educators have a litany of research on effective teacher classroom practices; however, very little has been documented in the literature on the value of the relationship between a teacher and a student. Surveys on post undergraduate students show consistently the most frequent response to the question about the perceived benefit of a graduate degree is, "... the relationship between my professors and me."

Clearly, the spiritual formation of a young child — or adult — continues as a result of the conscience efforts of those who participate unselfishly within a loving, Catholic community.

President Sullivan's remarks on student-teacher relationships and the content of Father Scully's homily on the functioning Catholic community are certainly not mutually exclusive.

Our responsible Catholic teachers, staff and principals within our schools who share the Holy Spirit within a faith-filled, loving community acquire significant — and eternal — results.

Recently, a senior citizen health-care administrator who serves the needs of elderly religious in a retirement home reported the most frequent visitors of residents who served as Catholic teachers and administrators are former students; many whom travel extensive distances to show their gratitude for the special relationships they shared as children with their former teachers and principals.

Clearly, the powerful, sustaining effects of the community fortified

the religious who taught five or more decades ago; Catholic educators must strive strategically now to replicate the characteristics of those religious communities within our schools in order to continue to share the gift of our Catholic faith. The advantages gained as a result of direct involvement in strong Catholic school communities can be seen in student-teacher relationships, academic achievement, faith formation and moral habits of children who grow to become practicing, adult Catholics.

Parental support

When we ask parents why they enroll their children in our Catholic schools, frequently we hear, "Someone talked to me about the school; or, the school is like a family."

Numerous opportunities exist to support our Catholic school communities. Given the present opportunities to enroll children in Catholic schools in Indiana, when our parents talk to others about their child's school, prospective families can benefit greatly as a result of such discussions. Parents can learn if their children qualify for vouchers or tax-credit scholarships, how and where to apply, and about the various benefits available. Today, throughout the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, parents can assist our Catholic schools greatly by sharing school information.

We encourage each Catholic school parent to contact the principal of their school to learn more regarding how to provide information to other parents about the admissions process.

Data shows when parents visit the school after such discussions, there is a high probability of enrolling the child. Secondly, we ask our parents to continue to participate fully within their own school. When parents, through their actions, model how to make contributions to a school community today, they teach Catholic community values to children.

Finally, we ask for prayers as we work together to keep our Catholic school communities vibrant and strong. Pray that we can reach the level of faith sharing that served former generations of active, practicing Catholics. We are deeply grateful for your support of our children and our Catholic school communities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Dr. Mark D. Myers, Ph.D., is the superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend



Thomas Hamilton at St. Anthony de Padua to continue school tradition

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — Continuing in the footsteps of his predecessor Chad Barwick, new St. Anthony de Padua School Principal Thomas Hamilton will lead what pastor Father David Ruppert calls "a 60-year tradition of providing high quality education in a Christian environment rooted in faith, academics, service, community and family."

A Michigan native, Hamilton graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in interdisciplinary studies in the social sciences with a major in economics and a minor in political sciences with an emphasis on international studies. A master's in education from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Mich., followed.

Hamilton's first teaching assignment was in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Prior to his assignment at St. Anthony de Padua School, Hamilton had been a teacher in the Denver public schools and an administrator in the Archdiocese of Denver.

A desire to return to the Midwest was a factor for Hamilton, his wife Marci, and their two children in pursuing a position in the South Bend area.

"Within that desire was a sense I got that Catholic schools in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are valued and have a promising future," Hamilton says. "I look forward to working in a community where the school and parish are thriving and enthusiasm is prevalent."



KAREN CLIFFORD

New principal Thomas Hamilton looks to carry on 60-year tradition of providing high quality education in a Christian environment at St. Anthony de Padua School.

A Catholic upbringing was present in his life from the very beginning as Hamilton was named after St. Thomas More. It was his parents' hope, says Hamilton, that like St. Thomas More, he would develop into a man of integrity. The biblical verse, "rejoicing in the Lord will be your strength," (Neh 8:10) has inspired him in all aspects of his life.

Hamilton brings two years of training in English as a Second Language to his new assignment as well as his love of Catholic education.

"Catholic education is special for many reasons. First and foremost is the continual communion with the Holy Spirit that occurs

throughout all facets of Catholic educational life," he notes.

He has worked on several varied initiatives in his teaching career, including new Catholic faith related activities, leadership on a school liturgical committee, development of website technology and wireless interface, budget planning, professional development for staff, grant writing and management, and developing policies and procedures for school-related groups including athletics.

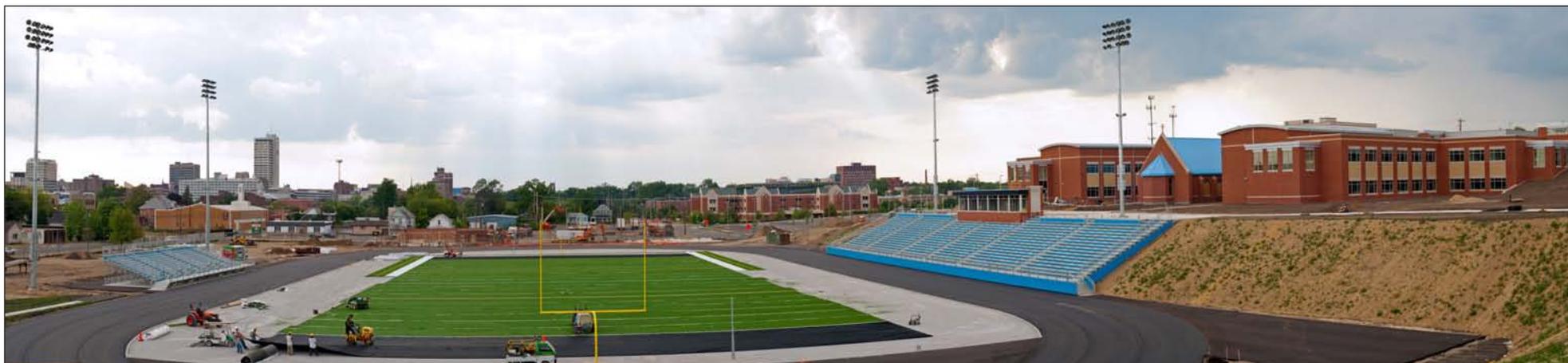
The school community is essential for a successful education, Hamilton emphasizes.

"One factor that separates our schools is the commitment of parents and staff. Both the parents and staff of Catholic schools put faith and what's best for children ahead of financial wealth. This is becoming rare in our culture and it is a powerful statement in regards to the importance placed on the family and the future of our Church," says Hamilton.

Father Ruppert is looking forward to working with Hamilton during the upcoming school year. "We are delighted that our mission will continue to thrive and flourish under the direction of Mr. Hamilton as we continue to grow at St. Anthony's," says Father Ruppert.

Hamilton looks forward to getting to know the students, staff and families in his new position. "Working with kids is a joy and I can't wait to get started. I try to have a sense of humor and humility in my work and I hope to make a positive impact on the families of the St. Anthony's community," Hamilton says.

SAINT JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL PREPARES FOR NEW FACILITY ON NOTRE DAME AVENUE



PROVIDED BY MIKE IVANCSICS

Saint Joseph High School will begin the 2012-2013 school year at a new facility on Notre Dame Avenue in South Bend. Dedication for the school is Saturday, Aug. 25, at 9:30 a.m.



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

Construction near the main entrance of the new St. Joseph High School in South Bend continues. Students at St. Joseph High School return to school at the end of August.



KEVIN HAGGENJOS

The exterior of the St. Joseph High School chapel is shown in this photo.



*Welcome students, faculty, staff, alumni, and families
to our new home at 453 N. Notre Dame Avenue*

Please join us for the official dedication ceremony of our new home.

Place: Fr. Bly Field, Leighton Stadium, 453 N. Notre Dame Ave.

Date: Saturday, August 25, 2012

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Officiated by Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades.

First football game in the new stadium

Place: Fr. Bly Field, Leighton Stadium

Date: September 7, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

vs. Elkhart Central

First volleyball game in the new gymnasium

Place: Saint Joseph High School

Date: August 29, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

vs. Niles High School

Stanley Liponoga IV accepts principalship at St. Joseph School, Monroeville

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

MONROEVILLE — After earning his bachelor of science degree in physical education (P.E.) from Indiana State University, Stanley Liponoga IV never imagined himself as a Catholic grade school principal. However, God led him down a different path and Liponoga was hired on at St. Joseph School, Monroeville, effective July 1, 2012.

“My passion has always been P.E.,” admitted Liponoga, who began his career teaching physical education at St. Joseph-St. Elizabeth School (SJSE) in Fort Wayne in 2007. He went on to accept an assistant principalship in 2009.

The 29 year old continued, “To be honest, I was very content in my role at SJSE, but God had another plan. God spoke and I listened. After much prayer and discernment and many signs, I am as excited as I can be to be at St. Joseph.”

Born and raised in Elkhart, the fourth Stanley in a long line of Liponogas, his family moved from the south side of Detroit in the early 1980s. His father worked as a plant manager while his mother served as a teaching assistant.

Liponoga is the youngest of three with older twin sisters. The children attended Eastwood Elementary and went on to attend Elkhart Central High School where Liponoga participated in golf and soccer and was a 2001 graduate.

He declared elementary education as his major when starting out at Indiana State University, but soon switched to physical education where he went on to be recognized on ESPN and honored with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) Major of the Year upon graduation in 2006.

Liponoga will complete his masters in educational leadership from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne in August 2012.

His family grew up in St. Mary of the the Annunciation Parish, Bristol, where he served Mass for Father James Seculoff.

“Along with my parents, Father Seculoff played a very important role in forming my Catholic identity as a boy,” Liponoga explained. For many years, from 7-8 p.m. on Sunday evenings, the Liponoga family took their turn at the parish’s 24-hour adoration chapel. Mary and the rosary have always been a big influence in Liponoga’s life and he is an avid listener of Christian music.

Liponoga’s wife, Kellie, is



MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

Stanley Liponoga IV recently accepted the principalship at St. Joseph School in Monroeville.

employed by Allen County and serves as a drug court case manager. The two were married on Oct. 28, 2006, at Most Precious Blood Church. A yellow lab named Mya (who is clearly not a saint, but was born on All Saints Day) joined the family just after their honeymoon.

The couple has also been blessed with two children — Clara, age 3 and one-year-old, Stanley V. Liponoga enjoys watching college football, especially the University of Michigan. The chocolate ice cream fan plays in both a men’s basketball and soccer league in his spare time.

In his first few weeks in Monroeville, Liponoga is already impressed by the St. Rose Parish community. Knowing he has big shoes to fill after the retirement of Carolyn Kirkendall, who served as principal for over a quarter century, Liponoga feels very good about the challenge.

“It is rare to see someone serve one school for so long,” he said. “It speaks volumes about her sustainable leadership and means St. Joseph is a sustainable school.”

Liponoga is hopeful the purchase of a new building is not far off, but regardless, is busy setting personal and professional goals for the 2012-2013 school year. First, the new leader is excited to listen and learn from the tenured staff and all stakeholders of St. Joseph School.

“I plan to lead our school spiritually and academically while meeting the needs of today’s education,” he detailed.

“I invite everyone in the Monroeville community and surrounding areas to receive a quality Christian education at St. Joseph School where we will teach the whole student, mind, body and soul,” Liponoga concluded.

St. John the Evangelist Principal Sharon Alexander ready to promote mission

BY DENISE FEDOROW

GOSHEN — St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen is welcoming a new principal this year, Sharon Alexander, who said her goal is to promote the mission of the school.

Alexander is originally from Muskegon, Mich. She moved to Coldwater, Mich., where for the last three years she was principal at St. Mary’s in Bronson. She has “five beautiful children” ranging in age from 20 to 26 years old — Amy, 20, Sara, 22, Jessica, 23, Jordan, 24, and 26-year-old Brother Allen, who is studying to be a priest.

Alexander attended Catholic elementary and high schools and said all of her children attended the same high school she graduated from. She’s been teaching at the elementary level since 1996, teaching all grades from kindergarten through fifth grade, and has worked with children and families for 26 years. She owned a daycare-preschool and was director of an early childhood program.

In 2010 she graduated from the MaryAnn Remick Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame where she completed three summer sessions specializing in Catholic administration.

The new principal has not yet had a chance to meet all of her staff as she officially just assumed her duties July 16.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY SHARON ALEXANDER

Sharon Alexander is the new principal at St. John the Evangelist School in Goshen.

However, she said, “When I came to be interviewed I could tell it is a very vibrant parish — very welcoming, and there’s a lot of things going on.”

She admitted that she doesn’t know a lot yet about the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, but said she is very excited about its partnership with the University of Notre Dame.

“I can see that it (St. John’s) is a high achieving school. I know the teachers are doing great work, and I want to continue the great work that’s been started there,” she said.

Alexander said she was also

impressed that the school students and staff go to Mass together twice a week and hold an additional school prayer time.

“I was pleasantly surprised to see the whole school gets together three times a week in prayer,” she said.

The new principal said she sees her biggest challenge as the fact that she doesn’t speak Spanish, and 48 percent of the students have a Hispanic background.

“I want to be able to communicate with the parents. We’re in partnership together,” she said.

Alexander is looking forward to settling in, learning about and getting involved in her new community. She has friends in the area from her time at Notre Dame. As for her leadership style she said she feels her role is to promote the mission of the school.

“To make sure that mission is happening,” Alexander said. “It’s not my goals; it’s the community’s goals. I want to support the teachers and get everyone involved asking, ‘How do we fulfill the mission?’”

She added that she always likes to ask to be kept in the prayers of students, teachers and parishioners, recognizing that any opportunities she’s been given “does not come from me, but from the Lord.”

Alexander said she’s not coming in with any preconceived notions about the school. “We are all here to do what we can to help every child learn — that’s the bottom line.”

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Robin McCue has love and patience in abundance

BY BONNIE ELBERSON

FORT WAYNE — Long-time preschool teacher Robin McCue appears to possess qualities that have endeared her to more than one generation of three-year-olds and their parents — love and patience in abundance. She began teaching at Our Lady of Good Hope soon after the preschool learning program began in 1978 and has remained all these years.

"Robin does a wonderful job," says Jane Cavatini, director of the program.

McCue originally pursued a degree in public health but realized, when her own two children were small, that the nurturing of young minds was her true passion and first love. At the urging of a friend, she applied and was hired for a teaching position in the new preschool program at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish. And 25 years later, she's still there.

"I've done it so long," she says, laughing. But she still cherishes her three-year-old students. "I enjoy the age. They're so sincere, sweet, honest and caring of each other."

McCue teaches three classes of 10 students each on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A typical day in her classroom begins with a prayer, then a gathering activity. Three-year-olds learn about the "letter of the week" and experience hands-on math projects as well as weekly art and music classes.

She says she feels "so



JOE ROMIE

Robin McCue, who has taught preschool at Our Lady of Good Hope in Fort Wayne for 25 years, is shown in her classroom on a recent July day.

blessed" to be at Our Lady of Good Hope where a great playground and gymnasium are available as well as a wooded area for nature walks.

A weekly age-appropriate religion class is scheduled because McCue believes strongly in tutoring her students in their Catholic faith. She especially enjoys seeing the children and their families at Sunday Mass. "It's such a nice thing," she says fondly.

She speaks with great affec-

tion of fellow teachers Lisa Streitmatter, Renee Towley and Christine Bentley, all of whom share ideas and help each other. As every teacher knows, children have different needs and abilities and they must adapt to their students' needs. "What works for one doesn't work for another," she points out, giving voice to a teacher's ongoing challenge.

"We've all worked so hard," McCue says, to make the preschool and child care programs at Our Lady of Good Hope a success.

McCue's husband Tom attests to her devotion. She's always loved being around little kids, he says. "It's her driving force." Even when she's "off-duty" she has her little charges in mind and often picks up garage sale items she can use in the classroom. And even he enjoys the children's delight at meeting their teacher unexpectedly outside the school.

The job requirements for working with three-year-olds are love and patience, which McCue seems to possess in abundance.

"Either you have what it takes or you don't," says Cavatini of McCue's qualifications. And with a quarter-century on the job, McCue's dedication is undeniable.

New Plymouth principal rooted at St. Michael Parish

BY MICHELLE DONAGHEY

PLYMOUTH — Being the new principal at St. Michael School in Plymouth is a great gift says Amy Weidner whose family history at the parish dates back generations.

"I have a long history with St. Michael Parish, Plymouth," Weidner said. "My paternal grandmother and grandfather Brizzolara traveled as immigrants from Italy and settled in the area. After my paternal grandfather passed, my grandmother raised my father and they attended St. Michael Church and my father attended St. Michael School in the 1940s."

Weidner's sister attended St. Michael School in the 1960s and she also attended in the 1970s. "And my children are attending St. Michael's," Weidner said.

She looks forward to serving in the position at the school this fall and said she "is personally, am truly honored to give back to the parish and school that have been such an important part of my family's history."

"The school and parish have given me the lifelong gift of faith, which is a priceless gem to be passed for future generations," Weidner said. "It is an honor to come full circle to serve the school, staff, students and their families."

A 1986 graduate of Plymouth High School who received her bachelor's at Butler University in elementary education and junior high and middle school social studies in 1990, Weidner earned the Butler University's student teacher of the year award.

"I continued my education in Butler University's EPPSP Program (Experiential Program for Preparing School Principals) and earned a master's degree in education administration December of 1994," said Weidner.

Her teaching career began in Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township (Indianapolis) where she taught fifth grade for four years later moving into her first administrative role as assistant principal in MSD Wayne Township (Indianapolis) for one year.

"From there I was the assistant principal at Bremen Elementary Middle School from 1996-2001 — had my first child, was principal from 2001-2002 — had my second son, and returned as assistant principal until 2008.

From 2009-2012, she has been principal at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School in Goshen. She said St. John the Evangelist is "a school, which staff, students and parishioners will always hold a special place in my heart."

The new Plymouth principal has been married to Craig Weidner since 1998 and they have two sons — Cameron, 10, and Caden, 9, who are both students at St. Michael School. Craig and his family own a sporting goods business in downtown Plymouth that has been in his family since 1970.



MICHELLE DONAGHEY

Amy Weidner is the new principal at St. Michael School in Plymouth.

"Craig is a very active parent at St. Michael School and assists the school staff with special activities provided to the students. I have been a member of their Home and School Association Board for a number of years. Both Craig and I have enjoyed volunteering as much as we are able at St. Michael," Weidner said.

"My philosophy and mission of education is that I have a strong belief that we all have to work together for the success and betterment of our students," she said. "School staff, parents and parishioners must work to develop academic success, emotional wellness and create opportunities for kids to practice and exhibit appropriate social skills. More importantly is providing a faith foundation that allows students to feel good about taking academic risks and to accept success and failures knowing that faith will guide them through life's best and most difficult times. Helping students realize the importance of faith can ensure that they can maintain a positive attitude, outlook, when life's circumstances are not always kind. Helping a child form their faith and teach them how they can maintain, practice their faith is the most wonderful gift we can give," Weidner said explaining further how and why she looks forward to her position as principal at St. Michael.

"Working in a Catholic school setting is the most peaceful and rewarding work I have ever had the opportunity to experience," she added. "The mission and vision of every Catholic school varies slightly, but the overall goals allow for us to teach and reach every aspect of the whole child socially, emotionally and academically."

Weidner said, "We have the full capability to teach morals and character education throughout each curricular area every day school is in session. Children of all ages respond to this so willingly and we glow with pride when we see the children extending their faith practices into their community activities."

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Our Lady of Hungary Principal Peggy Schadler to continue legacy of 'Miracle on West Calvert'

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — As new principal Peggy Schadler prepares to begin her position at Our Lady of Hungary School, South Bend, she knows that she will be working not only with the school's students and staff, but an alumni association which boasts over 800 members worldwide.

Schadler has undergraduate and master degrees in education from Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. As a 14-year teaching veteran of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, her assignments have included Queen of Angels, St. John the Baptist and Benoit Academy all in Fort Wayne.

Schadler then moved to Niles, Mich., and taught at St. Bavo in Mishawaka for three years before accepting her current position at Our Lady of Hungary.

As a former administrator at St. John the Baptist, Schadler wanted to return to that area of education in her next school

endeavor.

"I heard and read good things about Our Lady of Hungary School. When I saw the posting for the principal position I felt this was a school I wanted to be a part of," she says.

Schadler knew that her faith would guide her in her search.

"I prayed about it before applying and I felt it was where I was supposed to be," she says. "As we move toward the new school year and I make more acquaintances, these feelings continue to be reaffirmed."

A Catholic education has many avenues that set it apart from its public counterpart, Schadler acknowledges.

"First we have the opportunity to receive the sacraments often," she says. "We freely speak and teach about Jesus Christ daily in our classrooms and show our students how to live as Jesus instructed us."

"Secondly, in my experience the dedication and Christian examples set by Catholic school staff is remarkable," Schadler



KAREN CLIFFORD

Peggy Schadler looks to continue the 'Miracle on West Calvert' at Our Lady of Hungary School.

emphasizes.

"Thirdly, the support and involvement of our parents in the education of their children is a great contributor to their child's success," she notes. "We all work

together to do whatever is best for the students."

In addition to working with the students and staff, Schadler is eager to work with Our Lady of Hungary's Alumni Association.

"I met some of the alumni members recently who worked on Kieflies for OLH festival and they shared with me memories of their first two alumni reunions. There were more than 600 alumni that attended the first reunion and more than 400 attended the second reunion," she says.

The worldwide association gives the group a close sense of community. "Our Lady of Hungary alum came from all over the globe — including Hawaii and Thailand! I talked with alum Bob Modus about his experiences as a student at Our Lady of Hungary and he explained that 'the older you get the more you relish those memories,'" says Schadler.

"Our Lady of Hungary Parish is thrilled to welcome our new Principal Peggy Schadler to our community," exclaims OLH pas-

tor Father Kevin M. Bauman. "Our Selection Committee, under the leadership of Pat O'Brien, identified three fine candidates. Of them, Peggy stood out for her excellent preparation, dedication to inner city Catholic education, and strong desire to be a part of what Mark Myers calls the 'Miracle on West Calvert,' that is to say, the rebirth of OLH School."

Father Bauman notes that Schadler follows a long line of distinguished OLH educators.

"Peggy follows in the footsteps of many dedicated principals at OLH, most especially Clem Wroblewski and Melissa Wroblewski Jay, not to mention the numerous Daughters of Divine Charity who likewise guided our school with strong faith, Christian hope and great love. We look forward to many years of collaborating with Peggy, working to make our school and parish a center of faith, learning and outreach to our community."

St. Adalbert Principal Andrew Currier in sync with Holy Cross vision

BY KAREN CLIFFORD

SOUTH BEND — As the son of the vice commander of the U.S. Coast Guard, Andrew Currier is familiar with the frequent moves required of a military family. Having lived in various parts of the United States, it was the community and Holy Cross philosophy that ultimately drew him to the new position of principal at St. Adalbert School in South Bend.

Currier received his undergraduate degree from Grand Valley State University in Michigan with the assistance of a baseball scholarship. His love of the sport has followed him throughout his many teaching assignments. Upon graduation he coached baseball at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale while teaching full time at Msgr. Edward Pace High School in Miami. From there Currier was accepted into Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education where he was placed as a teacher at St. Gertrude School in south central Los Angeles, Calif.

After three years in Los Angeles, Currier accepted an American literature position at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, Va., where he taught junior English and was a pitching coach for the nationally-ranked baseball program. His final four years in education before accepting his current position at St. Adalbert was as principal at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Beltsville, Md. Currier is cur-



KAREN CLIFFORD

New St. Adalbert School Principal Andrew Currier looks forward to leading the South Bend school during the upcoming year.

rently working on a doctorate in Catholic Educational Leadership at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and hopes to graduate in 2014.

While Currier acknowledges that settling into the South Bend community with his family was one of the factors in applying to the position as principal at St. Adalbert, his primary reason was being drawn by the sincere devotion of Holy Cross Father Pete Pacini to St. Adalbert School.

"When I was blessed with the opportunity to go and visit the students, teachers, parents and board members at the school, I was drawn by their steadfast commitment to making St. Adalbert an excellent Catholic

school where Christ truly lives," says Currier. "Another enticing draw to St. Adalbert was the pastor's vision to make the school truly Holy Cross. I believe there is considerable upside potential for schools who follow a specific religious philosophy and charism, and one of my chief objectives in serving St. Adalbert is to ensure that the best aspects of Holy Cross are offered to the children of St. Adalbert."

The unique mission of Catholic education is very important to Currier's vision of a successful school.

"There is no limit to the positive reaches of education when the Word of God and the sacramental life of the Church are combined to ensure the growth of children. I believe that a major source of hope for the continued success of this nation is Catholic education. We inspire excellent citizenship, moral thinking and the great example of Christ," he stresses.

St. Adalbert School Board member Jean Fuehrmeyer notes the board's enthusiasm in working with Currier as he takes the helm as principal.

"His commitment to his personal growth as an educator, his passion for Catholic schools, and his successful experience as a Catholic school principal all make him a great choice for leading St. Adalbert. Andrew understands and supports a Holy Cross vision for our school, and that is very important to us as a board," emphasizes Fuehrmeyer.

"Our recent boost in enrollment, the commitment of our

families, as well as the continued support from community partnerships like the University of Notre Dame and Christ Child Society, make this a very exciting time at

St. Adalbert. We feel Andrew is the right person at the right time to be leading St. Adalbert forward," Fuehrmeyer concludes.

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Monumental visitation

During a recent visit to my sister's home, she and I decided to take a trip to the local cemetery. As we made our way down the lane through pastures of headstones and monuments to the area where her beloved son Adam is buried, we remembered him with words and prayer. "It's been over five years since he died of leukemia and I still miss him so much," Betty said, losing herself in the past.

Standing beside her at his gravesite I felt connected in a very real way to not only my sister and her grief but my deceased nephew as well. As we admired his beautifully designed headstone, with its poetic etchings and youthful photograph, we both agreed that we continue to find solace and meaning in our visits to the gravesites of our dear ones. It is the sacred place where their earthly remains lie for us to honor.

I recall as a child, bi-annual visits to cemetery after cemetery

with my parents to clean off headstones and trim the grounds around family monuments. It was a sacred time of remembrance for them as they swept off the names of ancestors and loved ones. Though those visits did little to connect me to those long buried family members I had never met, they did instill in me a reverence for the dead and their burial grounds, and a deep regard for the ceremonial ritual of visiting and decorating graves.

But over the years I have learned that not everyone finds grace in the cemetery. And that's okay. A young man I know whose mother died after a short fight with colon cancer reflects that though he found great comfort in sitting by her grave, bridging the span between life and death, his father refused to take him there. "I think it hurts my dad too much to visit mom's grave. It's a visible reminder of all he's lost," said this wise young man.



KAY COZAD

HOPE IN THE MOURNING

There is a camp of thought that believes though our loved one's mortal coil is buried beneath the earth, they no longer reside there. I too believe that their spirits rest in the arms of God forevermore. But I also believe that the body's resting place is a sacred place of connection for those of us who require a tangible link to our loved ones.

How many of us labored over just the right headstone or monument for our loved one's gravesite? And why? The only

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The embryo that grew up

Those who seek to justify abortion often try to minimize or deny the humanity of the embryo. In a recent online forum, for example, one participant wrote: "I became a human being at the point that my senses functioned as those of a human being. Before that I was just a mass of cells." Another followed up: "A pile of cells in a woman's uterus is not a human being. It lives off of and is part of that woman's body." The implication, of course, is that a woman ought to be able to do what she wants with her body, including the removal of any particular "pile of cells" that might pose a threat to her freedom.

Yet those cells are not posing a threat in the same way that cancerous tumor cells might. Instead, the cells of the embryo will upset her lifestyle by demanding that several months hence, she focus her attention on a bubbly, gurgling baby, and then a few years later, on a young child who needs an education, and then on a boisterous and strong-willed adolescent transitioning into adulthood, and then, possibly, on grandchildren, and so on. The cells of the embryo are not "just" a pile of cells, but an orchestration of living humanity known as a *human being*, marvelously complex, highly-ordered and structured, growing, expanding and developing in precise ways with each passing hour of intrauterine life.

Embryos, of course, do not spontaneously transform into human beings at the moment that their senses start to function, any more than they spontaneously transform into human beings at the moment that their kidneys start to purify waste, or their intestines start to process nourishment, or their heart starts to beat, or their limbs start to move, or their brain begins to function, each of which occurs at different timepoints along the embryo's normal path of growth and development.

The embryo's growth and development involves carefully choreographed biochemical steps and physiological changes that can be partially derailed by certain drugs. In the late 1950s and early 1960s, for example, the drug thalidomide was prescribed to pregnant women as a cure for morning sickness, but was quickly found to cause severe developmental defects and malformations in the newborn. Thalidomide's devastating effects resulted in the drug's being banned worldwide, after more than 10,000 children had been born with major thalidomide-related problems, including shortened or missing arms, hands extending from the shoulders, missing thumbs, and similar problems with the lower extremities, as well as abnormalities in the eyes, ears, heart, genitals, kidneys and other



FATHER TAD PACHOLCZYK

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

organ systems.

Philosophers and politicians will sometimes argue that an embryo prior to eight weeks of gestation is not yet a human being, and suggest that early abortions, embryo experimentation, etc. should therefore be acceptable. The thalidomide drama of the late 1950s and early 1960s makes it clear that if women were not pregnant with a human being prior to eight weeks of age, then taking a teratogen (causing embryo malformations) like thalidomide would not raise any concerns, since no human being would be present to be harmed by the drug. If there was no being that was human during the first trimester, then no disabilities would have occurred. But it is well known that the most drug-susceptible time during a pregnancy is the first trimester, specifically between the fourth and seventh week of gestation. Most of the children born without limbs were exposed to thalidomide during this time, when abortion advocates like to dissimulate and pretend that no human being is actually present.

Each human being arises at fertilization and exists as a biological continuum thereafter: at the joining of the sperm with the egg cell's membrane, a measurable depolarization occurs across that membrane that sets in motion a cascade of biochemical events and changes that will continue in a stepwise, uninterrupted fashion leading to the adult taxpayer. Meanwhile, the egg, if simply left to itself in the absence of sperm, will manage to live but for a few hours, and then die. Upon fusion with a sperm, however, the egg *qua* egg no longer exists, and an embryo, a human being at the earliest stage of his or her existence, genetically distinct from his or her mother, will be simultaneously engendered and launched onto the trajectory of "growing up," representing a new entity that can live for more than a hundred years. Such embryos are first nourished in the maternal womb, then at the maternal breast, then at the family dinner table and at fast food restaurants. Each of us is precisely such an embryo who has been allowed to grow up.

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Jesus feeds the multitude



THE SUNDAY GOSPEL

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16th Sunday in ordinary time Jn 6:1-15

The Second Book of Kings is the source of this weekend's first biblical reading. The two books of Kings originally were one volume. At one point in the evolution of the Bible, they were divided into two books.

While these two books are historical, their purpose was religious. They attempted to look through the reigns of the kings, to record and to assess the fidelity of the nation to God. So, prophets have a prominent role in Kings.

This weekend's reading does not even mention a king. Instead, it recalls the life of Elisha, the prophet. As an act of faith in, and homage to, God, a devout man brought the first products of the harvest to Elisha as a gift to God. These products were in the form of 20 barley loaves.

Elisha accepted the offering but told the man to distribute the loaves among the people, who numbered 100. The man was willing to oblige, but he of course doubted that only 20 loaves would suffice for so many people. Nevertheless, the man complied.

Rather than being insufficient, the loaves were plentiful enough to satisfy the crowd.

For its second reading, the Church this weekend presents a

passage from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

This epistle was directed to the Christian community of Ephesus, in the first century a major city in the Roman Empire and an important port on the Asian coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

Crowning the city was the magnificent temple of Diana, a Roman goddess. Throngs came as pilgrims to the great pagan shrine. So, the Ephesian Christians lived in a very important pagan religious center.

Understandably, the epistle called upon these Christians to be strong in faith and not to yield to the temptations most certainly proceeding from this context of the city.

St. John's Gospel furnishes the last reading. In this story, Jesus encounters a crowd on the shore of the Sea of Galilee near the ancient, and still thriving, city of Tiberias. The Gospel notes that Passover was near.

The crowd was hungry. Philip, an Apostle, approached Jesus with this fact. The Lord ordered that food be found. Another apostle, Andrew, noticed that a boy had five barley loaves and a few fish. Jesus instructed the Apostles to distribute these loaves and fishes among the crowd, numbering as 5,000.

Before this distribution, the Lord blessed this food.

The five loaves and few fishes satisfied the multitude. Indeed, after all had had their full, an abundance remained.

Reflection

The Church reassures us this weekend. God is never distant from us, unless of course we distance ourselves from God by our own selfishness and sin. God is with us yet today in Jesus, the

risen Lord.

So, we humans are not totally helpless. A man brought Elisha the loaves. A boy produced the food for Andrew in the reading from John. Yet, in neither case, were these human provisions enough. God, however, entered the story in each case.

The connection with the Apostles, and attention to their role in salvation, are clear. The Apostles carry our concerns to Jesus, as did Philip in John's reading. By the same token, they convey to us all the gifts of the Lord.

Links between this event in John and the Eucharist are many. First, bread is the food. Secondly, the meeting of the people on the shore in this story from John happened near Passover. The Eucharist is the great Passover meal.

Next, Jesus gave thanks, the same gesture that occurs in all the accounts of the Last Supper.

Finally, all partook in the Lord's gift of this food. All were satisfied. The fact that much was left over, reveals to us the lavishness of God's love and mercy.

READINGS

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Jer 13:1-11 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1-6 Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 20-21 Mt 14:1-12

Meditations at the All Star break

For the past two decades I've taught in Cracow every July. I'd not trade the experience for anything, but it's had one drawback: I haven't seen baseball's All Star Game in a long time. The game itself is no big deal. But the sight of so many great players gathered in one place is an annual reminder of the pastime's remarkable capacity to renew itself, generation to generation. The rancid steroid era ends; the era of Josh Hamilton, Matt Kemp, Stephen Strasburg and Justin Verlander begins. Tell me baseball isn't divinely inspired.

My grandfather Weigel taught me the game during steaming hot Baltimore summers in the late 1950s. There wasn't much fancy about old Memorial Stadium in those days: a brick horseshoe with two decks; a non-exploding scoreboard; plank benches against whose splinters we armored ourselves by buying an *Evening Sun* on the way into the park. Tickets cost less than \$10; I doubt that my popcorn and Coke set my grandfather back by a buck; there were neither mascots, nor ballgirls, nor ear-splitting rock 'n' roll between innings. You didn't come for an "entertainment experience"; you came for baseball.

And you came for a team. One becomes passionate about a team; love of the game itself follows from that. Which is why, I suppose, otherwise sane people remain fans of the Chicago Cubs or still mourn St. Louis's loss of the Browns (who became my Orioles in 1954). That

specific loyalty is a "shield and buckler" (Psalm 91: 4) against the ebbs and flows of baseball fortune. And those highs and lows themselves reflect the game's deeper truths, never better expressed than by the late Bart Giamatti, who was president of both Yale and the National League and rightly thought the latter the higher distinction:

"It is designed to break your heart. The game begins in the spring, when everything else begins, and it blossoms in the summer, filling the afternoons and evenings, and it leaves you to face the fall alone. You count on it, rely on it to buffer the passage of time, to keep the memory of sunshine and high skies alive, and then just when you need it most, it goes ... and summer (is) gone."

A half-century ago, my baseball education was furthered by other classic pedagogical tools: the sports pages of the papers, boys' baseball novels, baseball cards (10 for a quarter, with bubble gum, but without cash resale value); and radio — well do I remember fetid Baltimore nights, pre-air conditioning, when I would lie at the foot of the bed by an open window, with a small transistor radio held to my ear, listening to Ernie Harwell, Herb Carneal or Chuck Thompson, three masters of the play-by-play. But it's to my grandfather's personal instruction that I owe the most.

And, as I've found myself doing with my own children (and now my grandson) what he did with me, I've come to appreciate even more the



THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

GEORGE WEIGEL

impact of his instruction on my life. For we learn baseball the way we learn the faith: through stories, family traditions and rituals. The refinements of doctrine, essential as they are, come later. First, we are converted.

The midseason break also brings to mind a legend from my baseball youth: 15-year All Star Brooks Robinson, who arrived in Baltimore before my 10th birthday and reinvented the playing of third base. The true nature of his greatness — a human decency that is one expression of the Catholicism he embraced in 1970 — was neatly captured by a teammate, Ron Hansen: "In New York, they name candy bars after Reggie (Jackson); in Baltimore, they name their children after Brooks." As Brooks Robinson struggles with the pains of age and disease, he remains, in so many hearts and minds, a perennial All Star as a man.

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SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Gospel for July 29, 2012

John 6:1-15

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B: the multiplication of loaves and fish. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

FOLLOWED	EYES	TEST HIM
TWO HUNDRED	A LITTLE	ANDREW
BARLEY LOAVES	FISH	MANY
PEOPLE	GRASS	FIVE THOUSAND
AS MUCH	THEIR FILL	GATHER
FRAGMENTS	TWELVE	BASKETS
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Five blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Five First Saturdays devotion is sometimes clouded with suspicion and skepticism. It has even been branded "white magic." Unfortunately, it is easy to see how one could reach these conclusions if one is not properly taught the reasons behind this devotion. It is erroneous to conclude that, "if I do this five times, then I will go to heaven." That is not necessarily the case as one must also live their life virtuously in anticipation of God's grace and mercy.

It is the hope of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima, a Permanent Public International Association of the Faithful and, therefore, the "teaching arm" of our Mother Church on all matters pertaining to Fatima, to properly educate readers on this devotion using the writings of Father Andrew Apostoli, a priest of the Franciscan Friars of Renewal. In addition, we invite everyone to join us in practicing the Five First Saturdays devotion.

It is important to understand why the number five is significant. When Our Lord appeared to Sister Lucia (one of the Fatima visionaries) in her convent's chapel on the night of May 29-30, 1930, His words were: "Daughter, the motive is simple: there are five ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the

Immaculate Heart of Mary: there are five blasphemies. 1) against her Immaculate Conception, 2) against her virginity, 3) against her divine maternity, refusing at the same time to accept her as the mother of all mankind, 4) by those who try publicly to implant in the hearts of children indifference, contempt and even hate against this Immaculate Mother, and 5) by those who insult her directly in sacred images."

Therefore, the first Saturday of this devotion should be offered in reparation for those who blaspheme against Mary's Immaculate Conception. Father Andrew Apostoli wrote in his book, "Treasure of Fatima," that this blasphemy comes from Satan himself who is angry at Jesus' power and resentful of Our Lady's immaculate holiness.

Father Apostoli's exact words are: "... he inspires anyone, whether they be among his conscious followers in the occult or simply people who are very weak morally, to express hate, ridicule and contempt against Our Lady's marvelous privilege."

In addition, Father Apostoli wrote in his book, "Fatima for Today," that "Mary's Immaculate Conception was the beginning of the destruction of Satan's kingdom. ... Our Lady wants reparation made for these outrages as well as inter-

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

MARIAM SCHMIT

cession to convert those who do these things against her, for they are at risk of losing their souls."

It has also been recommended that one wear the Miraculous Medal entrusted by Our Lady to St. Catherine Laboure as an additional way to make reparation for the blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.

Besides just wearing the medal, it is beneficial to repeat the prayer on it often, "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee!"

The next commentary will focus on blasphemies against Mary's perpetual Virginity — this is the second reparation of the Five First Saturdays.

Father Andrew Apostoli's "Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope" can be purchased from Ignatius Press by visiting www.ignatius.com.

HOPE

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sane answer to those questions is that we hoped to honor our deceased loved ones, marking their burial ground so that they will never be forgotten.

Marking Adam's burial site is a rich granite monument carefully designed by his loving parents with etchings of Adam on his tricked out motorcycle as well as a photo of his forever-youthful face.

His brother wrote a stirring farewell poem that is etched on the backside for all to read as well. Anyone who visits the site will get a real flavor for who Adam was in his short life. And that is comforting for his family to know.

I have known countless men and women who visit their spouses' graves on a regular basis just to share their lives with them as they once had done in life. Many parents tend to their deceased children's graves with tenderness and care. And adult children plant blossoms to commemorate their beloved parents at the gravesites.

There is no right or only way to remember or honor our deceased loved ones and a visit

to the cemetery is definitely a personal choice. Some find no solace there. But those of us who do, know that, though we are certain we will forever carry our loved ones in our healing hearts, we have a tangible place at the cemetery where we can connect with our thoughts and memories as we honor the sacred resting place of those we've loved and lost.

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Dwenger rugby team makes inroads

BY MICHELLE CASTLEMAN

FORT WAYNE — Rugby continues to be the fastest growing

sport in the United States with 10 percent of high school rugby players in the country playing in Indiana.

At Bishop Dwenger High

School, a boys' club was formed in 2003 and won a state title in 2004. The girls jumped on board in 2011 and won a state title their first year. Sponsored by Rugby Indiana and affiliated with USA Rugby, the sport is offered as a club sport.

The Lady Saints compete in the Girls' Division I League while both the Marian High School and Dwenger boys' clubs participate in the Division I Varsity League.

The Saints also offer junior varsity and developmental leagues. John Porter is the head girls' coach at Bishop Dwenger and Amber Werling serves as assistant. Coaches for the boys are Joe DiFilippo and his assistants Sam DiFilippo and Brian Werling.

Sam DiFilippo details, "Rugby is a very dynamic sport for young athletes because it incorporates skills that are important in many other sports like football, soccer, wrestling, basketball."

Bishop Dwenger mom and rugby enthusiast, Karen Ritter, adds, "Our family has found rugby to be a terrific team sport offering opportunities for young athletes to gain not only strength, endurance and rugby skills, but the opportunity to also learn team skills, self-discipline and be part of a community of terrific people."

Many rugby players are also involved in football, wrestling or other sports at their high school. During the summer months, passionate rugby players find camps and often play on travel teams.

Pfister Field dedicated at Queen of Angels Parish



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Marsha Jordan, left, associate superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and the former principal of Queen of Angels School in Fort Wayne, stands with Father John Pfister, right, now the pastor of St. Mary Church in Huntington. Father Pfister served Queen of Angels for 11 years, including years while Jordan was principal. Jordan proposed to name a new ballfield at Queen of Angels Pfister Field in honor of Father Pfister. He threw the opening pitch on June 24.

FORT WAYNE — In tribute to a beloved former pastor of Queen of Angels Parish in Fort Wayne, Pfister Field — named in honor of Father John Pfister, was dedicated Sunday, June 24.

The idea for the baseball field was conceived in 2008 by then-principal Marsha Jordan who is now the associate superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"Back in 2008, while I was still principal of Queen of Angels, my husband had the softball field refurbished and a new fence installed so that girls CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) softball games could be held there," Jordan told *Today's Catholic*. "At that time I made a proposal to the school board and athletic association to name the field Pfister Field in honor of Father John."

Father Pfister was pastor at Queen of Angels for 11 years,

played baseball in his youth, and was always an avid supporter of all CYO sports for both boys and girls. While both groups agreed, neither group ever finished up the project until last year.

Last fall, through donations from the families of several deceased parishioners, additional renovations were made that included extending the outfield fence, a new backstop, refurbishing the concession stands and installing dugouts.

Athletic Association President Denny Jamison spearheaded the effort, and Doug Stronczek made the sign for the concession stand.

Father Pfister was very happy and pleased to have the field named in his honor. Following the dedication on June 24, those in attendance were treated to a picnic cookout, while the parents and girls softball team played a game, which began with Father Pfister throwing out the first pitch.

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ages 21-39 will be Tuesday, Aug. 7, at Cathedral Square. "Meet our Men in Black" — an opportunity to meet our seminarians. A social will be at 7:30 p.m. BYOB — diocese will provide snacks with vocation stories at 8 p.m. Visit www.diocesefwsb.org/CYAM, Facebook: Theology on Tap — Fort Wayne, IN or contact Allison at (260) 422-4611 ext. 3384.

Retrouvaille program for troubled marriages offered Sept. 28-30
 Angola — A Retrouvaille weekend will be held at the Ramada Inn at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28, and continues until 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30. It consists of a weekend seminar and six follow-up sessions. There is a \$100 registration fee. Retrouvaille is a very powerful program and has helped many marriages. Retrouvaille is a non-profit organization, sponsored by the Catholic Church, but open to married couples of all faiths. Visit www.retrouvaille.org, or contact Denny and Judy Koehlinger at (800) 470-2230 or (260) 485-1944.

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CLOISTER

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follower of St. Francis, became a mother to his followers after his death. She faithfully followed the austere lifestyle of manual labor and prayer emulated by St. Francis and established what was to become known as the Order of St. Clare in the 1260s.

Following the cloistered life of St. Clare is not for everyone, concede the sisters. Several of the sisters were musing on the cloistered life prior to the class, but as the idea developed each sister in the community discerned the transition differently.

Sister Stella Francis says initially she was burdened by the thought of leaving her life of community service where she taught children's Bible study and more.

"It is painful, but love requires sacrifice. God will take care of us," she says.

Sister Mary Clare, who is look-

ing forward to the joy of enclosed life, feels it will "deepen our prayer life and our own sanctification. And deepen our relationship with Christ."

Mother Celeste Marie agrees saying, "Cloister spells freedom. St. Clare saw it as joyful."

Of course, say the sisters, they will miss the community activity, but will focus now on their central mission: praying for their bishop, priests and churches.

Sister Mary Clare adds, "We love the parish life. But we are moving to the cloister for the greater good. ... We'll support all parishes there."

Though they will be enclosed and isolated from the outside world, the sisters report that they will speak with each other within the monastery walls.

"The Franciscan way is one of informal family life," they say. "There will be lots of prayer and silence, and joyful community as well."

Within their monastic life of prayer the sisters will receive private intentions from the outside community by mail, word of mouth or slips

on their doorstep for which they will pray. And, on occasion, they will receive visitors for personal conversations. As for their own sustenance, they say faithfully, "It's all Divine Providence."

Surprisingly, since the decision has been made to transition to monastic life, vocations have increased. Five postulants have recently entered the community bringing their number to 12.

As for the direction of their call for vocations, Mother Celeste Marie says, "The Brothers (Minor) will direct woman to us. They will use their website. God always provides for cloistered life."

The Sisters are grateful to the St. John the Baptist Church community for welcoming them two years ago and say, "It was a great gift to be here."

In their new cloistered existence, the sisters, soon to be known as the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, will not only pray for the St. John Church community but the entire Catholic community of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

OPEN HOUSE

The Franciscan Sisters Minor, soon to be known as the Poor Sisters of St. Clare, invite the public to 9 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Angels at St. Andrew Church on Aug. 8, followed by an open house of the Our Lady of the Angels Monastery and grounds until 5 p.m. There will be a Holy Hour at 5 p.m. in the church that will include vespers with Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

On Aug. 9 the sisters invite all to join them at a special 10 a.m. Mass of Enclosure at the church, followed by a meal on the grounds.



KAY COZAD

The Franciscan Sisters Minor pray in the Chapel in the Providence House on St. John the Baptist Church grounds, where they have lived and served the community for two years.



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